



September 21, 2017

Nan-o-gram

We have kick-started our accreditation process again! We are preparing for our second accreditation visit with Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA) set for spring of 2018. As part of this self-study, the school is required to review its mission statement. I would very much like your input and consider it an important piece of this reflective process to improve student learning.

WCEA defines a school's mission as, "Overall purpose and intentions of a school, incorporating the beliefs, concepts, and values on which the school's programs are based, and the goals toward which the school's efforts are directed." In 2012, the faculty and staff revised the old mission statement to better address our obligations and dedication with the following:

The mission of Holy Spirit Catholic School is to provide a welcoming environment where students live the Gospel message, exhibit high academic achievement, and provide service to the community.

Another key element of the 2012 accreditation was the development of Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLEs). We have been familiarizing and teaching the children what these messages represent and how to incorporate the SLEs into their daily lives, not just at school but as lifelong followers of Christ. SLEs are those basic goals that we (parents, guardians, and faculty), have for all children as Holy Spirit students. We feel these statements embody the most essential skills for a life time of success and fulfillment.

In short, the students of Holy Spirit Catholic School can be defined by the acronym **F.A.I.T.H.**, summarized as **F**aith-filled Christians, displaying **A**cademic Excellence, exhibiting **I**ntegrity, who **T**ake Responsibility, and **H**elp Others. The full SLE document can be found on our website, main school entry, cafeteria, and is also displayed in every classroom.

I look forward to receiving your suggestions and comments about the Mission Statement and our Student Learning Expectations (SLEs). Thank you!

Keep reading to your kids,
Mrs. Corgiat

SPIRIT DAY SHIRTS

Orders for Spirit Day tee shirts and sweatshirts will be accepted through **Monday, Oct. 2**. These sweatshirts are allowed to be worn as part of the student's uniform. All orders must be paid at time of ordering. Order forms are available in the school office, attached to last week's newsletter or on the school website under forms.

**Early Release on Monday, Sept. 25.
Students will be dismissed
at 1:00 p.m.**

COOKIE DOUGH SALES

Packets for our cookie dough fundraiser went home yesterday with each of the students. Each family should do their best to participate in this fundraiser as it directly benefits each student in so many ways – funding FAITH Days, playground upgrades, financial assistance for class trips and much more. Sales go through **Friday, Oct. 6**.

UNIFORM PROBLEMS

Parents, please make sure that your child is dressed in proper uniform attire before leaving for school each morning. We are having some real issues with students wearing clothes not based on our Uniform Policy. The whole point of a uniform policy is that the focus isn't on whose wearing what but on learning. So with that being said here are a few reminders: "Jogger" pants are not a uniform style pant so can't be worn except on Spirit Day, navy blue is not one of our colors so not acceptable, sweaters that are worn for warmth purposes need to be a solid red, black, or white (grey is accepted but not preferred) and jewelry needs to be kept to a minimum.

For more clarification on the uniform policy see page 11 in the HSCS Student Handbook. The consequences of violating this policy will be upheld as well as additional discipline for those continuing to dress inappropriately. Mrs. Corgiat and Miss Polly spoke to all of the students about this, so all of the students have been made aware of what the expectations are. Please contact either Mrs. Corgiat or Miss Polly if you have any questions.

FRIENDSHIP BENCH

Ask your child about the "Friendship Bench" that was given to the school this morning. It's pretty cool!

ISU HOMECOMING PARADE

Join Mrs. Gabiola and crew on the HSCS parade float for ISU's Homecoming on Saturday, Sept. 30. There is a sign up for students wanting to ride on the float in the main school hallway. Participants should wear orange and black with their HSCS Spirit shirt over top. We also need at least four adult volunteers to help chaperone.

Also, if you would like to get a jump on your service hours, donate candy to be used at the parade (1 hour for every \$15.00 spent) or we need people to staple pieces of paper to the candy. Contact Mrs. Gabiola if you have any further questions or would like to help.

BIG 'OL HOLE

Yep, the digging has begun! Dykman Construction began excavating this week. They have fenced off the area where they are working to help with safety concerns. Please encourage your child(ren) to watch from a safe distance. Other than the noise, which is minimal here in the school, and the destruction we have to look at every day, all is good here!

HAND, FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE

We have had a case of *Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease* reported in the main school. This is not a life threatening illness but is very contagious and unfortunately is most contagious before the sores in the mouth, feet or hands appear. Make sure you talk to your child about washing their hands, covering their mouth when coughing and sneezing into their elbow.

FAITH DAY

First Faith day is here! Friday September 22nd from 1pm to 3pm, here at Holy Spirit! The focus is Kindness Matters! We would like your help with station activities! If you would like to volunteer text or email Crystal Lane. [208-691-9498](tel:208-691-9498), crystal9498@gmail.com, Thank you!

SCRIP NEWS

We have the following Scrip cards available for purchase in the office:

\$10.00 Cards: Domino's Pizza...Papa Murphy's
Pizza Hut...Starbucks...Subway...Taco Bell
\$15.00 Cards: Itunes...**\$20.00 Cards:** Little
Caesars...**\$25.00 Cards:** Ace Hardware...Walmart..
Amazon.com...AMC Theatres...Olive Garden...
Gap/ Old Navy...Banana Republic...JCPenney...
Red Robin...TJ Maxx...**\$50.00 Cards:** Fred Meyer
\$100.00 Cards: Fred Meyer

HOT LUNCH MENU

Sept. 25 - 29, 2017

"CHICKEN LITTLE" MONDAY

*Chicken & Noodles *Mixed Vegetables
*Breadstick *Fresh Fruit

"TRY IT" TUESDAY

*Taco Salad *Kidney Beans *Corn *Pears

"SUPER SANDWICH" WEDNESDAY

*Ham & Cheese Sub *Goldfish Crackers
*Celery *Fresh Fruit

"BRUNCH FOR LUNCH" THURSDAY

*French Toast Sticks *Bacon *Hashbrowns
*Fruit

"PIZZA DAY" FRIDAY

*Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza *Salad Bar
w/Romaine Lettuce *Pineapple

OTHER DATES TO KNOW

Sept. 22 – First trimester midterm – grades 4 – 8
Sept. 25 – Professional Development for teachers and staff. Students are dismissed at 1:00 p.m.

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Safe Environment

If you attended the Safe Environment Training in the past, you must do the on-line video update in order to be eligible to work in the classroom. If you have not already completed the hour long video and quizzes, go to <http://boise.CMGconnect.org> , create a sign-in and complete the videos. Completion of the video gives you one service hour. Each person must log-in and complete the videos and quizzes, family members cannot do this together. The deadline for completing the videos is October 1st.

New Safe Environment Attendees

The class for new attendees is Saturday morning at 9:00 in the church.

Words of Wisdom taken from
“Really important stuff my kids have taught me”

**Hitting the kid with the ball
might get you the ball,
but it won't get you anyone to throw it to.**

Be Kind!

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\$100, \$200 or
\$400!!!

Raffle

Get your ticket in
the office!!