

Holy Spirit Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter
September 1, 2011



Dear Parents:

Please mark your calendar for Back-to-School Night next Wednesday! It is always such a fun social event as well as a very important informational meeting. We have so much to discuss regarding the many, many wonderful changes and improvements to our school as well as all the events and activities planned for families and our kids.

The evening will begin with pizza and chat at 6pm in our cafeteria (a.k.a. church hall) with the informational meeting starting at 6:25pm sharp. NOTE: If you have a student in the 6th or 7th or 8th grade, please plan on attending a special meeting at 7pm in the Madonna Room with Mrs. Kaiser, Mrs. Newhouse, Mrs. Behrend and Mrs. Shipley. I will also have a map of the campus available for everyone that night especially now that we are spidered (if that is a word) throughout the entire site.

It is our goal this year; mine in particular, to lessen the communication gap between parents, teachers and administration. We are compiling current email addresses for the mass email system to expedite newsletter and other timely information...hopefully ready by mid-September. To be effective and efficient, it is really important that you keep Polly posted with emergency, cell phone and email changes.

Hope to see you all at our Back-to-School night...and bring any questions, comments, and/or concerns you may have with you. My door is always open!

Keep reading to your kids,

Mrs. Corgiat

CONFUSED???

So are you confused regarding the dates of Back to School Night and the Safe Environment Training? We are so sorry for putting out the wrong dates for these very important nights - must have been too much summer sun!!! Anyway, the correct dates are **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7** for **Back to School Night** and **THURSDAY, SEPT. 8** for the first **Safe Environment Training** session.

SEPT. 11 TRIBUTE

Please join us for Mass and a tribute remembering the tragedy of 9-11 on Wednesday, Sept. 7. We will attend Mass at 8:30 a.m. as usual and then go to the school gym for a tribute led by Fr. John Worster. Please join us!

ATTACHMENTS

Attached with today's newsletter is information about our school raffle and *Boxtops for Education*. Please take a moment to read them!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

The PTC Board would like to welcome all students and their families back to school!! Please join us on Wednesday, September 7th for Back to School PTC Night. PTC will provide pizza for dinner and Otis Spunkmeyer cookies and brownies for dessert. We are excited to share a fun filled year with everyone. With the Pirates of the Caribbean as our theme this year, we are calling our PTC Board, the Pirates That Care. The Pirates That Care crew has been busy swabbing, but remains in need of some more shipmates on deck. Remember, that anyone who decides to join our crew or volunteer services will be rewarded with golden service hour credits. At the Back to School Night PTC meeting we will have sign-up sheets available for the following areas/positions:

- 1) First Mates (Room Parents) for each classroom (First Mates are needed to help coordinate Faith Days (formerly known as Pay-Off), fundraisers, and other PTC/classroom events)
- 2) PTC Board Positions
 - A) Fundraising Chairperson (Fundraising is **unbelievably simple** this year)
 - B) Activities Co-Coordinator
- 3) Missoula Children's Theatre (King Arthur's Quest)
 - A) 1 to 2 Host Families for 2 MCT team members

For anyone interested in a PTC Board position (**all are welcome to join**), please feel free to call Nicki Berry at 317-8917 or Misti at 251-2970. We sincerely appreciate those who volunteer their time and effort!! Thank-you!!
P.S. Remember, every family that attends the PTC meeting Wednesday evening earns one service hour!!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

A *Safe Environment Training* session has been scheduled for Sept. 8 and Sept. 29 IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA (BASEMENT OF THE CHURCH) @ 6:00 P.M. This is a mandatory training session which includes a background check for anyone who plans on volunteering in their child's classroom, class parties, field trips, etc. The session lasts about two hours and can be counted toward your service hour commitment. We strongly encourage you to make plans to attend one of these training sessions as they are only offered a few times during the school year.

This training is mandated by the Diocese of Boise and will be strictly enforced for the safety of your child as well as their classmates. Please see Miss Polly in the school office if you have any questions regarding this training or if you are planning to attend. If you have already attended this training you do not have to attend again.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter!

BAND NIGHT

Mrs. Shipley will be having a "Band Night" for students in grades 6 through 8 and their parents on Sept. 14 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

POCATELLO MARATHON

On Saturday, Sept. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to about 12:30 p.m., Holy Spirit volunteers will "man" a water station and cheer on the runners. Our station is located at the base of Avenue of the Chiefs (the road that leads to the animal shelter and historical museum) and South 5th Ave. It's a lot of fun for the kids as well as the adults, and a great way to show Holy Spirit's commitment to local community activities. If you would like to help that morning, please contact Mrs. Corgiat ASAP!

SCHOOL DAYS

School for students in grades K-8 begins at 8:15 a.m. Students are allowed in the building at 8:00 a.m. If you need care for your child prior to 8:00 a.m. please check with Miss Lisa at 232-2802. School is dismissed at 2:45 p.m. for kindergarten students and at 3:00 p.m. for 1st - 8th grades. All students need to be picked up within 15 minutes of dismissal. If you are unable to pick up your child by this time, once again please check with Miss Lisa.

We ask that you adhere to the above time frames. Our teachers and staff are in the buildings prior and after these times, but are preparing for their day or concluding their day and need this time for themselves. If you have a concern and need to visit with your child's teacher please talk to them to arrange a time that is convenient for both of you.

Also, if you have a concern regarding your child, the school, a policy etc., Mrs. Corgiat is always willing to visit with you. She only asks that you contact the school office at 232-5763 to arrange a time as she is in and out of her office all day!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept. 3 - Pocatello Marathon
Sept. 7 - Back to School Night
Sept. 8 - Safe Environment Training
Sept. 14 - Band Night
Sept. 14 - Student Pictures