

Holy Spirit Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter
September 22, 2011



Dear Parents:

We are so very excited that the Missoula Children's Theatre musical KING ARTHUR'S QUEST is next week! This production has happily been on our radar for two years, and now it's here!

The company focuses on presenting a wonderful theatrical experience for all children (K-8) with the play broken into parts appropriate for age and ability level. The practices are going to of course be more intense and longer for those older kids with speaking parts. Our littlest "actors" are generally in group scenes, and all players are supplied costumes and make-up. The two directors are very, very professional and are superb with the children.

Again, tryouts for all parts are this Monday, September 26th after school beginning at 3:15pm until 5:15pm in the gym with a break from 5:15pm to 5:45pm. Those players in major roles will need to plan on staying after the break until 7:45pm for practice with the directors. The week's rehearsal schedule will be handed out after auditions. We ask that Monday you send a snack with your child, and remember that if your child signs up to participate they must commit to **all scheduled rehearsals and plays.**

We still need parent volunteers to help with the play as well. We need approximately five parents per night to help with the supervision of the students, costume changes, etc. These hours count towards your service hours...we really, really need your help!

It is an amazing week so worth the effort. I indeed thank you parents for your commitment to funding this project via PTC fundraisers and donations. All children have special gifts, and we work diligently to offer opportunities for each child to explore new options...in this case, it's acting!

If you would like more background information about MCT productions, visit their website at www.mctinc.org. If you have further questions about KING ARTHUR'S QUEST contact Nicki Berry at 233-3481.

Keep reading to your kids,
Mrs. Corgiat

ICE BLOCKING

The PTC Board is excited to provide a fun filled afternoon ice-blocking TOMORROW, September 23rd from 1:00 to 2:20 p.m. at Ammon Park to celebrate our first Faith Day of the school year. Volunteers are welcome and parents/guardians are invited to attend this event. If anyone is available or interested in helping with the ice delivery at approximately 11:30 a.m. for one service hour as an added bonus, please contact Nicki at 317-8917. Remember children should to bring an old towel to wrap around their ice block...makes sliding down the hills lots more fun!

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

The cookie dough fundraiser with *Otis Spunkmeyer* begins Sept. 26. Please read all about this fundraiser at the end of this newsletter.

HOT LUNCH NEWS

If you received free or reduced lunches last year and still qualify for this year, you need to submit a new application by October 5, 2011! Application forms are available in the school office.

E-MAILED NEWSLETTERS

Well it looks like e-mailing the newsletter is going to work. We ran into a few bumps but with the help of many we finally got it going. As a result of sending the newsletter through e-mail the following will be changing: we will not have a Thursday folder going home each week, but we do have lots of folders for your use if would like to continue to use them to send in correspondence to the school; flyers from organizations that don't affect the school will not be sent home, but will be listed on the opening page of the e-mail i.e., Girl Scout

information, Boy Scout information, basketball camps, etc; hot lunch IOU's will be billed on a bi-weekly basis; parent teacher conferences will be sent home as an attachment as will any other informational flyer that affects the school directly.

Hopefully, by communicating through e-mail our communication with you will be on more regular basis to keep you up-to-date on what's happening around the school. Suggestions? Questions? Give Miss Polly a call at 232-5763.

KINDERGARTEN VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to assist in our Kindergarten classrooms. Mrs. Tyson and Mrs. Maheras need help with their center work in the mornings. If you can lend a hand for a few hours a day or week, it would be highly appreciated, a lot of fun, and it counts towards service hours. You do not need to have a student currently in Kindergarten to volunteer! Please contact Polly in the office or Mrs. Tyson or Mrs. Maheras. Thank you!

DON'T FORGET!!

Thursday, September 29th is the next scheduled *Safe Environment Training* session. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria - basement of St. Anthony chapel. 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.

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. Volunteering in anyway involving the students will NOT BE ALLOWED if you do not attend this training! Please see Miss Polly in the school office if you have any questions regarding this training. If you have attended any session in recent years, you do not have to attend again.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter! This training is for adults ONLY!

SCHOOL RAFFLE

Did you know that if we sell **150 raffle tickets** the school makes \$5,000.00? Do you realize that if we do not make this money, that your tuition could be impacted by \$100 for the next school year?

We realize that times are tough and coming up with money for a ticket may be more than you can do, but each family should be responsible for selling or buying one ticket. Anyone can purchase a ticket - grandparents, neighbors, fellow employees, organizations, etc., not just school families! And more than one person can go in on a ticket. So spread the word about this great opportunity to win some extra cash! Our first drawing will be at the end of October. With just one ticket you have the chance to win \$400, \$200 or \$100 eight times! Questions? Contact Miss Polly in the school office 232-5763.

SCHOOL VERBAGE

Are you unsure of what we're talking about with our "own special language?" Well, here's a list to help bring you up to speed:

- **SPIRIT DAY** - Every Friday during the school year students are allowed to wear their Holy Spirit logo clothing with jeans, cargo pants, or corduroys.
- **SPIRIT SHIRTS** - Any tee-shirt, sweatshirt, etc. with the school logo on it.
- **FAITH DAY** - Used to be called "Pay-off". This is a day when the students are treated to an afternoon of fun to celebrate good behavior.
- **SPIRIT TICKET** - A red ticket given to the students who show good character. (Watch out for these in pockets on wash day because they fade!)
- **SPIRIT DRAWING** - A weekly drawing from the red Spirit Ticket tumbler located in the main school hall. Winning students can choose a prize.

- **YELLOW TICKET** - Minor discipline ticket.
- **BLUE TICKET** - Major discipline ticket.
- **PTC** - Our version of PTA - Parent/Teacher Club.
- **HSCS** - Holy Spirit Catholic School
- **SERVICE HOURS** - Each family's commitment of service to the school.

All of these items are explained in more detail in our student handbook. If you do not have a handbook, please contact the school office.

CHURCH NEWS

You are invited to attend a workshop presented by Dan Schutte on the revisions with Music and explanation for the New Translation of the Roman Missal. Dan Schutte has been composing music for worship for over 40 years. Many of his most celebrated pieces, including "Here I Am, Lord," "City of God" and "Sing a New Song," come from his years of collaboration with the St. Louis Jesuits. His more recent pieces still exhibit that enduring ability to reach into people's hearts and draw them into prayer. This workshop is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 3, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Cost is \$15.00 per person before Sept. 23 and \$25.00 per person after the 23rd. Registration forms are available in the school office. If you have any questions please call Cristina Serpa at 208-233-7581 or 208-241-8385. All are welcome.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sept. 23 - Childcare Trike-a-thon
- Sept. 26 - Oct. 1 - Missoula Children's Theater
- Sept. 29 - Safe Environment Training
- Sept. 30 - King Arthur's Quest @ 7:00 p.m. in the school gym
- Oct. 1 - King Arthur's Quest @ 3:00 p.m. in the school gym
- Oct. 6 & 7 - Professional Development Days - No School
- Oct. 13 - Fall Conference - Early Release - School dismissed @ 1:00 p.m.
- Oct. 14 - Fall Conference - No school or childcare

BETTER TO LIGHT CANDLES by Merle Shain

It is better to light candles than to curse the darkness.

It is better to plant seeds than to accuse the earth.

The world needs all of our power and love and energy, and each of us has something that we can give.

The trick is to find it and use it, to find it and give it away.

So there will always be more.

We can be lights for each other, and through each other's illumination we will see the way.

Each of us is a seed, a silent promise, and it is always spring.

God Bless!



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our Cookie Dough sale will begin on September 26th and end on October 14th.

OUR GOAL IS TO REACH OVER \$20,000 IN SALES!

We need your help and invite you to support our school by purchasing and taking orders for premium gourmet Cookie Dough! All of the profits from this program, 40% OF ALL SALES, go toward supporting our children, helping to fund special school activities and enhance our schools extra educational programs.

Specifically, the proceeds of our sale this year will fund: **4th-8th Grade class trips with 20% of student's sale towards trip (\$500 in total sales = \$100 towards trip), PTC events such as Missoula Children's Theatre, monthly Faith Day events, end of year barbecue and other school/classroom needs such as PE equipment.**

Here is How You Can Help !

Share with friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. They will love this Cookie Dough.

Print all orders clearly with names and phone numbers.

Collect payment at the time of order.

Please make all checks payable to: Holy Spirit Catholic School

Return the TOP TWO copies of the order form along with payment. (Keep YOUR copy)

All orders and payment are due by October 14th.

Please keep an eye out for the Otis Spunkmeyer[®] brochure; students will be bringing them home on **Monday, September 26th**. Otis Spunkmeyer[®] has over 30 years of cookie dough experience. It's a premium product made with fresh ingredients and has a homemade taste you'll love.

Great Prizes !

Sell 1 tub and get your own Lucky Duck Keychain.

Check out the Prize Chart for more great prizes. The more you sell, the more you earn!

Sell 3 tubs – Level A1 Sell 6 tubs – Level A1 & A2 Sell 10 tubs – All Level A & B

Sell 15 tubs – All Level A, B, & C Sell 20 tubs – All Level A, B, C, & D

Sell 30 or more tubs – All Level A, B, C, D plus 1 more prize from the level you reach!

The Top Selling Class wins a pizza party.

Top Seller per class wins a hamster.

The Great Hamster Race is coming!!!! Listen for details!!!!