

Holy Spirit Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter
September 8, 2011



Dear Parents:

Back-to-School night was a major success! I so enjoyed interacting with familiar friends and greeting the newest members into our Holy Spirit family. I also noted the interactions between all of you...a wonderfully fun, supportive group!

I want to again thank those who contributed so much to the school renovation efforts during the summer hiatus. The diligent, hard work certainly paid off! I also want to thank our "crew" who helped out during the Pocatello Marathon...the music and dancing was a special hit!

As I mentioned last night, this is going to be a spectacular year for the school. We have set our goals high with the staff and students certainly up for the challenge. I know last night's enthusiasm will continue to grow...you parents are the backbone to the successes we all want for the children. As the kids would say, you rock with the Spirit!

Keep reading to your kids,
Mrs. Corgiat

DON'T FORGET!!

Tonight is our first *Safe Environment Training* session for the 2011-2012 school year. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria - basement of the church. 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 already attended this training you do not have to attend again.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter!

WE'RE READY TO TRY IT - WE THINK!!!!

Next week we plan to send out our newsletter via e-mail to all the families we have e-mail addresses for. As was said at last night's meeting, we're still working on how to handle attachments, hot lunch iou's, picture packets, etc. So be patient, check your e-mail next week and we'll see what happens!!!!!!!!!!

LOTS AND LOTS TO READ

Please take a moment to read all the attachments that are going home with today's newsletter. Just a few of the attached items:

- "Spirit Day" clothing order form. This is your opportunity to order sweatshirts, tee shirts, long sleeve tees, etc. Orders will be accepted through Sept. 19.
- 2011-2012 Service Hour Budget and Tracking form.
- Auction donation form.

SCHOOL RAFFLE

Did you read last week's flyer regarding our school raffle? Did you get your ticket yet? Can't afford a \$100 ticket by yourself, how about going in on one with your friends or family? This raffle is available to everybody and anybody, not just school families, even people from out of town can participate. So spread the word about this great opportunity to win some extra cash and

benefit the school at the same time. Questions? Contact Miss Polly in the school office 232-5763.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Next Wednesday, Sept. 14, *Lifetouch* will be here to take pictures of the students. Students will need to wear their uniform for these pictures. Unfortunately, there was a mistake with our flyers so we had to order new ones, but watch for one coming home either tomorrow or Monday (or maybe even today if they come this afternoon)!

HAVE YOU:

- Returned your registration forms?
- If you qualify for free or reduced lunches have you completed and returned a new form for 2011-2012?
- If your child is in kindergarten or seventh grade have we received a copy of their new immunizations?
- Do we have birth certificate copies for new preschoolers and kindergarteners?

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.

CHURCH NEWS

You are invited to a Walk-Through Session of the New Roman Missal, this Sunday, Sept. 11 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church. Learn about the New Revisions for the Mass, so you can explain them and teach your children. Cristina Serpa will present Part 1 this Sunday and Part 2 on Sunday, the 18th. You will also learn the new music for the parts of the Mass. Parts 1 and 2 (condensed version) will be presented Sunday, Sept. 25th, at St. Anthony Church, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. We encourage everyone, especially adults and older children to learn about the changes that will begin in November, so you can better-understand the purpose and the word changes before it happens.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept. 8 - Safe Environment Training
Sept. 14 - Band Night
Sept. 14 - Student Pictures
Sept. 19 - Spirit Day Logo clothes order due

A SONG OF PEACE

As we approach the 10th anniversary of 9/11, we at the school have been talking to the students about the importance of peace. The students sang "This is My Song" at Mass as well as this morning in honor of the 9/11 tragedy, so for those of you who missed it, here is a verse to reflect on:

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.*

God Bless America and May peace be with us all!