



September 7, 2017

Nan-o-gram

Next week we begin MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessments for every student in grades 3 through 8. Since the inception of these standardized assessments 14 years ago, we (Diocese of Boise) have partnered with the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) as provider of our Idaho Catholic schools' web-based computer assessments.

MAP is different from traditional tests. The tests are adaptive, the scores indicate a student's instructional level, and the scores are reported on a cross-grade scale. MAP assessments are designed to respect each student by automatically adjusting to his or her instructional level, creating a unique, authentic test for each child. MAP provides a great deal of information about what each student already understands and can demonstrate, regardless of where they fall within grade-level standards. This helps teachers better know if/when they are ready to move forward, where to challenge, and where to adapt teaching practices to secure grade level and beyond successes. For me, a major plus with these particular assessments is that they measure learning growth over time. It is wonderful to share that year-to-year, fall-to-spring growth with parents and guardians.

You will be informed by your child's teacher (if your child is in a grade that is assessed) of the days scheduled for that grade. The assessment window begins September 11 and continues through September 29. The schedule works around Mass, recess, lunch, PE, library, and music classes trying to keep the routine as regular as possible. Your child's assessment will be discussed with you during the first parent-teacher conferences scheduled for October 16 and 17.

Please help your student(s) be prepared by making sure they get a good night's sleep, eat a substantial breakfast as most tests are in the morning, and by encouraging a positive attitude to give their best effort. These three, simple things show your child that you value these assessments as an important tool (albeit a snapshot) for their learning. Thank you for your support!

Keep reading to your wonderful kids!

Mrs. Corgiat

SCRIP NEWS

Don't forget that if you are planning on going out to eat, the movies or doing your weekly grocery shopping this weekend to stop by the office and pick up some scrip. SCRIP works just like a gift card except that the school receives a percentage from each card purchased! **JUST THINK, if all of us participated in this program we could raise a LOT of money for the school WITHOUT costing us anything extra!**

The following is a list of the Scrip cards and their value that we have available now 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
Amazon.com
AMC Theatres
Olive Garden
Gap/ Old Navy
Banana Republic
JCPenney
Red Robin
TJ Maxx
Walmart

\$50.00 Cards:

Fred Meyer

\$100.00 Cards:

Fred Meyer

There are also lots of other retailers and restaurants to choose from if you don't see your favorite in the list above! It's easy! Just stop by the office and we'll be happy to help you out.

FAMILY FUN DAY

On Sept. 16, the Community Animal Hospital on the corner of 12th and Oak Street has a community Family Fun Day for people *and* their pets. We are in need of help in running our school booth between 12 – 4 p.m. If you would like to volunteer a couple of hours and get some of your service hours in, please contact Mrs. Corgiat.

STUDENT SAFETY

Solar Eclipse? Smoke? Earthquakes? Construction? Do we even dare ask what's going to happen next?

For those of you wondering how we are handling the "Unhealthy Air" issue, we have been monitoring the air quality rating from "airnow.idaho.com" which is the same website that SD 25 uses. They have recommendations for outside exposure which we will then follow. Today the rating was much, much better than yesterday so hopefully the worst is behind us.

Thanks to all the shaking going on in the Soda Springs area, we have also reviewed with the students what to do if an earthquake were to hit. The students are instructed to "Drop, Cover and Hold On" which is the recommended action from earthquake experts. You can find out more information on surviving an earthquake at www.ShakeOut.org.

The excavation phase of the parish construction is to begin tomorrow or early next week. We have been in contact with the excavation company and are working on making changes to our daily routines i.e., how to move around the school grounds to avoid the excavated area. We are all learning how to be really flexible in the name of safety.

In all this craziness, here's a little prayer to help us all through it:

Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen today that you and I can't handle together.

Amen

PLANNING ON VOLUNTEERING?

Attendance at a Safe Environment Training workshop is required by the Diocese of Boise for anyone who plans to volunteer and has not yet attended a workshop. The following fall workshops will be held in St. Anthony's Chapel:

- Monday, Sept. 11 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 14 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 23 @ 9:30 a.m.

Please contact Marie Smith at 208-244-2120 or the school office if you have any questions.

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HOT LUNCH MENU

Sept. 11 - 15, 2017

"CHICKEN LITTLE" MONDAY

*Chicken Fingers *Mac & Cheese *Corn
*Fresh Fruit

"TRY IT" TUESDAY

*Sweet Potato Idaho Nachos *Refried Beans
*Fresh Fruit

"SUPER SANDWICH" WEDNESDAY

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

"BRUNCH FOR LUNCH" THURSDAY

*Square Blueberry Pancakes *Sausage
*Hashbrowns *Pears

"PIZZA DAY" FRIDAY

*Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza *Salad Bar featuring
Romaine Lettuce
*Pineapple

MARATHON THANK YOU SHOUT-OUT!

I want to thank all of you who helped "man" our water aid station at the Pocatello Marathon last Saturday morning. We had a great turn out of volunteers...adults and children... who happily encouraged participants to continue down the road to the finish line. It's a wonderful tradition that we have at Holy Spirit annually supporting this community event. The marathon has grown considerably in its 18 years of competition, and I am thrilled HSCS has been associated with this event all 18 of those years! Thanks again!

Mrs. Corgiat

COMMUNITY NEWS

KIND WEEK 3RD ANNUAL KICK-OFF CELEBRATION

Monday, Sept. 18 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Old Town Pocatello

You are invited to join this year's Kind Week Kick-Off Celebration, hosted in partnership with Old Town Pocatello. In a rare first for a community event, the Center Street Underpass will be closed from the East to the West sides of Old Town to host a FREE, family friendly street party.

The FREE, family-friendly event will feature the 3rd annual Exhibition-in-Kind; trolley rides, live entertainment, activities and food vendors. Win raffle prizes; enjoy live musical and cultural performances by local youth and a live concert finale by the KYD J Band.