



BK Alive – March 8, 2010

This Week's Calendar:

Tues. 9	Wed. 10	Thurs. 11	Fri. 12	Sat. 13	Sun. 14	Mon. 15
Happy Birthday to Mrs. Fran Wickham! We love you and miss you!	Senior Out-to-Lunch, 6 th Period	2:20 pm Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conf. 4-6 pm and 6:30-8 p.m. in Old Gym Track @ Columbia 4:00 p.m. Var. Golf @ Purple Sage JV Golf @ Fairview 3:30 p.m.	No School! Parent/Teacher Conf. 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon State Debate @ Vallivue State AcaDeca @ Sandpoint Track @ Columbia 4:30 S/B Pre-season Tournament 2 Games @ Skyview Frosh B/B @ Caldwell 5:00 p.m. Hockey vs. Eagle @ 6:30 p.m.	IRISH FEST 5:30 p.m. State Debate @ Vallivue State AcaDeca @ Sandpoint Var. & JV B/B @ Minico, 11:00 & 2:00 Frosh B/B @ Middleton 12:00 S/B Pre-season Tournament 2 Games @ Skyview G/LAX Jamboree @ Eagle		Frosh B/B vs. Mt. View 5:00 All Golf Teams @ Falcon Crest 3:00 p.m.

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Each week, BK sends out a newsletter with important information regarding the activities going on at Bishop Kelly. If you have information you would like to have put in the BK Alive Newsletter, please email your requests to Mrs. Deana Braden at dbraden@bk.org. **Information must be to Mrs. Braden by 3:00 p.m. on Monday's.** The Newsletter will be mailed out on Mondays after school

Announcements

Changes to the Master Calendar –

- **March 19 – WCEA Accreditation – No School for Students!**

For daily announcements, please check out the website at: <http://www.bk.org/Today.aspx>

For your convenience and planning, the February calendar is posted online at <http://www.bk.org/calendar.aspx>.

Lent – Everyone is invited to participate in Stations of the Cross during Lent on Thursday mornings at 6:45 a.m. in the BK Chapel.

Senior Out-to-Lunch – Seniors planning on going out for Senior-Out-To-Lunch Day this Wednesday, March 10th: Red Robin on Milwaukee has offered to donate to Bishop Kelly 10% of their proceeds from any BK students who have lunch there this Wednesday. Show them the flyer to the right, or just tell them you are from Bishop Kelly. An easy way to help the school!

Irish Fest – The Irish Fest Planning Committee will meet on March 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the BK library. The Bishop Kelly Booster Club's Annual Irish Fest Dinner & Auction is Saturday, March 13, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bishop Kelly High School Old Gymnasium! The evening includes dinner catered by Goodwood BBQ Company, no-host bar, silent and live auctions, and dancing. This is a great opportunity to rekindle old friendships or create new ones! If you are wondering what to donate to the Irish Fest, we have some suggestions. We are looking for family night baskets, nice kitchen items and jewelry of all kinds. Maybe you make jewelry or know someone that does, or have a good contact. We welcome all items. The Irish Fest continues to be a success year after year because of your continued generosity and support. Tickets are \$50 per person. Reservation forms are available at www.bk.org. If you have questions, please call Liska Foss at 658-6139.



Adult and Student Volunteers Still Needed for Irish Fest – Please contact Connie Liposchak at r1c1lip@msn.com or 939-8643 if you are interested in helping at the Irish Fest. Many opportunities are available. :) Students can also sign up to volunteer on the Service Learning Board outside Mrs. Siron's office.

Irish Fest Bar Committee – The Irish Fest Bar committee is woefully short on wine and dollar donations for this year's exciting Irish Fest event. We have received some wonderful donations, both checks and bottles of wine, from our generous BK parents and have also purchased some outstanding wines for your enjoyment that evening. However, donations still remain significantly below prior years. If any of our parents are able to help by donating money to offset the wine purchase or have wine in their collections that you might be willing to donate to the Irish Fest, we would deeply appreciate it. We can arrange for pick up, or you can drop them off at BK in the office. Thank YOU!

Again this year, back by popular demand, is the Irish Fest's cellar tagged wine purchase. We will be offering our cellar tagged wines, chilled and delivered to your table in grand style, for a pre-purchase price of \$20. You can choose your own bottle from a local wine shop or from your own collection at home, or we can choose one for you. Cellar tags ensure that your wine purchase is waiting for you at the Irish Fest. Buy a special wine for yourself, a great gift for that special BK teacher or coach or as a wonderful gift for your friends or guests attending that evening. Such a nice surprise! Please email your order to the email addresses listed below. The deadline for all cellar-tagged wine purchases is Thursday, March 11th.

We are proud to offer our Knight's Reserve wines again this year. We have chosen two fabulous wines, one red and one white. Available for purchase the night of the event will be a Chardonnay for \$23/bottle and a Cabernet Sauvignon for \$28/bottle and tasting notes will be available for your review. Knight's Reserve wines will also be tagged for you and delivered to your table. If you are looking for that "something extra" in your wine selection for the evening, you will not be disappointed!

Finally, if anyone is interested in volunteering the night of the event to be one of our wonderful and fun bartenders, please email us at the addresses listed below. We have a few time slots still available and would love to have you join us! Please contact either Patty Husk (Pattyinidaho@msn.com) or Robin Navert (Rnavert@gmail.com) with donations, orders, questions, or to volunteer. Irish Fest is a long-standing tradition at BK, and we guarantee a good time for all! Please make your reservations right away as a limited number of tickets are still available. See you there!

St. Baldrick's Foundation – BK's SRO, Joe McCarthy, and his son Cody, a senior at BK, will be getting their heads shaved on Saturday, March 13th! They are shaving their heads in solidarity with children who have cancer and typically lose their hair during treatment, while raising critical funds for childhood cancer research! In the US, more children die of childhood cancer than any other disease. Please make a donation on their behalf to support childhood cancer research so that all children diagnosed with cancer will have a better chance for a cure. To donate, go to <http://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/participantid/381338>. The McCarthy's belong to the team, Boise's Finest. To search for their team, search for Boise, Idaho; Venue is Knitting Factory Concert House. Or better yet, join them at the Knitting Factory on Saturday!

Sacred Heart Dinner/Auction – Sacred Heart School's 2nd Annual "It Take's a Village..." Gala Fundraiser is scheduled for May 1, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Come join us for an exciting evening that includes an incredible dinner served by Epi's Basque Restaurant with live and silent auction items you will not want to miss! Make your reservations or donate by contacting the school at 344-1939 or Bridget Bedke at 283-1610.

St. Mark's Annual Golf Classic – Attached to this email is the form for the St. Mark's Annual Golf Classic Scholarship Opportunities. The Golf Classic will take place on Friday, May 7, 1:30 p.m., at the Eagle Hills Golf Course. See the attachment for more information.

School Nurse – MaryLou Cunningham, our school nurse, would like to **ask all BK parents** to please complete a short survey, directed by the School Health Program from St. Al's Hospital. Consult with your BK student and take the survey at the following link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B2FPQBX> Click here to take survey. Thank you!

Advanced Placement news – If your child is in an AP class, they should have received a *Bulletin for AP Students and Parents, 2000-10*. Please take a moment to look over this publication and speak to your child about taking AP exams. Registration for AP exams is due March 15. Please discuss the merits of taking these tests with your child. The AP website can give you information regarding the AP credit policies at most colleges and universities. Please note that there is a \$13 fee for exams which are ordered but not taken. The cost of each AP exam is \$86 this year. If you have questions, please contact Mary Crum at mcrum@bk.org. The administration of these exams requires extensive preparation, so please check exam dates for possible conflicts with outside activities before registering for the exam.

If your student did not receive this publication, you can access it at the following link:
<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/profdownload/ap-student-parent-bulletin-2009-10.pdf>

For general information about AP exams, please go to the following website.
<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html>

Host a Student – There are several students who would like to attend BK, but they need a host family. Support Bishop Kelly by hosting a foreign exchange student through EF Foundation. For more information, contact Angie Redford at 890-3502 or visit www.effoundation.org.

ACT/SAT – Test Preparation Classes are held at a variety of locations in the Boise area. For more information, check the Bishop Kelly website under the ACT & SAT section of the Guidance and Counseling information - <http://www.bk.org/ActSat.aspx>.

BK Spotlight – Make sure to check out this week's BK Spotlight, which features the BK Skiers and Boarders, who took 2nd place overall at the Dotty Clark Ski Race. Check again later this week for video regarding our Service Learning Day that took place last Friday.

Memories in Motion Video Yearbook – Have you ordered your video yearbook yet? Time is running out. LIVE ACTION FOOTAGE of the entire 2009-2010 school year. A SPECIAL SENIOR VIDEO is included FREE. Order forms available on BK web page at <http://www.bk.org/clubs.aspx>. The weekly BK Spotlight can be viewed at www.bkspotlight.com.

YEARBOOK: The price of the yearbook is now **\$76**, plus tax. The absolute **last date to order a book is April 30** (this ordering deadline has been extended from the offer presented at the beginning of the '09 school year). There may be a few books available for sale in May during distribution---cost will be **\$76 plus 6% tax**. Order online at www.jostensyearbooks.com or call 1-866-282-1516.

Student Accolades

SEMIFINALIST FOR THE U.S. PHYSICS TEAM - The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) recently announced the top students chosen to advance to the Semifinal Round for the U.S. Physics Team. Bishop Kelly senior, **Pedro Rodriguez**, was one of the 300 students chosen from among the 3,200 students who participated in the first phase of the selection process, the Fnet=ma Exam given in January. The semifinal exam is used as a basis for selection of the 24 members of the U.S. Physics Team. In May, those selected will travel to the University of Maryland for a nine day Physics Team Training Camp. Five students will be selected as the "Traveling Team" to represent the U.S. at the International Physics Olympiad to be held in Zagreb, Croatia in July. For more about AAPT, go to www.aapt.org.

BK National Champions in JETS/AbilityOne National Engineering Design Challenge! - The BK Engineering Design Class traveled to Washington, DC to compete as one of the five national finalists in the National Engineering Design Challenge sponsored by the JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society). The challenge was to research, design, and build a working prototype device to help people with disabilities succeed in the workplace. BK was awarded 1st Place and a \$3000 prize for The Best Overall Design. In addition, the team received three additional awards: Best Presentation (sponsored by National Society for Precision Engineering), The Best Application of Rehabilitation Engineering Design Principles (sponsored by the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America), and Best Application of Universal Design Principles (sponsored by Center of Assistive Technology and Environmental Access) . BK's device, The PAWD (Personal Assistive Writing Device), was designed to help persons with Intention Tremors to be able to write freehand, a task not possible without some sort of assistive device. While the engineering design team was overseen by the teachers/coaches, the invention and engineering process was driven by the students. The team members were Dominic Chumich, Jerry Ding, Karl Schutz, Kate Franklin, Lauren Naughton, Nick Wendt, Sam Kosydar and Zi Yi Li. The team was coached by Dr. Guy Hudson and Dr. Larry Neznanski. The team would also like to express their gratitude to the Micron Foundation for financial support.

If you would like to see TV coverage of the event, use this link:

http://www.myfoxdc.com/dpp/mornings/holly_live/holly-morris-engineering-challenge-022510

Community Service – A special “thanks” to all who participated in BK's annual Service Learning Day on Friday, March 5th. It was a rewarding day for all involved!

BK Africa Club – The BK Africa Club was recognized at the Small Village Foundation Dinner/Auction on Saturday night, March 5th, for contributing money to their “Tot Pot” project in South Africa. Over the past few years, the Africa Club has donated several times to the Small Village Foundation as well as accomplished the following:

- Dug two wells for fresh water
- Provided 190, 32 oz. water bottles to students and teachers to carry water
- Set up a pen-pal correspondence with schools in Rwanda
- Worked with children in an AIDS orphanage
- Sent books to schools in Bamboi, Africa
- Provided sports equipment for physical education in Rwanda
- Sponsored AIDS Awareness Days
- Sponsored an Africa Club Awareness Night at BK
- Stop genocide in Darfur, Uganda, etc. campaigns
- Provided money to help rescue Joseph Kony's child soldiers.

How to Get Into National Honor Society at Bishop Kelly

NHS considers four areas in accepting members: character, leadership, scholarship, and service. Students have two chances for acceptance into NHS at BK: after the first semester of junior year and at the start of senior year.

To be scholastically eligible for NHS in junior year, a student needs to have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above. To be scholastically eligible for NHS in senior year, a student needs to have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above. Those who meet the scholastic requirement are asked to complete an information form to help the faculty council evaluate them for acceptance in relation to character, leadership and service. They are also asked to provide two letters of recommendation to the council.

The names of those scholastically eligible are given to the faculty council who are asked to share insights on the candidate's character, leadership and service. The faculty council is made up of five to ten teachers who have wide experience with students. The NHS advisor and one administrator also meet with the council but have no vote in selecting members. The faculty council decides whether candidates have demonstrated sufficient character, leadership and service to be accepted into NHS. They do not evaluate scholastic eligibility.

Candidate's contributions to the community are considered; but since this is a school organization, involvement at school is emphasized in the council's considerations. There is no limit to the number of students that may be accepted into NHS at BK. All who have demonstrated sufficiently the four characteristics of NHS, in judgment of the faculty council, may be accepted.

Students are notified by letter about their acceptance or rejection for NHS membership. Often it takes 2-3 weeks for the council to complete their work. No notifications are made until ALL candidates have been evaluated.

Students may be dropped from NHS if they cease to demonstrate the characteristics of membership.

Sports

Junior and Senior student athletes who register with the NCAA Clearinghouse, please submit a request for transcripts to Mr. Coulter.

BK Hockey – Join the BK Hockey team as they take on Eagle this Friday night, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Date Manager

Mar. 10 – Senior Out-to-Lunch, 6th period

Mar. 11 – 2:20 p.m. Dismissal; Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-6 p.m. and 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Mar. 12 – No School! Parent/Teacher Conferences, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Mar. 13 – Irish Fest, 5:30 – 11:30 p.m., BK Old Gym

Mar. 17 – Mass Day, 9:30 p.m.

Mar. 19 – No School! Spring Break starts!

Mar. 29 – School resumes after Spring Break.

To add, remove, or change your email address from our mailing list, please e-mail Brenda at biazzetta@bk.org.

If Your Child is Absent from School

If your student is not coming to school due to illness or an appointment, parents are required to call the school's Attendance Office by 9:30 am, 377-9928. Parents may also e-mail or fax notes to Mrs. Lisa Kelly for excused absences at lkelly@bk.org. The BK fax is 375-3626. If your child is going to be absent from school for an extended amount of time, please contact the attendance office as soon as possible **prior** to the absence. Pre-arranged absence forms are available from Mr. Coulter for Juniors/Seniors and Mrs. Quilici for Freshman/Sophomores. These will allow students to notify teachers and to receive homework assignments before the absence. Note: Students leaving school for professional appointments must notify the Attendance Office **before** school, when they leave, and again when they return. They will be asked for verification of that appointment upon returning to school. ***All students are required to sign in and out when coming late or leaving early.

How Can I Access My Child's Grades?

You can access your student's grades and other information on the Internet. You need your student's ID number and PIN number. Your child's PIN and ID are located on the class schedule they received the first day of school. The PIN number is assigned throughout our Schoolmaster Program. It's important to keep this number confidential. If you would like to get your student's PIN number, please e-mail administrator@bk.org with the student's full name. Go to the BK web page at www.bk.org and access Schoolmaster; use your student's ID number and PIN, and you will have his/her grades and records. Our teachers upgrade their records regularly, but not nightly. To access current grades on Schoolmaster, please follow these instructions.

1. Go to the Bishop Kelly website, www.bk.org.
2. Select **Schoolmaster** from the menu choices.
3. Enter your student's ID and PIN numbers in the appropriate boxes.
4. Click **Current Marks** in the list of choices.
5. If you want to see a progress report and more detailed information, follow steps 1, 2 and 3, then select **Schedule/Progress** from the list of choices. Teachers update these marks approximately every two weeks. Some teachers may update more frequently than others.