



# BK Alive – November 21, 2011

**Word of the Week:** **Thanksgiving**

**This Week's Calendar:**

Tue. 22	Wed. 23	Thu. 24	Fri. 25	Sat. 26	Sun. 27	Mon. 28
GBB @ Kuna 4:30, 6:00, 7:30	<b>Half Day!</b> 8:00-12:01		<b>No School!</b>	GBB vs. Mt. View 4:30, 6:00, 7:30		School resumes at 8:00 a.m.
<p><b>Upcoming – Nov. 30 – NHS Induction Ceremony, 7:00 p.m., BK Chapel</b>  <b>Dec. 1 – Junior Retreat at Holy Apostles</b></p>						

\*Please check the BK website at [www.bk.org](http://www.bk.org) for changes or additions. Recent News and Upcoming Events are continually updated.

## **BK Alive Newsletter**

Each week, BK sends out a newsletter with important information regarding the activities happening 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](mailto:dbraden@bk.org). **Information must be to Mrs. Braden by 3:00 p.m. on Monday's.** The Newsletter will be mailed out on Monday afternoons.

## **Announcements**

- For daily announcements, please check the website at: <http://www.bk.org/Today.aspx>
- For the weekly Cafeteria Menu, check the website at: <http://www.bk.org/Cafeteria.aspx>
- For your convenience and planning, the **November** calendar is posted online at <http://www.bk.org/calendar.aspx>.
- The **2011-12 yearly calendar** is posted at <http://www.bk.org/YearlyCalendar.aspx>.

**Tutoring – No tutoring this week, but resumes next week.** Science and Math tutoring is available in room 6 on the following schedule:

Monday 3:30 -4:30 PM  
 Tuesday through Thursday 3:30 -5:30 PM

**Mass** – Please join us for Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Mass will be held in the BK Chapel at 7:25 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 8:25 a.m. on Fridays.

**Thanksgiving Holiday** – The day before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, **November 23**, is a half-day schedule for students and faculty. There will be an 8:00 a.m. start, with dismissal at 12:01 p.m. School will resume at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Food Drive** – Thank you for all of the wonderful support for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. The proceeds from our food drive will go to the local St. Vincent DePaul parish food banks. Our goal this year was 30,000 items, which we have surpassed! **Tomorrow is the last day** for food to be brought in. Final tally numbers will be announced Tuesday at closure prayer. Thank you for helping us to feed the needy during these long winter months. Your Campus Ministry Team

**Junior Retreat News** – Thursday, **December 1<sup>st</sup>**, is the date the junior class will celebrate **Christmas Knights**. Please have your student place his/her **permission slip in the basket in the library by November 24**. Some of the retreat format will be based on *“The Advent Conspiracy.”* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVqqj1v-ZBU> This event is sponsored by your Campus Ministry team. A great time will be had by all! ☺ Flyer and permission slip can be found at <http://www.bk.org/Retreats.aspx>.

**NHS Induction Ceremony** – You are invited to attend the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, **November 30**, at 7:00 p.m. in the BK Chapel. Please come congratulate these fine students on their achievement. If you are interested in how to get into National Honor Society, please read the attached document.

**Bishop Kelly – Olabide Basque School Exchange Program for summer 2012** – We are looking for six BK Spanish students who would be interested in a language and cultural exchange with students from Olabide Basque school for next summer. Last year, four junior-aged girls from Olabide were hosted by four Bishop Kelly families for a month in the summer. Those BK students are planning to spend 3-4 weeks next summer with those students. We are looking for six more students to participate in this program. The criteria is the following:

- They must be juniors going into their senior year.
- 2. They must be currently enrolled in Spanish 2 or higher and plan on taking Spanish next year.

The Olabide students would arrive in Boise around the 5<sup>th</sup> of June and stay until around the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. They need only a bed of their own, and they will bring their own spending money. Just treat them as another member of the family. Then later in the summer, our students (the six new participants and the four who participated last year) would travel to the Basque city of Gasteiz (Vitoria) on or around the 20<sup>th</sup> of July and stay until just before school starts in August.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience another culture first hand; to improve their language skills; and to expand their world view. If you are interested in participating in this program or would like more information, please contact Cathy Clarkson at [cclarkson@bk.org](mailto:cclarkson@bk.org).

## BK Spirit Shop

**The BK Spirit Shop will not be open this week.** Visit us next week as we offer an extensive collection of clothing and accessories for all including shirts, sweats, pants, outerwear, stadium seats, blankets, hats, cups, kitchen accessories, and much more. A new shipment of sweatshirts just arrived for the cool weather. We are located in a room within the old gym near the front of the school. The shop is managed and operated by BK Booster Club volunteers and is open for business on Tuesday and Friday during lunch from 11:45-1:45 and Wednesday after school until 3:45 (hours will be posted regularly since they change due to volunteer shifts). We accept cash, checks and credit cards.

**BK Christmas Market – It's time to start your Christmas...selling!** Do you create handmade items or sell a product or service that would make a perfect Christmas gift? The Bishop Kelly Booster Club is currently accepting applications for our Christmas Extravaganza on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**.

The Extravaganza will take place **from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** on Saturday, December 3rd. This is a time for people to pick up Spiritwear pre-sales, items ordered from the horticulture students, etc. In addition, Santa will be visiting from the North Pole to take pictures with children, and many of our student clubs and teams will be offering Christmas activities for kids – It's sure to draw a large crowd of both BK families, as well as families from our partner schools, parishes and the community. If you're looking to make a little extra holiday cash, this is the place to sell your wares!

Please note that only BK Student Clubs or Teams will be allowed to sell concession type food and beverages. And only one booth per catalog/party business (i.e. Avon) will be selected to ensure diversity of products and plenty of customers for our vendors. For more information please contact Chris Murphy, [murphcb@aol.com](mailto:murphcb@aol.com).

**Pasta Festa** – Save the date! The Bishop Kelly Annual Pasta Festa will be held on Sunday, **January 8, 2012** from 4-7 p.m. in the Id gymnasium. Cost is \$7 for adults or \$35 for a family of 6. (Children under 6 are free!) There will be a limited number of reserved seating opportunities available:

- ❖ **Gold Seating:** Reserved seating and dinner for 6, dessert, 2 premium bottles of wine (90 points or higher from Wine Spectator), and wine glasses. \$200
- ❖ **Silver Seating:** Reserved seating and dinner for 4, dessert, 1 premium bottle of wine (85 points or higher from Wine Spectator): \$150
- ❖ **Bronze Seating:** Reserved seating and dinner for 4 and 1 premium bottle of wine (80 points or higher from Wine Spectator): \$100

If you would like to reserve your special seating or have any questions, please contact Diana Tetreault at 321-1130 or [dtchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:dtchurch@hotmail.com).

Attention Dessert Bakers, we need your wonderful and yummy creations for the Dessert Auction. Please note that the dish or container is sold with the dessert. It will not be returned to you. Inexpensive and beautiful plates, platters and pans can be purchased at TJ Maxx, Ross and Marshalls. If you're not a baker and would like to donate, you may purchase a dessert at a local bakery or donate cash to use for the purchase of one. Please contact Cyndi Friend Kay at [ckay@dadco.com](mailto:ckay@dadco.com) or by phone at (208) 850-7865 to confirm or ask questions.

**Host Families Needed** – Support BK by hosting an international exchange student with EF Foundation for Foreign Study. EF is in need of host families for students arriving this January and for students still arriving this fall. For more information, contact Angie Redford at 890-3502 or [angieredford@hotmail.com](mailto:angieredford@hotmail.com)

**2011-12 Yearbooks** – Have you ordered your yearbook yet? Yearbooks can be ordered at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com). Senior salutations can be ordered at [www.theyearbookcompany.com](http://www.theyearbookcompany.com). Don't delay! Get yours today!

### **Student Accolades:**

**Bishop Kelly Band** – The marching band participated this past weekend in the Boise Holiday Parade. It was a little cold, but they did a great job and had a lot of fun! Check out their **picture** at the end of this newsletter.

## **Partner Schools:**

**Our Lady of the Rosary** – A candlelight concert, featuring music of the season, will be presented by local choirs on Sunday, **December 4<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 p.m., at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, 1500 E. Wright Street in Southeast Boise. Participating choirs are Whitney Women's Chorale, Bishop Kelly High School Choir, Bishop Kelly String Quartet, and Our Lady of the Rosary Children's Teen and Adult Choirs and Ensemble. The family concert is free and will be followed by a dessert reception in the parish hall.

**Sacred Heart** – Sacred Heart had their annual Jog-R-Walk fundraiser, with a goal of \$18,000 for the students to raise. If they reached their goal, Fr. Rob and Mr. Carpenter would sumo wrestle. The students surpassed the goal and reached over \$20,000! **Come watch Fr. Rob wrestle Mr. Carpenter, the Sacred Heart Principal, on December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 2:30 p.m., in the SHS gym.** Also, don't miss "An Island Christmas" - **December 15<sup>th</sup>** @ 7:00 p.m. in the school gym.

## **College Visits:**

**A US Army, Air Force & Naval Academy Information Forum** will be held on Wednesday Nov. 23rd, from 10 – 11:30 a.m. at the Meridian City Hall. There will also be information about ROTC available at this session. Local cadets and midshipmen will be available to present information and answer questions about their military experience. This is a school day for Bishop Kelly, so you will need to get a college visit form from your counselor or the attendance office to attend this session. Questions – see Mrs. Crum.

**Check out BK's counseling page on our website** for information on college visits. Go to Academics, then Guidance & Counseling, and then Colleges Visiting BK.

## **Sports:**

**Track Jumps Coach** – Bishop Kelly is in need of a jumps coach for track season coming up in the spring. Knowledge and expertise in High Jump, Long Jump and Triple Jump required. Please send a resume and application form to Tom Shanahan at [tshanahan@bk.org](mailto:tshanahan@bk.org) or to Dean Satterfield at [dsatterfield@bk.org](mailto:dsatterfield@bk.org) or call Bishop Kelly at 375-6010.

**Swim Team & Water Polo** – The BK Swim Team celebrated the end of the season with their banquet last Wednesday evening. Deb Marria was recognized for her 20th season as the Head Coach of the BK Swim Team! Thank you to Mr. Wehde for attending and making the evening a special one for Coach Deb. The "Coaches Choice Award" went to Taylor Takasugi for going above and beyond all expectations during the season and for exhibiting a positive attitude. Our "Leadership 1st and Sportsmanship Award" went to Sydnie Schooler and Andy Skinner. Congratulations to all of you! The new Team Captains for next season, voted in by the team, are Carlie Sharpes and James Morrell. We are looking forward to your leadership next season! Thank you Bishop Kelly for your continued support for Swimming and Water Polo! Attached is our final newsletter of the season. ~ Coaches Deb Marria, Susie Schooler & Matt Brown

**Hockey** – The varsity Knight skaters went toe-to-toe last Friday against the Mountain View/Centennial team and came up just short, losing 3-2. Bailey Conger and Zanny Foss each notched a goal to keep it close, while goalie David Troyer made some great saves against 18 shots. The varsity team will next hit the ice on Friday Dec. 2nd at 8:30 p.m.

The JV skaters also faced a Mountain View/Centennial team and played an equally close game, just getting edged out 5-4. C.J. Walker had a remarkable hat trick plus one, assisted on the fourth goal by Katie Hendershott. Joe Grover saw pretty constant action in the net battling against 23 shots. You can catch the JV

Knights in action at the Thanksgiving tournament with games on Friday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m.

There have been some **changes to the Hockey schedules**, so please check when the games are at <http://www.bk.org/IceHockey.aspx>.

**Boys Lacrosse Players and Parents** – Our lacrosse coaches and board have started planning for the spring season, and we have a lot of exciting things in the works for 2012. If your son is interested in playing this year and did not play on our BK team last year, and if you missed our November parent meeting, please send an email including your son's name and grade to [bishopkellylax@gmail.com](mailto:bishopkellylax@gmail.com) with a request to add you to our email database. LAX winter workouts (optional) for anyone not already in a winter sport will be Mon/Wed from 8-9 p.m. at BK **starting Nov. 28** (and excluding Christmas break). We will soon be sending out information about our January registration meeting, and of course, some fundraising opportunities! We are looking forward to another outstanding season!

## **A Reflection from our Superintendent, Bob Sobotta –**

### **Superintendent's Reflection**

Like many young people, when I was growing up I had many questions regarding how things worked and often why they didn't. These could have been as simple as my grandson's (JC) questioning, "Where do clouds come from?" and "Pa Pa, where do they go?"

More often than not, my answers to JC are not as clear or specific as either of us would like them to be. However, this Q and A is a good exercise for me as it triggers other thoughts that I might have in regards to the "subject" on hand.

Over the years my inquisitive mind has probably asked more questions that are initiated with the "Why" word rather than the "Where" or "How" words. And like many people in the field of human resources and education, I want to know "*Why do we (people) do what we do?*" and "*Why do we act the way we do?*" Of course, there are always the other questions related to "*Why didn't we . . .?*"

I also have to admit my perplexity with not understanding other people's actions and motives and want to ask, "Why do they do this? Or "Why don't they do that?" These kinds of questions are difficult and dangerous to verbalize because they certainly start sounding very judgmental—which is something I do not like to be accused of. Nevertheless, the most renowned philosophers, counselors, psychologists, and social workers have to ask these questions in their labors of love, as well as the rest of us—regardless of our fields.

As an educator who has spent nearly 40 years in school administration some of my "Why" questions for teachers, parents, and guardians would include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Why do some teachers become teachers if they don't like kids?
- Why do some parents allow their children to do whatever if they really love them?
- Why are some teachers reluctant to discipline their students?
- Why are some parents reluctant to discipline their own kids?
- Why do some teachers not agree that homework can benefit students?
- Why are some parents indifferent to their kid's success? (Now and the future)
- Why do some parents allow their underage children to drink alcohol?
- Why do some parents even provide alcohol for their underage kids?
- Why are some schools afraid to teach sex education?

- Why do some parents enable sexual promiscuity of their kids?
- Why are so many reluctant to practice “tough love”?
- Why do some teachers and parents who try so hard still fail?
- Why do some parents and teachers really not seem to care if students fail?

These and other *why* questions have frustrated me over the years. Again, I never want to come across to my readers that I “walk on water” but to inform that these questions are frustrating and difficult for me to understand where the answers might lie.

One source of solace for me is always prayer. Often it is the only sound advice I have to offer family, friends, staff, colleagues, etc. In these perplexing and frustrating times wondering why, I resort to one of my favorites—maybe it is yours, as well:

*THE SERENITY PRAYER\**

*God grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change:  
The courage to change the things I can;  
And wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time,  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world  
As it is, not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
If I surrender to His Will:  
That I may be reasonably happy in this life  
And supremely happy with Him  
Forever in the next. Amen*

*\*Sometimes attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding:  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths. *Prvbs. 3, 5-6*

*Bob Sobotta*



## **School Phone Numbers**

Here is a list of important phone numbers at BK:

- Front Office – 375-6010
- Attendance Office – 377-9928
- Fax – 375-3626
- Business Office Manager – 947-1209
- BK Foundation Office – 323-4789

For email addresses and other offices, please see the BK website at: <http://www.bk.org/Contact.aspx>

## **Date Manager**

Nov. 23: Half Day, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Nov. 24-25: Happy Thanksgiving! No School!

Nov. 30: National Honor Society Induction, 7:00 p.m., BK Chapel

Dec. 1: Junior Retreat at Holy Apostles Church in Meridian

Dec. 3: Christmas Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., BK

Dec. 8: Mass Day, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 9:30 a.m., Carley Center

**Grading Periods for the rest of the year** – Listed below is a schedule of posting dates for each of the grading periods for the remainder of the school year. Teachers are now given a two-day period following the end of each grading period to complete all grading and post marks into SchoolMaster accurately. All grades will be posted at 3:00 p.m. on the assigned date.

### **Date Grading Period Ends**

1<sup>st</sup> Semester ends December 16  
Progress Report 3 ends February 1  
Quarter 3 ends March 8  
Progress 4 ends April 11  
2<sup>nd</sup> Semester ends May 25

### **Date Administration Posts Grades**

January 9, 2012  
February 3, 2012  
March 13, 2012  
April 13, 2012  
June 5, 2012

**Mailing List - To add, remove, or change your email address from our mailing list, please email Lisa at [kshockey@bk.org](mailto:kshockey@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 a.m. at 377-9928. Parents may also e-mail or fax notes to Mrs. Lisa Kelly for excused absences at [lkelly@bk.org](mailto: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. Emerich for Freshmen/Sophomores. These forms 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. The attendance office is now in a portable behind the cafeteria.**

## **How Can I Access My Child's Grades?**

You can access your student's grades and other information on the Internet. You will 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 is important to keep this number confidential. **If you would like to get your student's PIN number, please contact the main office at 375-6010.**

Go to the BK web page at [www.bk.org](http://www.bk.org) and select the **SchoolMaster button**; use your student's ID number and PIN number, click on Schedule/Progress, 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](http://www.bk.org).
2. Select **SchoolMaster** from the yellow buttons on the bottom right-hand side of the home page.
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, and 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.



**BK Marching Band at the Holiday Parade**