

Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph Newsletter

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The Bosco Catholic School System provides students and families with academic, spiritual, moral, and sacramental formation so that they are prepared to be faithful disciples who are the light of Christ in the world.

Next week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Please see the CSW flyer in this newsletter for the week's activities. K-1 students will start and end their day at the IC center Thursday, January 31. A Bosco System bus will transfer ABC students to Raymond at the end of the day.

Tuition Statements

Tuition statements will be emailed on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Please contact the high school office either by phone at 319-296-1692 or email at lschares@boscocatholic.org with any questions or concerns. Thank You.

Congratulations FIRST LEGO League

Congratulations to Immaculate Conception's FIRST LEGO League team. They attended the State FLL Tournament on January 20, where they were awarded Overall Robot Design Honorable Mention. The Overall Robot Design award goes to the team that, in the judges opinion, demonstrates the best combination of engineering, innovation, creativity, reliability and programming -- as well as the ability for the entire team to explain their design and development process. Team members are: Ryan Hayes, Koen Bovy, Sam Willey, Cali Weber, Samantha Schmitz, David Schmitz, Natalie Miller, Braxtyn Smith, and Jack Hogan. Coaches: Karen Thoma and Maisie Bovy.



STO - Tuition Assistance

The Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization (STO) and Bosco Catholic School System (BCSS) are pleased to once again provide tuition assistance to qualifying families.

The STO program will be utilizing FACTS Management to assist in determining the level of assistance to be awarded.

The FACTS application needs to be completed no later than April 15, 2019. The application is available online at online.factsmgmt.com/aid. Information can be found in the email sent by Ms. Berry on January 10.

Cardboard Rolls Needed

We are looking for empty toilet paper cardboard rolls and paper towel rolls for Catholic Schools Week activities. If anyone has any empty cardboard rolls please send them to school. Thanks in advance for the donations.

2019-2020 Kindergarten and Preschool

We are gathering numbers for our 2019-2020 kindergarten and preschool classes. If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten or preschool next year, or if you know of someone who has a child, please fill out the form in this newsletter and return to the school office.



The following homerooms met their Box Tops goal and earned a blue jean day with their patriotic shirt Wednesday, January 30.

Ms. Johnson, Ms. Schroeder, Mrs. Moeller.

Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org by 3:00pm on Wednesday, January 23.

Nurse's Notes

January is Radon Awareness month. Radon is a gas that occurs naturally in the soil. Radon can be found in all counties in Iowa. The EPA has reported that 5 in 7 homes in Iowa have radon levels above normal. Radon exposure has been linked to lung cancer. The EPA reports it is the number one cause of lung cancer in non smokers. There are radon kits available to test the levels in your home. If levels are elevated there are mitigation systems available. A radon level of 4 or above is considered high. You can't see, taste or smell radon. The only way to know what the level is to have your home tested. Marianne Hickey RN

A Day of Giving

The Bosco Catholic School System is participating in Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools. This online giving event allows donors like you to directly support the faith-filled and academically excellent education that is only found in Catholic schools. This event only runs for 24 hours so by making your gift, your generosity is made at the same time a national community of thousands that are saying thank you to Catholic schools. The day of giving will start at 11:00am on January 29 and go until 10:59am on January 30. Help spread the word. Thank you! By going to the website you can find more information on where the funds will go. On that day you can make your donation online or feel free to drop it off or mail it to the school, please mark your donation - Day of Giving.

<https://boscosystemial.giving.factsmt.com>

Milk Moola Coming to an End

For the last 15 years, Kwik Trip Inc. has offered the Milk Moola fundraising program to thousands of organizations as a way to give back to the communities.

Kwik Trip has decided to end the Milk Moola program and reallocate efforts and donations in a different direction. If you have Milk Moola caps please turn them into school before March 27, 2019.

Spelling Bee

The Iowa Knights of Columbus will be holding a spelling bee for students in grades 4-7, on February 2 at Columbus High School in Waterloo.

Students interested in participating in the spelling bee may pick up entry form, rules and word list in the IC office.

Parents,

It is time for K-8 religion classes to begin the annual instruction in human growth and development. Family Life lessons will be taught in religion classes sometime between February 4 and March 15.

We will again be using the Family Life curriculum from RCL Benziger. This text presents skills and virtues for Catholic family living, places human sexuality within the context of Catholic family moral living, helps families address the complex issues of contemporary life, and offers child safety education.

Each grade level provides resources for parents, children and religion teachers to explore, reflect on and decide ways to integrate into their lives on five themes in Catholic family living.

God's Gift of Family

God's Gift of Self

God's Gift of Life

God's Gift of Love

God's Gift of Community

The Family Life program includes a Parent Connection resource that supports the parents' role as the first and primary educators of their children in faith and moral living. This resource provides families with moral catechesis for family living related to the lesson themes in the student book, practical strategies for communicating together as a household of faith, tips for discussing difficult issues with young people and a glossary of terms taught in the program according to grade level.

Parents always have the option of previewing the materials that will be used in human growth and development classes, including the student text and family resource book. If you would like to preview the materials please send a note or email to your child's religion teacher requesting the materials be sent home.

Parents also have the option of requesting that their child not participate in these classes at school. Such a request needs to be made in writing and sent to the religion teacher or the principal. Feel free to contact your child's religion teacher or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Douglas

As we prepare for the 2019-2020 school year, we are gathering numbers for our incoming kindergarten and preschool classes. If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten or preschool next year, or if you know of someone who has a child, please fill out the following form and return to the school office.

Grade in 2019-2020: (circle one) Kindergarten Preschool 4 year old Preschool 3 year old T&Th 7:30-10:30

Please circle below the 4 year old option you are interested in: (full day = 7:30-2:15) (half day = 7:30-10:30)

M-F full day M-F half day M-W-F full day M-W-F half day

Child's Name: _____ Male Female (circle one)

Child Date of Birth: _____

Parents Name: _____

Address, PO Box, City, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Catholic Non-Catholic (circle one) Parish registered: _____

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

JAN. 28 - FEB. 1, 2019

MONDAY: CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Students will make signs and posters for community businesses thanking them for supporting Catholic Education. MS will attend a speaker at the High School.

TUESDAY: CELEBRATE STUDENTS

Wear pajamas or sweatpants! Students will also get time during the day to relax and play games or watch movies!

WEDNESDAY: CELEBRATE THE NATION

Staff & students wear a patriotic or a red, white, or blue shirt with uniform pants. K-5 will do friendship activities to spread peace and kindness.

THURSDAY: CELEBRATE VOCATIONS

All students will spend the day at I.C. together doing S.T.E.M. activities, artwork, and games! Mass will be celebrated at 1:00 P.M. - The feast of St. John Bosco with Archbishop Jackels.

FRIDAY: CELEBRATE STAFF

Grades K-8 - "Dress Like a Teacher!" Wear attire that resembles what a teacher would wear to work!

