



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.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

An informational parent meeting for second grade students receiving their First Eucharist will be held Tuesday, February 26, in IC School Room 205 at 6:00pm. Students do not need to attend.

Reconciliation

Students in grades 2-8 will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation at IC Church on Wednesday, February 27.

Students to attend I Have a Dream

On Thursday, February 28, the 6th, 7th, 8th grade students will be attending *I Have a Dream* at UNI's Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center (GBPAC) in Cedar Falls as part of Allen Hospital's Kaleidoscope Series.



The following homerooms met their Box Tops goal and earned a blue jean day with their spirit or uniform shirt Wednesday, February 27. Mrs. Bolick,

Mrs. Neverman, Mrs. Schroeder.

School Make Up Hours

Classes will be in session Holy Thursday, April 18. May 24 will now be a full day of school.

Beginning March 4, we will be extending our school day by STARTING SCHOOL AT 7:20am each day. Students arriving after 7:20am will be marked tardy.

IC/SJ Yearbook Sale

Order forms for the 2018-2019 yearbooks are due March 1. The cost is \$13.00 for each yearbook. Please return order form with payment by next Friday, March 1.

Bosco Trapshooting Team

Students in 6th-8th grade interested in the Spring/Summer Trapshooting program, contact Coach Beth Phillips at bibbis11@yahoo.com.

Tuition Statements

Tuition statements will be emailed on Friday, Feb. 22. Please look them over carefully and contact Leigh Anne Schares either by email lschares@boscocatholic.org or phone 319-296-1692 with any questions. Thank you to all that have honored the tuition agreement that is on file. For those that are behind in payments, please bring your account up to date or call to make arrangements for payment. Thank You

Nurse's Notes

We have had a couple cases of both Influenza A and B. I can't stress enough talking to your children about washing their hands. Remember to cover your cough and do not reuse tissues. Influenza is a respiratory infection caused by a virus. It can cause mild to severe symptoms. Per the CDC symptoms usually come on suddenly and may include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches and fatigue. I am including the fact sheet from the CDC. If you have any questions please check with your primary care provider. If you are told that your child has Influenza please let the school know. Marianne Hickey RN

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.

Kindergarten Parent Meeting

The 2019-2020 Kindergarten Parent meeting will be in St. Joseph Church, 313 East Central Street, Raymond, Iowa, on Tuesday, March 5 from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. At this meeting, you will hear about our school system and our kindergarten program, meet the teachers and ask questions. Registration materials will be distributed and the registration process will be explained. Please call 233-5980 to let us know you will attend the meeting so materials will be ready for you.

Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org by 3:00pm on Wednesday, February 27.

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

529 Plan Reminders

K-12 Catholic school tuition can be paid by any Iowa taxpayer through a 529 plan. Even though the program is entitled "College Savings Iowa", beginning in 2018 funds from these accounts can be used for K-12 tuition.

This program is not limited to parents of students. Grandparents and other relatives are encouraged to consider opening up a 529 to support a student. Any funds not utilized for K-12 tuition at one of our Catholic schools can be rolled over for college tuition.

Iowa taxpayers can still contribute for the 2018 tax year up through April 30, 2019, and claim a 2018 tax deduction of up to \$3319 per student/per taxpayer on their Iowa tax return.

The Iowa income tax deduction for 2019 has been increased to \$3387 per student/per taxpayer.

More information about how to set up a 529 plan and the potential tax benefits can be found by visiting www.CollegeSavingsIowa.com .

Milk Moola and Campbell's Labels

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.

Reminder - Campbell's Labels for Education Program ended in February 2016.

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: _____

Everyday Preventive Actions Can Help Fight Germs, Like Flu

FIGHT FLU



CDC recommends three actions to fight flu.

1. The first and most important step is to get a flu vaccination each year.
2. If you get sick with flu, take prescription antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them. Early treatment is especially important for the elderly, the very young, people with certain chronic health conditions, and pregnant women.
3. Take everyday preventive actions that may slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory (nose, throat, and lungs) illnesses, like flu. This flyer contains information about everyday preventive actions.

How does flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly from person to person through droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze, or talk. Less often, a person might get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching his or her own mouth, nose, or possibly eyes. Many other viruses spread these ways too. People infected with flu may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5-7 days after becoming sick. That means you may be able to spread flu to someone else before you know you are sick as well as while you are sick. Young children, those who are severely ill, and those who have severely weakened immune systems may be able to infect others for longer than 5-7 days.

What are everyday preventive actions?

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you or your child gets sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you (or your child) stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. After using a tissue, throw it in the trash and wash your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs that can cause respiratory illnesses like flu.
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For more information, visit:

www.cdc.gov/flu

or call **1-800-CDC-INFO**



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