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.

REMINDER

Beginning Monday, March 4, our school day will begin at 7:20am each day. Students arriving after 7:20am will be marked tardy.

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

The following homerooms met their Box Tops goal and earned a blue jean day with their spirit or uniform shirt Wednesday, March 6. Mrs. Wellman, Mr. Fahnle, Mrs. Moeller.

IC/SJ Yearbook Sale

Yearbook orders with payment, are due tomorrow, March 1.

Ash Wednesday Mass

March 6 is Ash Wednesday. Kindergarten and first grade students need to start their day in Gilbertville. We will have an all school Mass at 7:45. K-1 students will be bused to Raymond after Mass.

Easy Way to Support Our School

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as amazon.com . The difference is that when you shop with AmazonSmile 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products is donated to the charitable organization of your choice.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you are prompted to select a charitable organization from our list of eligible organizations. Please select Bosco Catholic School System as your charitable organization.

School will be in session Friday, March 8.
Buses will run.

Help Our School

The Catholic Order of Foresters Matching Fund Breakfast is Sunday, March 10. This year's proceeds go for curricula enhancements and technology at Immaculate Conception School. We need lots of volunteers to help make this a success for our school. This fundraiser usually brings in over $5,000. Please help us help our school. You do not need to be a COF member to volunteer. If you are able to help with either shift (7:30-10:00am or 9:45-12:30pm) please email me cberry@boscocatholic.org . Please help support Immaculate Conception School!

Bosco Trapshooting Team

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

Nurse's Notes

The decrease we once saw in tobacco use has been halted per US health officials. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data 1 in 4 high school students and 1 in 14 middle school students used tobacco products in 2018. The increase is directly related to the use of E-Cigarettes. Nicotine is highly addictive and can harm brain development as reported by the CDC. Our brains continue to develop to age 25. The JUUL is shaped like a USB flash drive so it is easy to conceal. It uses liquid nicotine or "pods" as refills and contain as much nicotine as a pack of cigarettes and comes in different "flavors". This is appealing to teens. It is felt that the use of e-cigarettes will increase the number of children who smoke cigarettes. Talk to your teens regarding the dangers of vaping. I am including a link to information on how to talk to teens about E-Cigarettes put out by the CDC. https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipsheet_508.pdf This is a serious problem and one that needs our immediate attention. Marianne Hickey RN

Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org by 3:00pm on Wednesday, March 6.

Dear 4th and 5th Grade Parents,

Hopefully your student has told you about our exciting unit in Music Class! From now until our Spring Concert, we will be concentrating on learning songs in our packet through "Recorder Karate". When each student successfully plays a song that corresponds with a karate belt color, they earn a belt for their recorder. Furthermore, they also get to advance their individual "karate character" to the next color on the bulletin board outside my classroom. When each grade gets a certain combined number of belts, the whole class receives additional prizes!

Here's where each class stands today:

Mr. Fahnle's Class: 22 belts
Mrs. Schroeder's Class: 21 belts
Mrs. Gutierrez's Class: 11 belts

Please continue to help your students work hard to become better musicians, and to become Recorder Karate masters!

Calling for Student Supply Donations

You may have heard the news about the roof collapsing at Lowell Elementary School in Waterloo last week. The teachers were given 90 minutes to gather items from their classroom. This meant they were not able to grab a lot of the student supplies. A plea has been put out asking for student supply donations. They are in need of spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, folders, crayons, markers, Kleenex, scissors, and glue. As a Christian based school, donating needed supplies is a small way that we as a school community can be an example of living our faith and making it visible. If you would like to contribute any of the supplies, please send them to school with your child(ren) by Tuesday, March 5. The supplies will then be delivered to Lowell's new location.

Thanks,
Marita Schroeder's 4th Grade class

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.

COF News

On Saturday, March 9, Catholic Order of Foresters youth members can see a Hockey game between the Waterloo Blackhawks & Sioux Falls Stampedes at the Young Arena in Waterloo for just $3.00. The game starts at 7:05pm with doors opening at 6:00pm. Friends and any adult tickets are $8.00. Please call Donna Delagardelle at 827-1609 or 239-9945 for ordering your tickets by Tuesday, March 5.

St. Mary's Court #1099 of the Catholic Order of Foresters is sponsoring a Matching Fund Breakfast on Sunday, March 10. Sausage, eggs, hash browns, cinnamon rolls, coffee, orange juice and milk will be served. The Breakfast is open to the public and will be from 8:00am – 12:00pm at St. Mary Center in Gilbertville, Iowa. Free will donations are encouraged. The money raised this year will go for curricula enhancements and technology at Immaculate Conception School in Gilbertville.

A raffle is also being conducted. Prizes of one $100, three $50, and six $25 prizes will also be given away that day at 12:00pm. You need not be present to win.

Please come support Immaculate Conception School!

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 .

No Waterloo buses March 18-22.

Bosco Catholic School System Hall of Fame

We are excited to continue to recognize those individuals who have contributed so much to the Bosco Catholic School System! Below you will see the different awards and criteria that we recognize within our Hall of Fame. You can see the individuals/groups that have been inducted in the past by stopping by Don Bosco Catholic High School and see plaques of them on the wall across from our concession stand. Help to spread the word and submit your nominations for the awards below! Thank you for your time with this.

Distinguished Alumni Award

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor bestowed on an alumnus/alumna by the Bosco Catholic School System. This award is given to alumni who have reached the pinnacle of their career and have brought credit to themselves and the Bosco Catholic School System through distinguished accomplishments in ALL of the following areas:

Business or Professional Life.
Community affairs at local, state or national levels.
Support of the advancement and continued excellence of the Bosco Catholic School System.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to recipients at the Don Bosco Catholic High School Commencement Ceremonies on May 20, 2018.

If you would like to nominate an individual for the Distinguished Alumni Award, please complete the online form below. If you have any questions, contact Casey Redmond at 319-296-1692 or credmond@boscocatholic.org .
http://www.boscocatholic.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Advancement-Alumni%7CDistinguished%20Alumni%20Award

Athletics Hall of Fame

To submit nominations click on the link below or email Tom Hogan at thogan@boscocatholic.org with who you are nominating, the background and reason why he/she is deserving, and what sport you are nominating him/her for.
http://www.boscocatholic.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Don%20Bosco%7CDB%20Athletics%3E%3EHall%20of%20Fame

Fine Arts Hall of Fame

To submit nominations email Heidi Rottink at hrottink@boscocatholic.org with who you are nominating, the background and reason why he/she is deserving, and what he/she participated in. Accomplishments can include things that they did while in high school, college, and/or during their adult professional career that relates to Fine Arts. A committee will then look at all of the nominations and select a candidate.

The inductee(s) will be recognized during the Spring Concert if being recognized for music or art. If being recognized for Drama it will be during the Spring Musical in April.

Deadline to submit Hall of Fame applications is Friday, March 15, 2019, by noon.

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: _____