DON BOSCO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER

School office closed December 24, 2018 – January 2, 2019
Friday, January 4: Feast of Epiphany – K-12 Mass at Immaculate Conception
Friday, January 18 – NO School – Professional Development Day
Monday, January 21 – NO School – Martin Luther King Day
January 27 – February 3 – Catholic School Week

Your tuition statement was emailed on Friday morning for any families that have a balance. Please look it over carefully and call the high school office if you have any questions or concerns. The Don Bosco office will be closed December 24, 25, 31, and January 1 with limited hours the rest of the break. Thank you

Tuition Tax Credit Letters will be sent home in January. These letters include any tuition payments made in the calendar year 2018. If you would like tuition payments to be credited to the 2018 year, please have them to the Don Bosco office by December 28. The school office will be closed on December 31.

Don Bosco Catholic High School Winter (Informal) Dance
Saturday, January 26th from 9-11
The DJ is our very own Mr. Kruse
$3 per person or $5 per couple

NURSE NOTES - Making it through the holidays can add stress to your plans to eat healthy. Some hints to make the holidays more joyful include keeping the focus on fun not food. What memories can you make? Indulge in only the best holiday treats. Something that is prepared all the time isn't as special as the different dishes that are prepared this time of year. Try to find a way to do some activity during this busy time. Follow your routine. Keep fruits and vegetables on hand for snacks. Drink plenty of water. Don't short yourself on sleep. Wash your hands often. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Marianne Hickey RN

Don Bosco Percussion Ensemble Chosen to Perform at I. B. A. in May

The Don Bosco Percussion Ensemble has been chosen to do a clinic and performance at the upcoming Iowa Bandmasters Convention in May. Based on a tape sent in a few weeks ago and also due to the I. B. A. President being one of the judges at our Solo and Ensemble Contest that we hosted last April, the percussion ensemble was chosen to perform at the highly prestigious Convention held May 9th - 11th. I

received the invitation from I. B. A. President Jane Triplett, band director in the Iowa City School District, earlier this week. The clinic/performance could be either May 9th, 10th or 11th and that has not been determined yet. Most likely it will be either May 9th or 10th. The Clinic/Performance will be entitled - "How To Have A Successful Percussion Ensemble In A Small School Setting." Former Don Bosco Band member and now director of Percussion Studies at University of Northern Iowa Ryan Frost will be soloing with the group at the convention. This is quite an honor for a small school to be chosen for this. Usually larger schools with more prominent music departments get chosen for this convention.

CONGRATULATIONS to the students in this group!! More information to parents will be forthcoming as I receive it from the Iowa Bandmasters headquarters.
First thing that needs to take place is a formal/professional picture of the group for P R purposes; newspapers, convention program, etc. I would like this to take place as soon towards the beginning of January as possible. All black outfits are requested. Girls in either Black dresses/dress pants and black shoes and Men in black shirts, pants and shoes. Good looking ties with black shirts preferred.
Mr. Mikita, Band Director

Students in this years' Percussion Ensemble are:

Marissa McFadden, Kaylee Kerr, Emma Bailey, Koen Bovy, Megan Naughton, Cali Weber, Bella Douglas, Paige Corkery, Jacob Weber, Joel Knepper, Ryan McFadden, Caitlin Wayson, J J McManus, Madi Long, Sam Willey, Zach Knepper

STO 2019 - Changes

1) Due to a change in STO legislation, qualifying families up to 400% of the federal poverty rate (instead of 300%) may receive STO awards in 19-20 school year. The exact calculations of 400% of the federal poverty level will not be available until **late January,** as that is when the federal government releases new guidelines.

2) A significant change for the 19-20 school year is that all families that file taxes will be required to **submit their 2018 tax return.**

STO Application & Award Timeline for 2019-20
Internal Timeline for Schools

******The starred & bolded dates are shared on parent timeline sheet.**

***Jan 1st** FACTS Online Application Opens at online.factsmgt.com/aid

***April 15** Round #1 Deadline for FACTS Applications
- Completed online application AND all required 2018 tax documentation must be uploaded or faxed by this date.

***April 16** Round #2 Application Window Opens for Incomplete Round #1 Applications or New Applications

***May 24** Schools Distribute STO Round #1 Award/Tuition Contract Letters

***June 7** Deadline for Parents to Accept/Deny STO Awards & Return Tuition Contracts

***July 15** Round #2 Deadline for FACTS Applications

- Completed online application AND all required 2018 tax documentation must be uploaded or faxed by this date.

***August 6** Schools Distribute STO Round #2 Awards/Tuition Contract

***STO Application Round Window Summary**
***** Need to submit 2018 tax documentation**
Jan. 1st-April 15th: Round #1

April 16th-July 15th: Round #2

January 27 - February 2

Schedule

Monday: Students must be in regular dress code.

Anthony Digmann will be speaking from 7:45 am - 9:00 am. Anyone is welcome to listen to Anthony. It will take place in the high school gym. More information about Anthony can be found here.

His presentation is titled: **"Star Wars: A Catholic Perspective"** This popular talk combines the overwhelming success of Star Wars with Catholic theology and practice in a fun and insightful presentation. It includes an exploration of faith, hope, love, temptation, evil, virtue, self-sacrifice, and more!

Tuesday: This will be a normal day as of now. **Students must be in regular dress code.**

Wednesday: Students must wear closed toed shoes. Students may wear jeans and Bosco apparel.

Service projects will be going on all afternoon! We are still working out the final details, but we will for sure be sending staff and students to NE IA Food Bank, House of Hope, and Salvation Army.

Thursday:
We will have an all school Mass at 1:00 pm (Feast of St. John Bosco). **Students will be allowed to dress up appropriately with the same policy as if it were a First Friday Mass. If not dressed up students must be in regular dress code. No t-shirts allowed.**

Friday: This will be a normal day as of now. **Students must be in regular dress code.**

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 School System Commencement Ceremonies

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

The induction for this will take place at the graduation ceremonies on May 19, 2019.

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 they are deserving, and what sport you are nominating them for.

http://www.boscocatholic.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Don%20Bosco%7CDB%20Athletics%3E%3EHall%20of%20Fame

Volunteer Hall of Fame

Its purpose is to honor those people who have given and sacrificed through the years to sustain Catholic education. There are many ways these wonderful people have given their time, talents, and treasures because they value and support the Catholic education. These people have offered years of service as faculty, staff personnel, or volunteers. They have gone above and beyond in giving of their time and/or helping support financially.

If you know of someone who fits this description, please provide the name of the nominee and include a letter explaining why you think this person would be an outstanding choice. A committee then votes on the nominations based on the above criteria.

Your nomination can be sent to bschares@asiowa.com

The inductee will be recognized in January during Catholic Schools Week.

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 they are deserving, and what they 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.

Wishing your family a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!