



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.

This week is National School Choice Week.

At the heart of Catholic education is the belief that parents are the first teacher. This is a value that I, personally, hold dear. In His bestowment of children upon us, He is trusting us to make the best decisions for our children.

The right to choose an education for your child is precious and no one should be forced by zip code to have limited options for their child's education. We at the Bosco Catholic School System are HONORED to be your SCHOOL OF CHOICE for your children. We know that it takes commitment and sometimes sacrifice by you to send your child to us. We do not take that lightly and work tirelessly to meet your student's needs and look to continuously improve our practice.

We are so thankful for the right to choose and support legislation to help ease the additional financial burden that tuition places on families (on top of the tax dollars that you already pay to fund local public schools). As an accredited school, we are held to the same instructional and staffing standards as the public schools. We work diligently to stretch our dollars to meet those standards as fiscal responsibility is so important when you know that public tax dollars are not coming in.

As with any issue, there are arguments on both sides of the debate. At the end of the day School Choice should ALWAYS be a parent's right. You might be seeing or hearing many things this week about "Public dollars for Public schools", accusations that private (non-public) schools are not held accountable, and so on. I encourage you to do your research and not just take those posts at face value. From someone who has been in both systems, I can assure you that much of what I have been reading is simply not true.

Again, God trusts you to make the best choice possible for your child and we are truly honored to offer you a choice for a faith-based, Catholic education!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Douglas

Report Cards

First Semester report cards are being sent home today with K-8 students.

Catholic Schools Week Jan. 31-Feb. 6, 2021

Next week we celebrate Catholic School Week, please see the flyer below for the week's activities.

K-1 students will spend their day at the IC center next Wednesday, February 3. A Bosco System bus will transfer ABC students to Raymond at the end of the day.

**Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org
by 8:00am on Wednesday, February 3.**

IC/SJ Yearbook Sale

Order forms for the 2020-2021 IC/SJ yearbooks were sent home last week. The cost is \$14.00 for each yearbook. Please return order form with payment by February 12.

Service Project Supplies Needed

We need your help for our Catholic Schools Week Service Projects! We could use donations of fleece for the blankets, old towels/blankets/t-shirts for the chew toys. Please send your donations to the school tomorrow!

Nurse's Notes

How we start our day says a lot about how the day will go. This goes for our children here at school also. Do they start the day with breakfast? If they do, what do they eat? Is there a lot of processed foods in their diet? This would include sugary cereals, yogurt with sweetener added, of course pastry and some of the fruit snacks. Even granola bars that are considered healthy can have a lot of hidden sugar. Practice reading the labels. Men should try and limit sugar intake to 150 calories or 9 teaspoons and women 100 calories or 6 teaspoons. One can of sweetened pop has 140-150 calories from sugar. Starting the day with a can of pop may give you all the recommended amount of sugar for the whole day. Know what you are fueling your body with. Look for those foods that have hidden sugar. Start off with a positive attitude and a healthy meal and the day will hopefully be more productive. Marianne Hickey RN

STO Application Information

The Our Future School Tuition Organization (STO) and Bosco Catholic School System are pleased to once again provide tuition assistance to qualifying families. STO is available for K-12 students only.

The online FACTS application for STO award consideration is open and available at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>.

- If families applied through FACTS last year, they should use their same user name and password.
- Families must upload a completed 2020 federal tax return and related tax documents if they are required to file a federal return.

The application deadline is April 15, 2021. Thus, families will need to have their 2020 Federal Tax Return completed and uploaded by April 15th.

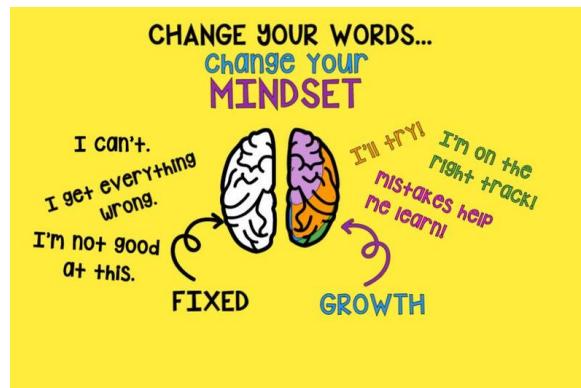
The STO application is required for your local school tuition assistance program. The application fee is \$31.00 per application (not per child)

Families needing assistance with their application should call the FACTS Helpline at 866-315-9262 Monday-Thursday 7:00am to 7:00pm and Friday 7:00am to 5:00pm.

Counseling Corner

We have been talking about and working on our growth mindset all January long in grades K-8! A growth mindset is a person "who thrives on challenge and sees failure not as evidence of unintelligence but as a heartening springboard for growth and for stretching our existing abilities." This is someone who embraces challenges, persists in the face of setbacks, puts in effort, learns from criticism, and finds lessons and inspiration in the success of others to reach their highest levels of potential. We have been focusing on our strengths and our "I can do it attitudes!" We have also been talking about the power of yet - I can't do this YET, I don't know this YET, etc.

Hopefully your student has brought home our activities that we've been working with or shared some of our lessons with you. If not, ask them about their growth mindset and how they are using growth mindset at school. :) If you want an awesome resource, The Big Life Kids Podcast is great and also the journals you can get are awesome!



PTO News

Our next PTO meeting will be held Tuesday, February 2 at 5:30pm in St Mary Center. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

If you purchase gift cards, please purchase them through our Scrip program. It is a win win!

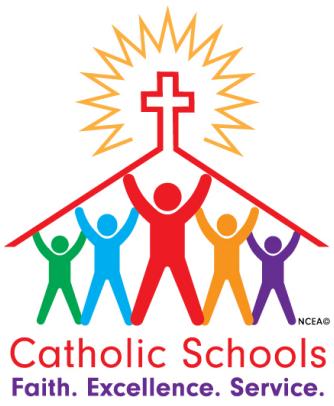
<https://www.boscocatholic.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Giving%7CSCRIP>

From Ms. Heather....

The preschool classes have been hard at work learning the first two habits of the Leader in Me 7 habits.

Habit 1: Be Proactive, the children have learned a song to help them remember what it means to be proactive, each day we ask the students to tell us ways they can be proactive, here are a few ways the children practice being proactive - helping a friend, sitting quietly, making good choices, listening when someone is talking, sharing, taking care of ourselves.

Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind, we are learning to make a plan to accomplish our tasks no matter how big or small. Each student colored a picture of what they want to be when they grow up and how they will accomplish that goal.



2021 Gold Star Award for Outstanding Teaching

What is the Gold Star Award?

Each year, a committee of volunteers selects 10 incredible teachers from hundreds of nominations submitted by students, parents, and teachers. Then, teachers get to be celebrated through an event, \$1,000 cash, and a \$500 classroom grant. [Learn more.](#)

How do I nominate?

We welcome you to nominate teachers of all backgrounds, teaching specialties, and schools. We'd love to hear about your amazing teachers!

Nominations are now open!

You can submit online: [here](#). They must be submitted by 11:59pm on Saturday, February 20.

The Gold Star Award Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. More information on the event is to come.

Nomination forms were sent home last week with PK-1 students. If you would like a nomination form sent home please let Ms. Berry know.

Lost and Found items at IC School





As we prepare for the 2021-2022 school year, we are excited to announce some **NEW OFFERINGS** for the 2021-2022 school year!

It's time to **RESERVE** your child's **spot** in our 3 year old, 4 year old, or kindergarten program

OR, if you know of someone who has a 3 year old, 4 year old, or kindergartner, please let us know or share this form with them!

Our after school program (ABC) will be available for all 3 and 4 year olds enrolled in our full day classes. ABC is open to PK-5 students.

Grade in 2021-2022: (circle one)

Kindergarten Preschool 4 yr old Preschool 3 yr old

Please circle the **4 year old** option you are interested in:

M-F 7:30-2:15 M-W-F 7:30-2:15 M-W-F 7:30-10:30

Please circle the **3 year old** option you are interested in:

M-F 7:30-2:15 M-W-F 7:30-2:15 M-W-F 7:30-10:30 T & Th 7:30-2:15 T & Th 7:30-10:30

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

Child's Date of Birth: _____

Parents Name: _____

Address, PO Box, City, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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



Bosco Catholic School System
Catholic Schools Week
January 31 – February 6, 2021
Discover & Celebrate



Sunday, January 31 — Celebrating our Parishes

Feast day of St. John Bosco

Thank you to our parishes for all of their support both financial and prayerful

Immaculate Conception, Gilbertville • St. Joseph, Raymond

St. Athanasius, Jesup • St. Francis, Barclay

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel, Eagle Center • Sacred Heart, LaPorte City

Monday, February 1, Feb — Celebrating our Nation

Dress for the day—Patriotic—dress in **Red**, **White** & **Blue** OR school dress code

PK-12 Teacher Trivia

Tuesday, February 2 — Celebrating our Students

Dress for the day --**Bosco Spirit Day** OR school dress code

PK-8 Donuts/Scavenger Hunt

9-12 Donuts/ Movie @ Starlight Theater in Independence

Wednesday, February 3 — Celebrating our Communities

K-1 at IC all day

Dress for the day—Celebrate the communities we share our faith and talents with outside of school

OR celebrate community helpers

OR school dress code

4H • club teams • dance • gymnastics • scouts • youth groups • etc.
fire fighter•police•EMT•nurse•doctor•etc.

K-12 Service projects during AM (small mixed age groups)

MS & HS Conquer tournaments

Live stream link for HS tournament (<https://youtu.be/AEIRTkCGjw8>)

K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 STREAM(Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Math)
construction activity by units in PM

1:45 K-12 Live Stream Mass

Thursday, February 4 — Celebrating Vocations

Dress for the day--as your future profession OR school dress code

PK-1 100 Day activities

K-12 Career Fair

PTO provides lunch for faculty/staff

Friday, February 5 — Celebrate our Faculty/Staff

Professional Development Day—NO SCHOOL for students

AM Faculty Retreat—PD Day Lunch provided