



## 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.

### From Mrs. Douglas.....

November is that time of year that we are reminded to be thankful as we look to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. In a year such as this, we often times have to make a concerted effort to be thankful when it feels like so much is out of our control.

Here at school, we are faced with daily challenges of navigating instruction for students who are in situations that are beyond their control. We have so much empathy for our families who are also facing situations that are out of their control. As I reflect upon the situation, I have to be intentional in looking for the good instead of focusing on the challenges.

Here is some of the good that I am so thankful for:

- Having our doors open for onsite instruction.
- The adaptability and resilience that our children have.
- The flexibility and perseverance that our staff have.
- The understanding and cooperation that we have from our families.
- Our children being able to attend Mass either live or virtually.
- God's love that surrounds us everyday even when we don't seek it out.
- Faith that He is in control.

As we close this school week and head into the week of Thanksgiving, I pray that we all continue to stay safe and healthy. I pray that we all find ways to connect with our families in some way. I pray that we all have some time to rejuvenate and relax. And I pray that we all stay strong in our Faith that God has us in the palm of His hands.

### *Menu Change for Next Week*

All classes earned a Fun Run pizza party.

2-8 students at IC will have pizza, lettuce, fruit, dessert, and milk for lunch on Monday, November 23.

St. Joseph students will have pizza, bag of chips, pears, cookie, and milk for lunch on Tuesday, November 24.

Congratulations to our second grade students who received the the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last night.

### **Happy National Catholic Principal Appreciation**

**Day Mrs. Douglas!** Thank you for your tireless efforts to improve our school and the lives of our students. The countless hours you spend ensuring that IC/St. Joseph School is a first class, faith based learning program do not go unnoticed. Your commitment to our school is evident each and every day. You are a blessing to us!



*Please send all newsletter items to [icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org](mailto:icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org) by 3:00pm on Wednesday, December 2.*

### ***Virtual Learning Expectations***

As we continue to have students needing to quarantine we want to clarify a few things.

Middle school students who are not ill, will be able to log in virtually within 24 hours of the school being notified. Elementary students will take a little longer to get set up as teachers will need time to gather materials and arrange for delivery of materials. If your elementary child is going to be out 3 days or less (like if you are awaiting test results), we will likely not get them set up as a virtual student and instead, get them caught up when they return. Once we know that an elementary student is going to be gone longer than 3 days, we will get the virtual student opportunity set up. Preschool students-see below.

These are the expectations for students that are learning virtually:

- Middle School students need to attend all classes that they have been sent zoom links for. If they cannot attend a class, we ask that you email the office to let them know that your child will be absent.
- Elementary students- Elementary teachers will provide zoom links for live instruction and will work with families, as each family's situation is different.
- Preschool families- Teachers will try to gather materials for your child to work on if he/she has to be out longer than 3 days. They will try to work with you to set up a few times for your child to connect virtually with their class either through a zoom or Facetime. This will be on a case by case basis, allowing the teacher to work collaboratively with the family.
- Learning virtually, a student needs to conduct themselves in a manner conducive to being in the classroom.
  - Their video must be on and they need to be in view (no cameras pointing at the ceiling fan)
  - They must be dressed appropriately- no pajamas, hats, or hoods on heads.
  - They must have the mute button on unless they are supposed to be speaking.
  - Their backgrounds must be appropriate for school and not be a distraction.
  - They should not be holding or showing their pets, toys, etc.
  - If they are unmuted, they should not talk to the other students that are on the Zoom. (side conversation)
  - They should only use the chat box to communicate with the teacher and not have side chats with other students that also may be virtual.

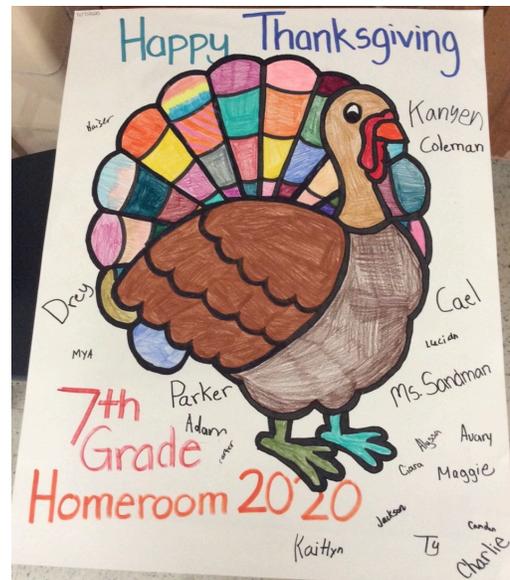
We are so pleased to be able to offer this temporary learning opportunity for our students and families. Thank you for your help in ensuring that it is a successful experience for the student, the classroom, and the teacher!

### ***From Mrs. Monaghan.....***

We are excited to share that we have adopted a virtual class pet! It is a dairy cow! We are working with a program called Discover Dairy that works with schools across the country. We have not been told who our specific calf is yet, but we do know that it lives in Waukon, IA at Prairie Moon Guernseys Farm. We are looking forward to learning about dairy farming and watching our calf grow. This week we took a live virtual field trip to Talview Dairy Farm in Pennsylvania. Since our Cattle Congress field trip wasn't able to happen this year, this is a new and great opportunity for students to learn about agriculture and the importance of farming! We can't wait to meet our calf!

### ***A message from Ms. Sandman.....***

Do you have any holiday traditions? In my family every year for Thanksgiving my dad gets up in the morning and draws a turkey on a large piece of paper. Throughout the day, all the family members color the turkey in and sign their names on the back. This is one of my favorite traditions that my family does for the holidays! I have decided to keep this tradition going in my homeroom each year. I drew a turkey for the class and had them all color it and sign it. It might seem like a silly thing to do, but it can be very meaningful and create some great memories! So, if you don't have a family tradition for the holidays, try one out this year!



### ***School Bus Drivers Needed***

The Bosco Catholic School System is looking for bus drivers for our morning and afternoon routes. For those interested in driving for activities we can arrange that too. If interested call 319-296-1692 or email Casey Redmond at [credmond@boscocatholic.org](mailto:credmond@boscocatholic.org).

### ***Nurse's Notes***

November 19 is the Great American Smokeout. Quitting tobacco products is not easy. It takes a plan. Start with one day. Plan to not use tobacco products on Thursday, November 19. According to the American Cancer Society smoking remains the number one preventable cause of death. The sooner you quit the more you can reduce your chances of getting cancer and other diseases. The American Cancer Society recommends finding your reason to quit. Be prepared to quit. Consider how you are going to quit. Are you going "cold turkey" or using nicotine replacement? Lean on your loved ones or find your support system. Find a new way to relax. People report that nicotine helps them relax. Find new ways. Massage, reading, exercising or listening to music. Avoid triggers. This may mean a place where you usually used tobacco products. Keep trying. If you don't succeed the first time try again and again if needed.  
Marianne Hickey RN

### ***In Search of Photography Bids***

Bosco Catholic School System is seeking proposals/bids for a photography company that would be able to photograph students for school pictures as well as sports teams, prom, and homecoming events. We would like this company to provide picture packages as well as ala carte items with varying backgrounds for the school pictures. Other items that we would like included are:

- ID cards for grades 6-12 and all staff
  - Class composites for all students in grades PK-8 included in the package
  - Order ala carte items or "add – on" without purchasing a "package"
  - CD or download with High Resolution for our yearbooks (students and staff)
  - CD or download with Lower Resolution for PowerSchool (students and staff)
  - CD or download with team photos for our yearbooks
  - 4 stickers of all students and staff
- Please call the high school office (319-296-1692) with questions or to submit a bid.

### ***STO News***

**We are Thankful for You.** Your donation to Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) gives the gift of a Catholic School education to Iowa families who otherwise would struggle to make this dream a reality. With this gift, families have the ability to choose the educational setting that best meets the needs of their children regardless of their income. If you file an Iowa income tax return, your contributions to the STO qualify for a 65% tax credit and may qualify for a federal charitable deduction. Visit [www.ourfaithsto.org](http://www.ourfaithsto.org) or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546 ext. 219 to learn more or you have questions about the program.

***Remember to purchase Scrip.***

### ***Water Bottle Reminder***

Students should have a water bottle with them. The drinking fountains are turned off. Students may use the filling stations. Having an easy-to-use bottle that doesn't require unscrewing the cap and screwing it back on for every drink will certainly be appreciated. Spill-proof caps and sport-tops are a great choice. NO glass bottles please.

### ***Counseling Corner***

Hi everyone! I just wanted to send a quick reminder that I am on social media! You can follow my Facebook page : Ms. R's Bosco Counseling Corner to see what fun activities, quick tips, etc. :) Happy Thursday!

**Looking for a way to earn some extra money while also helping your school?** Substitute teaching could be the answer!!

Given the ongoing need for substitute teachers, the state has made some adjustments to securing your substitute teaching license.

If you have a bachelor's degree, associate's degree, or 60 hours of college credit you can take the brief, 20 hour, substitute authorization course and become a substitute teacher!

Please click on the following link to find out more information about some upcoming class offerings, some of which are virtual.

[Substitute Authorization Classes](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Shelby Douglas [sdouglas@boscocatholic.org](mailto:sdouglas@boscocatholic.org) or Casey Redmond at [credmond@boscocatholic.org](mailto:credmond@boscocatholic.org).

Thank you for considering this opportunity! What a great Win-Win for you and for our school!



**There will be no classes  
November 25, 26, 27  
and the school offices will be closed.**



Advent begins Sunday, November 29



# Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization

*The Our Faith STO has provided tuition grants to our students  
totaling more than \$56 million in just 14 years!*



As an Iowa taxpayer, your STO contribution is eligible for an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of your contribution. The amount you contribute may qualify as a charitable donation on your federal tax return as well.

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To learn more, contact Jeff Schneider at [Jeff.Schneider@DbqArch.org](mailto:Jeff.Schneider@DbqArch.org)  
or (563) 556-2580 ext. 219 or 800-876-3546 ext. 219

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### TAX CREDIT INFORMATION

By law, tax credits may only be issued to one individual per donation.

Taxpayer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Taxpayer SSN / EIN (required for tax credit): \_\_\_\_\_

If Business: Corporation Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Yr End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If Memorial, List Details: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish my donation to remain anonymous.

### GIFT INFORMATION

Total Gift Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Check Enclosed *Make check payable to: Our Faith STO*

Credit Card:  MasterCard  VISA  Discover  American Express

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ CSV #: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to give stock. *Please contact Jeff Schneider at 563-556-2580 x219*

I plan to give grain. *Before beginning the transfer process, please contact Jeff Schneider at 563-556-2580 x219.*

I plan to give a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from my IRA.

### TAXPAYER CONTACT INFORMATION

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### FINAL STEPS

Mail your contribution with this completed form to:

**Our Faith STO: 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52003**

- Tax credits are awarded on a first come, first served basis.
- Contributions must be postmarked by **12/31/20** to be eligible for a 2020 tax credit.
- In the event the tax credit limit has been reached when this gift is received, your gift will be promptly returned.
- If you have set up a recurring gift, your consolidated receipt will be mailed at the end of the calendar year.

*It is important to note that donor requested restrictions to specific school(s)/system(s) are subject to the following STO regulations. Up to 50% of gifts may be restricted to school(s)/system(s) as designated. The Contributor understands and agrees that if a school/system designated for a restricted contribution does not have one or more students who are eligible to receive tuition assistance under the law's requirements or all eligible students have received the maximum assistance set by the STO board so as to permit for the full use of the requested contribution, the contribution, or the unused portion thereof, will be used for tuition assistance for qualifying students at any of the STO schools/systems. There are no appeals.*

### GIFT DESIGNATION

I hereby direct **100%** of this contribution be deposited in the STO's unrestricted fund.

I hereby direct **50%** of this contribution to provide tuition assistance to students attending school(s)/system(s) listed below. (Please circle.)

*Please note that unless you have marked the anonymous box, your name and the amount of your donation that was restricted will be shared with the administrator of the school(s) designated.*

### RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTION DESIGNATIONS

1	Ames, St. Cecilia	20	Gilbertville, Raymond Bosco
2	Anamosa, St. Patrick	21	Guttenberg, St. Mary
3	Bellevue, Marquette	22	Holy Cross, LaSalle
4	Calmar, Ossian, Spillville St. Teresa	23	Independence, St. John
5	Cascade, Aquin	24	Jesup, St. Athanasius
6	Cedar Falls, St. Patrick	25	Manchester, St. Mary
7	CR, All Saints	26	Maquoketa, Sacred Heart
8	CR, Holy Family	27	Marion, St. Joseph
9	CR, St. Matthew	28	Marshalltown, St. Francis
10	CR, St. Pius X	29	Mason City, Newman Catholic
11	CR, Regis MS	30	Monticello, Sacred Heart
12	CR, Xavier HS	31	New Hampton, St. Joseph
13	Charles City, Immaculate Conception	35	Protivin, Trinity Catholic
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15	Decorah, St. Benedict	37	Waukon, St. Patrick
16	Dubuque, Holy Family	38	Waverly, St. Paul's Lutheran
17	Dyersville, St. Francis Xavier	39	Webster City, St. Thomas Aquinas
18	Dyersville, Beckman		
19	Farley, Peosta Seton Catholic		

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- If sending your contribution after November 1, 2020 **please check the website or call to see if credits are available.** Credits are limited and awarded on a first come, first served basis.
- IRA and stock contributions **must be made on or before December 10, 2020** (assuming tax credits avail.).
- To qualify as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) that satisfies your RMD requirement, you must be 70½ at the time the gift is made.

If you have questions regarding your gift, please contact Jeff Schneider, Director of the Our Faith STO at (563) 556-2580 x219 or Jeff.Schneider@dbqarch.org