



## 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.

### Did You Know.....

So many of our teachers go above and beyond to bring in a variety of learning opportunities for their students! Ms. Schroeder recently added "Reflex Math". Here is what she has to say:

"I received a grant that will allow the students to use this program to learn and become fluent with their math facts for an entire year. In order to keep the grant, each student has to get at least three green lights per week. It takes about 15 minutes for them to get a green light. A letter went home to parents with instructions. Parents will be able to monitor and support your child's efforts towards increasing math fact fluency."

Thank you, Ms. Schroeder for making this happen!



### ***Veteran's Day Celebration***

Bosco Catholic School System will be honoring Veterans at our annual Veteran's Day Celebration on Monday, November 11 in the St. Mary Center Gym. A reception will start at 8:30am in the commons followed by the presentation of colors at 9:00am. There will be reserved seating for all Veterans. The public is encouraged to attend.

*Congratulations to our second grade students who made their First Reconciliation on Tuesday.*

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

Last weekend we turned back our clocks. Did you remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms? Smoke alarms saves lives. A smoke alarm provides early detection of a fire. Per the Center for Disease Control 2000 people lose their lives to fire every year. Two-thirds of the home fire deaths occur in a home that does not have working smoke detectors. Smoke alarms should be on every level of the home. They should be outside sleeping areas and in bedrooms. Test the alarms once a month. Make sure that everyone knows what sound the alarm makes and what the fire escape plan is. Practice your escape plan on a regular basis. Most fires are started from cooking equipment. The second leading cause per the CDC is heating and cooling systems and electrical cords and lighting. Smoke detectors can save lives if they are working properly.

We are hearing more coughing and sniffles. It is that time of year. Facts about the cold (rhino) virus: You cannot catch a cold from being cold. You catch a cold from someone that shares the virus with you. Thanks! Per the Center for Disease Control symptoms include sore throat, runny nose, coughing, sneezing, headache and body aches. Symptoms may last 7-10 days. Adults average 2-3 colds per year and children even more. Antibiotics do not help you recover from a cold. A cold is a virus, not a bacterial infection. Infections spread through the air and personal contact. There is no cure. Rest and fluids help. To help reduce the risk of contracting the cold (rhino) virus wash your hands frequently with soap and water and keep your hands away from your face. Please help remind children of this. Germs are not for sharing!

Marianne Hickey RN

***Please send all newsletter items to [icsnewsletter@boscocatholic.org](mailto:icsnewsletter@boscocatholic.org) by 3:00pm on Wednesday, November 13.***

### ***Middle School Parents,***

Mark your calendar! Our Middle School Concert is next Wednesday, November 13 at 6:00pm in the High School Gym. Students should arrive by 5:30pm in the band room to get lined up for the concert. They may wear Spirit Day clothes but are also welcome to dress up even more! When in doubt, refer to the school dress code. If your student is not able to attend the concert, they will have to find a time with me to complete the alternative assignment.

Please let me know as soon as possible! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [sbergan@boscocatholic.org](mailto:sbergan@boscocatholic.org). I hope to see you all there! Mr. Bergan

### ***What's this STO all about?***

It's about supporting Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Dubuque and making the most out of your charitable contribution. If you file an Iowa income tax return, your contributions to the Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) qualify for a 65% tax credit. That means for every \$1000 you donate, you receive an Iowa income tax credit \$650, which reduces your Iowa tax liability by \$650. Seriously, a \$1000 contribution reduces your Iowa tax liability by a whopping \$650! Visit [www.OurFaithSto.org](http://www.OurFaithSto.org) or call 800-876-3546 ext. 219 or 307 to learn more.

### ***Field Trip***

Our 8th grade students will tour the Career Center in Waterloo on Monday, November 11.

### ***Middle School Girls Basketball***

It's that time of year again, Basketball season. The Middle School Girls Basketball will start having practice on Monday, Nov. 11 from 4-5:30, Monday thru Friday. I look forward to the season, any questions feel free to contact me at [brian.k.weber.bw@gmail.com](mailto:brian.k.weber.bw@gmail.com) or [319-504-7833](tel:319-504-7833). Thanks, Coach Weber.

### ***Jr. Dons Basketball***

Jr. Dons Basketball will have open gym on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10:00-11:30 at St Mary Center. Any boy or girl in 3rd - 6th grade is invited. If your son or daughter is unable to attend open gym but is interested in playing basketball this year please send an email to [jess.steils@gmail.com](mailto:jess.steils@gmail.com).

### **Fourth Grade: "Old Tom White"**

I usually skip this song because of how busy I get this time of year. However, I'm glad I didn't skip it last week! We started with the second song in their recorder packet. The lyrics go, "Old Tom White saw a fright, in the middle of the night. Saw a ghost eating toast, halfway up the old lampost." After learning the recorder and xylophone parts, they helped create this marvelous arrangement! Later, I realized that it was a good thing we were wearing pajamas that day. We could have pretended we saw this happen in the middle of the night, then decided to write this song! They did such a great job!

Check out the video at: <https://mrbergan.wixsite.com/music/post/old-tom-white>

THANK YOU so much for all the support for our Fun Run Fundraiser!  
A huge yee-haw to our PTO for all their hard work.

*Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph Staff*

