



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.

No School tomorrow, December 6 - Professional Development Day

K-1 Students - December 11

K-1 will start the day at IC on Wednesday, December 11 to practice for the Christmas Concert. If you normally drop your child off in Raymond, you will need to drop them off at IC in the morning. They will be bused to Raymond immediately following practice.



We met our Box Tops goal and earned a jean day with a spirit or uniform shirt on Wednesday, December 11.

IC/SJ Yearbook Cover Design

The yearbook committee is getting started on the 2019-2020 book, any student interested in designing the cover, hand drawn or digitally created, the due date is Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Guidelines are: create on 8.5 x 11 white paper, have Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph Catholic School on it, and students name. Please make sure all words are spelled correctly and students may use any colors.

Children's Religion Program

Our Children's Religion Program for children ages 3 to 6 will be held next Sunday, December 8 in St. Mary Center. Children may be dropped off at the Center 15 minutes before the 10:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

Good Luck FIRST LEGO League Team

Immaculate Conception's FIRST LEGO League team will attend the Cedar Falls Regional Qualifier on December 7. Team members: Cali Weber, Jack Hogan, Samantha Schmitz, Hannah Thome, Kaitlyn Willey, Adam Blakeman, Kaiser Bovy. Coaches: Karen Thoma, Maisie Bovy and Kurt Schmitz.

PreK and K-5 Christmas Concert Info

On Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00pm, we will be having our PreK and K-5 Christmas Concert in the Don Bosco gym. Students should meet in the following classrooms at the High School: Preschool in 111, Kindergarten and first in 109. Second and third grades in 107. Fourth and fifth grades in 106. Please have your student in the assigned classroom by 5:40 so we can have them lined up and ready to go. All students are encouraged to dress up, but can wear the school uniform as a minimum requirement. Student's coats also should be kept with their parents because they will not be allowed back into classrooms after the concert.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at sbergan@boscocatholic.org. I hope to see you all there! Thank you!

- Mr. Bergan

Thank You

Thank you to Teresa Schmitz for donating books to the St. Joseph Library, Donna Mangrich for donating books to Preschool, Karen Thoma for donating toys to preschool and to Ryan, Nikki, Katey and Camden for donating the library bear to the Preschool. All these items are much appreciated.



***Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org
by 8:00am on Wednesday, December 11.***

Nurse's Notes

This is National Handwashing Week. Our personal hygiene starts and ends with washing our hands. Washing our hands correctly prevents illness. Wash your hands for 20 seconds using running water and soap. Wash between fingers and around nails. Dry your hands well using a clean towel. We grew up hearing wash your hands before dinner. There are many other times we should wash our hands also. Wash your hands before you prepare food or eat. Wash your hands after using the bathroom. Wash your hands after you cough, sneeze or blow your nose. Think of all the common surfaces you come in contact with. Not everyone washes their hands as they should. Protect yourself. Wash your hands! Marianne Hickey RN

Bubbles and Kettles!

One of my favorite things about teaching is stepping back once in a while to let students make the musical decisions. In this activity, the only thing I taught was the words! After the Kindergarteners could say it together, we added actions and the form. However, it was a slow process. We didn't decide everything all at once. I only let one student make a suggestion, then we practiced it before adding another. These videos show off all of their decisions and practice time. Even though they're only forty seconds long, it represents about fifteen minutes of hard work!

If you watch both videos, you'll see that they're also completely different from each other! This is the other reason why I love doing this activity. When I did this lesson for the next class, I had to prevent myself from talking about what the other class did. I wanted to keep their ideas as original and authentic as possible!

I love how these videos turned out. I'm sure that if I kept doing this activity with more students, no two videos would be the same. I hope you enjoy watching the Kindergarteners' interpretation! Check out the videos here: <https://mrbergan.wixsite.com/music/post/bubbles-and-kettles> -Mr. Bergan

STO News

Still not sure about this "STO" thing? It's simple. If you file an Iowa income tax return, your contributions to the Our Faith STO receive a 65% tax credit. That means for every \$1000 you donate, you receive an Iowa income tax credit of \$650. Thus, a \$1000 contribution reduces your Iowa tax liability by a whopping \$650 AND the gift may qualify as a charitable contribution on your federal income tax return. And that gift you made? It helps makes a Catholic education affordable for every child. Thus, a \$1000 contribution reduces your Iowa tax liability by a whopping \$650. The available Iowa tax credits are filling up fast so visit www.OurFaithSto.org or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546 ext. 219 or 307 to learn more.

Over Rivers and Bridges!

This is a more complicated version of the Kindergarten activity in my previous article. During that lesson, I encouraged any and all ideas. But for Fourth Grade, I required they complete some harder tasks first! Naturally, they rose to the challenge, which led to this marvelous video!

Their first challenge was to sort their suggested actions into two categories, either Locomotor or Non-locomotor. Locomotor movements travel from one place to another, while non-locomotor movements can stay in one spot. After reviewing this, I wrote down their actions on my SMART Board and color-coded them to match each category. In the video, you can see some students looking to the side and following along!

The other challenge I gave them was to do their actions without singing the song. This forced them to really listen to the piano to stay together. If you watch the video, you'll see how well they stay together as a group even when they're not singing! This truly demonstrates how creative my Fourth Graders are in Music Class!

Check out the video here: <https://mrbergan.wixsite.com/music/post/over-the-rivers-and-bridges>

-Mr. Bergan

Dear Bosco Families,

You may remember last year when we raised money for Jaci Hermstad, age 25, who was diagnosed with childhood ALS last Christmas. Her twin sister was diagnosed with the same horrific disease at age 11 and passed away at age 17.

The money we raised was used for Jaci to be able to take an experimental new drug that may save her life. Since it is experimental, insurance doesn't cover the cost. She has had 8 infusions so far and it is working, even though the changes are slow. She wasn't even able to move her arms, fingers or legs at all and now is being able to slowly, but surely, move them.

We are going to have another Out of Uniform Day for Jaci on Tuesday, December 17.

If the students bring \$1.00 they can be out of uniform with jeans and a Bosco spirit shirt. If the students bring \$5.00 (or more) they can be out of uniform with sweats, a Bosco spirit shirt, and a Bosco hooded sweatshirt.

**We will be encouraging the kids to do something at home to earn the money so it is a more meaningful "giving" experience for them.

The money can be given to their homeroom teachers and then I will collect all of the money and take it directly to Jaci and her family over Christmas break.

I thank you all so much for your past support and for your support again. Jaci and her family are so overwhelmed by your prayers and support.

God Bless You All, Lora Johnson, 3rd Grade Teacher

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<http://www.boscocatholic.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Bosco%20Catholic%20School%20System%7CSCRIP%3E%3ESCRIP%20Program>



Second Sunday of Advent, December 8.