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.

Dear Bosco Families,

Here at BCSS we work diligently to create a climate and culture conducive to the spiritual, academic, physical, and social development of our students. Through our continuous improvement efforts, we identify areas of improvement. We have discovered an area that we feel we can take further steps in order to maintain a positive culture for the social and physical development of our students.

In some social circles, vaping has become a way for kids to fit in socially with some of their peers. We want to go on record stating that vaping is not part of the social culture we have created at BCSS. It is also detrimental to the physical development of our students as you can read here: FDA article on the dangers of vaping As such, we are taking a firm stand moving forward on the issue.

As an illegal substance, possession of vape pens and electronic cigarettes is against the law. Possession of such items will result in a call to local law enforcement. Law enforcement will then issue a charge for possession under Iowa Code which states:

State Code of Iowa 453A.2(2)
Persons under age 21 using tobacco, nicotine, vapor products, or cigarettes. Civil Penalty
1st Offense $70
2nd Offense $135
3rd Offense $325

The full code can be read here: https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/453A.2.pdf

We want to thank all of you for your continued support in our efforts to create a culture of healthy and positive spiritual, academic, physical, and social development.

No Waterloo buses today, February 18
No school tomorrow, February 19

Reconciliation

Students in grades 2-8 will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation at IC Church on Thursday, February 25.

2021-2022 Kindergarten and Preschool

We are gathering numbers for our 2021-2022 kindergarten and preschool classes. If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten or preschool next year, or if you know of someone who has a child, please fill out the form in this newsletter and return to the school office.

Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org by 8:00am on Wednesday, February 24.

Menu Change

We will have a menu change next week at the Gilbertville campus only. The menu will NOT change at St. Joseph.

Monday, Feb. 22
Chicken and Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Baby Carrots
Butter Sandwich
Grapes

Thursday, February 25
Corn Dog
Veg. Beans
Raisins
Apple

2021 Gold Star Award for Outstanding Teaching Nominations are due February 20

Please nominate your favorite teacher! We'd love to hear about your amazing teachers!
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.

Nurse's Notes

February is dental health month. Our students in Kindergarten and 9th grade should have a dental screening form on file. Tooth decay is the number one childhood illness per the American Dental Association. Dental visits should be scheduled for every six months. Brush twice a day for 2 minutes. Once the teeth start touching you should floss once a day. Snack on healthy snacks avoiding fruit juices high in sugar, sticky candies and fruit snacks. Offer yogurt, cheese sticks and water! Baby teeth are important. They are space savers for permanent teeth, they affect speech and chewing. Untreated tooth decay can actually lead to serious infections. Change your toothbrush every 3 months or after illness. Protect that smile! Marianne Hickey RN

STO (tuition assistance) Information

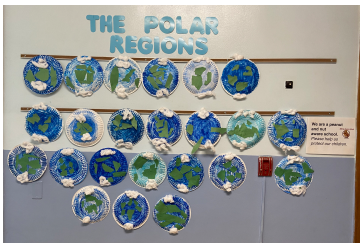
All STO applications must be submitted with appropriate documents by April 15. See the tuition assistance application information flyer below.

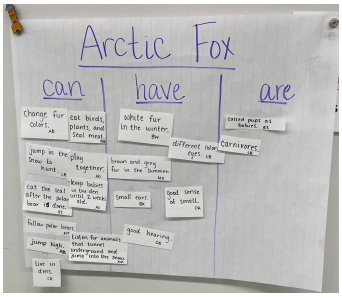
Middle School Coaches Needed

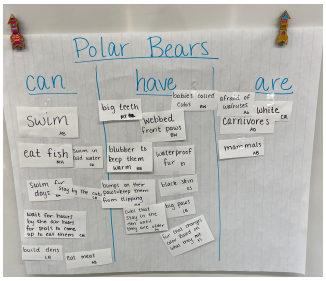
We are looking for a middle school Track and Baseball coach for this spring. Please contact Mr. Chicchelly with questions or to apply. bchicchelly@boscocatholic.org

A peek into Mrs. Wellman's Classroom…

This winter, we have been learning about arctic regions and arctic animals in first grade! We learned about the polar regions on maps and what the environment looks and feels like there compared to where we live. Our students have also been studying, researching, and writing about different animals that live in the arctic. Two animals that we focused on the most were polar bears and arctic foxes. We read books, articles, and watched videos to learn about these animals. Students put together a "can - have - are" chart of the information they learned, then used that as a resource to complete informational writing about the animals. They worked on using the pronoun "they" in their writing and putting their thoughts and findings into full sentences. Some other animals we are learning about are walruses, seals, snowy owls, and narwhals. We also got to make dens for reading and complete some fun crafts along the way!







Driver's Education Classes

MTMD Driving School L.L.C will have Driver Education classes at Independence High School. Information and registration forms may be picked up in the IC office. The cost of the course is $385. A $200 deposit is required with registration.

Tuition Rates 2021-2022

Tuition Rates for the 2021-2022 school year have been Board approved.

In parish tuition:

K-5	$2,860
6-8	$2,960
9-12	$4,685

Out of parish tuition:

K-8	$4,225
9-12	$6,115

Preschool yearly rates:

PK3 M-F full day	$3,675
PK3 M-W-F full day	$2,400
PK3 M-W-F half day	$1,260
PK3 T & Th full day	$2,000
PK3 T & Th half day	$900
PK4 M-F full day	$3,150
PK4 M-W-F full day	$2,300
PK4 M-W-F half day	$1,260

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 .

Looking for a way to earn some extra money while also helping your school? Substitute teaching could be the answer!! 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 or Casey Redmond at credmond@boscocatholic.org .

Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future
School Tuition Organization

21-22 Tuition Assistance Application Process

Deadline for application & submitting 2020 federal tax returns is **April 15, 2021**.

Step 1: *Apply Now*

Complete one FACTS application per family at online.factsmgt.com/aid.

Step 2: *Upload 2020 Federal Tax Return*

Include your entire federal tax return and all schedules.
If you are not required to complete 2020 federal taxes, upload nontaxable income documentation.

Step 3: *Application Fee*

Pay $31.00 fee per family before submitting the FACTS application.

Step 4: *Seek Assistance*

For questions about the application:
Call FACTS Helpline at 866-315-9262
Monday–Thursday 7:00am to 7:00pm & Friday 7:00am to 5:00pm.

For help with uploading documents or other assistance completing the application:
Contact your school office.

For more information about the application process and eligibility requirements:
Go to ourfaithsto.org/faqs-for-parents.

Step 5: *Receive Notification*

Qualifying families will receive notification of STO awards by May 21st.

Step 6: *Local Tuition Assistance*

If you need additional tuition assistance beyond STO or miss the April 15th priority deadline, you should still complete the STO application and reach out to your school about any additional local tuition assistance options.

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:_____