

# Immaculate Conception † St. Joseph School Newsletter

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March 16, 2023

With support from families, we respect and encourage students to reach their potential **Spiritually** by developing a strong relationship with Jesus and knowledge of His church, **Academically** by igniting learning, leadership and life skills, **Physically** by learning about and living healthy habits and **Socially** by becoming active members of the community who serve others as stewards of the Gospel so they are the light of Christ in the world.

## No School Friday, March 24 - Professional Development Day

### *From Mrs. Claypool...*

I wanted to let the families of IC know that I will not be returning next year. I have recently accepted a teaching position at St. Edward Elementary School in Waterloo. I have greatly enjoyed my two years as a third grade teacher. I will miss the students, but I am very excited for this new opportunity!

### *Nurse's Notes*

March is sleep awareness month. What are your sleep numbers? Sleep is another healthy habit along with diet and exercise. When you don't sleep well you are not at your best. The National Sleep Foundation recommends 7-9 hours of sleep for people 18-64 and adults over 64 need 7-8. Children of school age should try to get 9-12 hours of sleep and teens 13-18 should be getting 8-10 hours. Create a good sleep space. A cool, dark, quiet room is the best. Avoid caffeine, screens, and naps to help improve sleep. Good sleep is essential for good health. Marianne Hickey RN

### *STO - Tuition Assistance*

The School Tuition Organization (STO) and Bosco Catholic School System (BCSS) will once again provide tuition assistance to qualifying families.

The STO program will be utilizing FACTS Management to assist in determining the level of assistance to be awarded.

The FACTS application needs to be completed no later than April 15, 2023. The online FACTS application can be found at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

March 20 marks the end of the 3rd quarter.

### *IC Youth Choir*

Students in grades 3-12 are invited and encouraged to sing with the youth choir at the 10:00am IC Mass on Sunday, March 19 and Sunday, March 26.

### *Honor Choir Participation*

The 2023 Northeast Iowa Choral Directors Association Junior High Honor Choir Festival will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at the Williams Performing Arts Center in Oelwein. This event will feature two mixed choirs of approximately 160 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade singers selected from schools throughout Northeast Iowa.

The following students from Immaculate Conception have been chosen to participate in the honor choir: Melia Adams, Addy Hyde, Sam Houser, Kelli Schmitz, Hunter Etringer, Cain Kerr, Brady Wayson, Colton Nie.

Honor choir students will rehearse during the day under the baton of guest directors Luke Lovegood from Coe College and Gail Allison from Sumner-Fredericksburg.

The final concert will be at 7:00pm and will feature pieces performed by each honor choir as well as guest performances and a director's choir. The concert is open to the public with admission of \$5 adult and \$3 student at the door.

### *Parents of 1st and 2nd Grade Girls*

We are trying to gauge interest in girls wanting to learn more about softball. Pending interest and help, we are thinking a 6-8 week season potentially 1 to 2 times per week. We may try and find a small town with the same league that we can play some games. We definitely need at least 2 other parents to help in some capacity. Please contact Leah Reiter [lschmit2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lschmit2000@yahoo.com) 757-620-1248 or Lisa Even [lkin380@gmail.com](mailto:lkin380@gmail.com) 319-239-3155. **Deadline is March 31.**

Please send all newsletter articles to [icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org](mailto:icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org)  
by 3:00pm on Wednesday, March 22.



### **2023 Junior Dons Baseball 3/4 and 5/6**

Baseball season is upon us! This is for boys currently in 3rd -6th grades. League games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights in May and June. There will be a coaches meeting and then a parent meeting closer to the end of March to get more details to you.

If you would like your son to play summer league baseball, please send the following information:

for 3/4 grades text Kurt Schmitz at 515-460-8989  
for 5/6 grades text Andy Frost at 319-239-0368

- Player's name • Grade • Parent's name
- Note if interested in helping coach. There is never too much help!

### **Parents of 3rd & 4th Grade Girls**

We are trying to get numbers for the upcoming softball season for the 3rd & 4th grade girls.

It may seem early, but last year we were close to having two teams, so we are trying to gauge the interest to see if that is possible this year. The league starts to figure out schedules in March, which is why I want to be able to let them know if we will have one or two teams.

If your daughter is planning to play or interested, please send me an email or text message. If they run the league the same as previous years, our games will be Monday & Wednesday evenings in the months of May & June.

Please contact Kindra Christensen  
[kindrac@invisionarch.com](mailto:kindrac@invisionarch.com) 319-404-3431

### **GRW T-Ball & Boys Pitching Machine League**

The 2023 GRW T-Ball and Boys Pitching Machine League sign up is underway. To be eligible for GRW T-Ball, your son or daughter must be 4 years old by April 21 and no older than first grade in the fall. To be eligible for the Boys Pitching Machine League, your son must be going in to 1st grade in the fall and not older than 4th grade in the fall. (Current Kindergarten boys can choose to either play t-ball or the pitching machine league. Parents will need to make that determination based on what they feel is appropriate for their child.)

Entry fee is \$25.00 per child. Checks should be made out to GRW T-Ball/Pitching Machine. Games will begin on **April 20/21** and played every Thursday/Friday night for approximately 6 weeks at the Gilbertville softball complex.

Please return all forms and money to I.C. or St. Joseph office by **March 31, 2023** to the attention of Andy or Crystal Frost or mail to PO Box 17, Raymond IA, 50667. If you have any questions, please call Crystal Frost at 319-215-9599 or Andy Frost at 319-239-0368.

Be sure to check out our Facebook page **GRW T-Ball and Pitching Machine League** for forms and upcoming information regarding games and weather updates.

### **COF News**

On Sunday, March 26 the Catholic Order of Foresters youth members Easter Egg Race will start at 1:00pm at St. Mary Center in Gilbertville. Each child will collect candy and eggs in the gym. All COF youth will also receive a toy.

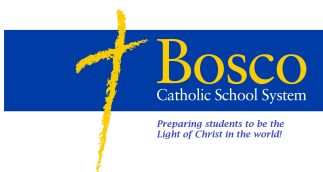
### **Seniors Treat Seniors**

The Don Bosco senior class will be hosting its annual Seniors Treat Seniors event on Wednesday, April 19. The day will start with Mass and be followed by bingo and brunch in Saint Mary Center. A formal invite will be coming out soon.



## **MARCH**

Habit of the Month:  
**Synergize**



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Congratulations to our February Donuts with Father Diehm and Mrs. Douglas winners!

K-2: Braxton Uchtyl, Ava Zimmerman

3-5: Aiden Thome, Morgan Houser

6-8: Colton Bauwens, Katie Schaefer

REMEMBER: #GoToMass



## February "Leaders of the Month"

Our habit for the month of February was Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood. During the month we focused on listening before speaking, listening with intent, and asking clarifying questions. Students are being recognized because they show respect, empathy, and courage. They also work for mutual understanding. Two leaders in each of our four units have been chosen.



### **K-2:**

Hallie Mangrich  
Violet Mennen

### **3-5:**

Emily Thoma  
Sawyer Koloc

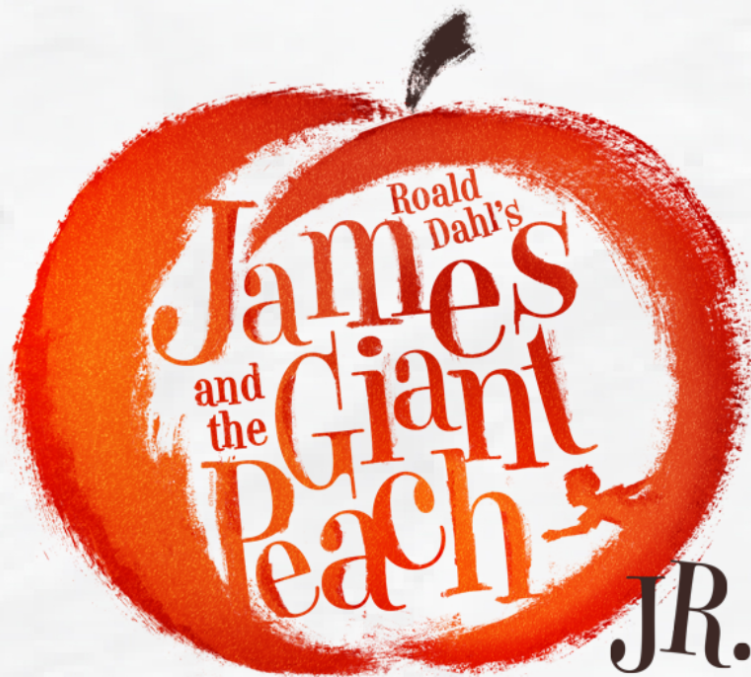
### **6-8:**

Charlee Yoder  
Adde Bloes (not pictured)

### **9-12:**

Mya Bauwens  
Paige Corkery

THE BOSCO DRAMA DEPARTMENT  
PRESENTS



Words and Music by Benj Pasek & Justin Paul

Book by Timothy Allen McDonald

Based on the book *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl



DON BOSCO GYM | ADMISSION \$8

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Friday, March 24th @ 7:00 PM  
Saturday, March 25th @ 7:00 PM  
Sunday, March 26th @ 2:00 PM



Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).  
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.  
[www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)

# HOORAY!

## IT'S AN OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY!!



**WHEN: Monday, March 20**

**All Bosco K-12 students are invited to participate in an Out-of-Uniform Day for \$1.**

**Students are encouraged to wear a Bosco spirit shirt/sweatshirt with your favorite sweatpants.**

*Proceeds go towards the 2023 Post Prom expenses.*