



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.....

This past Monday was the one year anniversary of the first day that our schools shut down. Talk about a jolt to our system! I really wanted to do something to commemorate the occasion by focusing on our resilience and perseverance because we all were affected differently by Covid. I was kind of struggling with what exactly to do so I shared my thoughts with Mrs. Ownby and Mrs. Rutherford. Well, Mrs. Ownby took the idea and ran with it! Within no time, she put together a "Create-a-Snack" activity that teachers could do with their kids, each ingredient representing a significant take-away from the year. She worked a little more and created the most magnificent prayer to offer thanksgiving to God for all that He has done for us.

We were going to have this activity on Monday but as you know, Mother Nature didn't play well with us! On Tuesday, teachers and students had the snack and talked about how we have all grown throughout the year. They also shared the prayer below with the kids. At the end of the day, I read the prayer over the intercom for the 2-8 students and thanked them all for hanging in there and persevering through a challenging year.

Of course, we could not have made it this year without all of YOU, our families! THANK YOU for hanging in there with us! Like I started saying last year:

WE'VE GOT THIS!

Together we stand!

We are BOSCO STRONG!!

Great and Awesome God,

You have used the last 365 days to teach us and give us so much. You have taught us to have **gratitude** for what we are given because it could all change in an instant. You have given us countless hours to build stronger relationships with our **families**. You have taught us how to **love** them and love ourselves on a deeper level. We have come to You to find **strength** we didn't know we possessed in a time full of chaos and uncertainty. You taught us lessons in **perseverance** beginning the day our school doors closed. We learned to persevere even when we missed our friends, even when online learning was hard, and even when we wanted to give up. You instilled in us a great **resilience** that has enabled us to keep moving forward especially when we struggle to see the end. You have shown us Your love for us at work through the many **miracles upon miracles** you have blessed each of us with.

We thank You for giving us **perseverance** to meet the last 365 days with determination.

We thank You for giving us **family** to lean on and love on while stuck at home.

We thank You for the **love** we felt from family, friends, teachers, and coworkers during this extremely difficult year.

We thank You for the **strength** you gave us to keep moving forward.

We thank You for the **miracles upon miracles** you have fulfilled this year especially at the hands of doctors and nurses.

We thank You for growing in us a sense of **resilience**, to keep being present even when things got tough.

Finally, we thank You for our ability to recognize You and show **gratitude** for all You have done for us.

It is because of You, Lord, that we have survived, grown, and maybe even thrived during the last year of COVID. Hear our prayer of gratitude and help us continue to grow in Your love.

Amen.

No school March 18 & 19.

IC/SJ Book Fair

Our Usborne Book Fair is available for shopping online now through March 19 at <https://f4257.myubam.com/2047905>. Your books will ship right to your home!

Please attend our LIVE Virtual Book Fair event tonight, March 17, starting at 7pm. This is a 30-40 minute event where you see videos of the books, receive personal recommendations and maybe win a prize!

Learn more and RSVP here: <https://event.sqweee.com/Event/Active/BoscoMarch2021>

Our school earns 50% back in books for our classrooms, so it's a win-win to purchase books for your home, knowing your child will benefit here at school as well! Please consider the book fair for some of your Easter shopping!

Teachers will have wish lists available with books that would benefit their curriculum.

Need recommendations or assistance? Contact Kristin Humke, our Book Rep directly by text at 319-224-5757 or email

KeepReadingwithKristin@gmail.com

Happy Reading!

Nurse's Notes

This weekend we "sprung" ahead! Officially we lost an hour of usual sleep time. This is also National Sleep Week. This may be the time to review your sleep habits. We should try the best we can to stick to a schedule. That would mean not staying up late or sleeping in on weekends. Limit caffeine intake. If you find you need a "pick me up" mid afternoon try going for a walk. The activity will help refresh you. Try to have a bedtime routine. Turn off electronics. Try reading. Try to incorporate relaxation into your routine by yoga or meditation. Try to exercise daily. It is not recommended to exercise too close to bedtime. If you find you are not able to fall asleep or wake up try writing down your thoughts. Figure out what is running around in your head. School age children should be getting 9-12 hours of sleep a night, teens 8-10 hours and adults 7 or more according to the CDC. Unplug, unwind and head to bed.
Marianne Hickey RN

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.

From Mrs. Schroeder.....

Over the last two months the fourth graders have been using mealworms to learn how animals receive different types of information through their senses, process the information, and respond to the information in different ways. They started by observing, drawing, labeling and describing the mealworms. The students then did an experiment to discover which surface mealworms prefer black or white. They were also introduced to the importance of testing one variable at a time. Next, they set up an experiment to investigate mealworm food-finding behavior. They examined how and where mealworms moved when they were searching for food. The students also compared the paths taken by various mealworms over a period of time. During their experiments the students discovered the mealworms usually follow along the edge of a wall. To test this observation, the students constructed two different mazes a T-maze and a force-turn maze to see if they could predict which way the meal worms would turn in the mazes. The fourth graders also got to see and learn the life cycle stages of the mealworms.



Apply for STO (tuition assistance)

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

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

Middle School Variety Show

Mark your calendars! Our Middle School Variety Show is Wednesday, April 21 at 6:00pm in the High School Gym. Students should arrive by 5:30pm in the band room so we can get ready together. 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 need to find a time with me to complete the alternative assignment.

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

Bosco Spring Musical

The Bosco System Drama Department is so excited to present live performances of Aladdin JR on March 26 and March 27 at 7:00 PM and March 28 at 2:00 PM! We hope to see many of you there (social distancing and masks are requested- tickets can be purchased at the door) However, we know our cast and crew have friends and family who would love to come but for various reasons are unable to attend a live performance. We are offering one scheduled content streamed performance on Sunday, March 28 at 7:30 PM.

Scheduled Content streams only play at the specified event date and time. This is not an On-Demand event and cannot be viewed at any other time. Scheduled Content is a "Watch Party," everyone will be watching together. You will not be able to pause or rewind.

You can purchase tickets for this online event at <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/48496>
Tickets are \$8 plus the ShowTix service fees (\$2-3).



Wednesday, March 31, students are encouraged to "Light it up Blue" by dressing in blue to celebrate Autism Awareness. We will also be raising money for Every Piece Matters, a local organization created to bring awareness of Autism as well as all kids with diverse needs. If you bring \$1.00, you can be OUT OF UNIFORM (but remember to have at least something on that is blue!) If you don't want to be out of uniform, you are still encouraged to wear a blue uniform shirt! More information on "Light it up Blue" can be found here:

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/light-it-blue>

Girls Jr. Dons Basketball Open Gym Schedule

- Girls in grades 1st-7th are invited to bi-weekly basketball open gyms
- Beginning Thursday, 2/25/2021 and every other Thursday following
- Located in St. Mary Center gym
- 6:00-7:00pm (unless otherwise noted)
- Open for BCSS and St. A families
- Free of charge

1st-6th grades Softball League

It's time for our Lady Dons Softball league. All girls in grades 1st-6th interested in playing softball this spring/summer, please contact your coach if you played with us last year. If you didn't play with us last year and would like to play this year, please email me at brian.k.weber.bw@gmail.com or text me at 319-504-7833 to let us know that you are interested or if you have questions. That way we can get numbers for teams this season. Thanks, Brian Weber

Jr. Don's Baseball

Jr. Don's baseball is going to be starting up very soon. We would like to know numbers of who is going to be involved so we can talk about how the teams will look. The levels this year will be 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade. Please contact Andy Frost for the 3rd/4th level @ 319-239-0368 and Darren Hellman @ 319-239-7953 or Diana Lindquist @ 319-269-7333 for the 5th/6th level. Please let us know by March 19.

School Bus Drivers Needed

The Bosco Catholic School System is looking for bus drivers. If interested call 319-296-1692 or email Casey Redmond at credmond@boscocatholic.org.

Girl Scout Special Project

Gilbertville Girl Scout Troop 1458 has entered into a national Go Bananas challenge to raise money for our troop to potentially attend GS camp next year. We need your help!

Recycle an old device and Save a Gorilla

We are collecting old smart phones, cell phones, iPods/iPads, tablets and charging accessories for these devices. We will donate the devices to the Cincinnati Zoo in hopes to win the challenge and earn 1K-4K.

Please contact: Heather Mennen 319-610-3871 or Natalie Hershberger 319-230-9883 with any questions.

Drop off location: 108 20th Ave., Gilbertville - please utilize the special container located by the side of house with pull through driveway.

Thank you so much for your generous donation.
Troop 1458

PTO News

Our next PTO meeting will be held Tuesday, April 6 at 5:30pm in St. Mary Center. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

St. Joseph Parish Fundraiser

Order your delicious, jumbo size fresh-baked, frosted, pecan, caramel rolls by Friday, March 19! Rolls are \$3.00 each or 6 rolls for \$15.00.

You may order on the parish web-site at: <http://www.icsjchurch.com/Bulletins.htm>, or on Facebook under Immaculate Conception & Saint Joseph Catholic Churches, Iowa.

If you prefer to call, contact one of the following:
Michelle Stroh – text or message 319-429-3293
Linda Kayser – text or message 319-830-2746
Mary McMahon – leave message 319-939-6279
Orders will be taken through Friday, March 19. Extras will be available, but not guaranteed. Orders may be picked up at Reuter Hall, 313 E. Central St., in Raymond on Saturday, March 27 between 4:00pm–6:30pm. A reminder email will be sent out. Thank you for your support!

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.

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.



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Gilbertville, IA 50634
Phone (319) 296-1089

Don Bosco High School
PO Box 106
Gilbertville, IA 50634
Phone (319) 296-1692

Dear BCSS Families:

We invite you to apply for tuition assistance through the “Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future” School Tuition Organization (STO) for the 21-22 school year. The priority deadline to apply is **April 15, 2021**.

Families must complete an online application which can be found at online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families must also upload their completed 2020 federal tax returns. More information about income guidelines and application requirements can be found at ourfaithsto.org/faqs-for-parents. Only one application needs to be completed per family. The application fee is \$31.00 per family.

The “Our Faith” STO program has provided essential support to our students for the past 15 years. This program would not be possible without the generous donors who contribute to this tax credit program each year. These donors not only receive an Iowa tax credit but make the blessing of a Catholic school education possible for thousands of students across the Archdiocese of Dubuque. For more information about this program or how you can make a donation that will directly impact the lives of local students, go to www.ourfaithsto.org.

In addition to STO, Bosco Catholic School System has local tuition assistance funds. In order to be eligible for these funds, a FACTS application must be completed.

Yours in Christ,

Casey Redmond, DB Principal
Shelby Douglas, IC/SJ Principal



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.

New Student *OPEN HOUSE*



Academic Excellence



Faith-based Education



Co-curricular Opportunities



Who: Any new family with children entering
Preschool, Kindergarten & 1st Grade
(Already a Don? Invite friends!)

When: Tuesday, March 23, 2021
5:30pm – 7:00pm Open House

Where: St. Joseph School Campus
6916 LaFayette Road, Raymond, Iowa

What to Expect: Meet our principal & teachers, enjoy refreshments, learn about all the Bosco System has to offer & receive a free family pass to a future DB musical or athletic event

Have questions? Can't make it? Call 319.296.1089 to schedule a private meeting & tour at your convenience!





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: _____



Quick & Easy ways to support the Bosco Catholic School System



**Casey's Rewards
Cash for Classrooms**

Cash for Classrooms supports teachers through cash donations to schools for the things they need most. Members can turn their points into Cash for Classroom donations that is directed specifically to the school of their choice.

Office DEPOT OfficeMax

Give Back To Schools

<https://www.officedepot.com/cm/school-supplies/give-back>

Make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide your school ID and your school will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies

School ID: 70028239

Pop Can Recycling

Collection Site is located on the North end of Don Bosco Catholic High School



Coca Cola Give:

Download the Coke app or sign into <https://us.coca-cola.com/give>

Donate to your local school. Search by zip (50634) and select **IMMAC CONCEPTION-ST JOSEPH**



Hy-Vee Cash 4 students:

Save your Hy-Vee cash register receipts and turn them into school. Hy-Vee donates \$1 for every \$250 in receipts collected!



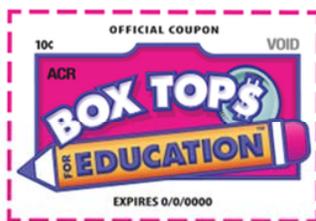
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HOW MUCH IS MY CODE WORTH?

SEE HOW WE REACHED THESE VALUES

35-PACK	\$0.38	12-PACK	\$0.15	20 OZ	\$0.05
32-PACK	\$0.38	8-PACK	\$0.12	24 OZ	\$0.05
30-PACK	\$0.38	6-PACK	\$0.08	1 LITER	\$0.05
28-PACK	\$0.38	12 OZ	\$0.05	1.25 LITER	\$0.05
24-PACK	\$0.30	12.5 OZ	\$0.05	1.5 LITER	\$0.05
20-PACK	\$0.27	14 OZ	\$0.05	2 LITER	\$0.05
18-PACK	\$0.23	16 OZ	\$0.05	2.5 LITER	\$0.05
15-PACK	\$0.23	0.5 LITER	\$0.05	50 OZ	\$0.05

THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS



Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip them and send them to school.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

**All valid Box Tops clips submitted per the Program Rules by a Coordinator(s) of (an) eligible, enrolled school(s) will be honored.*

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. **Box Tops are still worth 10¢ for your school.** The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

The Bosco System Drama Department's

production of



Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman, Tim Rice and Chad Beguelin

Book by
Chad Beguelin

Based on the Disney film written by
Ron Clements, John Musker, Ted Elliott & Terry Rossio
and directed and produced by John Musker & Ron Clements

Don Bosco High School Gymnasium

Friday, March 26	7:00 PM
Saturday, March 27	7:00 PM
Sunday, March 28	2:00 PM

Admission \$8

Disney's *Aladdin JR.* is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY
212-541-4684 mtishows.com

*A streamed performance will be available on Sunday, March 28 at 7:30 PM on ShowTix4U.com
Ticket information for this event can be found on www.boscocatholic.org or the Bosco Catholic School System
Facebook page starting March 15.