

# Immaculate Conception † St. Joseph School Newsletter

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March 23, 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 tomorrow, March 24 - Professional Development Day

### *Spring Musical*

The BCSS drama department will be presenting their spring musical *James and the Giant Peach JR* on Friday, March 24 at 7:00pm, Saturday, March 25 at 7:00pm, and Sunday, March 26 at 2:00pm. Performances will be held in the DB gym and the cost is \$8. This show is a delightfully offbeat adaptation of the classic Roald Dahl adventure, *James and the Giant Peach JR*.

### *Middle School Concert & Art Show*

The Middle School Spring Concert and Art Show on Wednesday, March 29 at 6:00pm in the Don Bosco Gym. You won't want to miss this fun night of great art and music!

Reminder that all middle school students should arrive in their classroom at 5:30.

### *From Mrs. Schroeder...*

In 4th and 5th grade science we have been learning a lot of new concepts. The fifth graders have been investigating the behavior of solid materials in water. They have gained experience with the concept of saturation and comparing the solubility of materials in water.

The fourth graders have been investigating electrical currents and circuits and the pathways through which the electricity flows. They have explored the properties of magnets and their interactions with materials and each other. They investigated the strength of the force of attraction between two magnets by graphing data to look for patterns of interactions.

**March 30 - out of uniform day. See flyer below.**

Dear Bosco Families,

Farewells can be bittersweet, but I am excited to share with you that I am leaving my happy place and retiring from teaching at the end of this school year. I am sure I will miss the students and being in the classroom, but I am so looking forward to spending more time with my family and grandchildren, as well as, being home doing all the things I have not had time for in the past few years.

I am most grateful for the many years I have spent teaching here at IC and St. Joseph in Raymond. I have been blessed with great colleagues, students, and families and have loved teaching each and every student who entered my classroom. I have been extremely blessed to see students grow up, become successful adults, and later return to our school as wonderful parents. Nothing is better than that!

Several years ago a visiting educator from AEA 267 shared with me how she loved coming to our school each week because when she entered our building it made her feel as if she was visiting "a little piece of heaven." Well, she definitely was right and I will always be thankful for the opportunity to have been a small part of this "special little piece of heaven!"

Faithfully Yours,

Mrs. Neverman



Please send all newsletter articles to [icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org](mailto:icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org)  
by 3:00pm on Wednesday, March 29.



Hello BCSS Families-

My name is Vicki Trueg and I will be joining BCSS next year as the K-8 Resource Teacher/Instructional coach. I feel so very blessed to have been given the opportunity to work within the Bosco Schools. This specific instructional position has been a dream of mine as I have a passion for all things reading. I can not wait to start working with current staff and students.

I am a life-long resident of Jesup and attended Coe College where I played softball and volleyball. My husband, Scott, grew up in Evansdale and is the owner of Trueg Custom Concrete. Our oldest, Delaynie, will be in 9th grade next year. Declan, our middle child and only boy, will be in 6th grade and our youngest, Daelynn, will be in 3rd grade. The younger two will be making the transition with me to BCSS. Declan has already made so many wonderful friendships through wrestling with Team Bosco.

Our family enjoys going to sporting events together as our children are involved in softball, baseball, football, volleyball, wrestling and track.



### **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 26, April 16 and April 30.

### **PTO Meeting**

Our next PTO meeting will be held Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00pm in Room 209 at Don Bosco. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

Leader in Me Family Night will take place at IC on April 26 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. It will be a fun night for all K - 8 students and families to experience the Leader in Me Habits. Watch for more details!

### **Tuition Assistance deadline is April 15**

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

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>

Ever wondered if you may qualify for STO? Here are the income guidelines.

### **2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines**

Persons in Household	Poverty Guideline	300%	400%
2	19,720	59,160	78,880
3	24,860	74,580	99,440
4	30,000	90,000	120,000
5	35,140	105,420	140,560
6	40,280	120,840	161,120
7	45,420	136,260	181,680
8	50,560	151,680	202,240

Here is a link to the FAQ for STO that you may find helpful. <https://www.ourfaithsto.org/faqs-for-parents>

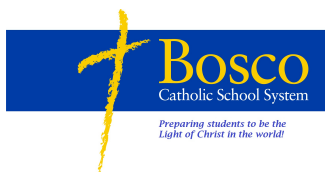
If you need assistance filling out STO, contact Tom Hogan at [thogan@boscocatholic.org](mailto:thogan@boscocatholic.org) or call at 319-296-1692.

### **Honor Choir Participation**

The 2023 Northeast Iowa Choral Directors Association Elementary Honor Choir Festival will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at the Williams Performing Arts Center in Oelwein. This event will feature two mixed choirs of approximately 200 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<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: Jacob Blakeman, Hailey Etringer, Mattix Klein, Leah Knepper, Sophia Osland, Harper Pett, Connor Short, and Zoey-Anne Walen.

Honor choir students will rehearse during the day under the baton of guest directors Aaron Hanson from Cedar Heights Elementary in Cedar Falls and Ryan Occena from Central Middle School in Waterloo. 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.



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

We had a dental hygienist from the Black Hawk County Health Department visit. She did dental screens on some of our kindergartners and talked with kindergarten, first and second grade students. Dental screens are recommended for our kindergartners and 9th graders by the Department of Education. There are forms that should be completed and returned to school. She visited with the students about dental care. How do we protect our smiles? She told us we should brush for 2 minutes twice a day. You do not have to brush hard. The position of the tooth brush is important. Brush along the gum lines and don't forget your tongue. We only need to use a pea sized amount of toothpaste and everyone should floss. Eating a healthy diet that includes fresh fruits and vegetables is important. Try to avoid sticky surgery treats. Even though "Fruit Snacks" say fruit they are not a healthy snack. If you are going to enjoy a sugary treat or dessert do so right after a meal. We talked about avoiding pop not only because of the sugar but also the acid. Twice a year dental visits are recommended. Take care of your teeth and protect your smile. Marianne Hickey RN

### ***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.

### ***Blood Drive***

The NHS will be hosting a blood drive in the DB gym on Tuesday, April 4 from 1-6 PM.

### ***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.

### ***Lost Island Season Passes***

Donna Delagardelle has Lost Island individual season passes for both the Water Park & the Theme Park. Water Park cost is &156.00 per individual pass & Theme Park cost is \$200.00 per individual pass. A combine ticket can only be purchased through Lost Island, Donna needs to know by April 15 the individual names on the ticket, phone number & e-mail. Checks can be made out to CAC. Contact Donna Delagardelle at 319 239-9945.

**MARCH** Habit of the Month: **Synergize**



### ***1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Lady Dons Softball PARENT Meeting***

Monday, April 3 @ 6:00pm – St. Mary Center  
This will be an informational meeting about the league, rules, schedule, uniforms, etc.

We will be collecting fees, so please bring CASH or CHECK, no Venmo will be accepted this year.

If you have any outgrown gear that can be passed down for others to use, feel free to bring it.

Please plan to attend if able & your daughter is planning to play this season.

We are looking forward to a FUN season!

### ***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 [kin380@gmail.com](mailto:kin380@gmail.com)

319-239-3155. **Deadline is March 31.**

### ***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

### ***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!

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

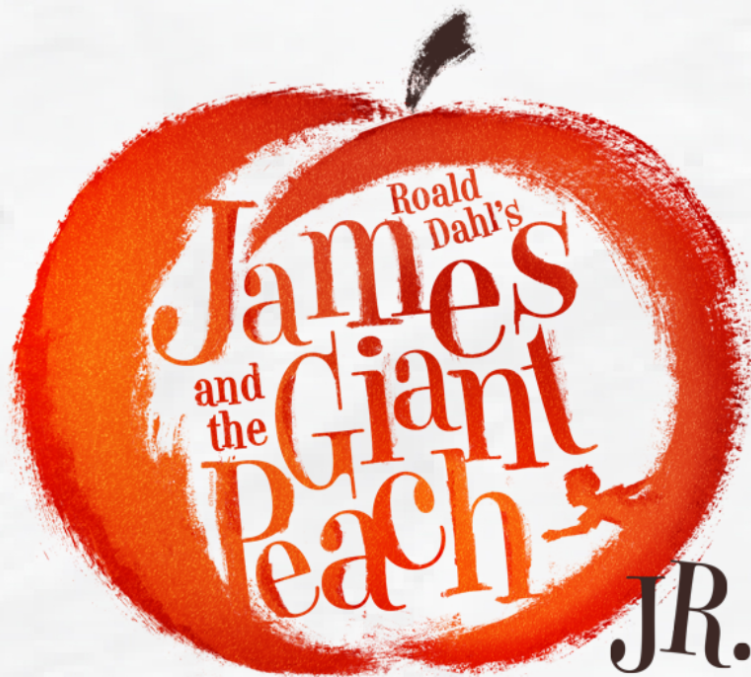
The 2023 GRW T-Ball and Boys Pitching Machine League sign up is underway. To be eligible for GRW T-Ball, your son or daughter must be 4 years old by April 21 and no older than first grade in the fall. To be eligible for the Boys Pitching Machine League, your son must be going in to 1st grade in the fall 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.

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)

Bring a \$1 or more

# OUT OF UNIFORM

On March 30th you can bring a dollar or more to be out of uniform! All the money will go towards the Pecenka family.



The Pecenka family lives just outside of Gilbertville. Paula, Eric, and their son Payton graduated from Bosco. Their daughter, Menah, plans to attend next year. Recently their house caught on fire and caused severe damage. As her future classmates we would like to help their family.