

# Immaculate Conception † St. Joseph School Newsletter

[www.boscocatholic.org](http://www.boscocatholic.org)

April 13, 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.

## 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.

## Feedback Needed

If you have not completed the Leader in Me survey, please take a few minutes to complete the survey. The link will be open until April 21. THANK YOU for your help in this!!

<https://www.leaderinme.com/s/immaculate-conception-ia/families>

## 2023-2024 Academic Calendar

The 2023-2024 Academic Calendar has been board approved. It can be found on our website <https://www.boscocatholic.org/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/5e6a97adbd70d/2023-24%20BCSS%20Calendar.pdf>

## Nurse's Notes

April is Oral Cancer Awareness month. It is important that oral cancer screenings are done with routine dental visits. Dentists play an important role in early detection. Risk factors include HPV, smoking, chewing tobacco and alcohol use. If a lesion is found during examination a biopsy of the area should be done. Signs according to Mayo Clinic may be a sore on the lip or mouth that does not heal, a whitish or reddish patch inside your mouth that does not heal, a growth or lump in your mouth. You may experience mouth or ear pain or difficulty swallowing. Early intervention provides the best outcome. Avoiding tobacco products and vaccinating against HPV are also important. If you have questions about this, ask your healthcare provider or dentist. Marianne Hickey RN

## K-5 Spring Concert

The K-5 Spring concert will be on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:00pm in the Don Bosco Gym. Please have your child dress up for this concert. Students should arrive no earlier than 5:40 and go to these assigned classrooms in the middle school:

Mr. Armbruster (Room 109) - Kindergarten & 1st

Mrs. Zimmerman (Room 107) - 2nd

Mr. Wymore (Room 106) - 3rd

Mrs. Bergfeld (Room 104) - 4th

Mrs. Knepper (Music Room) - 5th

Please contact Mrs. Knepper at [knepner@boscocatholic.org](mailto:knepner@boscocatholic.org) with any questions.

**Remember in your prayers** our second grade students as they continue to prepare to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Please send all newsletter articles to [icsnewsletter@boscocatholic.org](mailto:icsnewsletter@boscocatholic.org)  
by 3:00pm on Wednesday, April 19.



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

Our class has been working hard on their service learning project. We have been making tie blankets for the animals at the Cedar Bend Humane Society in Cedar Falls. The students had to measure the fabric, cut strips, and then tie them together. We made a total of 7 blankets! The students had a lot of fun working together to get these finished. They are all very excited for the animals to get to cuddle up with them soon!



### ***From Ms. Johnson...***

We are getting very close to finishing our fleece tie-blankets for the Cedar Bend Humane Society. The children have definitely needed to use their Synergy, Habit 6 behaviors. They worked with the same partner for the entire process. Measuring accurately, as well as cutting precisely, were two important skills that were also learned. Mrs. Claypool will be delivering them sometime in April.

We are also planning to have a Zoom call with the shelter once the blankets are in place in the kennels. I am sure the animals will appreciate their new cozy blankets!



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

### ***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.

### ***Bosco Baseball Skills Camp***

This skills camp is for students in grades 1-6 and will focus on hitting, fielding, and pitching. Flyers are available in the office. **Deadline to sign up is tomorrow, April 14.**

### ***Youth Football Program***




The Gilbertville Youth Football program, a division of the *Youth Sports Foundation*, is available to any Gilbertville area youth entering the 5th or 6th grade in the fall of 2023.

The YSF tackle football program begins the week of August 14. This program includes introduction skills for tackle football and a six game schedule. Games are held on Sundays beginning September 10.

Information about YSF football is communicated to the team using the [Team Reach App](#) and would love if anyone interested in the program would download the app and sign up using Group Code: JRDons2020

This is where we will update team and parents about meeting and practice times and cancelations etc. Shane Klein 319-239-9421

**APRIL** Habit of the Month:  
**Sharpen the Saw**



# Out of Uniform Day- Pajama/sweats



**April 18th-Tuesday**

**Please bring old towels and blankets to  
donate to River Road Rescue Sanctuary**

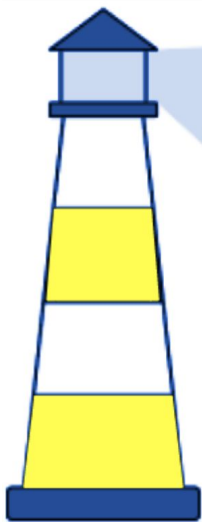
**K-8**



# Leader in Me Family Night!

When: April 26 5:30-7:00

Where: Immaculate Conception School



Becoming Christ's Light



## Leader in Me®

Join us for an open house to experience our "Leader in Me" program in action! Come anytime and stay as long as you would like.

Your K-8 student will *lead* you through an interactive experience of each of the 7 Habits of Happy Kids.

Refreshments will be served!



# OPEN HOUSE

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**All Incoming Kindergarten Families PLUS  
New and Prospective Students K-12th Grade**

Come see what the excitement is all about! We would love to show you our school and tell you all about what makes it so special!



**CLASSES ARE FILLING UP  
FAST, SO CALL TODAY TO  
RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

- Preschool & Prekindergarten
- After School Care
- Elementary
- Middle School
- High School



**ESA's cover the full cost of tuition for  
Kindergarten and ALL students  
transferring from public schools for the  
'23-'24 school year**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:**

Shelby Douglas, Principal

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# **BOSCO** *CAR SHOW*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023**

Hosted by Bosco Catholic Booster Club

**10 AM- 1 PM**

**DON BOSCO PLAZA  
405 16TH AVE GILBERTVILLE**

Contact Cody with  
questions 319-290-6272

**TROPHIES  
CONCESSIONS**

**PLAYGROUND FOR KIDS**



**ONLY  
\$10 PER  
VEHICLE  
ENTRY**

**BEST CAR, TRUCK, INTERIOR, ENGINE & PAINT**

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March 20, 2023

Bosco Catholic School System  
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Gilbertville, IA 50634-0106

Dear Bosco Catholic School Students,

Thank you for contacting me about the Students First Act. Since my start in the Senate, I have been encouraged by the number of students and young people seeking to get involved in the legislative process. I certainly appreciate your interest.

As you know, on January 24, 2023, Governor Reynolds signed the Students First Act into law. This legislation will allow every Iowa family to elect to have the State deposit an estimated \$7,598 into an Education Savings Account (ESA) to pay for tuition, fees, and other qualified education expenses if they choose to enroll their child in a private school. To ensure sustained support of our public school system, the law provides additional funding to be funneled back into a student's local public school district should a parent choose to enroll their child in a private school. This law will be implemented in phases over the next three years.

As a United States Senator, I am unable to vote on matters pending before the Iowa Legislature. However, you may be interested to know that I recently cosponsored the Academic Partnerships Lead Us to Success (APLUS) Act. If enacted, this bill would allow states to opt-out of any grant program within the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and instead receive those funds in the form of a block grant—which is a sum of money awarded by the federal government to a state or local government. States would then be able to spend the federal dollars from that block grant on educational expenses as they see fit based on the needs of their student population. State and local officials are best positioned to make policy decisions related to education and how to best utilize funds to improve educational outcomes.

All children deserve a chance to achieve success regardless of where they are born and the situations their families face. Having grown up in rural Southwest Iowa, my parents often stressed the importance of a strong education. In Iowa, we are fortunate to have one of the best public school systems in the nation; of which, I am a proud product—as is my daughter. We must fight for all students, including those attending public, private, and charter schools, and students who require additional support due to disabilities. Parents know their child best, and elected officials should protect their ability to choose the type of education their child receives.

I applaud you for your interest in these matters and hope you continue to stay informed on important issues facing our nation. Feel free to contact my office with any additional questions, as I always enjoy hearing from Iowans.

Sincerely,



Joni K. Ernst  
United States Senator

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# ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2023-2024



July							Days	Hours
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa		
						1		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	4	Independence Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
30	31							

January							Days	Hours
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	82	534.5
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	87	567
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	91	593
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	96	625.5
28	29	30	31				99	645

- 1-2 Christmas Break - No School
- 3 School Resumes
- 12 No Waterloo busing
- 12 End of 2nd Quarter - (43 Days)
- 12 End of 1st Semester - (87 Days)
- 15 Prof. Dev. - No School
- 16 Begin 3rd Quarter/2nd Semester

August							Days	Hours
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa		
		1	2	3	4	5		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	3	19.5
27	28	29	30	31			7	45.5

- 8 Archdiocese New Teacher Meeting
- 15 BCSS New Teacher Meeting
- 15 Back to School Business Day
- 16, 17, 22 Teacher Work Days/Prof. Dev.
- 22 Backpack Night
- 22 9th grade orientation
- 23 1st day of school

February							Days	Hours
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa		
				1	2	3	101	658
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	105	684
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	108	703.5
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	113	736
25	26	27	28	29			117	762

- 9 Prof. Dev. - No School
- 15 Teacher work day - No School
- 16 No School
- 19 Mid-term
- 22-23 No Waterloo Busing

September							Days	Hours
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa		
					1	2	8	52
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	12	78
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	110.5
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	136.5
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	26	169

- 4 Labor Day - No School
- 22 Prof. Dev. - No School
- 25 Mid-term

March							Days	Hours
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa		
					1	2	118	768.5
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	123	801
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	126	822
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	131	854.5
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	134	874
31								

- 11/12 PT Conferences
- 11-12 No Waterloo Busing
- 13 Prof. Dev. - No School
- 14 No School
- 15 Teacher Comp Day - No School
- 22 End of 3rd Quarter - (44 Days)
- 25 Start of 4th Quarter
- 28 Holy Thursday - No School
- 29 Good Friday - No School

October							Days	Hours
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	31	201.5
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	35	229
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	40	261.5
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	45	294
29	30	31					47	307

- 9/10 PT Conferences
- 12 Prof. Dev. - No School
- 13 Teacher Comp Day - No School
- 26 End of 1st Quarter - (44 Days)
- 27 Start of 2nd Quarter

April							Days	Hours
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	138	900
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	142	926
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	147	958.5
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	152	991
28	29	30					154	1004

- 1 Easter Monday - No School
- 12 Prof. Dev. - No School
- 25 Mid-term

November							Days	Hours
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa		
				1	2	3	49	320
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	54	352.5
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	59	385
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	61	398
26	27	28	29	30			65	424

- 3 Prof. Dev. - No School
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Break - No School

May							Days	Hours
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa		
				1	2	3	157	1023.5
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	162	1056
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	167	1088.5
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	171	1113
26	27	28	29	30	31			

- 3 No Waterloo Busing
- 6 Potentially No Waterloo Busing
- 17 Seniors Last Day (162.5 days)
- 19 Baccalaureate and Graduation
- 23 End of 4th Quarter - (40 Days)
- 23 End of 2nd semester (84 days)
- 23 Last Day of School - 12:15 dismissal
- 24 Prof. Dev.
- 27 Memorial Day

December							Days	Hours
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa		
					1	2	66	430.5
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	71	463
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	76	495.5
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	79	515
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
31								

- 1 No Waterloo Busing
- 1 Mid-term
- 21 Prof. Dev. - No School
- 22-29 Christmas Break - No School

June							Days	Hours
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
30								

- No School - Buildings & Offices Closed
- Holiday
- Conferences
- Teacher Comp Day (No School)
- Beginning of Term
- End of Term
- Professional Development (No School for Students)
- Teacher Work Day (No School for Students)
- First / Last Day of School
- No Waterloo Busing

Holidays 5  
 Professional Development (PD) 9  
 Teacher Work Days 4  
 Student Instruction 171 Days

Days missed due to weather may be made up at the end of the school year.

### Summary of Calendar

**First Semester**  
 1st Quarter.....August 23 - October 26  
 Midterm.....September 25  
 2nd Quarter.....October 27 - January 12  
 Midterm.....December 1

**Second Semester**  
 3rd Quarter.....January 16 - March 22  
 Midterm.....February 19  
 4th Quarter.....March 25 - May 23  
 Midterm.....April 25