

Immaculate Conception † St. Joseph School Newsletter

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April 20, 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.

K-1-2 Students to Fontana Park

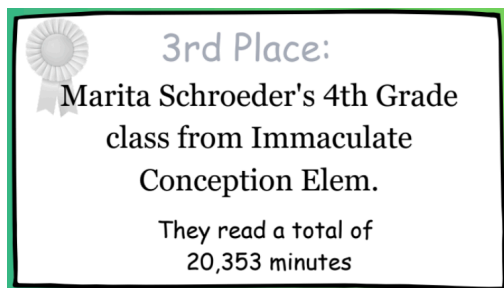
Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students will travel to Fontana Park tomorrow, April 21 to participate in science and nature activities. Students will need to bring a sack lunch with a beverage.

Girl Scout Informational Meeting

A Girl Scout representative will be here on Monday, April 24 in St. Mary Center from 6:00-7:00pm. Come find out about all the exciting things Girl Scouts has to offer. A flyer went home with girls last week.

Congratulations!!!

During the month of March, the 4th graders in Mrs. Schroder's class participated in Central Rivers AEA Read Across Iowa challenge. Read Across Iowa is a special event held starting on the 1st of March and celebrated throughout March to help motivate kids to read. The 14 students read a grand total of 20,353 minutes. They placed 3rd in the 4th-5th grade band with 20 classrooms participating. On top of this, Tessa Corbin placed 14th in the top 20 students of PS - 12th graders participating in the challenge. She read a total of 4,060 minutes!



Nurse's Notes

April is Physical Health Awareness month, this goes along with our Habit of the month "Sharpen the Saw". Steps to improve physical health as reported by National Day includes sleep, movement and nutrition. Sleep is your body's time to recharge. Your cells regenerate and your muscles repair. Movement with regular exercise may help you lose weight but also ward off chronic health concerns such as high blood pressure and diabetes. Make simple changes in your diet like eating more whole foods and less processed ingredients. A balanced diet provides more nutrition. Studies show that combining exercise with healthy food choices is more effective for weight loss. Simple things like yard work or walking your dog is a good way to get extra movement in. Sharpening the Saw is preserving your physical, mental and social/emotional health. Improving your physical health also benefits your mental and emotional health.

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 kneppe@boscocatholic.org with any questions.

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 30.



Please send all newsletter articles to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org
by 3:00pm on Wednesday, April 26.



From Mrs. Monaghan...

2nd graders are currently preparing for their First Holy Communion! We have been focussing a lot on the Mass because every Mass is a remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice for us and we receive the Body and Blood of Christ at each Mass. We are learning about the Order of the Mass and have been practicing the responses that are said. They are both excited and nervous as they prepare to receive this sacrament! Please keep them in your prayers! First Communion is on May 7.



From Mrs. Wellman... W, X, Y, Zoom off to Summer!!

This is a very busy and exciting time of year for everyone, especially in kindergarten! On Monday, we began our ABC countdown to the end of the year. This means - you guessed it! - there are less than 26 days left of school. We are celebrating our year of fun and learning with a special activity each day. This week we had some applesauce, stuffed animal learning buddies, bubble blowing, crazy hair, sidewalk chalk, donuts, and dance parties! This is a bittersweet time of year as a teacher because it is so wonderful to celebrate the leaps and bounds of growth each student makes, but the time spent with them is coming to a close. We will spend the next few weeks practicing our almost-first-grade skills and getting ready to change the world! Now, onward to summer!!



Uniform / Spirit Clothing Swap

The PTO is planning a uniform swap again this year. If you have gently used uniform clothing or spirit clothing that you would like to donate, please send it to any school office clearly labeled "PTO uniform swap." The PTO is planning to have this clothing out multiple times between now and the beginning of the school year for families to take what they can use!



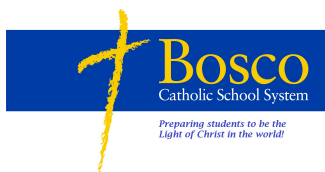
2023-2024 Academic Calendar

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>



**No School April 28 -
Professional Development Day**

APRIL Habit of the Month:
Sharpen the Saw



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

K-2: Kinsley Koenigsfeld, Hudson Etringer, Graham Schares, Ava Zimmerman

3-5: Conner Ryan, Drake Higdon, Leah Knepper, Harper Pett

6-8: Gage Christensen, Rachel Knepper, Ryan Steils, Brady Wayson (not pictured)

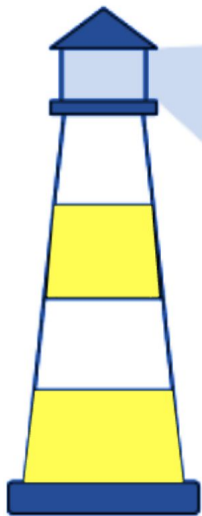
REMEMBER: #GoToMass



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

319-296-1692

sdouglas@boscocatholic.org





TEACHER APPRECIATION MAY 1 - MAY 5

Monday's Episode

THE ONE WITH PROBE'S RELAXI-TAXI

Students & Teachers: Relax with an out of uniform day in your most comfortable clothes. (Chocolate Chip cookies in the lounge for teachers)

Tuesday's Episode

THE ONE AT CENTRAL PERK

Students: Write your teachers a note of appreciation...but take advice from Ross, it doesn't need to be 18 pages, FRONT & BACK! (Gunther will deliver Thirsty Bohemian coffee to teachers provided by PTO)

Wednesday's Episode

THE ONE WHERE CHANDLER MAKES YOU LAUGH

Students: Tell your teacher a great joke to brighten their day. (Chips & dip provided to the teachers)

Thursday's Episode

THE ONE WHERE JOEY DOESN'T SHARE FOOD!

Students: Show Joey how to share & bring your teacher their favorite snack or drink. (Teachers will receive "The Joey Special" lunch provided by PTO)

Friday's Episode

THE ONE WHERE ROSS & RACHEL WERE ON A BREAK

Students: Take a break in your day to high five & compliment your teachers! (Kit Kats placed in teachers' mailboxes)

OUR WONDERFUL TEACHERS ARE ALWAYS THERE FOR US! WE INVITE YOU SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION EACH DAY TO HELP MAKE TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK A SUCCESS. TOGETHER, LET'S TELL OUR "FRIENDS" AT BCSS, "I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU".

Please note these are just suggestions. Feel free to show your appreciation however you choose.



**BOSCO CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SYSTEMS**

BCSS AMBASSADOR FAMILIES NEEDED!

Do you love BCSS?
Do you like to meet new people?
Do you want to help without a big time
commitment?
Then join our team!

WHEN: 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

What is it?

- New families are paired with current families with similarly aged kids.
- Ambassadors share information about our school different times throughout the year.
- New families reach out to you with questions.
- If interested contact Kelli Zimmerman:
kzimmerman@boscocatholic.org

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

Attention Theater Kids!

Come join the Steve Brown Art Center and Jesup Community Recreation for a week of musical theater camp at the Jesup Park Pavillion!

Campers will learn the process of putting on a musical in just one week. As a group we will design the sets, props, and costumes and also star in the show! The camp ends with a performance for friends and family!

July 24-27 9:00-2:00 pm

July 28 9:00-5:00 with a
Performance @ 4:00

Register using the QR code!
Spots are limited to the
first 25 registrations



All aspiring actors*
Ages 6-13

Cost: \$200*

* Our instructors welcome all who wish to participate! Please reach out via the QR code if your child has special needs that require accommodations or if scholarship funding is needed.