

# Immaculate Conception † St. Joseph School Newsletter

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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.



**Congratulations** to those who celebrated the sacrament of First Communion this past Sunday. First Communicants: MarLee Backes, Connor Bovy, Brock Brandes, Autumn

Brockman, Coral Brustkern, Harrison Corbin, Bennett DeLong, Camryn Fagerlind, Paisley Hruska, Collin Irvine, Weston Johnson, Evelyn Paine, Anthony Pranger, Graham Schares, Gianna Schutte, Jenlynn Thome, Eric Vaughn, Charlotte Wilkins.

## **Spring Concert Information - Wednesday, May 17**

The Middle School Choir will be performing on the spring concert on Wednesday, May 17. Parents, please have your child dress up for this concert. All middle school choir members will meet in the choir practice room by 6:15 to warm up for the 7pm concert.

Along with the Middle School Choir, the High School Choir, 5th grade band, and the high school band will be performing. This concert promises to have a great variety of music for your listening enjoyment. The major "Top" awards for band and choir will be given out at the concert as well. The annual Fine Arts Hall of Fame Awards will be presented. We hope everyone will attend for a great evening of wonderful music.

## **Report Cards**

We are excited to share with you a new way to get report cards. In efforts to be fiscally responsible PowerSchool has a Public Portal to view report cards. We are still getting the public portal set up, our goal is to have report cards on the portal by May 26. You will receive an email with instructions to access the portal when report cards are available. If you are unable to print and would like a printed copy please email Ms. Berry and she will mail report cards to you. [cberry@boscocatholic.org](mailto:cberry@boscocatholic.org)

## **Supply List**

The 2023-2024 PK-8 Supply List is in this newsletter and on the website. <https://www.boscocatholic.org/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/573f59c3bd965/Supply%20List23%3A24.pdf>

Education Savings Account (ESA) link that you can click on to find out more information directly from the state of Iowa: <https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/students-first-education-savings-accounts>

## **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!

## **Nurse's Notes**

This is National Stroke Awareness month. According to the National Stroke awareness program 5 ways to prevent stroke are to lower your blood pressure. Know your numbers. Stop smoking. Nicotine raises your blood pressure and carbon monoxide decreases the ability of your red blood cells to carry oxygen. Decrease alcohol use. Alcohol can raise blood pressure as well as your triglycerides. Exercise. Find something you enjoy doing to decrease your cholesterol, help prevent diabetes and help control blood pressure which all contribute to stroke risk factors. Eat healthy foods. Fill your plate with fruits and vegetables. Cut back on foods with saturated fats that can clog your arteries. Have regular wellness examinations that include stroke risk evaluation. Marianne Hickey RN



Please send all newsletter articles to [icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org](mailto:icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org) by 3:00pm on Wednesday, May 17.



### **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>

### **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, May 14 and May 28.

### **From Three Year Old Preschool...**

This spring we learned about the life cycle of seeds and butterflies. We planted seeds and watched them sprout. We also have had the pleasure of watching caterpillars develop into cocoons and transform into beautiful butterflies. Our preschoolers really enjoyed the experience of observing transformations! In our photos you can see the caterpillars shortly after they arrived classroom, caterpillars maturing, and butterflies with their cocoons left hanging.

It is easy to see how much joy this experience brought to our students!



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR 2023-2024

All students are expected to have the appropriate school supplies for their grade with them in all classes throughout the school year. The starred (\*) items must be purchased at Back to School Business Day, August 15, 2023.

### **PRESCHOOL 3 & 4 year old**

- \* **Student Agenda** - (\$5.00)
- pocket folder** - 1 (not plastic)
- backpack** - school size
- antibacterial wipes** - 5 70 count or more (Not Clorox or Lysol)
- blanket** - small or a towel (all day students)

### **KINDERGARTEN**

- \* **Student Agenda** - (\$5.00)
- pencil box** - hard-sided 5X8 inches
- pencils** - 18 #2 wooden pencils w/ erasers
- scissors** - 1 pair - Fiskar blunt tip
- crayons** - 1 box of 8 and 2 boxes of 24 regular size Crayola
- colored pencils** - 1 set 12 count
- pocket folders** - 3 plastic (1 red, 1 yellow, 1 sturdy, No prongs)
- binder** - 1 inch, with view pocket
- glue** - 6 Elmer's glue sticks
- dry erase markers** - 2 black
- markers** - 1 box Crayola washable classic colors - wide
- headphones** (over the ear & corded, not earbuds)
- book bag or backpack**
- Ziploc bags** - quart or gallon size
- tissues** - 2 large boxes
- wet wipes** - 2 packages (80 or more count)
- disinfectant wipes** - 1 package (such as Clorox or Lysol)
- mat or rug for resting**

### **GRADE 1**

- \* **Student Agenda** - (\$5.00)
- large pencil case or box**
- pencils** with erasers - 20 - #2
- scissors** - 1 pair - Fiskar brand required
- crayons** - 2 boxes of 24 regular size Crayola
- pocket folders** - 3 (1 red, 1 blue, 1 sturdy folder)
- spiral notebook** - 1 wide line single subject
- glue** - 6 glue sticks
- dry erase markers** - 4 black
- colored pencils** - 1 set 24 count
- pencil sharpener with holding cup**
- headphones**
- book bag or backpack**
- Ziploc bags** - quart size
- tissues** - 2 large boxes
- disinfectant wipes** - 2 packages (such as Clorox or Lysol)
- \* **flash cards** - addition, subtraction (\$1.00/set)

**Items in good condition do not need to be repurchased each year.**

### **GRADE 2**

- \* **Student Agenda** - (\$5.00)
- large pencil box**
- pencils** with erasers - 20 - #2
- scissors** - 1 pair - Fiskar brand required
- crayons** - 1 box 24 regular size Crayola brand
- spiral notebook** - 1 wide line single subject
- composition notebook** - 1 wide line
- colored pencils** - 1 set 24 count
- pencil sharpener with holding cup**
- glue** - 4 glue sticks
- pocket folders** - 4 (1 red, 1 green, 1 yellow, 1 sturdy folder)
- markers** - 1 set water base classic colors - wide
- dry erase markers** - 4 - black
- old sock** for an eraser
- yellow highlighters** - 2
- pencil eraser** - (No White Out)
- headphones**
- book bag or backpack**
- gym shoes** - clean, non-marking tennis shoes for gym only
- tissues** - 2 large boxes
- Ziploc bags** - gallon size
- wet wipes** - 2 packages (80 or more count)
- disinfectant wipes** - 2 packages (such as Clorox or Lysol)
- flash cards** - addition, subtraction (\$1.00/set)

### **GRADE 3**

- \* **Student Agenda** - (\$5.00)
- pencil box** - 1 large (11 x 7 x 2 1/2)
- pencils** - 12 #2 wooden pencils w/ erasers (bring 6 to start)
- scissors** - 1 pair - Fiskar brand
- crayons** - 1 regular size Crayola 48 count
- colored pencils** - 1 set Crayola 24 count
- glue** - 1 Elmer's white school glue, 4 glue sticks
- pencil sharpener with holding cup**
- markers** - 1 set water base classic Crayola colors - wide
- dry erase markers** - 4 black
- yellow highlighter** - 1
- pencil eraser** - 1
- red pen** - 1
- spiral notebooks** - 1 wide line
- binder** - 1 inch, with view pocket
- pocket folders** - plastic 1 red, 1 yellow, 1 blue
- headphones**
- book bag or backpack**
- Ziploc bags** - quart or gallon size
- gym shoes** - clean, non-marking tennis shoes for gym only
- tissues** - 3 large boxes
- wet wipes** - 2 packages (80 or more count)
- disinfectant wipes** - 1 package (such as Clorox or Lysol)
- Rosary** - to be kept at school
- \* **flash cards** - addition, subtraction, multiplication, division (\$1.00/set) Can be used from previous years

## **GRADE 4**

- \* **Student Agenda** - (\$5.00)
  - pencil box** - 1 (11 x 7 x 2 1/2)
  - dry erase markers** - thick 1 each - black, red, green, blue
  - dry erase markers** - thin 1 each - black, red, green, blue
  - spiral notebook** - 1 wide line
  - loose-leaf paper** - 1 package wide line
  - pencils with erasers** - 12 - #2 Triconeroga brand recommended (bring 6 to start)
  - scissors** - 1 pair - Fiskar brand
  - crayons** - 1 regular size Crayola 48 count
  - colored pencils** - 1 set Crayola 24 count
  - glue** - 1 Elmer's white school glue
  - pencil sharpener with holding cup**
  - markers** - 1 set each water base classic colors - wide & thin
  - pencil eraser** - (**No** White Out)
  - red pens** - 2
  - pocket folders** - 6, 1 with prongs
  - binder** - 1 inch, 3 ring, sturdy with pockets
  - headphones**
  - book bag or backpack**
  - gym shoes** - clean, non-marking tennis shoes for gym only
  - tissues** - 3 large boxes
  - wet wipes** - 1 package (80 or more count)
  - disinfectant wipes** - 1 package (such as Clorox or Lysol)
  - Rosary** - to be kept at school
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## **GRADE 5**

- \* **Student Agenda** - (\$5.00)
  - large pencil case**
  - dry erase marker** - 1 each - black, red, green, blue
  - old sock** for a dry eraser
  - loose-leaf paper** - 1 package wide line
  - binder** - 1 inch, with view pocket
  - pencils with erasers** - 12 - #2 (bring 6 to start)
  - scissors** - 1 pair - Fiskar brand
  - crayons** - 1 regular size Crayola 48 count
  - colored pencils** - 1 set Crayola 24 count
  - glue** - 1 Elmer's white school glue, 1 glue stick
  - pencil sharpener with holding cup**
  - markers** - water base classic Crayola colors-wide & thin sets
  - highlighter** - 1
  - pencil eraser** - Magic Rub brand
  - red pens** - 4 (bring 2 to start)
  - spiral notebook** - 2 wide line single subject
  - pocket folders** - 6
  - ruler** - 12 inch and metric
  - headphones**
  - book bag or backpack**
  - gym shoes** - clean, non-marking tennis shoes for gym only
  - tissues** - 3 large boxes
  - Rosary** - to be kept at school
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## **GRADES 6 - 7 - 8**

- \* **Student Agenda** - (\$5.00)
  - pencil bag** - 1 small
  - marker** - 1 black fine tip permanent Sharpie
  - dry erase markers** - 4 thin
  - Highlighters** - 2
  - spiral notebook** - 3
  - pocket folder** - 5
  - graphing notebook** - 1
  - binder** - 1 inch, black (*6th grade & new students only*)
  - pencils with erasers** - 12 - #2
  - pencil eraser** - 1
  - scissors** - 1 pair
  - glue** - small, Elmer's white school glue
  - pens** - 6 blue or black, 4 red - Ball point
  - colored pencils** - 1 set Crayola 24 count
  - sharpener with holding cup**
  - scientific calculator** - Texas Instruments TI 34
  - ear buds**
  - book bag or backpack**
  - gym shoes** - clean, non-marking tennis shoes for gym only
  - tissues** - 2 large boxes
  - disinfectant wipes** - 1 package (such as Clorox or Lysol)

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**Teachers may request additional supplies specific to a class. Supplies may need to be replenished throughout the school year.**

***PLEASE LABEL all of your child's personal school supplies including lunch boxes, sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves, etc.***

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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](mailto:kzimmerman@boscocatholic.org)

# Little Food Pantries!

The 8th grade class at Immaculate Conception built little food pantries for one of their service learning projects.

- Located at Schmidt Park and Gilbertville Post Office
- We encourage you to donate what you can!
- Help yourself to whatever you need!
- Spread the word!

