



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.

It is so hard to say goodbye to a teacher like Mrs. Bolick. But every great teacher has to retire one day. Her teachings will remain in the hearts of her students. After all, everything you need to know you learn in kindergarten. Best wishes to Mrs. Bolick on her retirement! Letter from Mrs. Bolick -

Dear Bosco Catholic Families,

As many of you may have heard, after 36 years of teaching in the Bosco System, I have decided it is time to retire. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with so many fantastically supportive families over the years and can truly say that I have been blessed to work in a job that I looked forward to coming to every day. I thank my administrators, my coworkers, and especially you, my families, for that.

I've been a teacher in this system through 6 U.S. Presidents. I've had 9 elementary principals, and over 500 students. With God's guidance, we've worked together as a community to celebrate triumphs and endure tragedies. You entrusted me with the privilege of teaching your children...and your children's children, and I am honored that you had that faith to allow them to be my children too. I thank every one of you for your special gifts of support, time, energy, talents, and prayers.

I still love my job, but I am ready to begin a new chapter in my life that will include traveling, spending more time with my family, especially my grandchildren, and hopefully escaping to the warm south during those bitterly cold weeks of Iowa winter. I know that I won't be able to leave teaching cold turkey, so I do have every intention of volunteering and substitute teaching in the Bosco School System.

I thank God, and all of you, for allowing me a blessed and happy career with the Bosco Catholic System.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nancy Bolick

Nurse's Notes

Hopefully with a little nicer weather, we will be heading outdoors more. Being outdoors is good for the whole family. One of the things to beware of is ticks. Black legged ticks that carry Lyme's Disease live in warm moist environments. You can get ticks from yards or walking through leaves and bushes. Perform daily tick checks paying close attention to under the arms, behind the ears, around the waist and behind the knees. If you do find a tick, it is best to remove the tick using tweezers as close to the skin as possible. Pull upward with steady pressure. Clean the area and your hands with soap and water or alcohol. Report any rashes or fevers to your primary care provider. Treatment usually consists of antibiotics. For more information check out the CDC fact sheet. When you come back in from being outside be sure and wash your hands! Marianne Hickey RN

Vacation Bible School Preregistration

It is time for Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School preregistration! Vacation Bible School is open to students beginning Kindergarten through beginning 5th grade for the 20/21 school year. The form is below. Vacation Bible School will be July 27-31 in the St. Mary Center from 8:30-11:30 each day. Your child will get a snack and come home with a craft each day. The cost will be \$20 per child with the option of ordering a t-shirt for \$8. If you wish to preregister, please have your form electronically submitted to Mrs. Wellman, Mrs. Ownby, or Ms. McMaster by May 22, 2020. We understand that there is still some uncertainty about guidelines for larger gatherings in the summer. We are optimistic that we will still be able to host Vacation Bible School at the end of July! We will not be taking payments until we know that we are for sure a go. We are also looking for parents and middle or high school students willing to volunteer! We would love to have you for as much time as you're able to give us. Please fill out the volunteer form and send it to one of the mentioned teachers. Hope to see you there!

Dear Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph families,

Wow! What a school year!!! I know none of us ever imagined on March 13 that when the kids left for the day that would be their last day in their classrooms with their teachers! (It makes me want to cry just typing that out!) We did our best to hold onto hope but things just didn't work out the way we wanted.

I am so thankful for our school community. Everyone, teachers and parents, rallied together and set in motion a plan to provide the best educational opportunities possible for our students. We have all learned so much in a short amount of time!!

I want you to know that we are working diligently to plan for every contingency for the upcoming school year. We will continue to update you as soon as we know any more information regarding the start of the school year. We know it is weighing on everyone's minds!

Teachers are working with their classes to wrap up instruction next week. The "official" last day of school is Friday, May 22. We will be offering two drop-off/pick-up days. Both school locations will be open on Friday, May 22 from 7:00 am until 6:30 pm. Immaculate Conception will be open on Wednesday, May 27 from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm. This will be your opportunity to come in and pick up any of your child's belongings and drop off devices that were checked out. This includes the Ipads assigned to middle school students. If neither of these dates work, please email Mrs. Douglas to set up alternative times. (Your child's homeroom teacher will be emailing you more details.)

The end of the year usually brings many celebrations to wrap up the year. We cannot do all of the things that we normally would but we would like to wrap up the year with a drive-through! On Thursday, May 21 from 4-5 PM, we are planning to be in the IC/Don Bosco parking lot for families to drive through and wave hello!

Teachers and staff will be lined up around the outside of the parking lot to maintain social distancing. We will also honor our four-year-old students graduating preschool, our 8th graders promoting to High School, and Mrs. Bolick who is retiring after teaching in our system for 36 years. Preschool students will be standing with their families, socially distanced, in the knoll at the north end of the plaza. 8th-grade students will be standing on the sidewalk (socially distanced) east of the church on 4th St.

Families are invited to drive through the parking lot to wave, say hello, and holler out congratulations! The Gilbertville Fire Department will be helping to direct traffic! Please see the map below so that we have a safe flow of traffic!

Following this, the 8th-grade students and their parents will celebrate a socially-distanced 8th-grade promotion.

Reminder: To maintain social distancing, we ask that families stay in their vehicles while making their way around the loop and that no one walks through the parking lot during this time. We are doing our part to not spread germs, so families must stay inside their vehicles at all times!

We can't wait to see you :)

Please let us know if you have any questions!

*Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org
by 3:00pm on Wednesday, May 20.*



What a journey
it has been!

MRS BOLICK

IS RETIRING AFTER 38 YEARS OF
TEACHING! THANK YOU FOR SHAPING
THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF MORE THAN
500 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS.



Nancy, I will miss eating lunch with you every week! It's a simple thing, but I always enjoyed catching up over the weekend and chatting with you. You have been a wonderful work friend and teacher to learn from. You will be dearly missed, Nancy! - Allison Bogaard

Nancy, it has been a pleasure to work with you for the past two years! I wish I could have gotten more time with you but I enjoyed the time that we had! - Katie Sandman

Nancy, I'll never forget the time I subbed for you this year. I was so impressed by how helpful each student was to each other and me. It made my day a breeze and so much fun! Even though you weren't there, it was easy to see you taught them to be so supportive and welcoming. I know every student you had was lucky to have you! - Sam Bergan

Best of wishes on your retirement. You have always been my strong source of support in the 10 years I have worked with you. You were always there to lend advice, a helping hand, laughs, or just spark up a conversation about how my day is going. I absolutely loved working with you. I'm sad to see you go, but you deserve "time to do you!" Thanks for everything and enjoy your retirement! - Love, Dawn Lutgen

Nancy, during retirement you should relax, read, go to UNI games (Go cats!) and enjoy time with family and friends! I am so thankful to know you and will miss you so much! Congratulations on a well deserved retirement! - Morgan Rutherford

Nancy, it has been an interesting, fun, anxious producing, celebratory, calming, exciting, status quo type of journey with you over the 30 some years we have worked together. (I couldn't think of any more adjectives to describe our time together as teachers-it could go on and on!) Overall it has been a great journey of learning together! I have enjoyed sharing our family's lives with each other as they grew through the years. I need to also throw in there our shared love of reading outside the classroom. I wish you the best in your retirement. Do all the things you love!!! - Janice Rosauer

Nancy congratulations on your well - earned retirement. You sure will be missed at school! I will miss walking into school each morning hearing you work in your room and you say "good morning". It has been a fun experience teaching with my Kindergarten teacher these past 5 years, I am glad I had the chance to be your coworker. Enjoy your retirement to the fullest! - Heather Marvin

Nancy, what I will miss the most about teaching with you is... How appreciated and valued you made me feel. From the first day of teaching I found comfort talking, venting, and expressing ideas with you. Your calm, but caring nature made me feel that everything will be okay! I hope to one day emulate the same passion and professionalism you showed our kids over the years. You will be greatly missed! Thank you for everything! -Braxton Chicchelly (your at school "son")

*Nancy, during retirement you should sit outside on the deck or porch and drink your coffee and read a new book. Enjoy the quiet and peacefulness due to you!
I remember a time when you convinced me that white attire and polka dots do not mix. (You know what I am talking about)! LOL* - Sue Neverman

Nancy, during retirement, you should take time for yourself and enjoy every minute of it! If you ever miss us too much, feel free to visit us anytime. I enjoyed getting to know you and I will miss you! - Blessings, Lora Johnson

Nancy, during retirement, you should take all the time you've put into others, and take some time for yourself. - Nate Kellogg

What I admire most about you, Nancy is...your love and compassion for some of our youngest students. Subbing a day in your room was always fun, but exhausting. I could not do it every day! - Ms. Mayer

Nancy, this blurb was really hard. I attempted it many times and I am still not satisfied with it. You are a wonderful human being with so much knowledge and kindness to share. I hope you spend your retirement traveling, making memories with your grandkids, and enjoying new experiences. We will miss you! - Emily

What I admire most about you Nancy is the energy you bring to the room when you walk in. You are always upbeat and enthusiastic about what you do. You genuinely care for your students and they love you back in return. You are always there for your fellow staff, as well. You will be greatly missed! - Kim Bird

Nancy, I remember those beginning years we had in the white building; you teaching music and me teaching PE. What were they thinking? We made it through those times together. I wish you all the best in your retirement. - Marita

Nancy, during retirement, you should... travel and shop at Von Maur as much as you want!

Nancy, I remember the times... we would all just chat and unwind after school!

Nancy, what I have learned from you over the years is... a little positivity goes a long way.

What I admire most about you, Nancy, is... you are an amazing teacher and you really connected with the students and built relationships with each child.

Nancy, what I will miss the most about teaching with you is... eating lunch with you, seeing you around school, and learning from you! - Molli Wellman

Nancy, I just wanted to tell you how much I am going to miss you. You are a great role model for the newer teachers, and I really appreciate how you were so accepting of me. Thank you for your wisdom and guidance, but also for your sense of humor. Please don't be a stranger and come back to see us! - Kaileb Armbruster

Nancy, what I admire most about you is your kindness and compassion for all of your students and colleagues. No matter what the situation is, you always face each day with a calm demeanor and positive attitude. I admire how organized and honest you are. Even though I've only known you for a few years, I will always remember you as one of the greatest educators! Enjoy retirement! - Ronnie McMaster

Nancy, I was so fortunate many, many years ago to watch you first hand with your students as a para in your classroom. I learned then, and still know today, you are the best of the best. You will be missed! I wish you nothing but the best. Enjoy your retirement. - Carol Berry

Question: What should I do when I retire?

Answer: Relax and Enjoy your time off! Because you are already an adventurous person in my book I say Try something new and different. You have educated little minds for many years so now take time to Imagine the possibilities now that you aren't on a daily schedule. You have always enjoyed the "small things" so take time to Remind yourself to play. Continue to Explore new places and anticipate adventures. While no longer creating daily lesson plans don't forget to Make time for yourself! I know that you will be hanging out with your friends and family, but don't forget to also Entertain a few wild ideas of your own. Now it is your turn to Nap frequently without guilt! Finally remember to Take time just for you, because the best has yet to come! - From Kari :-)

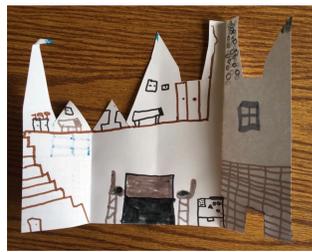
Nancy, during retirement, you should spend time with the grandkids. - Greg Fahnle

Nancy, working with you has been a true pleasure; one that I wish would have been longer but I am so happy for you to be able to move into this next chapter! You have left a lasting impact on so many people! We look forward to you coming back to see us either subbing or volunteering! - Shelby

Students do activities with "Flat Mrs. Wellman".

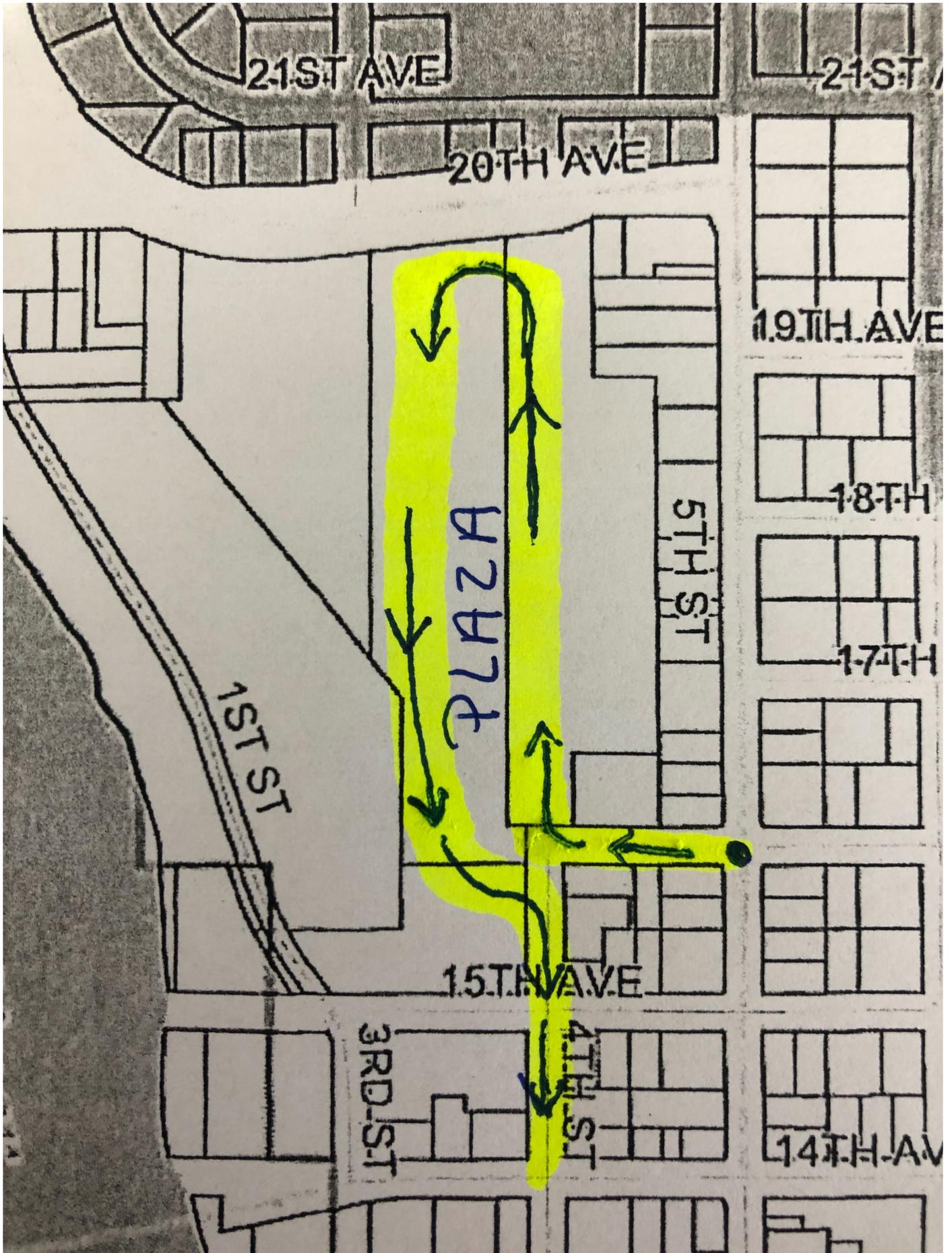


Students became interior designers! They staged their rooms by cleaning and organizing or designed their own rooms and houses. I am so proud of the creativity and hard work put into these weekly projects! - Ms. Bogaard



The 5th graders in Mrs. Bird's class had to put their STEM thinking caps on while participating in the "Egg Protection Program"! They were tasked with building a device that could protect an egg when dropped from 5 feet and they came up with many creative designs!





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5TH ST

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14TH AVE

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REGISTRATION FORM

July 27-31 ^(One per child) 8:30-11:30 AM \$20 per child*
St. Mary's Center \$8 per t-shirt
(optional)

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____



Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

T-shirt size (optional) YXS _____ YS _____ YM _____ YL _____ S _____
M _____

Allergies, medical conditions, or special needs: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____



Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

July 27 - July 31, 2020

8:00AM - 11:45AM

Director Contacts:

Molli Wellman mwellman@boscocatholic.org, Veronica McMaster vmcmaster@boscocatholic.org

Emily Ownby eownby@boscocatholic.org

Name: _____

Circle one: Adult High School Student Middle School Student

Email/Phone: _____

Staff Shirt \$10 (optional) S___ M___ L___ XL___ XXL___

Middle School Students

(circle all that interest you)

Crew Leader Assistant Station Assistant

High School Students

(circle all that interest you)

Crew Leader Station Assistant Photographer Registration/Check-In
(lead a mixed-aged group of kids through the stations)

Adults

(circle all that interest you)

Station Leader Crew Leader Photographer Registration/Check-In

Stations (check all that interest you)

- Imagination Station (arts, crafts, science)
- Loco Motion Games (active outside games)
- Music & Dance (learning & teaching theme songs & dances)
- Chew Chew Snacks (making and serving themed snacks)
- Bible Adventures (explorations/skits of Bible Stories)

Availability:

M___ T___ W___ Th___ F___ All morning___ Other_____

Sunday afternoon for set-up/decorating_____

*Depending on our number of volunteers, we may ask that you fill a different role than your preference.