



## Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph Newsletter

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August 27, 2020

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.

### COVID-19 Information

As we continue to navigate through this situation, we are learning more and more about what we have to do in regards to the health and safety of our students. We are learning about contact tracing, isolation, quarantine, exposure, and many other terms that are brand new to us.

Here are some protocols from the Iowa Department of Education, the Archdiocese, and the local and state health departments that we are following:

- Daily tracking of absenteeism to include documenting the reason for the absence. Please remember to report all of your child's symptoms when emailing or calling the school. If your child is experiencing one high-risk symptom or two low-risk symptoms, you will receive a follow-up call from the nurse.
  - High-risk symptoms: NEW cough, shortness of breath, NEW loss of taste or smell
  - Low-risk symptoms: fever, headache, muscle and body aches, fatigue, sore throat, runny nose, congestion, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Students and staff experiencing one high-risk symptom or 2 or more low-risk symptoms may be advised to seek an evaluation by a healthcare provider.
  - A student or staff member with a negative COVID test OR if they have an alternative diagnosis may return to school after 24 hours with no fever and symptoms improving.
  - A student or staff member that tests positive may return to school after 24 hours with no fever AND symptoms improving AND 10 days since symptoms started.
- Monitoring exposure to known positive cases. In the event that a student becomes exposed to a known positive case, they will be required to quarantine for 14 days. This DOES NOT mean that the student has COVID. We will work with each family on a case by case basis to determine the possibility of hybrid learning during the quarantine.
- In the event of a student or staff member testing positive for COVID, we will follow contact tracing procedures to determine if other students and/or staff have been exposed. Exposure is defined as 15 or more continuous minutes within 6 feet of a confirmed positive case. **THIS IS WHY WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST TO SPACE STUDENTS 6 FEET APART.** If students in a classroom are not 6 feet apart and there is a positive case in the classroom this does NOT mean that the whole class is exposed. Only those within 6 feet of a confirmed positive case for 15 continuous minutes would be considered exposed.
- If you hear that someone is absent from your child's classroom, please do not think automatically that the student has COVID. They may be absent for a multitude of non-COVID related reasons or they may be gone in a quarantine situation. Please be assured that if your child is considered exposed, you will be contacted. The likelihood of an entire class being exposed is minimal due to the physical distance that we have in place.
- Confidentiality of Students: Due to HIPPA, we will never be sharing the names of positive students during contact tracing or in our communications to you. We have to do our best to maintain confidentiality so when we communicate, we will say "A student at St. Joseph", "A student in unit 2-5" or "A student in Middle School". **REMEMBER-** if your child was deemed a close contact you **WILL BE NOTIFIED** but not given any identifying information regarding the positive COVID case.
- Confidentiality of Staff: The above holds true for staff as well **UNLESS** the staff member gives permission for their name to be shared with close contacts only (those deemed exposed).

### ***Before-School Supervision***

The doors for St. Mary will be open at 7:10, not before. All students riding the transfer bus need to be dropped off at 7:15, as the transfer bus leaves at 7:20.

If it is 7:25 or after, you can drop your child off at the IC doors and your child may go directly to his or her classroom. Students arriving after 7:30 must stop in the office before going to their classroom. \*Students not in their classroom by 7:30 will be marked tardy.

### ***Medication Reminder***

State law requires that ALL medications (prescription and over the counter) be in their original containers. Any prescriptions sent to school that are not in their original containers cannot be administered. A signed form from the parent with directions on administering the medication is also required. The form may be found at <http://www.boscocatholic.org/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/55dcc0d507de3/Medication%20Permission%20Form.pdf>.

### ***Attendance***

Parents should call the school office before 7:30am if your child will be absent. If you call before 7:00am, please leave a message on voicemail.

**St. Joseph Center (319) 233-5980**

**Immaculate Conception Center (319) 296-1089**

If you have a planned absence, the K-5 and 6-8 Absence Request Forms can be found on our school website.

<https://www.boscocatholic.org/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/55dcc0d507de3/Absence%20Request%20form.pdf>

### ***Water Bottles***

Students should have a water bottle with them. The drinking fountains are turned off. Students may use the filling stations. Having an easy-to-use bottle that doesn't require unscrewing the cap and screwing it back on for every drink will certainly be appreciated. Spill-proof caps and sport-tops are a great choice. NO glass bottles please.

### ***Bus Information***

If your student will be getting off at a stop other than home a note must be sent to the office and then it will be given to the bus driver.

For kindergarten students riding a Waterloo bus, an adult must be waiting for that student each day. He/she cannot be dropped off if the bus driver does not see that someone is there.

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

Welcome back to school. We are all so happy to see the children again. It has been a very hot week. Please remember that your children need to bring a water bottle with them to school. We are having them fill them at the filling station but we do not have the fountains going to get a drink. Also try and encourage your child to eat something in the morning. It does not have to be typical breakfast food. Sometimes a sandwich works because it is easy to grab and go. We do have children with peanut and tree nut allergies in school so please be mindful of sending something that may contain or has been manufactured in a plant with peanuts and tree nuts. One of the most common reasons for a visit to the nurse's office is a stomach ache. Most of the time the student has not eaten before school. I know not all people can eat first thing in the morning so if they will not eat please send a snack. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know! Happy 1st week of school!

Marianne Hickey RN

### ***Free & Reduced Lunch Applications***

If you feel you may qualify for free or reduced lunch, please complete an application and return it to school as soon as possible. This program not only benefits you, but the school also receives grant money based upon the number of students enrolled for free or reduced lunches. All information is completely confidential.

### ***Counselor Corner***

Happy first week of school! It is so great to have all of the kiddos back and to see their smiling faces! With everything going on in the world, new school procedures, new classes, and for some students even new schools, I wanted to reach out to parents about worries and anxiety! It's completely reasonable for everyone to have some level of worry. But kids pickup on our feelings and notice our anxieties, and they will take cues from us. If you're feeling anxious, practice your own mindful or calming activities, call a friend or loved one, practice self care, or reach out for help. If you notice worries/anxiety with your own child please do not be afraid to reach out to myself or teachers! What a year it will be, but I am so excited for it! We love having your student(s) at our school! :) Mrs. R

***Please send all newsletter items to [icsnewsletter@boscocatholic.org](mailto:icsnewsletter@boscocatholic.org)  
by 3:00pm on Wednesday, September 2.***

### ***Middle School iPads***

Please remember that all paperwork needs to be returned to school signed by parent and student ASAP

- Student Device Checklist
- Device Protection Plan
- Bosco Catholic School System Mobile Device Agreement

Insurance portal is open until Sept 5 - Please use Student's Lunch ID when signing up for insurance.

### ***PTO News***

Welcome back Bosco families! The PTO would like to thank all who stopped by our table at Back to Business Day to sign up for volunteer opportunities. If you did not have a chance to sign up, please reach out to one of the PTO Board Members listed below to inquire about available opportunities.

We would also like to extend a formal invitation to all parents to join us this year! Our PTO meets just four times a year and is a great way to get involved with minimal commitment. To kick off the year, we will be gathering Tues Sept 8th at 6pm in St Mary Center. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

We are looking forward to a great year!

PTO Parent Representatives:

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### ***Booster Club News***

Football & Volleyball Merchandise store is live. Store closes on Aug. 30

[https://stores.teamelitesports.com/don\\_bosco\\_fall\\_sports](https://stores.teamelitesports.com/don_bosco_fall_sports)

Activity Passes are available! You can send in the form attached to the newsletter email and money to DB HS office. Please mark envelope "Activity Passes"

Gold cards – There are lots of great offers this year! \$20/ea. Please reach out to any high school student (Aug 27- Sept 2) or you can send a request to DB Office. Please mark envelope "Gold Card" and one can be sent home with your student.

Quilt Raffle – Thank you to Amy Youngblut & her mother for the donation. These quilts are amazing! The Booster Club is selling raffle tickets 1/\$5 or 3/\$10. Please fill out the tickets attached to the newsletter email and return to school. Please mark the envelope "Quilt Raffle".

Next Meeting: September 14.

Watch for our new Facebook GROUP, coming soon!!! Thank you for supporting the Bosco Catholic Booster Club!



Thank you all for supporting our Fun Run last October/November. We raised enough money to remodel two restrooms. Our wonderful contractor, Huff Contracting, agreed to work with us to complete all four restrooms at the same time. We need one more successful Fun Run to pay off the balance. This year's Fun Run is scheduled for October 22.

Again, thank you to our families and friends for making this a huge success, and a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to our Fun Run Committee parents, who make it so easy for teachers and staff.

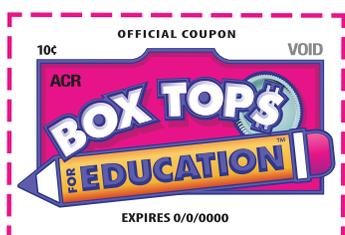




Dear Families,

The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way we can earn cash for our school!

Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.



SEE THIS...  
**CLIP IT**



SEE THIS...  
**SCAN**  
YOUR RECEIPT

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team has worked hard to build a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app, available now.

The new app features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

**BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP  
OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:**



If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, you can “double dip” during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CHANGES AT**

**BTFE.COM**



## Quick & Easy ways to support the Bosco Catholic School System

### Paper Recycling:

Mason City Recycling pays us for collecting PAPER that they use to produce insulation products. The semi is parked at the North end of the Gilbertville campus parking lot. **NO** pizza boxes, Styrofoam, empty boxes or garbage. **PLEASE** take your paper as far back into the trailer as possible!

### Pop Can Recycling

Collection Site is located on the North end of Don Bosco Catholic High School near the paper recycling trailer



### Hy-Vee Cash 4 students:

Save your Hy-Vee cash register receipts and turn them into school. Hy-Vee donates \$1 for every \$250 in receipts collected!



**Amazon Smile:** AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices & shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop with AmazonSmile 0.5% of the purchase price on eligible products is donated to the charitable organization of your choice!

### Ronald McDonald Pop Tops:



### Give Back To Schools

<https://www.officedepot.com/cm/school-supplies/give-back>

Make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide your school ID and your school will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies

School ID: 70028239



**Shoparoo:** Download the App for Hassle-Free fundraising! Turn your shopping receipts into donations for your school. It's that simple!

Search 50634 ~ Select Immaculate Conception- St Joseph School

**How it works!** Shop for ANY product, at ANY store, SNAP a picture of your receipts and our school EARNs free money!

**If you use the link posted on Bosco Catholic Facebook page, we will receive 500 BONUS points after your first receipt!**



### Coca Cola Give:

Download the Coke app or sign into <https://us.coca-cola.com/give>

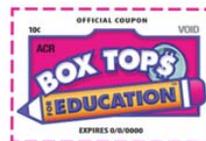
Donate to your local school. Search by zip (50634) and select

### IMMAC CONCEPTION-ST JOSEPH

HOW MUCH IS MY CODE WORTH?					
SEE HOW WE REACHED THESE VALUES					
35-PACK	\$0.38	12-PACK	\$0.15	20 OZ	\$0.05
32-PACK	\$0.38	8-PACK	\$0.12	24 OZ	\$0.05
30-PACK	\$0.38	6-PACK	\$0.08	1 LITER	\$0.05
28-PACK	\$0.38	12 OZ	\$0.05	1.25 LITER	\$0.05
24-PACK	\$0.30	12.5 OZ	\$0.05	1.5 LITER	\$0.05
20-PACK	\$0.27	14 OZ	\$0.05	2 LITER	\$0.05
18-PACK	\$0.23	16 OZ	\$0.05	2.5 LITER	\$0.05
15-PACK	\$0.23	0.5 LITER	\$0.05	50 OZ	\$0.05

Every Receipt Counts!		Every Receipt Counts!	
Grocery	Non-Grocery	Grocery	Non-Grocery
Earn sweepstakes entries for receipts from restaurants, clothing stores, home improvement stores, electronics stores, sporting goods stores & more!		Earn Roo Points for your receipts from any store, big or small, that sells groceries, health items, beauty products & more! You may upload your own receipts and any from your household member (not from friends). Roo Points are cash donations for your school!	
These entries for our monthly and end-of-school-year sweepstakes could win your school up to \$15,000!		Roo Points	
Receipt Total		Reward	
Under \$10	10 Roo Points	\$10 - \$50	20 Roo Points
\$50 - \$100	30 Roo Points	\$50 - \$100	30 Roo Points
Over \$100	40 Roo Points	Over \$100	40 Roo Points

### THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS



Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip them and send them to school.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

\*All valid Box Tops clips submitted per the Program Rules by a Coordinator(s) of an eligible, enrolled school(s) will be honored.



### THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10¢ for your school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.



# EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

LOOK FOR THE NEW LABEL:



## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



### BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



### SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

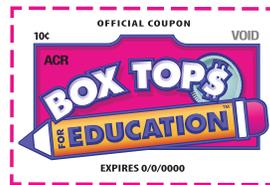
Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



### EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



## BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES

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BOX TOPS  
PRODUCTS



**CUT**  
OUT THE BOX TOP  
FROM EACH PACKAGE



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