

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.

Before-School Supervision

The doors for St. Mary Center will be open at 7:10. All preschool students riding the transfer bus need to be dropped off at 7:15, as the transfer bus leaves at 7:20.

If it is after 7:20, 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.

Morning drop off

As a **Leader in Me** school we encourage our students to find their voice. Habit One is Be Proactive - You are in charge of You. We strongly encourage parents to drop students off in the morning at St. Mary Center between 7:10-7:20 to walk to their classroom with their classmates. If you must drop students off after 7:20, drop off at Entrance 6. Please say your goodbyes at the door. We will help students get to their classroom.

School Pictures

K-8 students will have their picture taken on Thursday, September 7. This will be an out of uniform day. Students may wear nice jeans/shorts with an appropriate shirt. No spaghetti straps, tank tops, or hats may be worn.

St. Joseph Preschool pictures will be taken on Friday, September 8.

Order forms are being sent home today and need to be returned with payment on picture day if not ordering online.

To order online go to: <http://halverson-photography.hhimagehost.com/2023DonBosco>

Dismissal Information

It is a good idea to write dismissal information in your student's agenda. Example: to ABC, walk home, parent pick up, Bosco bus, Waterloo bus. If you know which bus, please include that information.

Students being picked up at the end of the day in Gilbertville will be picked up in front of IC Church.

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>

Bus Information

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.

Only Students routed on a Waterloo bus may ride.

Spirit Days

Wednesdays will be "Spirit Days". Students may wear any kind of crew neck IC/St. Joseph, Don Bosco shirt with uniform pants. The shirt can be specific to a particular sport if desired (for example, wrestling, football, volleyball). It can be long- or short-sleeved, t-shirt or sweatshirt. Collared uniform shirts need not be worn underneath. No hooded sweatshirts.

Water Bottles

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.

What is SCRIP?

SCRIP is fundraising for our school while you shop and purchase items that you are already buying. This doesn't cost you any more than you are already spending.

Why should I use Scrip?

When you purchase Scrip, you earn tuition credit based on your purchases. 50% of the profit earned on your purchase is applied to your school account as a tuition credit. You can reduce the amount of your tuition simply by purchasing Scrip on a regular basis for things you are already buying. Everyone needs groceries and the car always needs gas. Two simple ways to help the school without even trying. Thank you all for using Scrip and spread the word how simple it is to use.

Flag Football Registration

Registration for Bosco System Flag Football begins today. This is open to all children in the Bosco and St. A's System in grades 1-4. The registration form must be turned in no later than Friday, September 1. Please make sure to return the sign up form and the attached waiver. If the form is not turned in on time you will not receive a t-shirt as we have a deadline for ordering the t-shirts. The t-shirts can be worn on spirit day. After the teams have been organized you will receive an email with the schedule and your child's team. If you sign your child up and do not receive an email by Sept. 9, please text Candi Yoder at the number listed below. The first game will be September 16 and there will be one practice 30 minutes before your child's first game. You may contact Candi Yoder at 319-290-3878 with any questions.

Gold Card

Don't miss out on DB Gold Cards for great deals at participating businesses in our area. Students will be selling until Sept. 7 At \$20 each, stock up because these quickly more than pay for themselves. Thank you for supporting Booster Club which supports all athletics and activities. After Sept. 7, you may purchase Gold Cards in the high school office or at home football games.

A collage of various promotional coupons for local businesses. The coupons include offers such as '10% off order', '\$2.00 OFF', 'FREE cheesbread or breadsticks', '\$10.00 OFF', '25% off any service', and '\$10 off an order of \$40 or more'. The coupons are for businesses like Mo's One More Lounge, The 10th Inning, Dew Drop Inn, Pepper's, Double Tap, FAREWAY, and Arby's.

Music Fundraiser

Did you know? Our classroom pianos have been here longer than Mr. Makita who has been here for 34 years! Help us start fundraising for a new piano (\$10,000+) with our **CAR WASH/BAKE SALE/PLANT SALE** on September 23. The piano will be used for both vocal music and band. Can't make it? Donations also accepted.

MUSIC FUNDRAISER
 SATURDAY
 SEPTEMBER 23
 7 AM-6 PM
 At school on the plaza
Proceeds will go toward a NEW classroom piano for band & vocal music!
 BOSCO Catholic School System
 BAKE SALE CAR WASH PLANT SALE

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 visit our electronic sign up at <https://flow.page/boscopto> to view 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 Tuesday Sept 5th at 6pm in St. Marys Center. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. We are looking forward to a great year!

PTO Parent Representatives

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- Beth Hallett, 6th-8th, beth.hallett@distek.com
- Kindra Christensen, 9th-12th, KindraC@invisionarch.com

Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org by 3:00pm on Wednesday, September 6.

Youth Group

Youth Group is for students in grades 8-12th. We meet in the HS student center room ---- from 6:15-7:30. The night is filled with pizza, faith, and fun! See you there!

Wednesday, Sept 6th

Wednesday, Sept. 20th- confirmation class will attend

Youth Choir

Students in grades 3-12 are invited to sing with the youth choir at 10AM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. All you need to do is come up to the front of the church when you arrive with your family. The dates for September are THIS SUNDAY, September 3 and Sunday, September 10.

Need Winter Gear?

The Koats 4 Kids project for Black Hawk County has helped kids with winter gear for years. If you are in need of a coat, boots, snow pants, hats and gloves please email icsecretary@boscocatholic.org with sizes.

St. Joseph Fundraiser

Thanks so much! St. Joseph Parish in Raymond will be holding a Frosted, Pecan, and Caramel Roll Fundraiser on Saturday, October 7th. Order your delicious fresh-baked, frosted, pecan, and caramel rolls by September 29th at \$3.00 each or 6 rolls for \$15.00. You may pre-order on the parish web-site at: <http://www.icsjchurch.com> or on Facebook under Immaculate Conception & Saint Joseph Catholic Churches, Iowa. If you prefer to call, contact one of the following: Michelle Stroh – text or message 319-429-3293 Linda Kayser – text or message 319-830-2746 Mary McMahan – text or message 319-939-6279 Orders will be taken through Friday, September 29. Extras will be available, but not guaranteed. Orders may be picked up at St. Mary Center, Gilbertville, on Saturday, October 7th from 3:30 p.m.– 6:30 p.m. If you are available to help on Friday, Oct. 6th or Saturday, Oct. 7th please contact Linda Kayser 319-830-2746. Thank you for your support!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR:
GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS DAY CELEBRATION!
* **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th** *



* **K-8 GRADE STUDENTS** *

Invite Grandparents and Special Guests to our school wide Mass at 7:45AM, Immaculate Conception Church

* **Refreshments and Photo Booth Fun to follow at St. Mary Center** *

* **More specific information to come regarding the event** *

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION • ST. ATHANASIUS • BCSS
Kindergarten, 1st Grade & 2nd Grade Families

Welcome to Bosco Family Tailgate Night

- Join us for a back to school meet and greet, tailgate style!
- DB Cheerleaders will provide DB tattoos & blue/yellow hair spray to students
- FREE admission to the football game at 7pm

Sept. 15, 2023 | 5:30 PM | Don Bosco Football Field

Meet, mingle, and experience the Bosco Pride!
We are DB!

Please bring your own
(non alcoholic) beverages and a
snack to share.

Our concession stand will open
during the football game.

SOM Information

It has definitely been an interesting and unique start to our school year and we are only about a week in! Overall, things have been going well but I wanted to bring you up to speed with transportation and our effort to keep the buildings as comfortable as possible with this unusual fall heat.

If you are not familiar with me or my position, my name is Tom Hogan and I'm the School Operations Manager for BCSS. My position oversees facilities and grounds, transportation, technology, athletics/activities, lunch program, and our preschool/ABC program.

This year Waterloo Schools has partnered with First Student Bus Company for the first time in many years. As you have probably seen on the news (or may have experienced first hand) they have been struggling with routes and finding drivers. We want you to know that we are working hard to get our three routes with the Waterloo Schools and First Student straightened out so pickup and dropoff has minimal interruptions to our families. If anyone continues to have issues please make sure you let me know and we will continue to try and solve these issues.

Our maintenance/custodial staff continues to work on keeping our facilities at a comfortable temperature for a positive learning environment during this unexpected fall heatwave. Since our classrooms are not air conditioned we have been taking steps at night and in the early mornings to cool the rooms. We have added more fans to our collection and have placed them strategically in hallways to keep the air moving. Next week looks to be another hot one and we already have a plan in place to try and combat the heat as much as possible.

I'm honored to serve the BCSS community and welcome any suggestions for the improvement of our schools. My purpose here is to serve the needs of the students and the greater school community.



Mrs. Douglas letter

What a start to the year! Record heat and the first time in over 25 years of education that I can remember school being canceled on the first two days of the year! But we made it through and everyone is finding their rhythm!

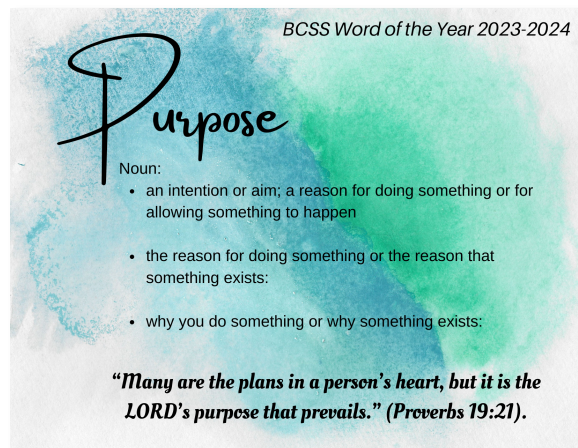
As I shared in our summer parent newsletter, this year will be a year of PURPOSE!

What is the Purpose of the Bosco Catholic School System? Four years ago, our school system embarked on a strategic planning process. Through that process, we developed some foundational documents. You have seen and heard our mission statement several times but our foundational documents include much more than that. In reading through these documents, **see the attachments at the end**, our PURPOSE is clear: Partnering with parents to develop students spiritually, academically, physically, and socially our PURPOSE is to educate and prepare students to be the Light of Christ in the world with the ultimate "end in mind" of getting them all to Heaven!

Continuous improvement is a goal here at BCSS. Each year, we continue to grow in our abilities to carry out the mission of our school. This year, with a focus on "purpose", we have streamlined a lot of our policies "on purpose" to aid in the development of our students. All of the policies are rooted in and supported by our foundational documents that define our true purpose.

We are excited to work as a system, K-12, to help students to understand the purpose of why we do things (ie, math, reading, follow expectations, etc.), help them to do things with a purpose, and most importantly seek to learn about God's purpose for their lives.

Thank you for CHOOSING Bosco Catholic School System and here's to a great YEAR OF PURPOSE!!!
Mrs. Douglas



Vision Statement

We are the model of Catholic PK – 12 education where leaders of the future are shaped ***Spiritually, Academically, Physically, and Socially*** to impact the world by leading lives of Faith, Integrity, and Service to others by being the Light of Christ in the world. We are proud to provide this excellence in Catholic education to a diverse and ever-growing number of students.

Tag Line

Preparing students to be the Light of Christ in the world!

Philosophy of Catholic Education

In keeping with and support of the
Archdiocese of Dubuque Philosophy of Education for Catholic Schools

“The Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Dubuque are committed to partnering with parents for the spiritual and educational formation of students.”

Bosco Catholic School System is a part of a community in which teachers, administration, staff, clergy, parents, grandparents and parishioners are dedicated to providing a Christian education for each student in our schools. As facilitators of the educational program, the faculty, staff, and administration consider it essential to teach the student to live in accordance with the spiritual, moral and ethical principles exemplified in the life of Christ.

BCSS realizes the necessity of educating and developing all our students to their fullest potential - - - ***Spiritually, Academically, Physically*** and ***Socially*** - - - in a caring, safe, nurturing and disciplined environment. While the parent is recognized as the primary educator, BCSS acknowledges and contributes to the partnership between home and school. In the tradition of global awareness of the universal church, BCSS further realizes the need to prepare and instill in each student a global perspective that will move them to recognize and accept responsible membership in their school, family community, and in the world community.

BCSS welcomes students of all faiths, ethnic groups and socio-economic backgrounds. The fundamental purposes of the BCSS schools are to:

- Instill a love and knowledge of the Catholic faith.
- Integrate instruction with Catholic values.
- Create a Catholic climate that contributes to the foundation of students and families that leads them to be active participants in the parish community.
- Provide opportunities for regular worship, service and prayer.
- Promote life-long learning that advances the development of the whole person – mind, body and soul to the fullest extent.
- Form students to be prepared to become productive, virtuous citizens and church leaders who will fashion a more humane and just world.
- Foster a culture of educational excellence through critical thinking skills, innovative and rigorous curriculum standards, a global perspective and an emphasis on moral education, community and service.
- Provide a caring, safe, nurturing and secure environment in which students encounter the living God, who in Jesus Christ reveals His transforming love and truth.
- Partner with parents to support students in their learning and in their search for knowledge, meaning and truth – Get souls to Heaven!

Profile of a Graduate

We, with support from their families, achieve development of all students to prepare them to continue to grow in the following areas upon graduation:

- ***Spiritually*** by developing a strong relationship with Jesus and knowledge of His Church
- ***Academically*** by valuing current and lifelong learning
- ***Physically*** by learning and accepting healthy living habits
- ***Socially*** by becoming active members of the community who serve others joyfully

We provide all students with a challenging overall experience with focus on developing the whole person. Upon graduation, graduates should be able to set goals and achieve balance in the following:

Spiritual Goals

- Understand and appreciate the uniqueness and value of every person
- Understand and appreciate the relevance of Scripture and prayer in their daily personal lives
- Form opinions on moral issues with clarity using a Christian conscience and strong sense of social justice
- Exhibit faith, leadership, and the principles of Christianity as taught by the Catholic Church
- Further develop their personal relationship with God through prayer, liturgy, and a sacramental life

Academic Goals

- Use effective skills to acquire knowledge
- Utilize current technologies as a learning tool
- Listen and communicate effectively, expressing ideas clearly through oral and written expression
- Demonstrate a strong work ethic through organizational skills, study habits, and effective time management
- Think critically and apply knowledge to seek understanding of new situations both independently and collaboratively.