



*DON BOSCO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER*

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 22, 2022 – January 2, 2023 Christmas Break
Monday, January 16 – NO School Teacher Professional Development Day
January 17 – Begin 2nd Semester

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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

Proverbs 21:5

The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.

Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Bosco Families,

Thank you for choosing Bosco Catholic Schools for your family. It is an honor to serve you and this wonderful community.

The Advent season brings joy and anticipation for the coming of Jesus who is our redeemer. What a blessing to be able to celebrate this gift and our faith within the walls of school where we work to develop students Spiritually, Academically, Physically, and Socially.

Each and every day, I come to work and am amazed by all that I see. Support staff that open our buildings and keep them running smoothly, teachers pouring their love into each and every student, volunteers giving of their time and talents to enrich the life of our school, lunch staff preparing healthy meals for our kids, parents actively involved in their child's development, and, the greatest joy of all, I see students full of innocence, joy, eagerness, mischievousness, and kindness. People tell me all the time that they don't know how educators do it having to deal with kids all day every day. For me, it IS the KIDS. From little ones grabbing my legs and mispronouncing my name, to older kids wanting to give me all of the details of a recent weekend's activities, to middle schoolers trying to navigate the world through the midst of puberty, to high school kids transitioning from dependence to independence and truly finding their voice. Where some see angst or naughtiness, I see leaders just waiting to be guided to use their talent for good. Our kids, YOUR kids, really are wonderful and they are my WHY! They are the why for all of us here!

I hope that you, as we enter into Christmas break, are full of joy and anticipation for the gift of time you will have to spend with your children whom God entrusted you with. Family is one of the many gifts God has given us and I wish you and yours the Merriest of Christmases!

Mrs. Douglas



Winter Weather and Transportation

Some of you may wonder why schools around us call for a two hour late start and we don't. Well, there are many factors but the primary reason is busing. A majority of our students in grades K-8 are transported to and from school on a Waterloo school bus. We are very fortunate to have this as an option for our students. We have been working diligently with Durham Services and Waterloo Schools to assure that they would still provide transportation if we decide to have a late start or early dismissal and the Waterloo Schools do not. This has not always worked the way we had hoped in the past and our parents of the students that ride the Waterloo buses have had to provide their own transportation to school. We hope that this will not be the case moving forward. Further, if Waterloo Schools choose to call an early out or late start we have to follow suit.

It has been a long standing policy of the Waterloo schools to RARELY call school off or call late start/early outs. This puts us in a somewhat precarious situation when making decisions for BCSS, especially because our school day starts so early! Each weather situation is unique and we make the call based on what the particular scenario is.

It would take too long to go into each scenario but we wanted to give you some context if you have wondered why we do or don't call a late start or early out when other smaller districts do.

Please know that safety is always our focus when making our decisions. And safety does not always mean that students are safer at home for two hours in the morning. Many times, that forces families to have to load their kids up and transport them to a different location anyway.

Lastly, please know that it is ALWAYS YOUR CHOICE for your child(ren). If we do not call a late start, early out, or cancel school you are always able to decide what is best for the safety of your family. It will never be an unexcused tardy or absence and our teachers will work with your child to get caught up on missed work just as they would for any other excused absence.

Canned Food Drive



What: A Canned Food Drive

When: January 5th

Who: Kindergarten - 12th Grade Students and Staff

Why: To support the NE Iowa Food Bank

*Anyone who brings a canned/boxed food item or \$1 may be out of uniform. Hopefully, kids can work to earn the items or money from home!

*This is to support the 8th grade service learning project.

*8th graders will collect the items and deliver them to the NE Iowa Food Bank.

NHS NEWS - Our National Honor Society (NHS) students had the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping for needy families in the Cedar Valley. Thanks to a donation from the National Office of the Catholic Order of Foresters who provided us with a donation that allowed us to do this Christmas service. We were able to purchase 38 gifts from the giving tree. Students used their study halls to organize and wrap all of the gifts. Thanks to Eugene Even who helped connect us with this great opportunity.

NURSE NOTES - This is a hard time of year. There are a lot of activities that are going on that involve food. We are doing a "Maintain Don't Gain" here at school again this year. Focusing on our habits may help promote wellness. Some of the rewards for developing new habits and finding healthy goals include improving your health. Maintaining or reaching your ideal weight helps your overall health. Studies have shown that losing just 10% of your body weight can reverse some health conditions. You will find that you feel better about yourself. You can feel stronger. This may be physical but there are also mental rewards. Being in control leads to strength. Having more energy is also a benefit of developing new habits. Lastly, you may inspire others to change. Leading by example is something we talk about here at school on a regular basis. What habits can you start to improve your health today?

We have had a few more cases of viral respiratory illness reported. Just a reminder that your child should be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. This means a temperature below 100.0. They should be able to participate in class. Their cough should not be disruptive. If they are vomiting or have diarrhea, they should remain out until 24 hours have passed since the last episode. Take your child to the doctor if necessary. Remind your child to cover their cough. Cough into their elbow or sleeve. Throw tissues in the garbage. Do not share supplies or utensils. Keep your hands to yourself and away from your face. Clean common surfaces with a virus cleaning product. Follow the directions as far as surface time. Wash hands often. Marianne Hickey RN

ART NEWS - Exciting news for two of our Art III students. Their artwork will be permanently installed in a secret spot in our Don Bosco building. The installation will include five pieces altogether. The long rectangle piece is inspired by Jackson Pollock. The student researched Jackson Pollock's artworks and history. Then experimented with the right flick of the wrist to achieve various splatters. Concluding in this wonderful art piece. The three smaller paintings are considered a triptic, meaning three pieces one image. These were created by a student jumping way out of her comfort zone. She is usually very precise and detailed. These paintings were created with a spackle knife and very thick paint. And rounded out the installation is a project that was created for an assignment on repetition and emphasis. It turned out wonderfully. And a great way to support The Dons. The installation will be visible to all students and staff but hidden a bit from public viewing. Here is a sneak peak -



Social Studies Department Update

This marks the second year that we're happy to offer AP American History and Government. Both classes involve a deep intellectual dive into content while also developing skills to use this information to answer demanding multiple-choice questions in addition to writing convincing data-based, short-answer and free response essays for the AP exam in May. It's a challenge, but, fortunately, the students have a high level of intellectual curiosity. The regular American History class is finishing the semester by studying the debates from the Constitutional Convention and learning how to read and evaluate primary source documents. They've discovered that there's a big difference between 17th -18th century English and what we use today. The World History class just finished group projects concerning the cultures of Ancient Africa (good presentations, by the way) and we're moving on to Ancient Greece. We spend a bit of time on this subject as it's important to Western culture. The Government class has explored the basis of government and the structure of American government. Currently we're in the middle of studying the political parties. A big thank you to those who responded to the students' question concerning the two parties. That assignment is always very insightful. The Psychology class is in the midst of the various theories on personality development and will finish the semester by progressing through the human life cycles. Psychology, Government & Western Civilization II are one semester classes. We'll offer another section of Government plus AP Government & Western Civilization III in the Spring.

We also continue to offer Western Civilization(s) II & III for college credit in conjunction with Hawkeye Community College. These provide an excellent opportunity for our student body to earn core level college credits and be able to move onto the classes that are part of their college major sooner. They're taught at the college level with the same class structure, academic expectations and challenges one would find in college.

Youth Group:

8th through 12th graders, come join us for youth group on Wednesday, January 25th. The night will be filled with pizza, games, and fun! All students in students in grades 8-12th are welcome to attend. We will be meeting in the high school student center (the old FCS room). Time: 6:15-7:30 pm. Can't wait to see you there!



We have had a very joyful Advent season here at Bosco Catholic school system! All students in grades K-12 have been actively praying and participating in weekly prayer services. Units K-2 and 3-5 have been starting each week off with an advent prayer and lighting the week's Advent candle. Middle school and high school students have been participating in weekly prayer services as well as weekly challenges to partake in our side of the school day. For example, this week students are challenged to write a letter to a family member or prayer for 15 minutes with a scripture passage. These challenges are helping students do a little more this Advent as they prepare their hearts for the coming of Christmas. The winning class gets a sweet treat the last day before Christmas break!



SCRIP Program – Remember to use Scrip for food, gas and entertainment throughout the year. Proceeds from the scrip program benefit the families that use it to help offset tuition for the following school year. Any Scrip not designated for a specific family goes right back to the school. For more information on the Scrip Program click on the link below.

<https://www.boscocatholic.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Giving%7CSCRIP>

Amazon Smiles - There is a program available called Amazon Smile that you can use instead of Amazon and designate Bosco Catholic School System as your charitable organization. You can use your same user sign in and password as you presently use but sign in to www.smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com. Once you sign in, you can select your charitable organization (Bosco Catholic School System) and then every quarter 0.5% of your purchase is given to our school.

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the Amazon Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

The Bosco Booster Club is excited to announce the launch of a year-round merchandise store. There are lots of great items listed on the website with sizes ranging from baby/youth all the way to adult (tall included)!

The core logos & alumni will stay all year with other designs/items changing a few times during the year!

Please join us at our next Booster Club meeting on Monday, September 12!

Please click the link below or scan QR code

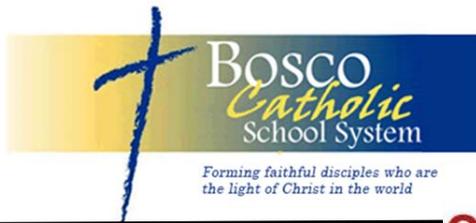
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Pop Can Recycling

Collection Site is located on the North end of Don Bosco Catholic High School



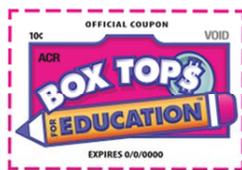
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THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS



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.