

Immaculate Conception † St. Joseph School Newsletter

www.boscocatholic.org

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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.

JANUARY Habit of the Month: **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST**

- ★ Remember to attend Mass and grab a **children's bulletin!** (Have your child write his or her name on it and turn it in on Monday, or collect them and turn them in at the end of the month.)
- ★ Remember to discuss putting first things first as a family!
- ★ How is your child living "Habit 3: " Put First Things First" at home based on some of the key concepts we have been learning about this month?

Shout it from the rooftops!!! Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School has secured a Future Ready Iowa Preschool Grant for St. Joseph Preschool!!!

Currently, the playground at St. Joseph Church/School is only rated for 5 year olds and up. The Parish has graciously approved allowing us to construct a playground that our 3 and 4 year olds can use! This grant will help us offset the cost of this project.

We have a very active committee of staff and parents working hard to get this project off the ground!

The funds will also be used to replace the entry doors on the north side of St. Joseph to make them ADA compliant.

As with many grants, there are guidelines that we have to follow and **matching funds** is one of them! Our committee will be working on fundraising opportunities for the project.

If you have any interest in donating to either the playground project or the entry door replacement, please reach out to our development director, Chris Kangas at ckangas@boscocatholic.org

Bosco Catholic School System – Gilbertville (44 slots)

IICC: \$50,150 CCC: \$5,500 Total Award: \$55,650

Serving the communities of Gilbertville and Raymond this project will double current year around opportunities for care and learning for 3- and 4-year-old children. The work will include security upgrades and help meet ADA requirements.

Click the link to see the list of grant recipients:

https://www.futurereadyiowa.gov/sites/fri/files/basic_page_files/2022%20Child%20Care%20Challenge%20SUMMARIES%20updated%201-12-2022.pdf



*Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org
by 3:00pm on Wednesday, January 19.*



No Waterloo buses tomorrow, January 14.
Parents will need to provide transportation for their students. A Bosco bus will transfer to and from preschool in Raymond.

First Semester ends January 14. Report cards will be sent home next week.

No School Monday, January 17 - Professional Development Day

K-12 Tuition Rates 2022-2023

Tuition Rates for the 2022-2023 school year have been Board approved.

In parish tuition for K-5 will be \$2,950; 6-8 will be \$3,050 and 9-12 will be \$4,825.

Out of parish tuition for K-8 will be \$4,350 and 9-12 will be \$6,300.

Preschool fees will be presented to the board in February.

STO - Tuition Assistance

The Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization (STO) and Bosco Catholic School System (BCSS) are pleased to once again provide tuition assistance to qualifying families.

The STO program will be utilizing FACTS Management to assist in determining the level of assistance to be awarded.

The FACTS application needs to be completed no later than April 15, 2022. The online FACTS application can be found at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>
See the STO flyer below.

Catholic Schools Week- January 30-February 5, 2022

We are in need of donated materials for our annual service projects during Catholic Schools Week.

New fleece to make blankets for Project Linus: they are single layered blankets so we would prefer patterned fleece over solid colors. The blankets are for children. Please don't precut because we have specific directions on how to cut the fringe. There are two sizes needed for the project: 36 inches by 36 inches or 40 inches by 60 inches.

Old towels, t-shirts, and blankets to be made into chew toys for the Cedar Bend Humane Society, Buchanan County Humane Society, and River Bend Rescue Sanctuary.

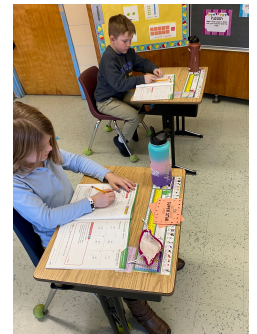
Drop off or send items to school.

Church Bulletins

Reminder - If attending Mass at IC or St. Joseph, please take only one church bulletin per family, grab one of the children's bulletin for your other students. Turning in a bulletin gives students a chance to have Donuts with Mrs. Douglas.

From Mrs. Monaghan...

Second graders have really been putting their math skills to work! We have been learning many strategies to solve two digit addition facts! We have learned how to draw a picture using base ten blocks, make friendly tens numbers, and broken apart our addends to solve. This week we have been focussing on regrouping and using the place value skills we learned at the beginning of the year. It can be a tricky skill to learn at first, but everyone is working really hard and trying their best!

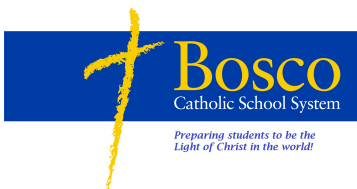


Nurse's Notes

January is National Family Fit Lifestyle Month. The goal is for children to have 60 minutes of physical activity each day and adults 30 minutes. The goal is to enjoy physical activity that increases your heart rate or is aerobic. Making a plan as a family will encourage everyone to join in. Some suggestions may be a dance party. Turn on your favorite music and show off your moves. How about stop and go? Turn on the music and everyone is moving. When the music stops FREEZE. Use craft sticks and write activities on them. Everyone has to do squats, push ups, arm circles, and marching in place. Read a story that has a repeating word. Every time you hear that word you do jumping jacks or hop. When the weather permits, bundle up and blow off the germs moving outside. This goes along with our SWITCH program that will be starting January 24 for our 4th and 5th grade students. Watch for more information about SWITCH. Marianne Hickey RN

PTO News

Mark your calendar for our next PTO meeting on Tuesday, February 1 at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Jan. 30 - Feb. 5

All Archdiocesan Catholic Schools will join Catholic schools across the country to celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2022. It's the 49th anniversary of the event whereby schools, parishes and dioceses in the United States join together to thank God for the gift of and to celebrate Catholic schools.



A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP JACKELS

The Archdiocese of Dubuque is blessed with many Catholic schools that help parents teach the Catholic Faith to their children, forming them as followers of Jesus.

A Catholic school doesn't take the place of parents in this important role; indeed, if faith is not talked about or practiced at home, the mission of a Catholic school is frustrated.

Our aim is to keep the Catholic identity of our schools strong, and to make them all affordable, so that families would and could send their school-age children there.

With regard to that aim, I am grateful to parishioners, parents, clergy, school staff and teachers, and STO contributors for all they do.

That said, when it comes to knowing, loving and serving Jesus, we can't ever say that we've arrived, not we or our Catholic schools. So... Up! Always higher! More is better!

COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

"These first two values of our Catholic schools – academics and atmosphere – produce tremendous benefits for our community. Social scientists tell us that alumni of Catholic schools overwhelmingly go on to college, land better jobs, enter enduring marriages with united families, and take leadership roles in society. Not bad! It seems that if you want to reduce unemployment, poverty, broken families, violence, drugs, and crime, you support Catholic schools!"

-Cardinal Timothy Dolan



The Our Faith School Tuition Organization awarded **\$4,128,422** in 2021 in need-based tuition grants to **2,954** students representing **34%**

of the students attending Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Families are eligible for STO assistance if their taxable income is at or below 400% of the federal poverty rate for the previous tax year. The STO grants are made possible through the support of hundreds of donors across the Archdiocese. These donors not only receive the satisfaction of helping thousands of students, but also receive an Iowa income tax credit equal to 75% of the total donation.



The goal for the 2022 tax year is \$7,011,658. Donor applications, as well as a complete explanation of the program, are available at www.Our-FaithSTO.org. This program benefits all of the schools within the Archdiocese. Please support and share this program with others.



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - Kim Hermsen

"The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy!" (Psalm 126:3)

As we celebrate National Catholic Schools Week, we praise God for the blessings bestowed upon our Catholic schools. Our early childhood programs and schools continue to serve the spiritual, academic, and social/emotional needs of over 10,000 children. The dedication and commitment to maintain the mission of our Catholic schools, while partnering with parents and serving as an important ministry of our parishes, have served as a beacon of hope and light.

We celebrate the efforts of all involved in the education of our students. Despite the obstacles created by the pandemic, children are learning! Our schools have maintained in person instruction and our students consistently out-perform others in Iowa. We recognize that all can achieve at high levels and our commitment to academic excellence fosters growth in each child.

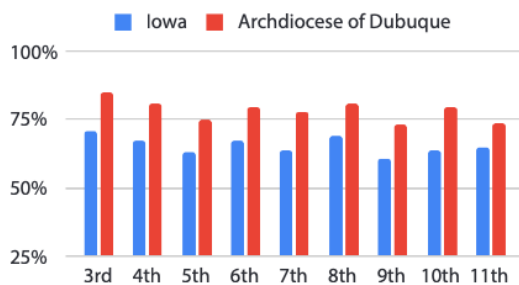
Strategic planning continues in our schools. Ensuring that comprehensive enrollment management and communication plans are in place is the focus of this year. Our schools are also engaged in the implementation of year one objectives to meet goals set forth in their 3-5 year plans. Be sure to ask your local Catholic school about their plan, if you are not already familiar with these efforts. This attentive planning helps insure vitality for the future!

Nothing compares to the growth and development of the Catholic faith within our students. Our Catholic schools share in the evangelizing mission of our Church by bringing the gospel to students and families every day. As partners with parents, our Catholic schools provide daily religious instruction, modeling of the faith and a distinct focus on the whole child. Our students and staff provide countless hours of service to their local church and communities. In a world filled with challenges and mixed messages, our schools provide the counter-cultural teaching of Jesus Christ as the center of everything we do all day long.

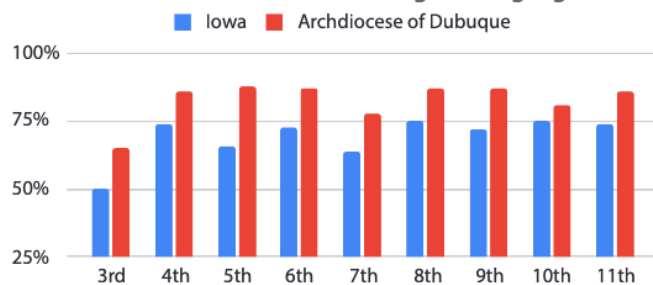
As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2022, may we look forward with hope and joy as we continue to work together for the blessing of Catholic schools!

ISASP (IOWA STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PROGRESS) RESULTS 2021

Percent of Students Proficient in Math



Percent of Students Proficient in English Language Arts



DID YOU KNOW?

All schools within the Archdiocese of Dubuque are accredited through the Iowa Department of Education. This means they must meet all of the stated DE requirements for nonpublic schools including alignment with curriculum standards and reporting student assessment data. In addition, all administrators and teachers are licensed through the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners.





Our Faith STO
a school tuition organization

22-23 Tuition Assistance Application Process

Deadline for application & submitting 2021 federal tax returns is **April 15, 2022**.

Step 1: Apply Now

Complete one FACTS application per family at online.factsmgt.com/aid.

Step 2: Upload 2021 Federal Tax Return

Include your entire federal tax return and all schedules.

If you are not required to complete 2021 federal taxes, upload nontaxable income documentation.

Step 3: Application Fee

Pay \$36.00 fee per family before submitting the FACTS application.

Step 4: Seek Assistance

For questions about the application:

Call FACTS Helpline at 866-315-9262.

Monday–Thursday 7:30am to 7:00pm and Friday 7:30am to 5:00pm.

For help with uploading documents or other assistance completing the application:

Contact your school office.

For more information about the application process and eligibility requirements:

Go to ourfaithsto.org/faqs-for-parents.

Step 5: Receive Notification

Qualifying families will receive notification of STO awards by May 20th.

Step 6: Local Tuition Assistance

If you need additional tuition assistance beyond STO or miss the April 15th priority deadline, you should still complete the STO application and reach out to your school about any additional local tuition assistance options.