

Immaculate Conception † St. Joseph School Newsletter

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September 28, 2023

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.

Conference Sign Up

The online conference scheduler will close Sunday, October 8 at midnight. Instructions for scheduling your conferences online may be found in last week's newsletter.

Conferences will be: 3:00 - 7:00pm on Monday, October 9 and Tuesday, October 10.

After scheduling your conferences, please print or write down your conference schedule. You will not be able to go back to the scheduler after October 8.

News for the Fun Run Cash/Check Donations

All cash and check pledges must be turned into the school office by 10:00am for them to be entered for that day's pledge count. Any donations turned in later than that will be counted on the next school day's pledge count. As we continue to raise more money each year, we are getting an increasing amount of cash and check pledges which must be entered manually. Due to the time increase in entering cash and check pledges, we have a new system of entering them.

We need all cash/check pledges to go through Ms. Berry in the IC office. Please do not give pledges to Run Run committee members. Please put cash and check pledges in an envelope marked "Fun Run Pledge". Please include the following information with your pledge:

- Student's first and last name
- Grade
- Homeroom teacher
- Pledge amount included
- First and last name of person making pledge

Spirit Day

K-12 out of uniform Spirit day is September 29. Reminder tomorrow is Mass day also.

Don Bosco High School Homecoming 2023

The homecoming football game vs Midland is at 7:00pm Friday, September 29.

School Pictures

K-8 Picture retake day is scheduled for October 11.

No School on October 12 and 13.

Nurse's Notes

I am a proud Bosco alumni and have been a Registered Nurse for 17 years. In my nursing career I have worked with patients of all ages. In my personal life, if I am not with my sons Brady(13) and Brogan(9) at a sporting event, you can find me shopping, running, working on many house projects with my husband, Jamie, or spending time with family in Prairie du Chien, WI. I look forward to being the kids' new school nurse! It is my goal to keep your children healthy, safe, in school and ready to learn. I am beyond excited for this opportunity to promote health and wellness in the school community I grew up in.

-Brenda Brasch



Please send all newsletter articles to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org
by 3:00pm on Wednesday, October 4.



Leaf Raking Service Project

On Friday, October 27, the middle school students will be participating in our annual leaf raking service project for the elderly and disabled citizens of our community.

Please have elderly and disabled citizens who would like their yard raked that day call the IC office at 319-296-1089 or email Ms. Berry at

cberry@boscocatholic.org with name and address.

Each middle school student needs one package of lawn/leaf bags and a rake. These may be brought in at anytime. No rakes on Waterloo buses.

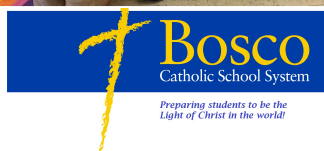
From Mrs. Short...

Our young explorers recently embarked on a fascinating adventure into the world of apples as we celebrated Johnny Appleseed Day. Through a series of hands-on experiments and investigations, your children delved into the secrets of this beloved fruit. One of the highlights was an enchanting experiment that had apple seeds jumping for joy! The students observed the magic of seeds as they danced and hopped, sparking curiosity and wonder.

In addition to the experiments our young taste-testers had a blast sampling different apple varieties and apple products. From the sweet and crisp to the tangy and tart, they discovered the diverse flavors apples have to offer. I was impressed by the curiosity and enthusiasm displayed by our first graders throughout this apple-themed adventure. It's been a joy to witness their inquisitive minds at work.

Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of teaching and guiding these remarkable young minds. Together, we'll continue to create a wonderful learning experience for your children.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Short



Instruments Needed

Instruments are needed for beginning 5th graders that are wanting to begin in the band program this year. Instruments of all types, but especially Clarinets and French Horns are greatly needed. With the large group of students starting in band last year and then this year so far, the shelves in the music room that had available horns are now empty. It is a nice problem to have, but a problem nonetheless. If anybody has any extra instruments that they are willing to donate or sell to the school for a low price, please contact Mr. Mikita

@ mmikita@boscocatholic.org Thank You!

Immaculate Conception Parish Harvestfest

Immaculate Conception Parish Harvestfest is Sunday, October 15, 2023. This is a huge fundraiser for our parish. We need lots of help to make Harvestfest a success.

Volunteer sign up sheets will be in the Heritage Room again this weekend, Sept. 30/Oct. 1. Please be generous with your time. If you are unable to sign up in the Heritage Room please call or email Carol Berry to sign up. (319-296-1089 or cberry@boscocatholic.org)

Please pick up your raffle tickets in the back of church. If you would like your raffle tickets sent home with your student, email Ms. Berry at cberry@boscocatholic.org. We are unable to mail the raffle tickets due to Iowa law. You may return tickets with money to school clearly marked Harvestfest Raffle Tickets and Ms. Berry will get them turned in.

Leader In Me Bingo

Our habit for the month of October will be Be Proactive. This year we will be doing a Leader in Me Bingo each month. Bingo cards will be sent home with the youngest child in each family in grades K-8. The cards will have a number of activities to do at home based on the habit of the month. Complete as many of the boxes as you can and return the Bingo card by the first of the next month. Each month all of the returned Bingo cards will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card. This is a great way for your children to share the habits at home!

Need Winter Gear?

Coats 4 Kids has been providing new coats, boots, snow pants, hats and gloves to kids in need for years. They have reached out to us to see if we have any kids that might be in need of some warm winter gear this year. Please email icsecretary@boscocatholic.org with items needed and sizes. All information will be confidential. Distribution will start sometime in October.

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Gilbertville, IA 50634**

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention week is October 8- 14.
“Fires Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape”.

Kindergarten, first and second grades will be visiting the Gilbertville Fire Station on October 11 to learn about fire safety.

The Fire Safety House will be here Wednesday, October 11 for our 3-4-5 grades to tour. The Fire Safety House is a mobile, fire education tool designed to teach vital burn prevention and fire escape methods through a fun, safe simulation of common household hazards. The Fire Safety House is equipped with a kitchen, living room and bedroom, which features the types of dangers children, should look for.

In addition, the house fills with non-toxic smoke to teach children to crawl low to safety. A heated door helps children choose the right exit. An escape ladder in the bedroom allows them to practice emergency escapes.

St. Joseph Fundraiser

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 pm

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!

Youth Choir Dates

for September and October:
Sunday, September 10
Sunday, October 8
Sunday, October 29

The Torch of Our Lady of Guadalupe Visiting Waterloo:

This torch is traveling from the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City to the Cathedral of St. Patrick Catholic Church in New York City, NY. The organizers of this marathon from the Archdiocese of Atlanta, GA contacted us to ask if we would host a replica of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego. Immaculate Conception Parish in Cedar Rapids will host it from September 30 through October 3. Then on Tuesday, October 3, parishioners will travel to Immaculate Conception Parish 325 15th Ave. Gilbertville, IA outside of the church. Fr. Noah J Diehm and parishioners will gather to welcome the group from Immaculate Conception Parish Cedar Rapids, IA. Then Columbus High School students will run the torch to Queen of Peace Parish Waterloo, IA. Upon arrival of the torch and the images, Bishop Pates will celebrate the 12:05 PM Mass (English). From October 4-6, Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego will be visiting 10 homes each day and care centers where there are Catholic residents. On Friday, October 6, the visit will conclude with the Mass in Spanish at 7:00 PM followed by a light reception in the parish hall. All are welcome!

IC Under Construction FUN RUN Underway

Our 2023 Fun Run is off with a bang! At our Pep Rally we got fired up discussing how we are working as a team to have FUN and raise money for classroom updates and educational field trips. Thank you for registering your children at mybooster.com, making their videos, and spreading the word about our project. It's FUN to see families, friends, and businesses come together in support of us!

Watch for emails from your child's teacher and check our [Fun Run Facebook page](#) to see the fun we are having. If you can, plan to join us on Friday, Oct. 6, for the Fun Run at 1 p.m. at the football field. New this year: parents and others coming to watch the run must be parked at the field by 12:45 p.m. to allow our students to arrive safely. Why? For added FUN the run will begin at school this year, progress through town, and continue on the track before some special activities you won't want to miss.

Keep those pledges and donations coming! Our goal is \$30,000 and we will have extra FUN when we get there!



Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph

September 21, 2023

Dear Families,

The time is here for your student and his/her teacher to share with you about your student's overall progress. **All students in grades K-8 are required to participate in the conferences.** Students, parents, and teachers should all participate in the conference.

Conferences will be:

2:30 - 7:00 PM on Monday, October 9

2:30 - 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 10

There will be no classes Thursday & Friday, October 12, 13

Parents will schedule conferences online with the Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) scheduler on our website. K-5 conferences will be scheduled in 15 minute increments. 6-8 and specials conferences will be scheduled in 10 minute increments. Instructions for scheduling conferences are below.

Conferences for **grades K-5** should be scheduled with the student's homeroom teacher.

6-8 grade conferences: If the student's last name is A - L, please schedule with Mrs. Bergfeld (Mr. Armbruster will also be present). Last names M - Z, please schedule with Mrs. Zimmerman (Mr. Chicchelly will also be present). Middle school students only need one scheduled conference with Bergfeld/Armbruster or Zimmerman/Chicchelly. You will meet with the other set of teachers at the spring conference. You may schedule additional conferences with Mr. Knepper, Mr. Robinson and specials teachers.

(in K-5 Conf. group; 15 min)

- Mrs. Wellman - IC Room 104
- Mrs. Mangrich- IC Room 102
- Mrs. Short - IC Room 103
- Mrs. Rosauer - IC Room 106
- Mrs. Monaghan - IC Room 105

- Ms. Johnson - IC Room 206
- Mrs. Schroeder - IC Room 203
- Mrs. Olson - IC Room 205
- Mrs. Gutierrez - IC Room 204
- Mrs. Frick -IC Room 202

(in 6-12 Conf. group; 10 min)

- Zimmerman & Chicchelly - DB Room 107
- Bergfeld & Armbruster- DB Room 104
- Mr. Robinson - DB Room 203
- Mrs. Knepper - DB Band Room
- Ms. Carolus - DB Room 212
- Mr. Knepper - DB Room 124
- Mr. Mikita - DB Band Room

The PTC scheduler will go live on our website Friday, September 22 at 7:00 in the morning. Please sign in and schedule your conferences. You may schedule conferences from September 22 at 7:00am until October 8 at midnight. Anyone who does not schedule a conference time will be assigned a conference time. **Please print or write down your conference schedule. You will not be able to go back to it after October 8 at midnight.**

PTC Registration Process for Parents/Guardians

To Start

- On our website <https://www.boscocatholic.org/> click on Parent Resources then Parent Teacher Conferences. This link <http://www.boscocatholic.org/vparentteacher/> will also take you to the registration/sign in screen.
- **Sign In or new families - Sign Up**

YOU ARE NOW AT THE PTC SCREEN

Signing Up for Parent-Teacher Conferences

K-5 conferences will be scheduled in 15-minute increments.

Grades 6-8 + specials will be scheduled in 10-minute increments.

Step 1: Choose the conference date and grade of students and you will be taken to a list of teachers.

Step 2: Select the teacher(s) you wish to conference with from the list or start typing the last name in the "Search Teacher" field.

Note: You can reserve time with up to eight teachers. You can register for additional teachers once you complete the current process.

Step 3: Enter the student's name.

Step 4: Click continue.

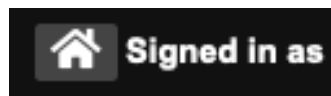
Step 5: Check the box next to the conference times(s) you wish to reserve.

Step 6: Click Update.

*The timeframe/s you chose will be colored green. Watch your times, **do not double book** with two teachers at the same time.*

At this point you may sign up for conferences for additional students in that same grade group by clicking on the "Teacher Selection" button at the bottom of the page.

To schedule a student in another grade group click your name next to "Signed in as" then the "Home" (house) button, then repeat step 1-6.



At the bottom of the screen you will see the confirmation of your conference registration. You will have the option to "click here to print" to get a copy of your Conference Registration Report.

If you have any questions about the process or have difficulty registering, either email cberry@boscocatholic.org or call Carol Berry at 296-1089 for assistance.

Print or write down your conference schedule.

2023 Don Bosco Boys Basketball Camp

Grades K-8 | October 28, November 4, November 11

CAMP TIMES:

Grades K-4 will run from 9:00 am - 10 am

Grades 5-8 will run from 10:15 am - 11:45 am

CAMP FEE:

Grads K-4 - \$35

Grades 5-8 - \$35

TO APPLY: Fill out the Registration Form. Be sure to provide all information. Mail application form and payment in full to: Don Bosco High School 405 16th Ave, Gilbertville, IA 50634 or drop off form and payment to the high school office

Make checks payable to Don Bosco Boys Basketball

Entry deadline is October 13-After 10/13 registrations will still be accepted but your son will not be guaranteed a camp T-shirt. Walk ups will also be accepted but will not be guaranteed a camp T- Shirt.

The Camp will be held at Saint Mary's Gym.

If you have an questions or concerns please contact Coach Zack Goodwin at Zgoodwin3397@gmail.com or 319-271-0278

Camp Registration Form

Participant Name: _____ Age: _____

Grade 2023-2024 School Year (circle one) K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

T-Shirt Size (circle one) YS YM YL S M L XL XXL

Parent's Name _____ Home/Cell Phone _____

Parent Email _____

STATEMENT OF RELEASE: _____ has my permission to participate in the Don Bosco Boys Basketball Camp. I hereby accept full responsibility for his/her behavior and for his/her participation. I waive all claims for damages, losses or injury. I understand the Don Bosco Boys Basketball Camp and the Don Bosco High School cannot be held responsible for lost items or for accidents. All participants are responsible for their own insurance.

Parent Signature _____



OCTOBER 2023

Bosco Catholic School System

K-12th

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| 2 Deli Turkey Combo Sub Cheese Slice Lettuce Pears Chips | 3 Mandarin Chicken on a Shell Brown Rice Peppers Mandarin Oranges | 4 Italian Grilled Chicken on a Bun Corn Pineapple | 5 Beef Nachos Lettuce Refried Beans Salsa & Sour Cream Apples | 6 Cheese Pizza Lettuce Assorted Fruit |
| 9 Egg & Ham Burrito Hashbrown Shredded Cheese & Salsa Orange Juice | 10 Chicken & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Roll Peaches | 11 BBQ Ribs on a Bun Green Beans Apples | 12 No School | 13 No School |
| 16 Egg Patty on a Bun Sausage Carrots Grapes Cheese Slice | 17 Popcorn Chicken Fries Applesauce | 18 Sloppy Joe Baked Beans Strawberries Pickles | 19 Stromboli Corn Peaches | 20 Max Cheese Sticks Mixed Vegetables Yogurt Assorted Fruit |
| 23 French Toast Scrambled Eggs Broccoli Orange Juice | 24 Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Butter Sandwich Banana | 25 Cheeseburger on a bun Green Beans Pears Pickles | 26 Chicken Fajita on a Shell Brown Rice Peppers Lettuce Mandarin Oranges | 27 Mac & Cheese Peas Assorted Fruit |
| 30 Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Mixed Vegetables Pineapple | 31 Walking Tacos Lettuce Cheese & Sour Cream Salsa Applesauce Happy Halloween!! | | | |

Choice – 1% White Milk or Skim Chocolate Milk; all breads are whole grain; Fresh Fruit in season; Fresh Veggie Bar available daily for Grades 6-12
 Nondiscrimination – This Institution is an equal opportunity provider
 Menu Subject to Change