

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.

Conference Sign Up

The online conference scheduler will close **Sunday, October 16 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 17 and Tuesday, October 18.

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 16.

Fun Run EVENT Update

Hello ICSJ families!!

First--THANK YOU for all that you are doing to support our **one and only fundraiser**, the FUN RUN!!!

Our teachers and kids have been busy coming up with new challenges! Like pies in the face, egg throwing, silly string, etc.

With all of the additional activities, we are going to do some PRE EVENT activities.

Don't worry- The official welcoming ceremony won't start until 1:00 as originally advertised but we will be doing some of the additional incentive celebrations before then, between 12:30 and 1:00.

We just wanted to let you know in case you would like to come early!

I am so proud of our kids and our COMMUNITY!! They met the challenge of reaching \$38,000 so I will be sleeping in my tent overnight Thursday night!!! I look forward to greeting all of the kids from my tent Friday morning as they arrive at school!!

Thank you again for ALL of your SUPPORT!
~ Mrs. Douglas

School Pictures

K-8 school pictures are being sent home today. Preschool will get theirs tomorrow. Picture retake day is scheduled for October 26.

No Waterloo buses, Thursday, October 13.

No school Friday, October 14.

No school Friday, October 21.

Nurse's Notes

Welcome to October. October is the month that ends with candy and leads right into the holiday season. This time of year it can be a challenge to maintain a healthy diet. Consider having a plan on how to handle the challenges. Plan for the occasional special treat. Make sure it is something you really enjoy. Watch portion size. Add more vegetables to your diet. Plan outdoor activities. This time of year it is fun to visit an apple orchard or pick your own pumpkin. Looking for something creamy, how about sugar free pudding or yogurt to replace ice cream. Looking for something crunchy, try an apple. You can dip it in peanut butter. Or try carrots and celery with hummus. Enjoying a broth based soup is low in calories and high in nutritional value and meets your need for something warm. Marianne Hickey RN

Leaf Raking Service Project

On Friday, October 28, the middle school students will be participating in our annual leaf raking service project for the elderly and disabled citizens of our community. We need parent volunteers! If you could help us out this year, please contact Mr. Armbruster at karmbruster@boscocatholic.org.

We are asking for each middle school student to donate one package of lawn/leaf bags. These may be brought in at anytime. Each student will need to have a rake.



Please send all newsletter articles to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org
by 3:00pm on Wednesday, October 12.



From Mr. Armbruster...

Hello IC/St. Joseph families!

This has been an awesome year so far. We are right in the middle of our awesome fundraiser that some fantastic parents are putting on, and I couldn't be more proud of all of your kids. This fundraiser has been an amazing addition to our school and has provided us with some great opportunities with character building, as well as opportunities that funds are providing.

One of the opportunities we have because of this are some additional educational field trips. The middle school was lucky to go on one of these field trips last week to EWALU. This was an amazing trip that helped our students to develop some team building skills, but also allowed some students to overcome some fears. Students got to climb a rock wall, zip line through the woods, and trying to get all members of their team over a 12 foot wall!

Thank you to all who have helped and supported with the Fun Run, as this allows us some privileges we would never have imagined!



Books Needed

Books are needed for the Harvestfest Book Sale. Gently used books for the Book Sale may be dropped off at 606 16th Avenue, Gilbertville. Put books in the garage, the walk in door is open. **Please no text books or encyclopedias.**

Immaculate Conception Parish Harvestfest

Immaculate Conception Parish Harvestfest is Sunday, October 16, 2022. This is a huge fundraiser for our parish.

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.

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention week is October 9- 15.

"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 Tuesday, 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.

#GotoMass

The BCSS mission statement starts with, "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..."

We want to encourage our families to attend Mass together. Last year we asked students to bring a bulletin to get their name into a drawing for donuts with Mrs. Douglas. We are changing it up just a little bit this year. Starting in October students will get a monthly "passport". Each passport has a space for a stamp for each of the Sundays during the month. Students take their passports to Mass and use the stamps at the back of church to fill in the boxes (only one stamp per week). If students attend a church other than IC or St. Joseph, they can simply write in the name of the church and have a parent initial it. On Monday students can bring the passports to school for teachers to initial. At the end of the month students will use the boxes on the passport to enter into the drawing for donuts with Mrs. Douglas.

Pop Tabs

Collecting pop tabs is a great way to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

We, as a school, are **no longer collecting pop tabs.** Please continue to donate your pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House by dropping them off at any McDonald's restaurant.



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Dear Parent, Guardian, or other Legally Responsible Adult:

The Iowa Department of Education is seeking input from parents and/or guardians regarding Iowa's current rules for school districts. These accreditation standards, which are outlined in Iowa Administrative Code 281 chapter 12, define requirements for providing a standard-level of education with a focus on improving the learning, achievement and performance of all students.

Parents and families of students in preschool through grade 12 are invited to share thoughts and opinions on these rules by completing the Chapter 12 Survey, which is available in both English and Spanish. The online survey can be completed anytime from now through October 7, 2022. You can access the survey by clicking on the following link:

bit.ly/iowafamily-fall2022

Your participation in the survey is **voluntary and you can choose to answer only those questions relevant to you and your student(s)**. All survey responses will be confidential and no personally identifiable information will be collected—no names will be recorded and no identifying information will be attached to specific responses. The results of the survey will help identify areas that may be in need of revisions to better meet the evolving educational needs of students, families and communities.

Thank you for your involvement in the Bosco Catholic School System to improve education here and throughout the state.

Step-by-step instructions and a survey overview are included. The survey should take less than 20 minutes and you may submit a separate response for each child.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Shelby Douglas

 **FUN RUN Lumberjack of the Day**  

To go with our Grand Land Adventure theme, we have chosen someone each day during our event as the Lumberjack of the Day for either their hard work in pledges, their enthusiasm in the classroom, or their great effort to help our Fun Run. We are so proud of ALL of our students and teachers this year and can't wait for the main event TOMORROW! Tonight is the last night to get pledges before we announce our grand total at the Fun Run!



Mr. Armbruster



Noraa Wernimont



Emma Steils



Kaylee Kerr



Mrs. Bergfeld

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September 29, 2022

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:

3:00 - 7:00 PM on Monday, October 17

3:00 - 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 18

There will be no classes Friday, October 21.

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 - Nie, please schedule with Mrs. Bergfeld (Mr. Wymore will also be present).

Last names Nissen - Z, please schedule with Mrs. Zimmerman (Mr. Armbruster will also be present).

Middle school students only need one scheduled conference with Bergfeld/Wymore or Zimmerman/Armbruster.

You may schedule additional conferences with specials teachers.

These teachers will be available in classrooms:

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

- Mrs. Wellman - IC Room 104
- Mrs. Claypool - IC Room 102
- 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

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

- Zimmerman & Armbruster - DB Room 107
(beginning at 2:40)
- Bergfeld & Wymore - DB Room 104
(beginning at 2:40)

- Mrs. Knepper - DB Band Room
- Mr. Chicchelly - SMC Gym
- Ms. Carolus - DB Room 212
- Mrs. Wardell - IC Room 200
- Mrs. Neverman - IC Room 103
- Mr. Knepper - DB Room 124
- Mr. Mikita - DB Band Room

The PTC scheduler will go live on our website Friday, September 30 at 7:00 in the morning. Please sign in and schedule your conferences. You may schedule conferences from September 30 at 7:00am until October 16 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 16 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.

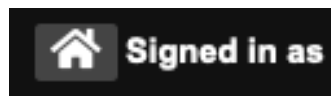
Step 5: Check the box next to the conference times(s) you wish to reserve.

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.