

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.

NOVEMBER Habit of the Month: **BE PROACTIVE**

- ★ Remember to attend Mass and grab a bulletin to turn in! (Remember to have your child write his or her name on it and turn it in on Monday (or collect them for the month and turn them in at the end.)
- ★ Remember to discuss being proactive as a family!
- ★ How is your child living "Habit 1: Be proactive" at home based on some of the key concepts we have been learning about this month?

Congratulations to our second grade students who received the the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last night.

No School tomorrow, November 12 Professional Development Day

Purchase Scrip!

If you purchase gift cards, please purchase them through our Scrip program. It is a win, win!

Information on our Scrip program may be found at: https://www.boscocatholic.org/vnews/display.v/ART/4bcde9539be16?in_archive=1

PTO Volunteer Award

The Bosco Catholic School System PTO is looking for 2022 Volunteer Hall of Fame nominations. The individual(s) will be recognized during Mass for Catholic Schools Week. We ask that you submit nominations by December 22 to Jessica Steils (jess.steils@gmail.com) or Leah Reiter (lschmit2000@yahoo.com). Please provide a write-up/list of the volunteer activity for the nominee as to why they are deserving of this award. We have so many wonderful volunteers in this community please consider nominating someone!

Nurse's Notes

We are heading into a difficult time of year to lose or maintain your weight. What are some of the things that you can control? Make time to be more active. Schedule a work out time with family and friends if that is what motivates you. Choose wise snacks or give up snacking altogether. Choose fruits, vegetables, or nuts and seeds. Avoid snacks with sugar. Watch your portion size. Read labels to determine what a portion size really is. Get plenty of sleep. Sleep deprivation can lead to weight gain. Control your stress. Delegate tasks that you can. Plan meals with protein. Protein helps you feel fuller longer. Another important nutrient is fiber. This again would include fruits and vegetables. Plan ahead! What are some of the special foods that you enjoy during the holidays? Plan ahead to enjoy them. Weigh yourself. Make a commitment. It is normal to "slip" but get right back on track. Find a buddy or support group.
Marianne Hickey RN

COF Pizza Party

The Catholic Order of Foresters pizza party at Chuck E Cheese in Cedar Falls will be Sunday, November 21 between 11:00am and 1:30pm. All COF youth members will receive free pizza, soda & 15 token card. All adults & friends attending can receive the same thing for \$5.00. Please see Donna Delagardelle at the sign up table.



Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org
by 3:00pm on Wednesday, November 17.



From Mrs .Claypool...

The third graders have been very busy this school year! During Halloween week, we completed a special science activity. We discussed why our bones are so important and what they help us do. Specifically, we learned about the bones in our hands. Each student traced their hand, and then drew the bones in the correct spot. After the bones were sketched and shaded in, the students used a Q-tip to put vegetable oil on the bones. When hung up on the window, the light went through the oily parts and made it look like an x-ray. The students did a great job and loved learning about their bones and why they are so important!



Subs Needed

Do you have a Bachelor's Degree, Associate's Degree, OR have you completed 60 hours of college credit?

If so, you could become an **authorized substitute teacher!**

BCSS has a strong core of subs that willingly help us out as much as they can but we are in need of a few more! If you are looking for part time work and meet the above requirements, this could be a great fit for you!

For more information, click on the link below. IT'S A VERY SHORT COURSE!!! 10 hours online and 10 hours meeting via zoom!

[Substitute Authorization – AEA Remote Learning Courses](#)

Lost and Found

We have collected lots of lost and found items. If you have lost something, look in the lost and found box by Ms. Berry's office.

Being Proactive

Last week a letter was sent home to all students in K-8 about our "Habit of the Month" program. The first habit is "Be Proactive". Students are encouraged to share how they are being proactive at home. Students are also encouraged to bring a bulletin from Mass each weekend. Ryan and Colton are pictured in front of the bulletin board where students can submit their bulletins and monthly habit sheets. How are you being proactive this month?



Can Shed Reminder

THANK YOU to everyone who supports our Bosco Catholic School System PTO by donating redeemable bottles and cans! Our first three pickups of the year averaged almost \$850 each! What an easy way to support our students and teachers, and we are so grateful to everyone who helps make this a success.

Just a few quick reminders to make this fundraiser the best it can be:

- Items need to be separated between glass, plastic and aluminum.
- Plastic bottles and aluminum cans need to be sorted into the clear bags provided by the redemption center. If you would like to take a bag from the can shed and sort your items at home you are welcome to. However, please keep in mind that the bags cost the PTO money, and do not take more than you will use at one time.
- Please, Please, Please refrain from having any liquids, tobacco products or garbage in your bags. Our volunteers appreciate the cleanest job possible!
- Craft beers like Spotted Cow do not have an Iowa 5¢ deposit. When in doubt, please check for the deposit marking.
- If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Jessica Steils (jess.steils@gmail.com) or Leah Reiter (lschmit2000@yahoo.com).



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Our Faith STO
a school tuition organization



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Dear Catholic School Supporters,

Donate Now



Watch to see how your STO donations help bridge the gap for families and benefit you with the 75% tax credit!

Watch now

With 7 weeks to go, we're presently at 50.4% of our goal.

The families supported by the Our Faith STO need your help!



Quick Facts:

Did you know that just over **1 out of 3 students across the Archdiocese is receiving STO tuition assistance** during the 2021-22 school year? 2,954 students currently receive STO grants; this is 34% of the total enrollment.

Did you know that STO grants are the primary source of tuition assistance and that when giving is down, the schools must try to supplement needs with local funds?

Your help with the 2021 campaign is important, as it puts less strain on the local schools, who must raise funds without the help of the [75% STO tax credit](#)

Campaign Status Update:

This year donations are pacing ahead of the last two years, but **we are only at 50.4% of our 2021 goal**. This means that, yes, tax credits are still available; it also means that as of today, the number available is decreasing by the day!

Tax Tips:

Are you planning an end-of-year meeting with your tax professional?

Ask them about the **"above the line" deduction for 2021 for those not itemizing on their Federal tax return**. Your charitable cash donation to the STO might help you reach this \$300 deduction for singles and \$600 for married returns.

Do you live in a school district that has a School District Surtax? Your contributions to the STO can help you reduce what you might owe with this tax.

Would you please ask your tax professional about these items and your STO donation's impact on your tax scenario?

Thank you very much for your continued support of Catholic education and the STO program. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Take Care and God Bless!

Deacon Brian Zeman

Why do I choose to teach in a Catholic School?



Mary Ann Krammen

St. Benedict Elementary-Decorah

20 years teaching

3rd Grade

Why do I choose to teach in a Catholic school?:

While I was teaching in a public school in Texas, one of my students tragically died. We were all heartbroken. Because it was a public school, I was not allowed, by law, to comfort my students or myself in the only way I could—to pray. I was not able to discuss with the children heaven, angels, Jesus, or any of the beliefs I hold dear. I knew then if the chance came to get back to my roots, to the Catholic schools I would take it. By a very winding path, my family ended up in Decorah where St. Benedict school had an opening. It is a decision I have never regretted.

How has God affirmed that I've made the right choice?:

One year I had a large class that, by all accounts, was difficult. The students were to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation individually, and only one priest was available. It meant a very long, quiet wait—over 45 minutes. A nearly impossible task for squimmy eight-year-olds, when a small miracle occurred. One of my students began to spontaneously begin praying the rosary—in a whisper. I quickly sent another student back to the classroom to gather our rosaries and in a moment everyone was praying together—quietly, sweetly, almost like a song. Then the time went by too quickly. It remains one of my loveliest memories as a teacher.

Family Bio: An interesting fact is that in my 40's I went back to college to earn my teaching degree. My husband Dan and I have been married 42 years. Our two grown children are married. Our greatest joys are spending time with them and our little grandson, Max.

A Family Testimonial about the impact of the STO

from Kyle and Stephanie Klapatauskas- Dubuque

"We experience many blessings through our six children, and one of the many blessings we've been fortunate to experience is their Catholic education. Our oldest son attends Wahlert, our second son attends Mazzuchelli, and our third and fourth sons attend St. Columbkille's.

Here in Dubuque, we have many strong public schools to choose from, but what put the Catholic schools at the top for us is the fact that when our children are not home with us, they are still being steeped in the faith. All of the strong academics and robust extracurricular offerings are viewed through the lens of our Church. Our kids' spiritual growth is every bit as important as their academic, physical, and emotional growth.

As one might guess, it would be difficult, if not impossible for our family to attend these schools without assistance. Thanks to the aid we receive through STO due to its generous donors, our children are blessed to be able to grow in this environment. We couldn't do this without you. "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:38) Thank you for giving – you enable families like ours to be a part of Catholic schools. You support us in making our children's education full of grace."

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