

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.



What a wonderful Christmas concert last evening. Congratulations to Mrs. Knepper, Mr. Mikita, the middle school choir, high school choir, percussion ensemble and concert band on a job well done.

Holiday Dress Day Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Students may wear holiday related apparel.

This includes:

- Shirts (tops)/pants (bottoms)/dresses that are in the color/spirit of the holiday. All clothing must follow dress code guidelines for length.
- Jeans with a holiday shirt are okay.
- Leggings with a long holiday shirt are okay.
- Holiday related necklaces or headbands

This does not include:

- Hats
- Items that would need to be carried
- Painted hair
- Make-up of any kind
- Face tattoos/stickers

Tax Credit Information

If you would like tuition and ABC payments to be credited to the 2022 calendar year for tax purposes, please have payments in by year end. Tax credit letters will be sent to families in January. Thank you.

COF Christmas Party

The Catholic Order of Foresters youth members Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 18 in St. Mary Center starting at 5:30pm. Santa will arrive around 5:45pm. Each child will receive a bag of goodies and may visit with Santa.

STO Tax Credit News

Time is running out; 2022 STO tax credits are only available until December 31! Donating to the Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) will help qualifying Catholic school families with tuition assistance while you will receive a 75% STO tax credit. With the tax credit, the impact of your donation is multiplied. Here's how it works: When you donate \$2,000, you will receive a \$1,500 Iowa income tax credit, making your final net investment only \$500. Your \$500 donation is multiplied 4x, making STO tuition support available for Catholic school families. Please contact Development Director Chris Kangas at 319-296-1692

ckangas@boscocatholic.org or Deacon Brian Zeman, the Archdiocese STO director at stodir@dbqarch.org 563-556-2580 x296 or visit the STO website directly at their link: Our Faith STO - Dubuque, IA

Volunteer Hall of Fame Nominations Wanted

The Bosco Catholic School PTO is looking for 2023 Volunteer Hall of Fame nominations. The individual(s) will be recognized at the Catholic Schools Week Mass. We ask that you submit nominations by December 23 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!

Purchase Scrip For All Your Holiday Shopping!

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

Please send all newsletter articles to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org by 3:00pm on Tuesday, December 20.



Nurse's Notes

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

Christmas Break

Christmas break is December 22-January 2. School will dismiss at the regular time on Wednesday, Dec. 21. Classes resume Tuesday, Jan. 3. The school offices will be closed for the Christmas break.

Advent Happenings at BCSS

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 outside of the school day. For example, this week students are challenged to write a letter to a family member or pray 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 birth of Christ. The winning class gets a sweet treat the last day before Christmas break!



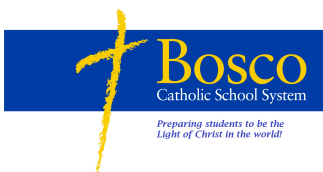
Happy Holidays from Mr. Wymore's Math Class

Middle school has been working hard! We started to tackle an online math program this year. Our math curriculum offers an online component that matches their traditional math book. Students are doing assignments both in the book and online. To help with their standardized tests we have also been doing Math quizzes online this year. They are building skills not only in math but skills that will help them in life as they progress through their education. It has had its bumps as with anything new, but the students have adjusted well!!

7th grade has been learning about mark-ups and mark-downs, and today we talked about tax and simple interest. They held an awesome conversation with lots of questions. 8th grade has been digging deep into graphs and equations. They are learning how to find slopes and intercepts and are doing a great job at it. This class is so fun to watch grow! 6th grade is working on ratios and rates! Don't be surprised if some of them want to study all the different ketchup bottles the next time they're at Walmart!! We talked about the unit rate and the price per ounce of the different bottles of Ketchup. (Walmart puts the unit price of most things on their price tags.)

When classwork gets completed in class as a little reward students have the opportunity to decorate one of our whiteboards for the holidays. As you can see in the pictures we had a bunch of turkeys in our class. December is shaping up to be a busy month with lots to learn. With Advent and all the different winter activities going on, not sure will get another board made for Christmas but the students do enjoy it!!

From everyone here in Math class, we hope you have a Happy Holiday Season!!





Advent: Week 4

This week is the fourth week of Advent. The final candle reminds us of our prayer and penance as we anticipate and wait for the birth of Jesus. This candle is often called the Angel candle because it reminds us of the words the Angels declared, "Peace on earth, and goodwill towards men."

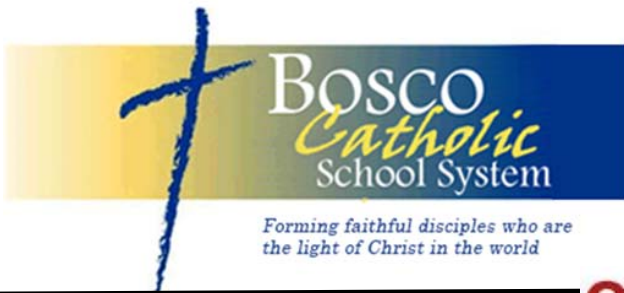
Reflect on John 3:16

Challenge:

- Do a random act of kindness to show others Christ's love
- Go to Mass on Christmas with your family



#GoToMass



Quick & Easy ways to support the Bosco Catholic School System



Casey's Rewards Cash for Classrooms

Cash for Classrooms supports teachers through cash donations to schools for the things they need most. Members can turn their points into Cash for Classroom donations that is directed specifically to the school of their choice.

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<https://www.officedepot.com/cm/school-supplies/give-back>.

Make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide your school ID and your school will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies

School ID: 70028239

Pop Can Recycling

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



Coca Cola Give:

Download the Coke app or sign into <https://us.coca-cola.com/give>

Donate to your local school. Search by zip (50634) and select **IMMAC CONCEPTION-ST JOSEPH**



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35-PACK	\$0.38	12-PACK	\$0.15	20 OZ	\$0.05
32-PACK	\$0.38	8-PACK	\$0.12	24 OZ	\$0.05
30-PACK	\$0.38	6-PACK	\$0.08	1 LITER	\$0.05
28-PACK	\$0.38	12 OZ	\$0.05	1.25 LITER	\$0.05
24-PACK	\$0.30	12.5 OZ	\$0.05	1.5 LITER	\$0.05
20-PACK	\$0.27	14 OZ	\$0.05	2 LITER	\$0.05
18-PACK	\$0.23	16 OZ	\$0.05	2.5 LITER	\$0.05
15-PACK	\$0.23	0.5 LITER	\$0.05	50 OZ	\$0.05

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.