

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.

DECEMBER Habit of the Month: **BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND**

- ★ Remember to attend Mass and grab a bulletin to turn in! (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 beginning with the end in mind as a family!
- ★ How is your child living "Habit 2: Begin with the end in mind" at home based on some of the key concepts we have been learning about this month?

From Mrs. Douglas...

Dear IC-SJ families, as we wrap things up here at school for the year 2021, I am reminded of the strength and resilience of our staff and community. I offer up this as a testament to God's glory because it is within Him that we find our Strength!

What a true blessing it is to have a Catholic school to attend! I am so thankful to the generations before us that saw the importance and value in providing a Catholic education for our students. As you know I was not raised Catholic, but I was raised to know that Jesus Christ is my savior. I never dreamed I would be the principal of the Catholic school but I'm so very thankful for the opportunity to openly share my faith in my workplace. I know we are not all as equally able to do this but remember the importance of shining Jesus' light in all that you do!

I wish you all the merriest of Christmases and look forward to 2022!

Middle School and High School Christmas Concert

The Middle School and High School Choirs along with the Bosco Band have rescheduled their Christmas concert. They will perform on Tuesday, December 21 at 1:00pm in the Don Bosco gym.

Preschool Christmas Concert Rescheduled

The preschool Christmas Concert will be Monday, December 20 at 6:00pm in SMC gym.

Christmas Break

No school December 22, Professional Development Day. Christmas break is December 23-January 3. Classes resume Tuesday, January 4.

Out of Uniform Tuesday

This is such a fun time of year, so Tuesday, Dec. 21, students may wear holiday clothing. This includes:

- Tops, 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

Not included:

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

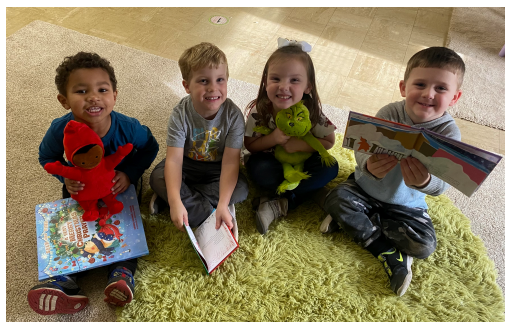


Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org by 3:00pm on Wednesday, January 5.



From Ms. Nicole...

Three year preschool has had a busy December learning the story of Jesus' birth. We have celebrated the gift of friendship by using kind words. Our classroom visitor this month, the Grinch, has become a smiling friend as we have modeled kindness, using our best manners, saying please and thank you and inviting friends to play with us. We love inviting the Grinch to read and play with us, too!



Nurse's Notes

At this time of year we are possibly spending more time in the kitchen. Here are a few tips about keeping meals tasty and our bodies healthy. Remember to wash your hands before starting food preparation and frequently when handling raw meat, poultry or fish. Use separate utensils and cutting boards. Use a food thermometer to measure the internal temperature of the foods you will be serving. Wash fruits and vegetables before cutting. Germs can transfer from the outside to the inside as you peel or cut fruits and vegetables. Make sure to keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot. Place leftovers in smaller containers for reheating and faster cooling. Store leftovers in the refrigerator. Eat leftovers within 7 days. Enjoy the holidays. Marianne Hickey RN

Remember to use Scrip for all your holiday shopping and throughout the year. 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

ABC News

Please be sure all ABC payments are paid in full to be included in your 2021 tax statement.

Tuition Tax Credit

If you would like tuition payments to be credited to the 2021 calendar year for tax purposes, please have payments to the high school office by Wednesday, December 29. This will give me time to get them entered and applied to your account. Thank you and let me know if you have any questions. ~ Leigh Anne Schares

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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!

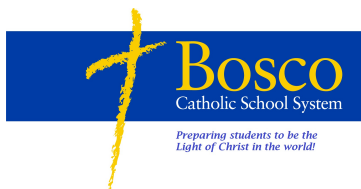
[Substitute Authorization – AEA Remote Learning Courses](#)

Spread the Word

The dumpsters located at the north end of the Bosco parking lot are paid for by Bosco Catholic School System and are for SCHOOL USE ONLY. They are not open to the public for garbage or recycling. Please pass this information on to friends and family. Thank you for your cooperation!



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529 Plan Information for Paying K-12 Tuition

As many are in the midst of their end-of-year tax planning, you may consider setting up a [529 plan for K-12 tuition](#) if you haven't done so already. Information provided by Iowa ACE 529 Plans for [K-12 Tuition flyer](#)

Mass Times

Christmas Eve Masses

Friday, December 24, 5:00pm, IC Church

Friday, December 24, 5:00pm, St. Joseph Church

Friday, December 24, 9:00pm, IC Church

Christmas Day Masses

Saturday, December 25, 8:00am, IC Church

Saturday, December 25, 10:00am, IC Church

Solemnity of Mary - New Year's Day

Friday, December 31, Vigil Mass, 6:00pm, IC

Saturday, January 1, New Year's Day 9:00am, IC

*The Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph
faculty and staff
wish a Merry Christmas to all our
students and their families.
May you have a blessed New Year!*



**Iowa Tuition and Textbook Tax Credit
Parent/Guardian Information for 2021 Tax Preparations**

Background

Since 1987 the State of Iowa has provided tax relief to parents who pay for K-12 tuition and textbooks. In May, 2021 the Iowa Legislature passed HF 847 which doubled the tax credit to 25% of the first \$2000 that is paid for tuition and textbooks per child. Thus, a parent/guardian can receive a maximum tax credit of \$500 per student.

The Iowa Department of Revenue defines “tuition” as any charges for the expense of personnel, buildings, equipment, and materials other than textbooks, and other expenses that relate to the teaching of only those subjects legally and commonly taught in Iowa’s public elementary and secondary schools. “Textbooks” are defined as books and other instructional materials used in teaching those same subjects. This includes fees, books, and materials for extracurricular activities.

Calculating the Credit (From www.tax.iowa.gov)

- Calculate the proper amount of expenses paid per dependent and multiply the amount -not to exceed \$2000 - by 25% (.25).
- Keep records of your calculation, showing the name of each dependent, schools(s) attended, and an itemized list of qualifying expenses.
- Enter the total allowable credit on line 44 of your Iowa 1040 tax form.
- The maximum allowable credit per child is \$500.00

Documentation from Our School

As an accredited nonpublic school, we urge all our parents to take advantage of the Tuition and Textbook Tax Credit. Attached you will find a detailed statement, by child, of tuition and fees that you paid to our school between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021. Please provide this documentation to the person who prepares your taxes.

If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Tiffany Moses at (319) 296-1692 or tmoses@boscocatholic.org.

Yours in Christ,

Casey Redmond & Shelby Douglas

Administrator

Leader in Me Monthly Challenge

Hello families!

As part of our mission of developing students *spiritually, academically, physically, and socially*, we have been focused on the importance of **attending Mass** and our **Leader in Me habits**.

- December focus habit: Begin with the End in Mind
 - As a family, talk about Beginning with the End in Mind at home
 - Tell us what you did on the form below.
 - **Turn the form in by Tuesday, January 4**
- Go to Mass
 - Have your student (one for each child) collect a bulletin
 - Make sure the bulletin is dated (Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26)
 - It can be from any church you attend that weekend
 - **Turn the bulletins into your teacher the following week. (Or save them up and turn them in by Tuesday, January 4)**

Prize: The December prize is **D🍩nuts with Mrs. D🍩ouglas**

Two students from each unit (K-2, 3-5, 6-8) will be drawn. You will get your name in a drawing for filling out this slip and once for each bulletin you bring in. The prize will take place the following week.

December Habit of the Month

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind

How is your child living "Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind" at home based on some of the key concepts (Mental creation precedes physical creation, setting long term goals, mission statements) we have been learning about this month in K-8?

Child's name: _____ Parent Signature: _____