

Immaculate Conception † St. Joseph School Newsletter

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December 2, 2021

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?



Congratulations to Mrs. Knepper and the K-5 students on an amazing Christmas concert last evening. What a wonderful way to get into the holiday spirit.

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!

Wednesday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a holy day of obligation. We will attend Mass at 7:45.

Nurse's Notes

Our habit for this month is "Begin with the end in mind". I think we can apply that to our health and healthy habits. As you go through your day, what do you do to promote your health? Are you keeping wellness appointments? Have you had your eyes checked, been seen by your dentist, had a skin check, scheduled your wellness visit with your primary care provider? What are your numbers? Have you had your cholesterol checked, do you know what your blood sugar is? What are your blood pressure numbers? Is it time to get serious about losing weight? Do you try to get 30 minutes of exercise three times a week? What are you doing to handle stress? Are you getting enough sleep? Looking at our daily habits and practices we can be better prepared for long term health. It is time to think about beginning with the end in mind. 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

Hy-Vee Cash 4 Students

Save your Hy-Vee cash register receipts. Hy-Vee donates \$1 for every \$250 in receipts collected! Send receipts to the school office at any time.

ABC News

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



Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org by 3:00pm on Wednesday, December 8.



Thank You!!

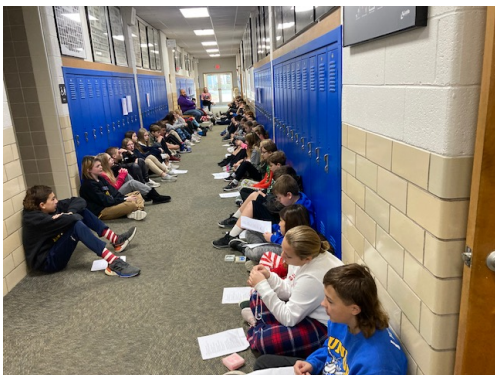
A huge thank you to our amazing PTO who brought a coffee bus to us. What a wonderfully delicious idea. It hit the spot on a chilly but beautiful morning. Again, thank you so much! ~ IC teachers and staff



Parent/Alumni Testimonials Wanted

Do you have something you want others to know about the Bosco Catholic School System? What are your favorite things about our schools? If so, please send them to Chris Kangas, Development Director, at ckangas@boscocatholic.org. We will be using these testimonials in our upcoming marketing campaign to share the great things that we're doing here in the Bosco Catholic School System.

On November 23 the middle school students started their day with a rosary. They prayed in thanksgiving for all that they have been blessed with.



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

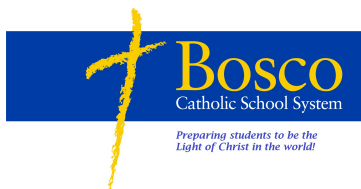
Mailing Address:
Bosco Catholic School System
PO Box 106
Gilbertville, IA 50634

COF Christmas Party

The Catholic Order of Foresters youth members Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 12 at the St. Mary Center starting at 6:00pm. Santa will arrive around 6:05. Each child will receive a bag of goodies and can visit with Santa.



December 5



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Donuts with Mrs. Douglas was definitely something that kids "Donut want to miss!!"

Yesterday, during lunch, we drew the names of the lucky students that got to have donuts with Mrs. Douglas this morning!

K-2 Brynley Breuer, Landon Bloes

3-5 Emily Thoma, Addalyn Isley

6-8 Ryan Steils, Brayden Samaniego

Staff members Kelli Zimmerman, Heidi Ludolph (Mrs. Ludolph was not here at the time the pictures were taken.)

I made a trip to Rocket Bakery this morning to get fresh donuts and man were they good! I went to each class in my Donut Worry t-shirt and told them "Donut Worry, you've got the whole month of December to keep collecting bulletins!"

Speaking of December...Good news, there are multiple opportunities to get to Mass in the month of December. If you attend one of these Masses send your student's homeroom teacher an email or a note stating the Mass attended.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 7, Vigil Mass at 6:00pm at St. Joseph

Wednesday, December 8 Mass at 6:00pm at Immaculate Conception

Christmas

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00pm at Immaculate Conception

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Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve Mass at 9:00pm at Immaculate Conception

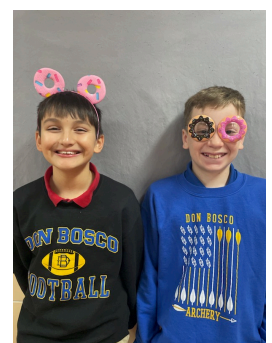
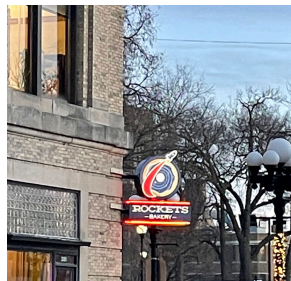
Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day Mass at 8:00am at Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day Mass at 10:00am at Immaculate Conception

New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary

Friday, December 31, Vigil Mass at 6:00pm at Immaculate Conception

Saturday, January 1, Mass at 9:00am at Immaculate Conception



Colder Weather

Whenever possible all K-5 and ABC students will spend some time outdoors, so please be sure they have coats, hats, and mittens (snow pants and boots when they are needed).

Please label your student's sweatshirts, coat, hat, snow pants, gloves, mittens, lunchbox, etc.

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](#)

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.

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!

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).

Ms. R's Counseling Corner

What ZONE are you in?

Our students have been practicing their zones of regulation (Aka - ask them what color pumpkin are they feeling? OR what color is your feeling?) :)

| Blue | Green | Yellow | Red |
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|   |   |   |   |
| <p>Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving slowly</p> | <p>Happy Calm Feeling okay Focused Ready to learn</p> | <p>Frustrated Worried Silly/wiggly Anxious Loss of some control</p> | <p>Mad/angry Terrified Upset Aggressive Out of control</p> |

Self - care choices:

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Pet your cat or dog (if you have one) | Have a snack |
| Play with your favorite toy or game | Listen to music |

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 **Donuts with Mrs. Douglas**

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: _____