

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.

FEBRUARY Habit of the Month: **THINK WIN-WIN**

- ★ Remember to attend Mass and grab a **children's bulletin!** (Have your child write his or her name on it and turn it in on Monday, or collect them and turn them in at the end of the month.)
- ★ Remember to discuss putting first things first as a family!
- ★ How is your child living "Habit 4: "Think Win-Win" at home based on some of the key concepts we have been learning about this month?

**No School tomorrow, February 11 -
Professional Development Day
No School Friday, February 18
No Waterloo buses Friday, February 25**

IC/SJ Yearbook Sale

Order forms for the 2021-2022 IC/SJ yearbooks are being sent home today. The cost is \$15.00 for each yearbook. Please return order form with payment by February 28.

2022-2023 Kindergarten and Preschool

We are gathering numbers for our 2022-2023 kindergarten and preschool classes. If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten or preschool next year, or if you know of someone who has a child, please fill out the form in this newsletter and return to the school office.

2022-2023 Preschool Tuition Rates

3 year old:

M-F 7:30-2:15	\$4,300
M-F 7:30-10:30	\$2,100
M-W-F 7:30-2:15	\$3,000
M-W-F 7:30-10:30	\$1,300

4 year old:

M-F 7:30-2:15	\$3,675
M-F 7:30-10:30	\$2,000
M-W-F 7:30-2:15	\$2,900

Holiday Dress Day, February 14

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



**2022 Gold Star Award
for Outstanding Teaching**

Tell Us About a Teacher Who Shines!

The R.J. McElroy Trust and KWWL are co-sponsoring the 34th annual "Gold Star Award for Outstanding Teaching". Nominate a Teacher that has made a difference today! Fill out the nomination form sent home Jan. 27 and place it in the Gold Star nomination box in the school lobby. You may go www.goldstarteacher.com to nominate online. The deadline for nominations is February 20.



**Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org
by 3:00pm on Wednesday, February 16.**



Owen's Story

14 year old Owen Gahn, the grandson of our Don Bosco HS Counselor, Ms. Bayliss, was recently diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer. He is currently receiving treatment at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. Owen is a freshman at Iowa City High School. He enjoys competing in cross country, reading, and playing video games. To raise awareness for Owen and funds to help his family, we will be holding one out of uniform day each month. All BCSS students are encouraged to bring a minimum donation of \$1 on any or all of the following dates to be out-of-uniform for the day: February 15, March 22, April 12, and May 10. Out-of-uniform attire may be informal but must be school-appropriate. To learn more about Owen or contribute to his GoFundMe, visit the link below.

Please keep Owen and his family in your prayers.
<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/owengahn>

Note March date change.

Note from Mrs. Douglas.....Please remember WHY we are doing this - to help Owen's family. Students being out of uniform is for their benefit...in life, we don't always, nor should we "get" a benefit other than feeling good about ourselves for wanting to help our fellow humans! Students really should be the ones paying for the privilege to be out of uniform. Students should use their own savings or ask parents/grandparents for jobs to do to "earn" the money.

Complete the Synod Survey on Parish Viability

This is your chance to have your voice heard on parish planning in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The Archdiocese has created a survey about parish vitality and viability that will provide input from all about this important information. You are encouraged to access the survey in English, Spanish or French at www.dbqarch.org/survey. Or complete the survey you received at home and mail it to: Survey Archdiocese of Dubuque, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque, IA 52003.

STO - Tuition Assistance

The Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization (STO) and Bosco Catholic School System (BCSS) are pleased to once again provide tuition assistance to qualifying families.

The STO program will be utilizing FACTS Management to assist in determining the level of assistance to be awarded.

The FACTS application needs to be completed no later than April 15, 2022. The online FACTS application can be found at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

Girls Basketball Varsity Regional

Below is the link to purchase tickets for tonight's Girls Basketball game at Belle Plaine. Game starts at 7:00pm.

This is a cashless event and online tickets are required.
[Girls Regional Basketball Ticket Link](#)

District Wrestling Information

Below is the link to purchase tickets for Saturday's District Wrestling in Jesup. Wrestling begins at 11:00am.

This is a cashless event and online tickets are required.
<https://www.iahsaa.org/tickets/>

From Mrs. Bird...

Hello all! First, I would like to express my gratitude to my students, their families, and the Bosco community for the kind words and items given to my family and me to help us welcome our new son, Huxley, into the world. We welcomed our third child, our first little boy, on December 7. After being gone on my maternity leave and then dealing with illness in my family, I have enjoyed being back and being able to see everyone's smiling faces again this week!



The 5th-graders have been hard at work even while I was gone. They are currently very excited about their projects over the Age of Exploration that they are creating in social studies. They have each selected an explorer and will become an expert on this person and share their knowledge with the class. They are utilizing a variety of technology to complete this task, including iMovies and Google slides. I can't wait to see the final products!

From Mrs. Ownby...

Winter screening is finally complete! Students worked hard to meet their goals. Students and teachers are excited to share lots of positive growth at conferences. In my resource room, kindergarteners have been working to solidify their letter name and sound knowledge as well as learning some sight words. First grade has moved into letter teams like ch, th, and -dge. Second and third grade are working on vowel teams and reading fluency while fourth grade has been broadening their knowledge of root words and prefixes. Fifth through eighth grades have been practicing reading fluency, comprehension, and writing skills by using texts from the same publisher as the classroom reading series (Sadlier).

State Wrestling

If your student will be gone for the State Wrestling Tournament, please complete the form found on our website. <http://www.boscocatholic.org/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/55dcc0d507de3/Absence%20Request%20form.pdf> Forms should be turned in to the office by Tuesday, February 15. Please remember students will be responsible for the school work they miss.

Lost & Found

We have LOTS of lost and found items in the IC lobby. **Please label your student's sweatshirts, coat, hat, snow pants, gloves, mittens, lunchbox, etc.**

Nurse's Notes

During February we see a lot of information being shared about heart health. Our hearts are made of strong muscles. It is our hearts job to pump oxygenated blood through our body. Our heart pumps 20,000 gallons of blood through our circulatory system per day! Our hearts beat about 100,000 times per day. The heart and lungs work together to send oxygenated blood through our blood vessels and it does all of this without us even thinking about it. Since our heart is such an important pump we want to take care of it. We want to keep it free from heart disease that could lead to a heart attack or stroke. Some of the ways we can do this is by following a healthy eating plan, include lean proteins, vegetables, fruit and limit processed carbs. Move more. The recommendation is 30 minutes a day for adults and 60 minutes for children. Don't smoke. Avoid alcohol. Know your numbers. Have your blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar checked. When our heart stops, life stops. So take care of your heart. It is yours for life!
Marianne Hickey RN

Parents of Current 7th and 8th Graders

There will be a parent/student interest meeting Wednesday, March 2, at 6:30pm. The meeting will be in Mrs. Rohret's Room 121 in the high school. This meeting is for anyone interested in attending NCYC in 2023. NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) will be held in Indianapolis in November of 2023. At the conference, students will be with thousands of other high schoolers partaking in the sacraments, prayers, and other fun activities such as team building and trading. Come to the meeting to find out more information!

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!

For more information, click on the link below. The course is 10 hours online and 10 hours meeting via zoom!
[Substitute Authorization – AEA Remote Learning Courses](#)

Fine Arts & Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Nominations Sought

Do you know a Don Bosco High School Alum that should be recognized for their accomplishments? We are looking for nominations for the Don Bosco Fine Arts & Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

Applications and qualifications are listed on the school's website at <https://www.boscocatholic.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Athletics%20%26%20Activities%7CHall%20of%20Fame>. Fine Arts Nominations are due to Heidi Rottink (hrottink@boscocatholic.org) by March 1. Honorees will be notified, and the awards will be given at either the Spring Musical or Spring Concert. Distinguished Alumni Nominations are due to Chris Kangas (ckangas@boscocatholic.org) by April 1. Honorees will be recognized at this year's graduation ceremony.

Other Hall of Fame awards: The Athletics Hall of Fame honorees are inducted over the Thanksgiving break and nominations are due to Tom Hogan (thogan@boscocatholic.org) by the 15th of October. The Volunteer of the Year award is presented at the Feast of St. John Bosco Mass during Catholic Schools Week. Nominations are due to the PTO by the end of December.

Due to the Covid-19 virus we have only recognized the Volunteer of the Year award in 2020 and 2021 and we will resume our other recognitions with the Fine Arts awards (multiple awards) this spring.

Catholic Order of Foresters Bowling

On Sunday, February 13, COF Youth members can open bowl for free (including shoes) at Cadillac Lanes located at 650 Laporte Road, Waterloo. Each COF youth member may bowl up to 2 hours beginning at 12:30pm and must be finished by 2:30pm. Doors open at noon. Adults & friends may bowl the same time frame for \$8.00, which includes shoes. See Donna Delagardelle to sign up or call Donna at 319-239-9945 with questions.

Gilbertville Daze

In order for Gilbertville Daze to continue, we are in desperate need of help, especially for someone to take over kids games. We are trying to make things bigger and better but need your help and ideas. You don't have to live in city limits to help. We welcome, enjoy and greatly appreciate any ones help. A big chunk of proceeds from the last couple years was used to help get the splash pad up and running. We would like to continue projects with that, but need a committee to help. Grab a friend and come to our next meeting on Tuesday, February 15 at 5:00pm at City Hall. If you can't make that meeting but would like to help contact City Hall with any questions. 319-296-1822.



We are beginning to prepare for the 2022-2023 school year!

It's time to **RESERVE** your child's **spot** in our
3 year old, 4 year old, or kindergarten program.

If you know of someone who has a 3 year old, 4 year old, or kindergartner,
please let us know or share this form with them!

Our after school program (ABC) will be available for all 3 and 4 year olds enrolled in our full day
classes. ABC is open to PK-5 students.

Grade in 2022-2023: (circle one)

Kindergarten

Preschool 4 yr old

Preschool 3 yr old

Please circle the 4 year old option you are interested in:

M-F 7:30-2:15

M-W-F 7:30-2:15

M-F 7:30-10:30

Please circle the 3 year old option you are interested in:

M-F 7:30-2:15

M-W-F 7:30-2:15

M-F 7:30-10:30

M-W-F 7:30-10:30

Child's Name: _____ Male Female (circle one)

Child's Date of Birth: _____

Parent Names: _____

Street Address, PO Box: _____

City, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Catholic Non-Catholic (circle one) Parish registered: _____

Wartburg's NSTA presents:

THE SCIENCE OF LOVE

When: February 12th 5:30-8:30pm

Where: Becker Science Hall
(corner of 1st Ave NW & 11th St NW)

Who: Kids Pre-K - 6th grade

What: Have your little cherubs (students) join the Wartburg College NSTA (National Science Teaching Association) and future educators, for a fun filled Science Saturday! Students will participate in cool Science experiments, have fun with reptiles, and learn to LOVE science! (parents, enjoy a night out on the town without your kids! And have a wonderful Valentine's Getaway!)

Cost: 1st student= \$25
each additional student= \$10

Online registration closes February 11th @ 11:59pm

More about the teachers:

All of the volunteers for Science of Love Night are Wartburg College education students. We have been providing this opportunity to the Cedar Valley region for almost 10 years and have received many positive responses from students and guardians. The funds raised help our pre-service teachers attend NSTA conferences. This year we will be attending the National Conference in Houston, Texas where students will be presenting research.

How to Register:

Use the QR code to the right, fill out the form and bring the cash on February 12th.



If you have any questions email us at NSTA@wartburg.edu or DM us on Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook