

# 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.

## **MARCH** Habit of the Month: **SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD**

- ★ Remember to attend Mass and grab a **bulletin/children's bulletin!** (Have your child write his or her name on it and turn it in on Monday, or turn them all in at the end of the month.)
- ★ Remember to discuss seeking to understand, then to be understood as a family!
- ★ How is your child living Habit 5: "Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood" at home based on some of the key concepts we have been learning about this month?

**No school March 17 & 18.  
School offices will be closed.**

### ***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.factsmgmt.com/aid>

### ***From Ms. Carolus... How is Art class going this year??***

After settling into our routines we are now creating some amazing pieces of art throughout the grades. Seventh and eighth grade students have been learning about one point perspective and the importance of grit- sticking with a hard concept and getting through it. Fifth and sixth grades learned about the American painter Jasper Johns. Ask them to describe his artwork for you. Third and fourth grades did replications of the Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh. Ask them about the chapter book *The Van Gogh Cafe*. First and second grades are learning about warm and cool colors. And Kindergarten recently had a party with the confetti that we created. Their faces were so bright and shiny. I'm looking forward to many more amazing projects to finish up the year.

### ***Prayer Service for Ukraine***

The current war in Ukraine is cause for great concern for the whole world. Pope Francis has encouraged us to pray for peace. Archbishop Jackels will preside at a live-streamed Archdiocesan prayer service at St. Raphael Cathedral TODAY beginning at 6:30pm and concluding at 7:30pm. Join us for part or all of the prayer service. A collection to assist the refugees of Ukraine will be announced. Let us pray for peace! To participate virtually, visit [www.dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts](http://www.dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts) .

### ***From Mr. Chicchelly...***

The last few weeks K-8 PE classes had been undergoing a basketball unit. In the middle school, we held our own "Mini March Madness" basketball tournament. The 8th Grade boys- won the tournament against the other classes. They played the teachers and staff last Thursday, March 10 for the Championship game. The teachers somehow... snuck by with a very hard fought 20-18 win. Both teams battled hard! I was very impressed with the composure our 8th graders held and the example they gave for our younger kiddo's to follow. We have great student leaders in our system!

### ***Softball Coach Needed***

We are looking to hire a middle school Softball Coach for this summer's season. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Mr. Chicchelly at [bchicchelly@boscocatholic.org](mailto:bchicchelly@boscocatholic.org) .



**Please send all newsletter items to [icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org](mailto:icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org)  
by 3:00pm on Wednesday, March 23.**



### ***Out of Uniform March 22 for Owen***

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. 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 <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/owengahn>.

Please keep Owen and his family in your prayers.

Note from Mrs. Douglas.....Please remember WHY we are doing this. 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.

### ***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.

### ***Nurse's Notes***

The 4th and 5th graders are back to "DO" weeks. Hopefully with the nicer weather this week we will be spending more time outdoors. A 30 minute brisk walk burns approximately 150 calories or about 42 minutes at a slower pace. What is 150 calories? You could have about a half cup of plain ice cream. Two snack size packages of plain M&M's. Two cups of air popped popcorn. Seven Hershey kisses. About 12 crackers is 150 calories. Learn to read labels. The recommended serving size is on all of our foods. Think about if you have enough time and energy to burn off the 150 calories or more you may consume snacking. Lace up those shoes and move. To meet the goals for the SWITCH program children must move 60 minutes a day which includes recess and PE. Adults should get about 30 minutes 5 days a week. Marianne Hickey RN



### ***Blood Drive***

Don Bosco National Honor Society (NHS) will host a Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, April 5 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the high school gym, and your support can help make this blood drive a success!

Giving blood at this drive can also help our students earn scholarships! We're proud to take part in the American Red Cross High School Scholarship Program. Scholarships are awarded to students that demonstrate leadership in the coordination of Don Bosco's blood drives.

To schedule an appointment visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Don%20Bosco> for the direct link to our blood drive scheduler. Reach out to a NHS member: Kendahl Freet, Matt Koppmann, Ryan McFadden, Hanna Schulte, Abby Steimel, Cade Tenold, Carson Tenold, or Dylan Youngblut.

You can also visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or contact the high school office 319-296-1692.

### ***Elementary & Middle School Spring Concert Information***

The K-5 spring concert will be held on Tuesday, May 3 at 6:00pm. Weather permitting, this will be an outdoor concert by the playground at I.C.

The Middle School concert will be Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00pm in the Don Bosco Gym. This concert will include all students in grades 6, 7, and 8 and the middle school choir.

More information will be sent regarding concert attire and arrival times as the dates get closer.

### ***Teacher Appreciation Week***

Our PTO is gearing up for Teacher Appreciation Week and we need your help to make it great for our teachers! We are looking for gift cards to anywhere local for a fun surprise. These can be in any increment, big or small, to any shop, restaurant, gas station, etc. Part of the fun will be the variety of retail places and dollar amounts. Please turn in your gift card donations to the main office clearly labeled "TAW Gift Card." We will be collecting gift card donations through April 22. Any donation will be greatly appreciated! More information about Teacher Appreciation Week will be coming. Thank you for supporting our amazing teachers!

\*If you have questions or would like to help with Teacher Appreciation Week in other ways, please contact Crystal Frost @ [cfrost@boscocatholic.org](mailto:cfrost@boscocatholic.org)

### ***Boys & Girls JH Track***

There is a signup sheet for anyone interested in JH Track. This is for any boy or girl in 7th & 8th grade. The signup sheet is located on the wall by the water fountain in the high school. My email is [kueckertravis@gmail.com](mailto:kueckertravis@gmail.com) or call me at 319-596-5292 if you have any questions.

Coach Travis Kuecker

### ***Jr. Don's Baseball***

If your son is interested in playing baseball this year, please reach out to one of the contacts listed below. The league includes various teams from neighboring towns. Games are held on Tuesday/Thursday nights and usually for the months of May and June. Practices would start in the near future. The 3rd/4th team contact is Kurt Schmitz @ 515-460-8989 and the 5th/6th team contacts are Diana Lindquist @ 319-269-7333 and Andy Frost @ 319-239-0368. Please let us know as soon as possible to work on teams/numbers. Thank you!!

### ***Lady Don's Softball***

We are working on coordinating the Lady Dons Softball Season for the spring/summer. If your daughter is in 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and interested in playing please send an email to [Ladydons22@yahoo.com](mailto:Ladydons22@yahoo.com) with the following information as soon as possible and no later than April 1. Player Name, current grade, parent contact information: names, phone/ email.

Here is an idea of the season based on past years:  
Home field: Pint Softball Complex in Raymond - Practice: starting mid April on M/W - Games: starting mid May M/W through end of June  
Equipment: each player will need a glove, face mask, cleats (more information to come on requirements for face mask and glove size)  
Fees: player season fees are based off final cost of umpires, field rental, equipment replacement and uniform needs.

### ***GRW T-Ball & Boy's Pitching Machine League***

The 2022 GRW T-Ball and Boy's Pitching Machine League sign up is underway. To be eligible for GRW T-Ball, your son or daughter must be 4 years of age by April 21/22 and no older than first grade in the fall. To be eligible for the Boy's Pitching Machine League, your son must be going in to 1<sup>st</sup> grade in the fall and not older than 4<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall. (Current Kindergarten boys can choose to either play t-ball or the pitching machine league. Parents will need to make that determination based on what they feel is appropriate for their child.)

GRW forms were sent home on Monday. Entry fee is \$25.00 per child. Checks should be made out to GRW T-Ball/Pitching Machine. Games will begin on **April 21/22** and every Thursday/Friday night for approximately 6 weeks at the Gilbertville softball complex.

Please return all forms and money to IC/SJ School office by **March 31, 2022** to the attention of Erin Hogan OR mail to 6755 Jubilee Rd, La Porte City IA 50651. If you have any questions, please call Erin Hogan at 830-1672, Crystal Frost at 215-9599, or Andy Frost at 239-0368.

Be sure to check out our Facebook page ***GRW T-Ball and Pitching Machine League*** for forms and upcoming information regarding games and weather updates.

### ***GRW Volunteers Needed***

This program would not be possible without the time and talent of many generous volunteers! We are looking for responsible and enthusiastic people to join our committee to help us plan and coordinate this season and future seasons of T-Ball and Pitching Machine league. No baseball or softball experience is required. Please contact Erin Hogan (319-830-1672) or Crystal Frost (319-215-9599) or Andy Frost (319-230-0368). We are looking forward to working with you.



**Peace • Love • Mya Strong**

**Keep Mya and her family in your prayers.**

THE BOSCO SYSTEM DRAMA  
DEPARTMENT'S  
PRODUCTION OF



MUSIC AND LYRICS BY PAUL WILLIAMS

BOOK BY ALAN PARKER

**DON BOSCO GYM**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 7:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 7:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2:00 PM**

**ADMISSION: \$8**

BUGSY MALONE JR IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (MTI). ALL AUTHORIZED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI. [WWW.MTISHOWS.COM](http://WWW.MTISHOWS.COM)



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**2022 CTE  
Career  
Exploration  
Camp**

**Eligibility-** All Cedar Valley incoming 6-8 grade students (22/23 grade level)

**Date-** Tuesday, June 7th-  
Thursday, June 9th

**Time-** 9:00-3:00 (lunch will be provided each day)

**Location-** Waterloo Career Center, 1348 Katoski Drive, Waterloo, IA.

**Transportation-** Bus pick up/drop off locations at Bunger, Carver, and Hoover (parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to those sites if in need of a bus).

# WATERLOO CAREER CENTER

Students participate in a **FREE** three day enrichment program that allows students to dive deeper into CTE program areas through hands-on learning experiences, and encourages skill development and career exploration. The program is open to all Cedar Valley students in grades 6-8 (2022-2023 grade).

**Registration:** April 4th- May 6th. Google Link can be found on Waterloo Schools website, Waterloo Career Center website, and Social Media pages.

## Programs Offered

Health Careers	Culinary
IT: Web and Mobile/Cybersecurity	Digital Graphics
Digital Interactive Media	Education
John Deere/STEM/Manufacturing	Business

Parents/Guardians are invited to join at 1:00 on Thursday for a showcase of student work.

\*\*Students must attend three days as spaces are limited.\*\*

