

# Immaculate Conception † St. Joseph School Newsletter

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March 2, 2023

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.

## ***Why Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences?***

During conferences parents and teachers meet face to face to discuss the successes and opportunities for improvement for the student. Attending conferences helps fulfill our Mission Statement.

## ***Conference Sign Up***

Conferences will be: 3:00 - 7:00pm on Monday, March 13 and Tuesday, March 14 in classrooms.

Please take the time to read the two pages of information in this newsletter on scheduling your conferences online. The online conference scheduler will be live tomorrow, March 3 at 7:00am until Sunday, March 12 at midnight.

After scheduling your conferences, please print or write down your conference schedule. You will NOT be able to go back to the scheduler after March 12 at midnight.

## ***IC/SJ Yearbook Sale***

Order forms for the 2022-2023 IC/SJ yearbooks were sent home last week. The cost is \$15.00 for each yearbook. Please return order form with payment tomorrow, March 3!

## ***Pasta Dinner***

Looking for a good reason to go out to eat on a Friday during Lent? On March 3 the NCYC group will be doing a pasta dinner to raise funds for their next Catholic Youth Conference trip. The free will donation dinner will include pasta with Alfredo sauce, green beans, salad, and a breadstick. Come dine with us between 5:30-7:00pm in Saint Mary Center. We will not be doing to-go orders this year. Please scan the QR code so we have a rough estimate of how much food to prepare!



## ***Trap Shooting Parent Meeting***

Current trap shooters & anyone interested in joining the combined Bosco Catholic / Jesup / Independence schools' trap shooting team, please attend an informational meeting at 6:00pm on Tuesday, March 7, at the Isaac Walton League in Washburn. This is for Grades 7-12.

## ***Field Trip***

Students in grades kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd will be going to the Phelps Youth Pavilion on Tuesday, March 7.

## ***Mother Son Dance***

- Friday, March 10, 2023 from 6:30pm-8:00pm in Saint Mary Center
- Join us for music, dancing, games, raffle, gift baskets, snacks, and FUN!!
- Boys can bring Mom, Grandma, Aunt or other special guest.
- This event is open to all ages.
- Tickets are \$5.00 per person. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. A flyer went home last week with boys.
- This flyer can be sent to school as your RSVP.
- Hosted by the Fun Run Committee.

## ***Youth Group***

8th graders, come join us for youth group on Wednesday, March, 8. The night will be filled with pizza, faith, and fun! All students in grades 8-12th are welcome to attend. We will be meeting in the high school student center from 6:15-7:30pm. Can't wait to see you there!

Upcoming Youth Group Dates:

- Wednesday, April, 19
- Wednesday, May 10

## ***Lectors Needed***

If you are interested in serving our parish as a lector, please contact the parish office at 319-296-1092.



***Please send all newsletter articles to [icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org](mailto:icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org) by 3:00pm on Wednesday, March 8.***



### **7th Grade Service Learning Project**

Our 7th grade class is organizing a couple meet and greets after Friday Masses. Our target audience would be retired parishioners. The first meet and greet is March 10 and then on April 21. Please join us in St. Mary Center immediately after Mass. We will be serving coffee, juice, and donuts. We will begin with prayer and get into some activities together. There will be board games, card games, and bingo. Other activities include coloring sheets, starting conversations, and reading books. We are looking forward to getting the opportunity to meet with some of our fellow parishioners.

### **From Mrs. Knepper...**

The Middle School Spring Concert and Art Show will be on Wednesday, March 29 at 6:00pm in the Don Bosco Gym. All middle school students will have art displayed and will be performing.

Students should dress their best for this concert, which means no jeans.

The gym will be open at 5:30 for families to enjoy the art show. All middle school students should be in their classrooms by 5:30 for attendance and getting warmed up for the concert.

### **Nurse's Notes**

March is Eat Right month. How many of us really look at food labels? The National Labeling and Education Act started in 1990. There have been additions to the requirements through the years. Reading labels takes practice. Start with looking at the serving size. Sizes can be deceiving. What we think of as a serving may be 2 or even 3. Compare the calories to what you actually need. Did you know it takes 45 minutes of walking, 25 minutes of jogging and 20 minutes of bicycling at a fast pace to burn 200 calories. 200 calories is one medium apple with a tablespoon of peanut butter, 10 tortilla chips with a 1/2 cup of salsa or 16 peanut M&M. Choose foods with lower sugar, sodium and fat contents. Look at your food labels. There is a lot of useful information included on the label. Marianne Hickey RN

### **STO - Tuition Assistance**

The School Tuition Organization (STO) and Bosco Catholic School System (BCSS) will 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, 2023. The online FACTS application can be found at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

### **2023-2024 Kindergarten and Preschool**

We are gathering numbers for our 2023-2024 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.

The **Amazon Smile** program ended on February 20 to focus on greater philanthropy efforts.

### **IC Youth Choir**

Students in grades 3-12 are invited and encouraged to sing with the youth choir at the 10:00am IC Mass on Sunday, March 19 and Sunday, March 26.

**No Waterloo buses - March 13, 14, 15. Parents will need to provide transportation for their students. Our Bosco bus will run the transfer route to & from preschool. The first bell rings at 7:20am, students are tardy if not in their classroom by 7:30. IC dismisses at 2:25. No classes March 16 & 17. No school March 24 - Professional Development.**

## **MARCH**

Habit of the Month:  
**Synergize**



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Dear Families,

The time is here for your student and his/her teacher to share with you about your student's overall progress. **All** students in grades Pk4-8 are required to participate in the conferences. Students, parents, and teachers should all participate in the conference.

**K - 8** conferences will be:

3:00 - 7:00 PM on Monday, March 13

3:00 - 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 14

No classes March 16 & 17.

**Preschool 4 year old** conferences will be:

3:00 - 5:00 PM on Monday, March 13

3:30 - 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 14

No classes March 16 & 17.

**Parents will schedule conferences online with the Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) scheduler on our website. Pk4-5 conferences will be scheduled in 15 minute increments. 6-8 and specials conferences will be scheduled in 10 minute increments. Instructions for scheduling conferences are below.**

**Conferences for grades PK-5** should be scheduled with the student's homeroom teacher. You may schedule additional conferences with specials teachers.

**6-8 grade** conferences:

Student's last names A - Nie, please schedule with Mrs. Zimmerman (Mr. Armbruster will also be present).

Last names Nissen - Z, please schedule with Mrs. Bergfeld (Mr. Wymore will also be present).

Middle school students only need one scheduled conference with Bergfeld/Wymore or Zimmerman/Armbruster.

You may schedule additional conferences with specials teachers.

(in Pk4-5 Conf. group; 15 min)

- Ms. Heather - (SJ Room 102)
- Mrs. Wellman - IC Room 104
- Mrs. Short - IC Room 102
- Mrs. Rosauer - IC Room 106
- Mrs. Monaghan - IC Room 105
  
- Ms. Johnson - IC Room 206
- Mrs. Claypool - IC Room 202
- Mrs. Schroeder - IC Room 203
- Mrs. Olson - IC Room 205
- Mrs. Gutierrez - IC Room 204

(in 6-12 Conf. group; 10 min)

- Zimmerman & Armbruster - DB Room 107
- Bergfeld & Wymore - DB Room 104  
(beginning at 2:40)
- Mrs. Knepper - DB Music Room (beginning at 2:30)
- Mr. Chicchelly - SMC Gym
- Ms. Carolus - DB Room 212
- Mrs. Wardell - IC Room 200
- Mrs. Neverman - IC Room 103
- Mr. Knepper - DB Room 124 (beginning at 2:30)
- Mr. Mikita - DB Band Room

These teachers will be available in classrooms:

**The PTC scheduler will go live on our website Friday, March 3 at 7:00 in the morning.** Please sign in and schedule your conferences. You may schedule conferences from March 3 at 7:00am until March 12 at midnight. Anyone who does not schedule a conference time will be assigned a conference time. **Please print or write down your conference schedule. You will not be able to go back to it after March 12 at midnight.**

## PTC Registration Process for Parents/Guardians

### To Start

- On our website <https://www.boscocatholic.org/> click on Parent Resources then Parent Teacher Conferences. **This link <http://www.boscocatholic.org/vparentteacher/> will also take you to the registration/sign in screen.**
- **Sign In or new families - Sign Up**

**YOU ARE NOW AT THE PTC SCREEN**

### Signing Up for Parent-Teacher Conferences

**K-5 conferences will be scheduled in 15-minute increments.**

**Grades 6-8 + specials will be scheduled in 10-minute increments.**

**Step 1:** Choose the conference date and grade of students and you will be taken to a list of teachers.

**Step 2:** Select the teacher(s) you wish to conference with from the list or start typing the last name in the "Search Teacher" field.

**Note:** You can reserve time with up to eight teachers. You can register for additional teachers once you complete the current process.

**Step 3:** Enter the student's name.

**Step 4:** Click continue.

**Step 5:** Check the box next to the conference times(s) you wish to reserve.

**Step 6:** Click Update.

*The timeframe/s you chose will be colored green. Watch your times, **do not double book** with two teachers at the same time.*

**At this point you may sign up for conferences for additional students in that same grade group by clicking on the "Teacher Selection" button at the bottom of the page.**

To schedule a student in another grade group click your name next to "Signed in as" then the "Home" (house) button, then repeat step 1-6.



At the bottom of the screen you will see the confirmation of your conference registration. You will have the option to "click here to print" to get a copy of your Conference Registration Report.

If you have any questions about the process or have difficulty registering, either email [cberry@boscocatholic.org](mailto:cberry@boscocatholic.org) or call Carol Berry at 296-1089 for assistance.

**Print or write down your conference schedule.**



**We are beginning to prepare for the 2023-2024 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 kindergartener,  
please let us know or share this form with them!

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

**Grade in 2023-2024:** (circle grade)

**Kindergarten**  
(M-F 7:30-2:15)

**Preschool 4 yr old**  
Circle option below

**Preschool 3 yr old**  
Circle option below

**4 year old** option you are interested in:

**3 year old** option you are interested in:

M - F 7:30 - 2:15

M - F 7:30 - 2:15

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

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

M - F 7:30 - 10:30

M - F 7:30 - 10:30

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Male Female (circle one)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address, PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic Non-Catholic (circle one) Parish registered: \_\_\_\_\_