

Immaculate Conception † St. Joseph School Newsletter

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September 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.

School Pictures

K-8 students will have his/her picture taken on Tuesday, September 7. This will be an out of uniform day. Students may wear nice jeans/shorts with an appropriate shirt. No spaghetti straps, tank tops, or hats may be worn.

St. Joseph Preschool pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 8.

Order forms are being sent home today and need to be returned with payment on picture day if not ordering online.

To order online go to: <http://halverson-photography.hhimagehost.com/2021DonBosco>

No School Monday, September 6 - Labor Day

Reminder

When sending money/checks to the office, please put it in an envelope marked with a first & last name and what it is for.

Nurse's Notes

September is Childhood Obesity awareness month. According to the CDC Iowa is ranked 10th in the nation for the number of children with childhood obesity. What does this mean for our youth? They are at bigger risk for developing Type 2 Diabetes, hypertension and elevated cholesterol which leads to heart disease. Sugary drinks, sedentary habits and processed foods are contributing to childhood obesity. We are fortunate to be able to participate in the Iowa State SWITCH program again this year. This is a program for our 4th and 5th graders. For 12 weeks they focus on DO, VIEW and CHEW. We can all follow this program. We are to get 30 minutes of activity as adults and 60 minutes for children. Less than 2 hours of recreational screen time and eat 5 servings of fruits and vegetables per day. If you are concerned about your child's weight, discuss it with your primary care. Talk to your child about what changes can be made and get the whole family involved. Marianne Hickey RN

Please label student lunch boxes!

PTO News

Welcome back Bosco families! The PTO would like to thank all who stopped by our table at Back to Business Day to sign up for volunteer opportunities. If you did not have a chance to sign up, please visit our electronic sign up at <https://flow.page/boscopto> to view availability. We still have plenty of slots needing filled!

We would also like to extend a formal invitation to all parents to join us this year! Our PTO meets just four times a year and is a great way to get involved with minimal commitment. To kick off the year, we will be gathering Tuesday, Sept 7 at 6:00pm in the IC Teacher's Lounge. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

We are looking forward to a great year!

PTO Parent Representatives

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Who can use Scrip?

Anyone can use Scrip. Parents, students, teachers, administrators, grandparents, neighbors, and businesses. Anyone who is interested in supporting our school system or in reducing their tuition for themselves or for their family members can do so by purchasing Scrip. Ask your parents, brothers, and sisters to purchase Scrip and apply the tuition credit to your account. Anyone who purchases Scrip and does not have any students in school and wants to give their rebate credit to another family can do so by filling out a form to indicate who the credit should go to. You can also split your credit among more than one family.



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



“Get to Know the STO”-- Who does it serve? Who can contribute?

Did you know that **39% of the students** who attended an Archdiocesan school in 2020-21 received tuition assistance from the Our Faith STO? To qualify, a family must live in Iowa, and their adjusted income must be less than 400% of the Federal poverty rate.

Did you know that anyone who wishes to pay less in Iowa income taxes can donate and receive a 75% credit? Supporting Catholic education and saving money on your taxes makes good sense. For more information, visit www.ourfaithsto.org.

Catholic Order of Foresters News

On Sunday, September 12, all COF youth members can play one round of golf at Lost Island Golf & Go Carts free from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults & friends can golf a round for \$4.00. The go carts can be ridden for \$5.00 a ride. There are age limits on who can drive and ride. Riders also pay an additional charge to ride. See Donna Delagardelle at the entrance for tickets. Call Donna Delagardelle at 827-1609 or 239-9945 if questions.

Before-School Supervision

The doors for St. Mary will be open at 7:10. All preschool students riding the transfer bus need to be dropped off at 7:15, as the transfer bus leaves at 7:20.

If it is after 7:20, you can drop your child off at the IC doors and your child may go directly to his or her classroom. Students arriving after 7:30 must stop in the office before going to their classroom. Students not in their classroom by 7:30 will be marked tardy.

Medication Reminder

State law requires that ALL medications (prescription and over the counter) be in their original containers. Any prescriptions sent to school that are not in their original containers cannot be administered. A signed form from the parent with directions on administering the medication is also required. The form may be found at <http://www.boscocatholic.org/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/55dcc0d507de3/Medication%20Permission%20Form.pdf>.

**No School September 17 -
Professional Development Day**

**K-12 School Pictures will be taken on
September 7
Preschool picture day is September 8**

Attendance

Parents should call the school office before 7:30am if your child will be absent. If you call before 7:00am, please leave a message on voicemail.

St. Joseph Center (319) 233-5980

Immaculate Conception Center (319) 296-1089

If you have a planned absence, the K-5 and 6-8 Absence Request Forms can be found on our school website.

<https://www.boscocatholic.org/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/55dcc0d507de3/Absence%20Request%20form.pdf>

Water Bottles

Students should have a water bottle with them. For water only. The drinking fountains are turned off. Students may use the filling stations. Having an easy-to-use bottle that doesn't require unscrewing the cap and screwing it back on for every drink will certainly be appreciated. Spill-proof caps and sport-tops are a great choice.

Bus Information

All students riding a Waterloo bus must wear a mask while on the bus.

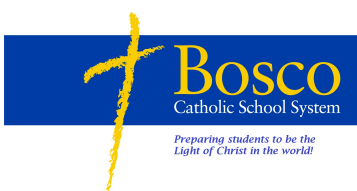
For kindergarten students riding a Waterloo bus, an adult must be waiting for that student each day. He/she cannot be dropped off if the bus driver does not see that someone is there.

If your student will be getting off at a stop other than home a note must be sent to the office and then it will be given to the bus driver.

Dismissal Information

It is a good idea to write dismissal information in your student's agenda. Example: to ABC, walk home, parent pick up, Bosco bus, Waterloo bus. If you know which bus, please include that information.

Students being picked up at the end of the day will be picked up in front of IC Church.



**Bosco Catholic School System † PO Box 256 † Gilbertville, IA 50634
IC 319-296-1089 † SJ 319-233-5980 † Fax 319-296-3847**

Please Help ICSJ reach a goal!

We are looking to sell 20 Gold Cards for the Booster club to help them reach their goal of selling 500 cards.

It's really a WIN-WIN-WIN-WIN!

YOU win by getting \$110 worth of savings at places you already go to or shop at! You will easily get your investment of \$20.00 back!

The Booster club wins which means our students win by raising money for our extra-curricular activities.

**Businesses win (many local businesses) by getting customers in the door!
(See draft card below)**

Hurry up and get yours...Mrs. Douglas just raced away with the first one!!

**If you want to help- send this slip back with \$20 cash or check
made out to BCSS Booster Club and we will send it home with your child!
Sale Ends Sept 9, 2021.**

YES! I want to help ICSJ reach their goal because I love to WIN-WIN-WIN-WIN!

Name _____

Student name _____

Classroom Teacher _____

The Catholic Order of Foresters Matching fund Project has been sponsored by the High Court for the past 36 years. The COF High Court contributes dollar-for-dollar when a local court raises \$500 to \$1,000 for pre-approved fundraisers. When the fundraiser exceeds \$1,000, the High Court matches \$1,000 plus 50 cents for each additional dollar to a maximum of \$1,500.

Our local court, St. Mary Court #1099, is sponsoring a Matching Fund Breakfast and Raffle on Sunday, September 19. Sausage, eggs, hash browns, cinnamon rolls, coffee, orange juice and milk will be served. The Breakfast is open to the public and will be served from 8:00am – noon at St. Mary Center in Gilbertville. Free will donations are encouraged.

Each year St. Mary Court #1099 rotates where the funds go between Immaculate Conception, St. Joseph, St. Athanasius and Don Bosco. The money raised this year will go towards a stair lift for St. Athanasius School in Jesup. In 2019 Immaculate Conception School received a COF donation of \$7,215.06 to use for curricula enhancements and technology. Next year's Matching Fund Breakfast profits will go to St. Joseph in Raymond.

Please support this event by attending the breakfast and purchasing raffle tickets. See below for raffle tickets. You may turn your tickets and donation to the office in an envelope marked COF.

Preparing students to be the Light of Christ in the world!



**FIRST Lego League
SUPER LEGO FROGS
Team #4721**



Parents and Students,

I would like to let you know about an exciting program available at Immaculate Conception School for students in grades 6-8. *FIRST LEGO LEAGUE CHALLENGE (FLL)* is a robotics program which is designed to get students excited about science and technology – and teach them valuable employment and life skills. Small teams of 2-10 students program an autonomous robot to score points on a predetermined mat, do research and create an innovative solution to a problem as part of a Project, and are guided through everything they do by the FLL Core Values. These three elements - the Robot Game, Project, and FLL Core Values make up the yearly FLL Challenge.

This year's challenge is Cargo Connect. In this year's FIRST LEGO League Challenge season, CARGO CONNECT, students will get creative and use their critical thinking and imaginations to **explore how cargo is transported, sorted, and delivered to its destinations**. <https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/fll/game-and-season>

The team generally meets twice per week after school Tuesday/Thursday, 2:30-4:30pm to prepare for a tournament which takes place early to mid-December. Students are also expected to do research/work on their own in support of their team's efforts. (The team does occasionally meet on weekends and/or during vacation periods at other locations and may have outings as part of their research.)

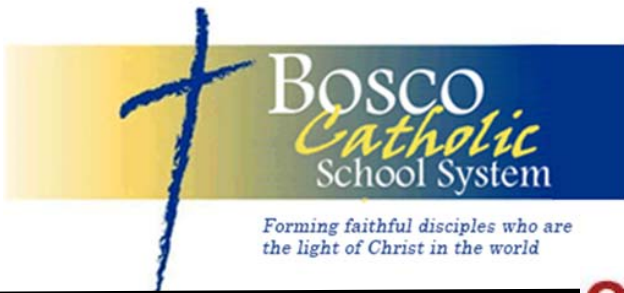
This is an intensive program which takes significant time, especially during the tournament season. Since this is a team activity, students must be dedicated to working both independently and with the rest of their group and to participating throughout their time on the team in order to ensure the group's greatest chances of success.

At the tournament teams are judged on their robot (mechanical design, programming and strategy), their project (research, innovative solution and presentation) and their "core values" (inspiration, teamwork and gracious professionalism) and also compete in a robot competition. Teams that do well enough at the tournament may advance to a state championship tournament that will be held in January. Teams that do well enough at that tournament may advance to national or international tournaments held from April through July.

It's never too early to start thinking about college. There are college scholarships available for students who have participated in *FIRST* programs such as FLL, FTC, and FRC. Bosco does have a FIRST Tech Challenge team at the high school. The high school counselor has scholarship information available.

Our first introductory meetings will be Tuesday, September 14 at 2:30pm. Please email me if your child is interested in participating in FLL. The FLL room is located on the the second floor of the high school. I will meet the team in the middle school hallway and escort them to the new room on Tuesday.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Thoma karenthoma@ymail.com



Quick & Easy ways to support the Bosco Catholic School System



Casey's Rewards Cash for Classrooms

Cash for Classrooms supports teachers through cash donations to schools for the things they need most. Members can turn their points into Cash for Classroom donations that is directed specifically to the school of their choice.

Office DEPOT OfficeMax

Give Back To Schools

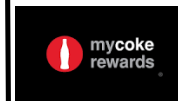
<https://www.officedepot.com/cm/school-supplies/give-back>

Make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide your school ID and your school will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies

School ID: 70028239

Pop Can Recycling

Collection Site is located on the North end of Don Bosco Catholic High School



Coca Cola Give:

Download the Coke app or sign into <https://us.coca-cola.com/give>

Donate to your local school.
Search by zip (50634) and select **IMMAC CONCEPTION-ST JOSEPH**



Hy-Vee Cash 4 students:

Save your Hy-Vee cash register receipts and turn them into school. Hy-Vee donates \$1 for every \$250 in receipts collected!



Amazon Smile: AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices & shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop with AmazonSmile 0.5% of the purchase price on eligible products is donated to the charitable organization of your choice!

HOW MUCH IS MY CODE WORTH?					
SEE HOW WE REACHED THESE VALUES					
35-PACK	\$0.38	12-PACK	\$0.15	20 OZ	\$0.05
32-PACK	\$0.38	8-PACK	\$0.12	24 OZ	\$0.05
30-PACK	\$0.38	6-PACK	\$0.08	1 LITER	\$0.05
28-PACK	\$0.38	12 OZ	\$0.05	1.25 LITER	\$0.05
24-PACK	\$0.30	12.5 OZ	\$0.05	1.5 LITER	\$0.05
20-PACK	\$0.27	14 OZ	\$0.05	2 LITER	\$0.05
18-PACK	\$0.23	16 OZ	\$0.05	2.5 LITER	\$0.05
15-PACK	\$0.23	0.5 LITER	\$0.05	50 OZ	\$0.05

THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS



Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip them and send them to school.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

**All valid Box Tops clips submitted per the Program Rules by a Coordinator(s) of an eligible, enrolled school(s) will be honored.*

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. **Box Tops are still worth 10¢ for your school.** The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

