

Immaculate Conception † St. Joseph School Newsletter

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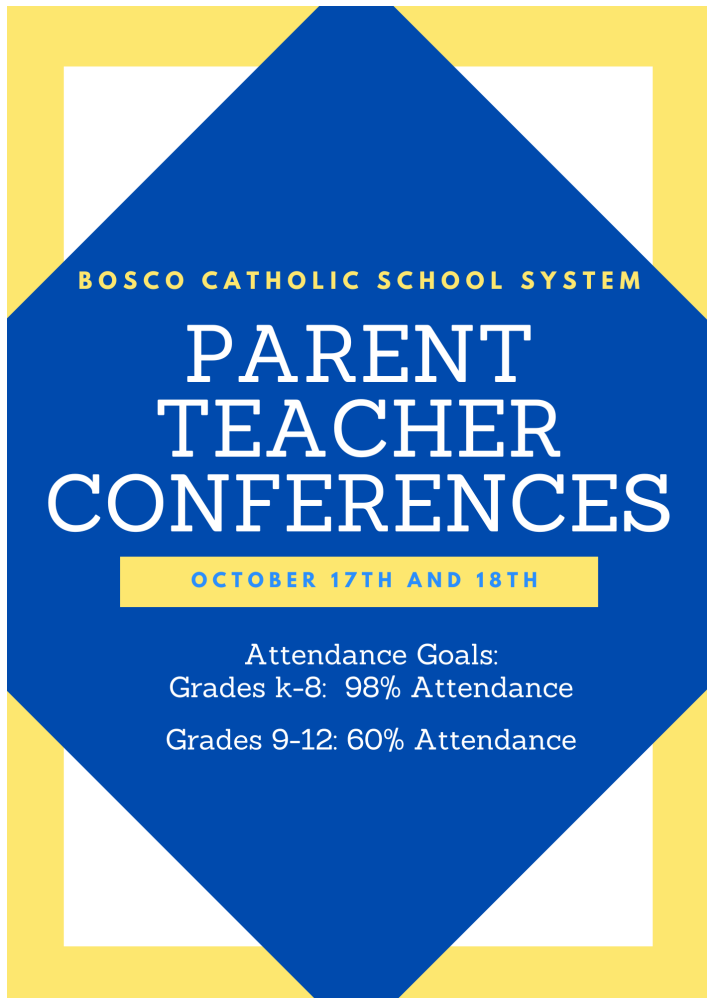
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Conference Sign Up

Conferences will be: 3:00 - 7:00pm on Monday, Oct. 17 and Tuesday, Oct. 18 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, September 30 at 7:00am until Sunday, October 16 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 October 16 at midnight.



BOSCO CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

OCTOBER 17TH AND 18TH

Attendance Goals:
Grades k-8: 98% Attendance
Grades 9-12: 60% Attendance



WHY ATTEND PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

ATTENDING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES GIVES TEACHERS AND PARENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET FACE TO FACE TO DISCUSS THE SUCCESSES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT FOR THE STUDENT.

IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP US FULFILL OUR MISSION STATEMENT!

Mission Statement of the Bosco Catholic School System

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HELP US REACH OUR GOAL



Please send all newsletter articles to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org
by 3:00pm on Wednesday, October 5.



News for the Fun Run Cash/Check Donations

All cash and check pledges must be turned into the school office by 10:00am for them to be entered for that day's pledge count. Any donations turned in later than that will be counted on the next school day's pledge count. As we continue to raise more money each year, we are getting an increasing amount of cash and check pledges which must be entered manually. Due to the time increase in entering cash and check pledges, we have a new system of entering them.

We need all cash/check pledges to go through Ms. Berry in the IC office. Please do not give pledges to Run Run committee members. Please put cash and check pledges in an envelope marked "Fun Run Pledge". Please include the following information with your pledge:

- Student's first and last name
- Grade
- Homeroom teacher
- Pledge amount included
- First and last name of person making pledge

Pop Tabs

Collecting pop tabs is a great way to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

We, as a school, are **no longer collecting pop tabs**. Please continue to donate your pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House by dropping them off at any McDonald's restaurant.

Nurse's Notes

September is Healthy Aging month. Some tips for all of us no matter our age including moving more. Exercise helps us maintain a healthy body and mind. Have a social life. Play games, volunteer, visit with friends. Eat a diet high in fiber. Adding fiber to your diet helps digestion and weight maintenance. Try spicing up your meals. Food does not have to be bland. Experiment with spices. Find your balance. Yoga or Tai Chi helps your balance which may prevent falls. Get enough sleep. Shut off devices well before bedtime. Set a bedtime routine. Make a list, do word puzzles, follow a routine to help your memory. Get outside and walk. Walk with a friend and get an aerobic and mental workout. Enjoy our fall days. Look for color changes. Marianne Hickey RN

No Waterloo buses, Thursday, October 13.

No school Friday, October 14.

From Mrs. Gutierrez...

Once again this year, the fifth graders are excited about the Fun Run! The race is on October 7. We are currently working on our flag. Everyone has a role in drawing on the flag. The class went into groups to get ideas to put on it. They have done a great job!

The fifth graders helped me decide on the in-class prizes that they receive for earning pledges per lap. Some of the things they decided on were: free recess, crazy hair or socks day, and pajama day with a stuffed animal. They really enjoy the perks!



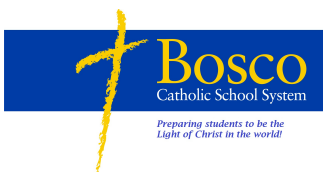
Books Needed

Books are needed for the Harvestfest Book Sale. Gently used books for the Book Sale may be dropped off at 606 16th Avenue, Gilbertville. Put books in the garage, the walk in door is open. **Please no text books or encyclopedias.**

Immaculate Conception Parish Harvestfest

Immaculate Conception Parish Harvestfest is Sunday, October 16, 2022. This is a huge fundraiser for our parish. We need lots of help to make Harvestfest a success. Volunteer sign up sheets will be in the Heritage Room again this weekend, Oct. 1/2. Please be generous with your time. If you are unable to sign up in the Heritage Room please call or email Carol Berry to sign up. 319-296-1089 cberry@boscocatholic.org

Please pick up your raffle tickets in the back of church. **If you would like your raffle tickets sent home with your student, email Ms. Berry at cberry@boscocatholic.org.** We are unable to mail the raffle tickets due to Iowa law.



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#GotoMass

The BCSS mission statement starts with, "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..."

We want to encourage our families to attend Mass together. Last year we asked students to bring a bulletin to get their name into a drawing for donuts with Mrs. Douglas. We are changing it up just a little bit this year. Starting in October students will get a monthly "passport". Each passport has a space for a stamp for each of the Sundays during the month. Students take their passports to Mass and use the stamps at the back of church to fill in the boxes (only one stamp per week). If students attend a church other than IC or St. Joseph, they can simply write in the name of the church and have a parent initial it. On Monday students can bring the passports to school for teachers to initial. At the end of the month students will use the boxes on the passport to enter into the drawing for donuts with Mrs. Douglas.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The National Honor Society (NHS) will be hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, November 8 in the Don Bosco gym. The blood drive will run from 1:00-6:00 PM. Walk-ins are accepted, but scheduled appointments are preferred. You can sign up by visiting the Red Cross website. This [link](#) will take you directly to the Don Bosco drive sign up. You can also use the QR code below to go directly to our drive sign up page. You can reach out by phone to 1-800-RED-CROSS or by calling Ms. Mayer at 319-240-3461 to schedule an appointment. You can also reach out to NHS students Paige Delagardelle, Madi Duhrkopf, Emerson Hahn, Josie Hogan, Abby Koppmann, Kendra Nissen, Caelor Yoder, or Nikayla Youngblut. We are grateful for a community that is generous in their commitment to donating blood regularly. It is a gift that saves lives.



Holiday Dress Days 2022-2023

Friday, October 28, 2022

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

On holiday dress days, 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
- Costumes (Halloween)
- Items that would need to be carried
- Painted hair
- Make-up of any kind
- Face tattoos/stickers



YOU ARE INVITED!

Our Grand Land Adventure Run is NEXT Friday, October 7th! All parents, family and friends are invited to attend.

We will begin at 1:00 pm at the Don Bosco football field. Bleachers are available, but feel free to bring a lawn chair if you choose. We ask all spectators to park in front of the practice football field. See map below. (For directions, type in Don Bosco Football field into Google maps).

Student logistics for Fun Run Day:

- ♦ Out of uniform day. All students are encouraged to wear Adventure clothing (outdoor/camping/lumberjack/hunting). Please dress for the weather. **STUDENTS MUST BE DRESSED APPROPRIATE TO THE THEME.** If your child does not want to dress for the theme, then he or she needs to be in the standard dress code.
 - We will be attending Mass and Benediction, so if they wear a theme related hat, their teacher will ask them to not wear them to church.
- ♦ No backpacks needed on this day.
- ♦ With the later start time, lunch will be normal.
- ♦ Dismissal- Parents attending the Fun Run may take their students with them. We ask you to please let their teacher know when you are taking them.

Thank you, everyone, for all that you do to support the ONE AND ONLY FUNDRAISER we do for Immaculate Conception School!



Message from Mrs. Douglas and Mr. Hogan

As most of you know, we recently created a new administration dynamic at BCSS. Mrs. Douglas is the Principal of K-12 and Mr. Hogan is the School Operations Manager for our system. Although these positions overlap in some instances, both positions have distinct responsibilities that we want to make you aware of. The idea behind this is to create some clarity of who you should contact when you have questions or concerns. We encourage you to always try to resolve issues at the lowest level.

Many of your questions can often be answered by our building secretaries, Ms. Berry and Mrs. Schares. If they cannot, they will direct you to who can!

Immaculate Conception Contact info: 319-296-1089 cberry@boscocatholic.org

Don Bosco Contact info: 319-296-1692 lschares@boscocatholic.org

Mrs. Douglas

- All instructional/classroom
 - If you have any questions or concerns regarding instructional and/or classroom issues, please reach out to the teacher first.
- All student
 - When applicable, please reach out to the students' homeroom teacher (k-8) or advisory teacher (9-12) first.
- All teacher
 - Please reach out to the teacher first and if a resolution is not found, then reach out to Mrs. Douglas.
- Budget

Mr. Hogan

- Facilities and grounds
- Technology
- Activities
- Lunch program
 - If you have any questions or concerns regarding the lunch program, please contact [Abby Girsch](#)
- Transportation
- Safety
- Preschool
 - Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher first if you have any questions or concerns about the classroom.
 - All other inquiries should be directed to Tera Weber, Preschool Director.
tweber@boscocatholic.org
- ABC after school program
 - Please reach out to [Heidi Ludolph](#) first if you have any questions.
 - If you have any questions that can't be answered by Mrs. Ludolph, then please reach out to [Tera Weber](#), ABC After school Program Director.
- Budget

Feel free to contact us with any questions that you may have. We look forward to working with students and parents and we are always looking for ways to improve our processes and give everyone the best experience possible at Bosco Catholic School System!

 **FUN RUN KICKOFF PEP RALLY!** 

We started the day with our Grand Land Adventure Pep Rally 🎉, full of lumberjacks 🪓, beards 🧔, and an epic battle of Tug of War 🏆 between teachers and high schoolers. Ask your kids who won the best out of three, and check out our Facebook page for a video!

Our students are ready to earn those pledges for lots of fun, NEW rewards. Parents, all you need to do is register them on mybooster.com 🖥️ and let your student practice their skills in asking for donations.

We are off to a great start Immaculate Conception. Let's keep the fire going! 🔥 🔥 🔥



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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 K-8 are required to participate in the conferences.** Students, parents, and teachers should all participate in the conference.

Conferences will be:

- 3:00 - 7:00 PM on Monday, October 17
- 3:00 - 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 18
- There will be no classes Friday, October 21.

Parents will schedule conferences online with the Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) scheduler on our website. K-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 K-5** should be scheduled with the student's homeroom teacher.

6-8 grade conferences:

If the student's last name is A - Nie, please schedule with Mrs. Bergfeld (Mr. Wymore will also be present).

Last names Nissen - Z, please schedule with Mrs. Zimmerman (Mr. Armbruster 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.

These teachers will be available in classrooms:

<u>(in K-5 Conf. group; 15 min)</u>	<u>(in 6-12 Conf. group; 10 min)</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Wellman - IC Room 104• Mrs. Claypool - IC Room 102• Mrs. Rosauer - IC Room 106• Mrs. Monaghan - IC Room 105 • Ms. Johnson - IC Room 206• Mrs. Schroeder - IC Room 203• Mrs. Olson - IC Room 205• Mrs. Gutierrez - IC Room 204	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zimmerman & Armbruster - DB Room 107 (beginning at 2:40)• Bergfeld & Wymore - DB Room 104 (beginning at 2:40) • Mrs. Knepper - DB Band Room• Mr. Chicchelly - SMC Gym• Ms. Carolus - DB Room 212• Mrs. Wardell - IC Room 200• Mrs. Neverman - IC Room 103• Mr. Knepper - DB Room 124• Mr. Mikita - DB Band Room

The PTC scheduler will go live on our website Friday, September 30 at 7:00 in the morning. Please sign in and schedule your conferences. You may schedule conferences from September 30 at 7:00am until October 16 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 October 16 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.

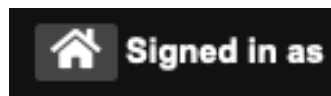
Step 5: Check the box next to the conference times(s) you wish to reserve.

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 or call Carol Berry at 296-1089 for assistance.

Print or write down your conference schedule.