

# Immaculate Conception † St. Joseph School Newsletter

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September 9, 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.

## **ATTENTION IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

The FUN RUN is here for 2021! Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 7 for our annual fundraiser. This year students are running on the track at the DB Football Field, earning pledges per every minute they run!

This date is earlier than usual, as we hope for ideal weather. Please watch the newsletter, along with the Fun Run Facebook page and emails from your teacher, on how to register your child on [www.mybooster.com](http://www.mybooster.com), along with how to earn pledges to help our school. More information to come.

Your Fun Run Committee has new ideas, bigger prizes, and a lot of fun to look forward to this year. Let's do this!



### **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.

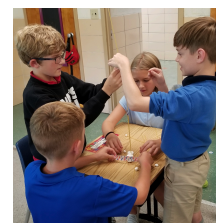
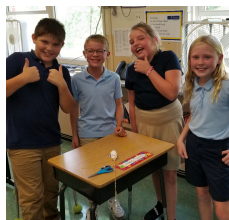
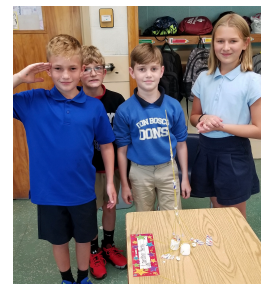
### **PTO News**

The PTO would like to thank all who were able to join us for our first meeting on Tuesday night! We look forward to seeing everyone again at our November meeting. Reminder - If you have not yet had a chance to sign up for volunteer opportunities, please visit our electronic sign up at <https://flow.page/boscopto> to view availability. We still have slots needing filled!

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

### **From Mrs. Bird...**

The year has been off to a great start in Mrs. Bird's 5th-grade class! We've been working on learning expectations and getting to know each other for the first couple of weeks. We've also been learning lots of new things! Students have especially enjoyed participating in STEM challenges that help them to practice following the 7 habits from our Leader in Me program. One of their favorite activities was the use of synergizing in a group to build the tallest tower possible using spaghetti, marshmallows, and tape!



**If throughout the school year you need to make updates (address, phone #, e-mail address, health info, emergency contact info, medication info) please log into PowerSchool to make the changes.**



**Please send all newsletter items to [icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org](mailto:icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org)  
by 3:00pm on Wednesday, September 15.**



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

Do you know your risk factors? Risk factors are characteristics, attributes or exposures that increase your chances of developing a disease or health disorder. Smoking or tobacco use, being overweight, alcohol use, and physical inactivity are risks we can control. Family history or genetics is not. Discuss what your risk factors are with your primary care provider and take steps to reduce your health risk. Find out what you can do to decrease your chances of having a chronic illness. It is time to give up tobacco products. Can you eat less processed foods and more fruits and vegetables? Is it time to get serious about losing a few pounds? Even losing 10 pounds improves your health. Can you make a plan to put on those tennis shoes and get in a few more steps? Be an advocate for your health. Take control of what you can control and decrease your risk of having a chronic illness. Marianne Hickey RN

### ***Kindergarten Shirts***

Each kindergarten student received a "Kindergarten Crew" t-shirt to commemorate the start of their school years at Immaculate Conception†St. Joseph School. We hope that the kiddos hold onto their shirts until their 8th-grade year!!

We got a few pictures of all of our kindergarten students, teachers, and the ladies from the Gilbertville Farmers State Bank location.

Farmers State Bank sponsored our t-shirts. Thank you for sending your children to learn and grow in Faith with us! And thank you, Farmers State Bank!



### ***Harvestfest Sign Up***

Immaculate Conception parish Harvestfest is Sunday, October 17, 2021. 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 Sept. 18/19, Sept. 25/26 and Oct. 2/3. 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. 319-295-1089 [cberry@boscocatholic.org](mailto:cberry@boscocatholic.org)

### ***Who can use Scrip?***

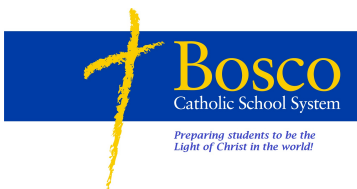
Anyone can use Scrip. Parents, students, teachers, administrators, grandparents, neighbors, and businesses. Anyone who is interested in supporting our school system or in reducing their tuition for themselves or for their family members can do so by purchasing Scrip. Ask your parents, brothers, and sisters 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.

### ***How does SCRIP generate funds for us?***

The Great Lakes Scrip center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of Scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the Scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Our organization buys the Scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and resells the certificates at face value. 50% of the discount - from two to fifteen percent or more - is retained by us, the Bosco catholic School System, as revenue. This program contributes a substantial amount of money to our school system each year.

### ***“Get to Know the STO”-- How does it work?***

Did you know that the **75% Tax Credit for an STO donation is the largest credit in the state of Iowa?** It's a simple way to help Catholic education and a simple tax credit to use. As an example; If you expect to owe \$900 in Iowa income taxes this year, donate \$1,200 to the STO, and you'll receive a \$900 Tax Credit Certificate. Redeem the credit at tax time, and you've now eliminated your Iowa income tax liability. You'll provide *\$1200 worth of STO support for only \$300*, and you now owe **\$0 in Iowa income tax**. Please check with your tax professional on how this might work for you. For more information, visit [www.ourfaithsto.org](http://www.ourfaithsto.org).



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### ***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.

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.



**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.)

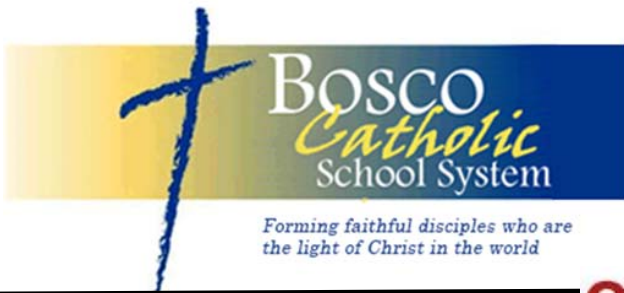
This is an intensive program which takes significant time, especially during the tournament season. Since this is a team activity, students must be dedicated to working both independently and with the rest of their group and to participating throughout their time on the team in order to ensure the group's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

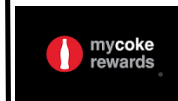
<https://www.officedepot.com/cm/school-supplies/give-back>

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.

