



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

# High School Newsletter OCTOBER 2023

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Parent/Teacher Conferences	10-09/10
Picture Re-Take Day	10-11
Teacher PD: No school	10-12
No School	10-13

## MISSION STATEMENT

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.

## VISION STATEMENT

We are the model of Catholic PK-12 education where leaders of the future are shaped *Spiritually, Academically, Physically* and *Socially* to impact the world by leading lives of Faith, Integrity, and Service to others by being the Light of Christ in the world. We are proud to provide this excellence in Catholic education to a diverse and ever-growing number of students.

Check out some of the fun our students had over the week in celebration of Bosco System's Homecoming Events!



# NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

## Theology Department

### NCYC Information:

A group of 30+ Bosco students will be attending NCYC in November of 2023! NCYC is a conference where thousands of Catholic teens gather and encounter Christ through the Sacraments and fun activities. We will venture to Indianapolis for the conference in mid-November. Please keep the youth and chaperones who are attending NCYC in your prayers!



### Upcoming NCYC Meetings:

Wednesday, 10-11 at 7:00 AM at the High School in Room 121

Student Meeting

Thursday, 10-26 at 6:00 PM at the High School in Room 121

Parent and Student Meeting

Thursday, 11-02 at 7:00 AM at the High School in Room 121

Student Meeting

### Youth Ministry:

We had our first Youth Group of the year in early September! Pizza and fun were served in abundance! The students enjoy fellowship with friends, playing the Wii, and pizza! What better way to spend a night, than to have fun growing in your faith with a group of friends?

All students in grades 8-12th are welcome to attend! We meet in the high school student center (room 202) from 6:15-7:30pm. Our next Youth Group dates are on October 4th, November 1st and 8th!



## Music Department:

### Band:

Mr. Mikita and the marching band are busy at work preparing for competition weekend, coming up on Saturday, October 7th. On this day the band will begin the day by competing at the State Marching Band Contest in Cedar Rapids at Kingston Stadium. Later in the afternoon the band will be performing at the West Liberty Marching Invitational and then will close out the day by competing at the Muscatine Marching Invitational. On Sunday, October 8th, the band will be performing their cCommunity performance at the Bosco Football field at 4:00pm. Many acknowledgments need to be made to people who have contributed to a successful marching season. First off, thanks to Juno Kerr and his amazing artistry on the murals this year. They contributed so much to our show! A big thanks to Bob Thurman for his work with our sound system and helping make our band sound so good on the field. Also thanks to Kaylee Kerr for all her help with our Color Guard! Their routine added so much to our Percussion Feature this year! Jake Knepper is owed a thanks for driving the equipment trailer to football games and the competitions! Thanks Everyone!

Mr. Mikita





**Choir:**

The Greatest Show! The middle school and high school fall choir concert will be on Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 pm in the Don Bosco Gym. The theme this year is The Greatest Show! Come join us for an afternoon of fun music from the movie, The Greatest Showman!

Mrs. Knepper



**NEWS FROM THE NURSE**

Hello! I am a proud Bosco alumni and have been a Registered Nurse for 17 years. In my nursing career I have worked with patients of all ages. In my personal life, if I am not with my sons Brady (13) and Brogan (9) at a sporting event, you can find me shopping, running, working on my many house projects with my husband, Jamie, or spending time with our family in Prairie du Chein, Wisconsin. I look forward to being the kids' new school nurse! It is my goal to keep your children healthy, safe, in school and ready to learn. I am beyond excited for this opportunity to promote health and wellness in the school community I grew up in.

Brenda Brasch



**NEWS FROM THE PARISH**

**Harvestfest:**

Immaculate Conception Parish Harvestfest is Sunday, October 15, 2023. 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. 23/24 and Sept 30/Oct. 1. 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).



**Torch of Our Lady of Guadalupe:**

The Torch of Our Lady of Guadalupe Visiting Waterloo: This torch is traveling from the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City to the Cathedral of St. Patrick Catholic Church in New York City, NY. The organizers of this marathon from the Archdiocese of Atlanta, GA contacted us to ask if we would host a replica of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego. Immaculate Conception Parish in Cedar Rapids will host it from September 30 through October 3. Then on Tuesday, October 3, parishioners will travel to Immaculate Conception Parish 325 15th Ave. Gilbertville, IA outside of the church. Fr. Noah J Diehm and parishioners will gather to welcome the group from Immaculate Conception Parish Cedar Rapids, IA. Then Columbus High School students will run the torch to Queen of Peace Parish Waterloo, IA. Upon arrival of the torch and the images, Bishop Pates will celebrate the 12:05 PM Mass (English). From October 4-6, Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego will be visiting 10 homes each day and care centers where there are Catholic residents. On Friday, October 6, the visit will conclude with the Mass in Spanish at 7:00 PM followed by a light reception in the parish hall. All are welcome!

Fr. Nils de Jesus Hernandez

# NEWS AND LINKS TO OUR SITE

## Scrip Information:

Remember to use Scrip for food, gas and entertainment throughout the year. Proceeds from the Scrip program benefit the families that use it to help offset tuition and the hot lunch cost for the following school year. Any Scrip not designated for a specific family goes right back to the school. For more information click [HERE!](#)

## October Hot Lunch:

See the hot lunch menu on our website or click [HERE!](#)

## Boscocatholic.org:

Did you know that our website there are four different options for calendars? In the navigation bar is a [CALENDAR](#) link that will take you to our weekly calendar. This calendar lists out different events such as sports, band, choir, community and church events! Next up in our options is a quick [CALENDAR](#) link that brings you to a page with access to our athletic, lunch and academic information. If you scroll to the bottom of our page and select the [ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES CALENDAR](#) it takes you to our Bound site, where you can learn about the schedule, team and opposing team. The third option, [ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#), brings you to our current school calendar so you can check for holidays, semester dates and the last day of school!

## Bosco Booster Club:

The Bosco Booster Club has a [FACEBOOK](#) page where they share current events and sales. You can also order from our [365 STORE](#) anytime!

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Here at Don Bosco we have a chapter of the National Honor Society. Student members must be role models of the 4 Pillars: scholarship, leadership, character and service. Students are invited to apply after their first semester of Junior year if they have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. They must also maintain the 3.5 or higher for the remaining 3 semesters of high school. The application requires that students identify their service and leadership activities throughout high school. Feedback on applicant's character is evaluated by the faculty, staff and coaches. Once students become members they are required to participate in leadership and service activities here at school, as a group, and to continue to be active in the community and beyond. Some of our projects in recent years have included: coordinating recycling efforts in the Don Bosco building, helping with the preschool field trip to the pumpkin patch, hosting the Veteran's Day Celebration here at school, hosting American Red Cross blood drives in November and April, and visiting the preschool to talk about Easter. Our first blood drive is coming up on Tuesday, November 7.



## Blood Drive:

The National Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive in the high school gym on Tuesday, November 7. The drive will have appointments available from 1:00 to 6:00 PM. Walk-in donors are welcome, but we do prefer to have scheduled appointments as much as possible. It helps to keep the flow and get everyone through in a timely manner. If you would like to schedule an appointment do so [HERE](#). You can also call the school office @ 319-296-1692 or contact one of our NHS students Sophia Barnett, Paige Corkery, Alexis Even, Andrew Kimball, Kaiden Knaack, Emily Naughton, Katey Schmit, or Cali Weber. Thank you for helping with this lifesaving mission.

The Don Bosco Newsletters goes out at the end of each month. Information is due by the 25th of each month. Submit information for this newsletter to Dawn Kerr at [dbhssecretary@boscocatholic.org](mailto:dbhssecretary@boscocatholic.org).

BCSS Word of the Year 2023-2024

Purpose

Noun:

- an intention or aim; a reason for doing something or for allowing something to happen
- the reason for doing something or the reason that something exists:
- why you do something or why something exists:

*"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails." (Proverbs 19:21).*





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# 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!

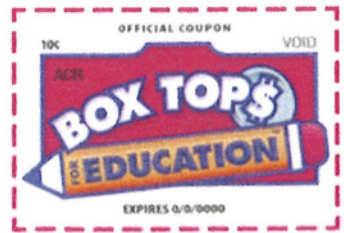


### Staples Classroom Rewards: Get the Staples Connect App

Join today and you can earn 5% back in Classroom Rewards on in-store purchases to give to a local teacher or school, plus up to 5% back in Staples Rewards **TEACHERS need to ENROLL for parents to be able to give back!**

HOW MUCH IS MY CODE WORTH?					
15-PACK \$0.18	12-PACK \$0.15	20-1/2 \$0.25	15-PACK \$0.15	10-1/2 \$0.15	8-PACK \$0.12
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## 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.

## 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.

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