

High School Newsletter **SEPTEMBER 2023**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Labor Day: No school	09-04
DB Gold Cards Due	09-07
Picture Day	09-07
Grandparent and Special Person Day	09-15
Teacher PD: No school	09-22
Music Department Fundraiser	09-23
Homecoming Game	09-29
Homecoming Dance	09-30

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.



All School Blessing on August 25 with Fr. Diehm

What a start to the year! Record heat and the first time in over 25 years of education that I can remember school being canceled on the first two days of the year! But we made it through and everyone is finding their rhythm!

As I shared in our summer parent newsletter, this year will be a year of PURPOSE! What is the Purpose of the Bosco Catholic School System? Four years ago, our school system embarked on a strategic planning process. Through that process, we developed some foundational documents. You have seen and heard our mission statement several times but our foundational documents include much more than that. In reading through these documents, which are included in our newsletter, our PURPOSE is clear: Partnering with parents to develop students spiritually, academically, physically, and socially our PURPOSE is to educate and prepare students to be the Light of Christ in the world with the ultimate "end in mind" of getting them all to Heaven!

Continuous improvement is a goal here at BCSS. Each year, we continue to grow in our abilities to carry out the mission of our school. This year, with a focus on "purpose", we have streamlined a lot of our policies "on purpose" to aid in the development of our students. All of the policies are rooted in and supported by our foundational documents that define our true purpose.

We are excited to work as a system, K-12, to help students to understand the purpose of why we do things (ie, math, reading, follow expectations, etc.), help them to do things with a purpose, and most importantly seek to learn about God's purpose for their lives.

Thank you for CHOOSING Bosco Catholic School System and here's to a great YEAR OF PURPOSE!!!

Mrs. Douglas

News from the Classrooms



Theology:

Mrs. Rohret would like to invite the 8th-12th grade students for Youth Group! We meet in the HS Student Center Room from 6:15-7:30. The night is filled with pizza, faith and fun! See you there!

September Youth Groups are meeting:

09-06-2023

09-20-2023 (Confirmation Class will attend)

Music:

Mr. Makita and the marching band is very busy at work on their 2023 Marching Band Show entitled "ELEMENTUM!". The show this year is showing the connections between all four elements and the people who can control them: Air; Earth; Water and Fire. Each piece the band will be performing helps tell the story of the conflicts and resolutions of these people and elements. A lot of people have important roles in this year's show. We have a new and exciting drill writer, Mr. Jack Frank from Mt. Mercy College who has written a magnificent show for the band. Juno Kerr again will put his artistic endeavors to work on constructing and designing the murals and other props for the show. Everyone is excited to see what is going to come out of his workshop. Kaylee Kerr, a recent Don Bosco graduate, has taken on the role of Color Guard instructor and has been designing a routine for the percussion feature "Images of Water". This year we are happy to announce that we have 6 students in the color guard which will make an amazing addition to the bands 3rd piece in their show. Bob Thurman will again oversee the always challenging aspects of amplifying our show in various ways and making our show come to life on the field. This years' Drum Majors are Senior Cali Weber and Junior Caitlin Wayson.

The show promises to be one of those that will capture everyone's attention from the very first note to the very end. Mr. Mikita is currently designing the Assignment sheet for parents for helping with bringing the percussion pit onto the field and assisting with the murals and other props that will be included in this years' show. Once finished, he will send that out for everyone's approval. Mr. Mikita would like to personally thank all the parents in advance of this year's show for their support and hard work to make this show so successful. This should be an exciting marching season!



English:

Mrs. Rahn and Mrs. Rottink are excited to get this school year started. One of our most exciting changes this year is Journalism being offered again as an English elective! Mrs. Rottink is working hard on getting The Spirit back up and running. We think this will be a fun piece of Don Bosco history to bring back to life! The Battle of the Books team will be starting the 3rd year of competition, so you may catch our team members with their noses deep in a book at any given time. Together, as always, the English department is working hard to incorporate Spiritual, Academic, Physical, and Social growth in our students in all of our classes.



News from the Community

Don Bosco Gold Cards:

Don't miss out on DB Gold Cards for great deals at participating businesses in our area. Students will be selling until Sept. 7. Stock up because these quickly more than pay for themselves. Thank you for supporting Booster Club which supports all athletics and activities. After Sept. 7, you may purchase Gold Cards in the high school office or at home football games.



Music Department Fundraiser:

Did you know? Our classroom pianos have been here longer than Mr. Makita who has been here for 34 years! Help us start fundraising for a new piano (\$10,000+) with our CAR WASH/BAKE SALE/PLANT SALE on September 23. The piano will be used for both vocal music and band. Can't make it? Donations also accepted.

MUSIC FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23
7 AM-6 PM
At school on the plaza

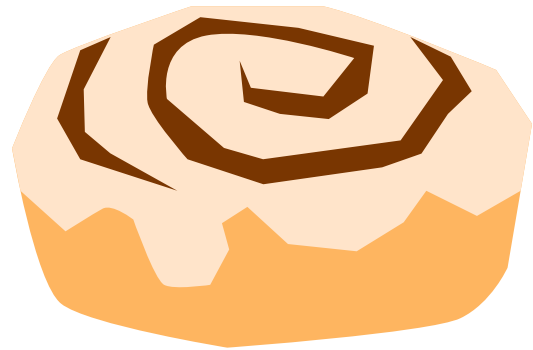
Proceeds will go toward a NEW classroom piano for band & vocal music!

BAKE SALE **CAR WASH** **PLANT SALE**

Bosco Catholic School System

Parish News:

St. Joseph Parish in Raymond will be holding a Frosted, Pecan, and Caramel Roll Fundraiser on Saturday, October 7th. Order your delicious fresh-baked, frosted, pecan, and caramel rolls by September 29th at \$3.00 each or 6 rolls for \$15.00. You may pre-order on the parish web-site at: <http://www.icsjchurch.com> or on Facebook under Immaculate Conception & Saint Joseph Catholic Churches, Iowa. If you prefer to call, contact one of the following: Michelle Stroh - text or message 319-429-3293 Linda Kayser - text or message 319-830-2746 Mary McMahon - text or message 319-939-6279 Orders will be taken through Friday, September 29. Extras will be available, but not guaranteed. Orders may be picked up at St. Mary Center, Gilbertville, on Saturday, October 7th from 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. If you are available to help on Friday, Oct. 6th or Saturday, Oct. 7th please contact Linda Kayser 319-830-2746. Thank you for your support!



Scrip News:

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 for the following school year. Any Scrip not designated for a specific family goes right back to the school. For more information on the Scrip Program see our website!

News from SOM:

It has definitely been an interesting and unique start to our school year and we are only about a week in! Overall, things have been going well but I wanted to bring you up to speed with transportation and our effort to keep the buildings as comfortable as possible with this unusual fall heat.

If you are not familiar with me or my position, my name is Tom Hogan and I'm the School Operations Manager for BCSS. My position oversees facilities and grounds, transportation, technology, athletics/activities, lunch program, and our preschool/ABC program.

This year Waterloo Schools has partnered with First Student Bus Company for the first time in many years. As you have probably seen on the news (or may have experienced first hand) they have been struggling with routes and finding drivers. We want you to know that we are working hard to get our three routes with the Waterloo Schools and First Student straightened out so pickup and dropoff has minimal interruptions to our families. If anyone continues to have issues please make sure you let me know and we will continue to try and solve these issues.

Our maintenance/custodial staff continues to work on keeping our facilities at a comfortable temperature for a positive learning environment during this unexpected fall heatwave. Since our classrooms are not air conditioned we have been taking steps at night and in the early mornings to cool the rooms. We have added more fans to our collection and have placed them strategically in hallways to keep the air moving. Next week looks to be another hot one and we already have a plan in place to try and combat the heat as much as possible.

I'm honored to serve the BCSS community and welcome any suggestions for the improvement of our schools. My purpose here is to serve the needs of the students and the greater school community.

Tom Hogan

Philosophy of Catholic Education:

In keeping with and support of the Archdiocese of Dubuque Philosophy of Education for Catholic Schools

"The Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Dubuque are committed to partnering with parents for the spiritual and educational formation of students."

Bosco Catholic School System is a part of a community in which teachers, administration, staff, clergy, parents, grandparents and parishioners are dedicated to providing a Christian education for each student in our schools. As facilitators of the educational program, the faculty, staff, and administration consider it essential to teach the student to live in accordance with the spiritual, moral and ethical principles exemplified in the life of Christ. BCSS realizes the necessity of educating and developing all our students to their fullest potential - - Spiritually, Academically, Physically and Socially - - in a caring, safe, nurturing and disciplined environment. While the parent is recognized as the primary educator, BCSS acknowledges and contributes to the partnership between home and school. In the tradition of global awareness of the universal church, BCSS further realizes the need to prepare and instill in each student a global perspective that will move them to recognize and accept responsible membership in their school, family community, and in the world community.

BCSS welcomes students of all faiths, ethnic groups and socio-economic backgrounds. The fundamental purposes of the BCSS schools are to:

- Instill a love and knowledge of the Catholic faith.
- Integrate instruction with Catholic values.
- Create a Catholic climate that contributes to the foundation of students and families that leads them to be active participants in the parish community.
- Provide opportunities for regular worship, service and prayer.
- Promote life-long learning that advances the development of the whole person - mind, body and soul to the fullest extent.
- Form students to be prepared to become productive, virtuous citizens and church leaders who will fashion a more humane and just world.
- Foster a culture of educational excellence through critical thinking skills, innovative and rigorous curriculum standards, a global perspective and an emphasis on moral education, community and service.
- Provide a caring, safe, nurturing and secure environment in which students encounter the living God, who in Jesus Christ reveals His transforming love and truth.
- Partner with parents to support students in their learning and in their search for knowledge, meaning and truth - Get souls to Heaven!

Profile of a Graduate:

We, with support from their families, achieve development of all students to prepare them to continue to grow in the following areas upon graduation:

- *Spiritually* by developing a strong relationship with Jesus and knowledge of His Church
- *Academically* by valuing current and lifelong learning
- *Physically* by learning and accepting healthy living habits
- *Socially* by becoming active members of the community who serve others joyfully

We provide all students with a challenging overall experience with focus on developing the whole person. Upon graduation, graduates should be able to set goals and achieve balance in the following:

Spiritual Goals

- Understand and appreciate the uniqueness and value of every person
- Understand and appreciate the relevance of Scripture and prayer in their daily personal lives
- Form opinions on moral issues with clarity using a Christian conscience and strong sense of social justice
- Exhibit faith, leadership, and the principles of Christianity as taught by the Catholic Church
- Further develop their personal relationship with God through prayer, liturgy, and a sacramental life

Academic Goals

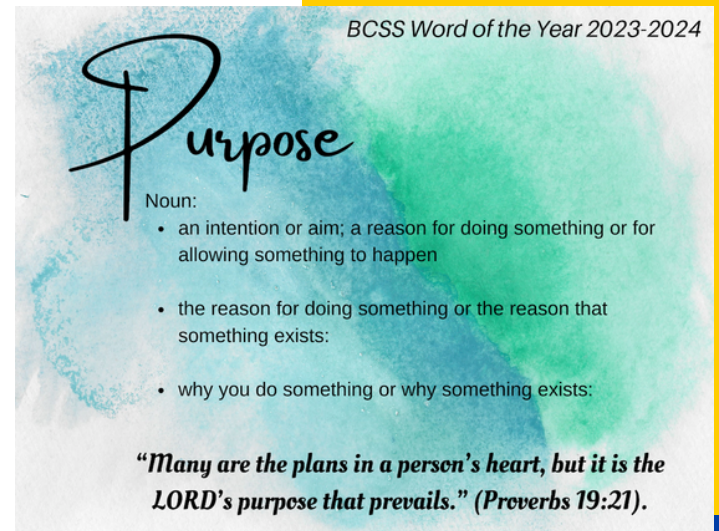
- Use effective skills to acquire knowledge
- Utilize current technologies as a learning tool
- Listen and communicate effectively, expressing ideas clearly through oral and written expression
- Demonstrate a strong work ethic through organizational skills, study habits, and effective time management
- Think critically and apply knowledge to seek understanding of new situations both independently and collaboratively

MaryKnoll Student Essay:

Give your students a chance to reflect on what Jesus might say in terms of how we can stand up for peace in our country and give them the opportunity to win prize money while doing so. The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers 2023 Student Essay Contest is now open to middle and high school students. Winning essays will be published by Maryknoll and close to \$3000 in prize money will be rewarded.

You can find the contest details at:

<https://maryknollsociety.org/essay/>



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

Don Bosco Newsletters go 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



SEPTEMBER 2023

BOSCO CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

K - 12th

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



1
Mac & Cheese
Peas
Mixed Fruit

4

5
Walking Tacos
Lettuce
Cheese & Sour Cream
Salsa
Applesauce

6

Corn Dog
Baked Beans
Apples

7

Chicken Tetrazzini
Savory Carrots
Peaches

8

Cheese French Bread
Corn
Mixed Fruit

11

Breakfast Pizza
Tater Tots
Applesauce

12

Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Fresh Broccoli
Pears

13

Hot Dog on a Bun
Peas
Strawberries

14

Italian Pasta Bake
Garlic Toast
Lettuce
Pineapple

15

Toasted Cheese
Green Beans
Mixed Fruit

18

Biscuits & Gravy
Lettuce
Yogurt
Grapes

19

Baked Potato
Diced Ham
Cheese & Sour Cream
Steamed Broccoli
Oranges

20

Chicken Patty on a Bun
Corn
Peaches

21

Taco on a Shell
Lettuce
Cheese & Sour Cream
Black Bean & Corn Salsa
Mandarin Oranges

22

No School

25

Pancakes
Sausage Links
Potato Smiles
Orange Juice

26

Country Fried Pork
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Carrots
Pears

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Shredded Beef
on a Toasted Bun
Cheese
Peppers
Apples

28

Chicken Alfredo
Breadstick
Steamed Broccoli
Strawberries

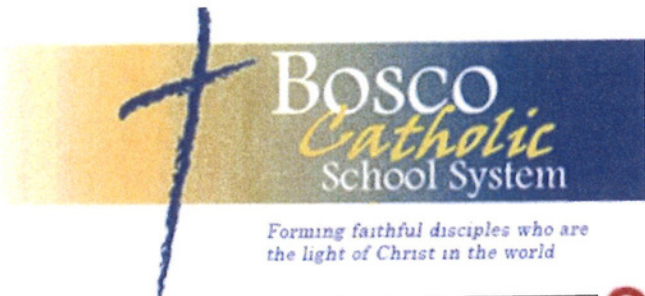
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Bosco Sticks
Pizza Sauce
Green Beans
Mixed Fruit

Choice-Skim Milk or Skim Chocolate Milk; All breads are whole grain; Fresh Fruit in season; Fresh Veggie Bar available daily for Grades 6-12
Nondiscrimination - This institution is an equal opportunity provider
Menu Subject to Change



PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE
MySchoolBucks.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!

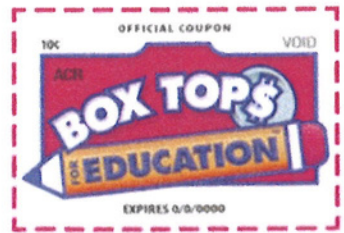
Staples CLASSROOM REWARDS

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	\$0.38	12-PACK	\$0.35	20-1/2	\$0.25
12-PACK	\$0.38	8-PACK	\$0.32	24-1/2	\$0.25
10-PACK	\$0.38	9-PACK	\$0.38	1-LITER	\$0.25
8-PACK	\$0.38	2-1/2	\$0.05	25-LITER	\$0.05
24-PACK	\$0.70	12-1/2	\$0.05	15-1/2	\$0.05
20-PACK	\$0.27	4-1/2	\$0.05	2-LITER	\$0.05
8-PACK	\$0.23	6-1/2	\$0.05	15-1/2	\$0.05
15-PACK	\$0.23	25-1/2	\$0.05	10-1/2	\$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.