

**Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph**  
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From Mrs. Niemeyer . . .

The start of the school year is an exciting time. The students and teachers are eager to begin learning and growing together. In 2009-2010 we will focus on the theme slogan of the National Catholic Educational Association, *Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life*. The "dividends" are Faith, Knowledge, Discipline, and Morals.

Here in the Bosco System we will do our best to nurture those important dividends in our young people. With the continued support and prayers of families and the parish community, we will have a great year! The new school year brings some changes in staff and structure that I believe will enhance our K-8 educational program.

- o We now have a guidance counselor for the elementary grades. Mrs. Patience Coleman will be at the IC Center all day on Mondays and at the St. Joseph Center on Wednesday mornings.

- o We have also added some computer skills/technology classes. Mrs. Amanda DeWall will teach 5th graders in the morning and technology in the afternoon. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 are scheduled for some computer skills classes in the library/lab. Mrs. DeWall will help K-2 student with technology-aided projects on Friday afternoons, and she will work with teachers in 6-8 on integrating technology into the curriculum.

- o Class structure in grades 3-5 has been adjusted to accommodate reduced contract time for some of the teachers in that unit. In each grade the students will spend part of the day in a whole-grade class (for example, PE, religion, some science and social studies). They will be in smaller classes for the core subjects of reading and math. Please know I made all decisions about scheduling after much deliberation, trying to serve the best interests of our students with the resources available.

- o PE class time for students in grades 3, 4, and 5 has increased from two days to three days this year. The K-2 classes have PE three times a week as well.

We strive to be an ever-improving school community. These program enhancements are part of that effort. We look forward to working with parents as partners in the educational process this year. Please don't hesitate to contact me with your ideas!

**School Pictures** will be taken at the Bosco System on Tuesday, September 15. Students are reminded that this will be an out of uniform day. Students may wear nice jeans/shorts with an appropriate shirt. Absolutely no spaghetti straps, or tank tops may be worn. Order forms will be sent home next Thursday the 10th.

**Newsletter Articles** - Please send all newsletter items to school by 8:00 AM on Wednesday, September 9. Newsletter items should be e-mailed to:  
**icsjnewsletter@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us.**

**Library Volunteers Needed-** We are in need of volunteers to work in the IC library on Wednesday & Thursday afternoons. If you would like to volunteer in the IC library, call the school at 296-1089. Thank You!

**Kans for Kids** - We just received our summer check from Dewar Redemption \$1,398.10. Monthly totals were: June - \$481.90, July - \$480.20 including \$280.70 of that being Gilbertville Days Weekend, and August was \$436.00. Thank you to everyone for continuing to donate your cans and bottles. The drop off is still located outside the new Farmers State Bank in Gilbertville. Mrs. Millett is working on renovating the sign, so that will be coming back soon.

**Don Bosco Activity Passes Available** - Buy your DB activity pass now for the year. A pass for K-8 students is \$20 and a pass for DB students is \$35. Also available for students and adults are punch passes, \$32 worth of punches for \$20. These passes are good for all activities at Don Bosco (except football, drama, band, and post season games) for the entire 09-10 school year. You may sign up to purchase a pass in the school offices OR at any home event.

**Free Kids' Fishing Derby** - Sunday, September 13, from 1:00 - 3:00 at the Izaak Walton League between Gilbertville and Washburn. This is open to all with prizes for everyone. FREE worms and help taking fish off hooks are provided. Hot dogs and soda will be available for a small charge. Bring chairs, relax, and enjoy the day!

**DB Football Pep Bus** - We will be taking a Pep Bus to the away football games again this year as long as we have enough people to ride the bus. Cost will be \$10/person - this includes gate admission. Sign up and pay for the ride at the DB office by Thursday before each away game (9/4, 9/18, 9/25, 10/6). Bus departure times will be given when you sign up for each game. This is open to both students and adults. For more information call 296-1692 or 827-6056.

**Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast** - There will be a Grandparent's Day "all you can eat" Belgian Waffle breakfast to benefit the Don Bosco High School Football Program, on Sunday, September 13th, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Reuter Hall, 313 E. Central, in Raymond. The menu includes Dad's 9" Belgian Waffles with a variety of syrups, including sugar free syrups, along with link sausage, milk, coffee, and juice. Cost is \$6.00 for ages 11 yrs. to adult, \$4.00 for children ages 6-10, and \$2.00 for children 5 and under. Football players will be pre-selling of adult tickets a few weeks before the breakfast. Adult and children's tickets will also be available at the door. Proceeds will go to benefit Don Bosco Football.

September 18, the Waterloo School's buses will not be running.  
Parents will need to provide transportation for their students.

**SCRIP News** - Our profit last week was \$490.80! We have a couple new retailers: Aeropostale \$25 gift cards (7%) and Culligan Water in \$10 and \$20 cards (10%). Bonus contributions thru September include: CVS Pharmacy - \$25 (8%); Barnes & Noble - \$10 (10%); Applebee's - \$25 (10%); and Old Navy - \$25 (11%). If you shop with any of these retailers please use SCRIP so we earn the bonus contributions. Reminder that we have Walmart SCRIP all the time - these are \$25 or \$100 cards and they can also be used at Sam's Club. Thanks for using SCRIP!  
Kim Rottinghaus (319)239-1672 or [krottinghaus@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:krottinghaus@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us)

**Flag Football** - Dates for 1-4 grade flag football were incorrect on the sign up sheet sent home last week. Games will start on September 19th, not September 29th.

**Building Campaign** Fundraiser t-shirts are for sale. Order forms may be found on the Bosco web site, click on Building a New Legacy. Proceeds from t-shirt sales will go to the "Building a New Legacy" Capital Campaign Fund.

**Youth Group News** - We're looking forward to our 2009-2010 Youth Group! We'll hold our first gathering on September 23 for the Middle School students. We'll run this the same as last year with Wednesday nights at the Convent from 6:30-8:00PM. We'll switch off between Middle School and High School each week. Here is a preliminary schedule for the first month -  
September 23rd - Middle School (grades 6-8)  
September 16th and 30th - High School (grades 9-12)  
We welcome everyone to attend. If you enjoyed YG last year, please join again and bring a friend!

**Posters** - 2009 Volleyball & Football Team Posters are available for \$1.00 each in the office.

**Campbell's Labels for Education** is an on-going program that everyone can participate in just by saving UPCs and jar lids. Just send them to school with your child or drop them off in the back of either church. These labels earn us points to redeem for free merchandise for our school. Being sent home is a 2009-2010 list of eligible products. Please note: there are several items that are worth 5 points all of the time. We can do the cutting; just take care not to tear the UPC. Please help support this program. It is a very simple way to earn free merchandise. Anyone who would be interested in counting labels, please call Joyce Schares @ 234-7840. This is something you can do at home in your spare time. Please look for the list of items for this year.

**Team Weber** is raising funds for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society. You may help the cause by eating at the Lone Star Steak House in Waterloo on Sunday, September 13 from 5:00-9:00PM. A required coupon must be presented to the server when ordering. These coupons are available in the school offices.

Remember to register your student(s) with **Hy-Vee "Smiles for Education"**

**DB Homecoming Week News** - Join us Wednesday, September 9 to celebrate Homecoming at Don Bosco. The DB Booster Club will sell hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and pop starting at 5:30pm in the DB plaza. Bring the family! Parade begins at 6:45 starting in the plaza. Pep Rally, bonfire, and coaches speeches to follow - everything will be at the plaza. Come and join the fun!

**Spirit Day** - ALL students are encouraged to show their support by wearing either Don Bosco colors or a Bosco System shirt with jeans on Friday, September 11.

Homecoming game is Friday, September 11 at 7pm at Sloane Wallace Stadium vs. Postville. GO DONS!