

Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph
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Spirit Day - ALL students are encouraged to show their support by wearing either Don Bosco colors or a Bosco System shirt with jeans tomorrow, September 11.

Open House and Book Fair - Plan to come to the Open House at both elementary school centers on Monday, September 14. Both the IC Center and St. Joseph Center will be open from 5:30-7:30 PM. Meet the teachers and see the learning environment created in each classroom, as well as work accomplished by your students already this year. The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the entrance of the IC center. Please plan to stop in and check out the assortment of books.

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 are being sent home today.

Newsletter Articles - Please send all newsletter items to school by 8:00 AM on Wednesday, September 16. Newsletter items should be e-mailed to:
icsjnewsletter@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us.

Middle School Athletics - There was a great response from families and middle school students on the offer to vote for which team name middle school athletic teams should use. Thanks! The results were shared with the Board of Education at the Sept. 8 meeting. Their decision is that our middle school teams will be the IC/St. Joe's Dons. The PTO plans to use the name when designing new t-shirts and spirit wear.

PowerSchool - PowerSchool is the web-based student information system that we use for attendance, preparing report cards, etc. In grades 6-8, teachers use the "PowerTeacher" feature to post student grades throughout the year. Families of students in 6-8 can log-in to PowerSchool to check on grades. We are sending home to those families* today a letter that explains more and includes the Parent Web log-in and password for each of their 6-8 students. If you do not receive your letter, please contact Mrs. Berry at the IC office.

* Log-ins and Passwords are not being sent to families who have students in K-5 because there is not an on-line grade book for those levels.

Activity Passes Available - Buy your 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 IC/St. Joe's and 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!

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

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.

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 (9/18, 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.

Magazine Sale - Our annual Magazine Sales Drive will kickoff September 18, and continue through October 5. This is a huge fund raiser for our school! So ask the people at work, your neighbors, relatives, and people from your parish. If you do not have relatives in the area, at least fill out the magnet booklets. For these, please make sure that your student lists people who are outside of the local phone book. Students will receive a list of prizes at the kickoff.

Second Grade Parent Meeting - There will be a parent meeting for First Reconciliation on Tuesday, September 22. It will begin at 6:00 PM and will be held at St. Joseph Church in Raymond. This is for parents only- children do not need to come.

Field Trip - The 2nd grade class will be going to Cattle Congress on September 18. Permission forms will go out tomorrow.

SIAC Committee - (Student Improvement Advisory Committee) will be meeting on Tuesday, September 22 at 3:30 in the Don Bosco Library. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to be a part of this committee. This committee discusses ideas on school improvements and takes suggestions from students, parents, and teachers. If you have been on this committee in the past, hopefully we will see you there. Meeting is at 3:30pm. We will be looking at future improvements/ideas for Bosco School System. Call Sheri Purdy at 287-6673 if you have questions.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR ADOLESCENT - In the last 10 years, because of new technology, huge advances have been made in the study of the human brain, especially in young people. During a class this summer called "Understanding the Adolescent Brain", we decided the term 'understanding' might not be accurate, but we left the class with much more awareness of what is actually going on with brain development and how that affects adolescent behavior.

I shared a short video clip about this with the 7th graders; they think parents may be interested in seeing what they have seen. I agree - it helps to know there are some physiological reasons for what's going on, and to know it's pretty universal. I have been working to adapt to this information, and know I still have a lot to learn and a long way to go!

During Open House, I will be in the library continually showing this video clip for anyone who is interested. It's brief, easy to watch, and has a lot of information. Kathy Millett

SCRIP News - Our profit last week was \$537.10! You're invited to go to Lonestar this Sunday night, Sept. 13th (coupon required - avail at Regions Bank, IC Church, and school offices) for Team Weber's fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. They are donating 10% of your bill! Buy your SCRIP for that night and help support this great cause! Our August tuition credit winner is Paul & Amy Naughton! They will receive a \$25 credit on their tuition bill. It pays to use SCRIP! We draw a winner every month so make your SCRIP purchases - you can't win if you don't play! NEW - shop for SCRIP online at www.shopwithscrip.com - you will need to set up an account and link to our school (enrollment code required - F2C28A8C1222). Go to the SCRIP page on the school's web site for complete instructions to sign up. We will also have a SCRIP table at the Open House on Monday, Sept. 14 at IC - stop by to purchase SCRIP and get info to sign up for shopwithscrip.com that night. Also - remember we have Tenth Inning SCRIP (\$10 cert) so plan to stop there after the Friday football games! Thanks for using SCRIP! Kim Rottinghaus (319) 239-1672 or krottinghaus@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us

BOSCO BUS BASH 2009 - A big Thank You to everyone that participated in the Annual Bosco Bus Bash Hog Roast. We also want to say thank you to those that donated items for the Auction, Raffle or the many door prizes that were given away. We also want to thank those that so generously make additional cash contributions; your extra support is greatly appreciated. Thank You to the bidders and Lester Schares for making the auction so enjoyable! A special Thank You goes to Tyson Fresh Meats and Joe Raley for the generous donation of Pork. And finally, to those new and faithful patrons, we hope you had an enjoyable evening and look forward to seeing you in 2010! **THE BOSCO BUS BASH FAMILIES**

Total Profit after Expenses: \$20,028.65 Raffle Winners: 1st Prize (\$1000 cash)- Mary Kay Schaefer, 2nd Prize (\$350 SCRIP)- Carol Becker, 3rd Prize (\$150 SCRIP)- Bob Bloes, 4th Prize (\$50 SCRIP, Diane Kramer & Joyce Case)- Wayne Weber, 5th Prize (\$50 CD, Farmers State Bank)- Joe Schaefer.

During the 2009-2010 the third graders in my classroom are going to have the opportunity to practice their graphing and data interpreting skills using the Boxtop labels while helping raise money for the school. An orange container will be placed in each classroom. When your child(ren) bring in Boxtops they will need to place the labels in the Boxtop container in their classroom instead of sending them to the office as they have done in the past. My third graders will collect the containers every Wednesday morning. The Boxtops will then be counted, graphed, and then my students will interpret the data. Individual classrooms will earn a jean day for that Friday once they have brought in a total of 75 labels. This is a win - win situation for everyone involved. My students get to practice skills they are learning, the other students can earn a jean day and money is raised to help our school. Thank you in advance for your help and support with this activity.

Mrs. Marita Schroeder

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

"Building a New Legacy" Campaign Update - The pledge total is \$872,000...and growing. But something is missing...your pledge.

If you have already made your pledge decision, many thanks! You are helping to build the "New Legacy" for the Bosco System Catholic Schools. But if you haven't....

We have all heard, and used, the old adage of "Many hands make light work". The same applies to our "Building a New Legacy" Capital Campaign. The more families who pledge to help, lightens the load. Just as our parishes were built many years ago, everyone was asked to help in a way that was appropriate for the gifts they had been given. Please pray about your decision.

So what are we asking you to do?? Some are asked to receive warmly a call from a campaign volunteer to discuss the campaign. Others are asked to make a decision from their heart and show their support by returning an attached pledge form.

Our goal is to have all pledges in by the end of October. This timing will allow the Board of Education to lay out and communicate a timetable for construction.

If you have questions about the campaign, please call (319) 296-1606 or e-mail us at buildinganewlegacy@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us And stay tuned to your bulletin, newsletters and the Bosco System web site (www.boscosystem.net) for updates.