

Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph
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September 24, 2009

Magazine Sale - Our annual Magazine Sales Drive will continue through October 5. Please continue to sell!!

Newsletter Articles - Please send all newsletter items to school by 8:00 AM on Wednesday, September 30. Newsletter items should be e-mailed to:
icsnewsletter@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us.

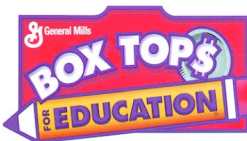
Harvestfest Committee Members will be available in the Heritage Room this weekend before and after Mass for parishioners to sign up to help for the annual Harvestfest celebration which is Oct. 18th. Please show your support to your parish and sign-up. If you cannot sign up this weekend and would like to sign up, please call Nikki Brown at 296-3982 for available time slots. Thanks for your support!

Campbell's Labels for Education - Campbell's does not accept just the front label. We **MUST** have the ENTIRE UPC label. Please help support this program by sending the entire UPC label.

Bosco System Uniform Closet - We have many uniform items (pants, shorts, polos, sweatshirts, etc.) in the Uniform Closet. This program will be discontinued so we will **NOT** accept any more donations. If you'd like to go through these items please contact the school office. The Uniform Closet, located in the Convent, lower level, will also be open during the Harvestfest Celebration on Sunday, October 18, 2009. A freewill donation may be made if you like. We want to get these items out to those who can use them. After Harvestfest the items will be donated to another program.

Catholic Order of Foresters Youth Members can see "Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs" for \$1.00 at the Starlight Cinema, 2401 Swan Lake Blvd. in Independence, (take exit 252). The movie starts at **4:30** PM Sunday, September 27. Parents & friends can see the movie for \$5.00. If Questions call Donna Delagardelle @ 239-9945.

Come show your support for the Bosco School System at the **PTO Chili Supper and Bake Sale** on Saturday, October 10 at the Dew Drop. Purchase baked goods starting at 10:00 a.m. Chili served from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Cost of \$5.00 includes chili, crackers, bread, dessert, & milk or coffee. Orders to-go will be available.



Congratulations!! The following classrooms brought in 75 Box Top labels. They have earned a jean day with a uniform shirt for tomorrow, September 25. Mrs. Neverman, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Feldmann, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207. The third grade class was able to use their graphing and data interpreting skills with over 2600 Box Tops turned in so far. Which also means the school has earned over \$260.

CONVENT CLEAN OUT and SALE - As you may know, we are planning ahead for actual construction of the new multi-use facility that will be built where the convent is currently located. With that in mind, we are working over the next few weeks to clean out, organize, recycle, and/or sell items that are currently in the convent. There will be a SALE during Harvestfest on October 18th of the items that are determined to be put up for sale. Proceeds will go to the building campaign. The sale will be held in the convent. **WHY NOW?** We won't know exactly what will be done regarding the building project until after the campaign is over in November, however, cleaning out and organizing the miscellaneous things in the convent needs to be done anyway. For more information, please contact Kim Rottinghaus (319) 239-1672 or krottinghaus@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us

SCRIP News - Our profit last week was \$470.01! Fareway and Walmart are probably our biggest sellers and we have Walmart cards available all the time now - if you shop at these two places how about regularly ordering this weekly or every other week? Reminder you can sign up to shop for SCRIP online-go to www.shopwithscrip.com or go to the SCRIP page on the school's web site and click on the shopwithscrip.com link and the info link for instructions to sign up. You can also buy SCRIP by sending orders to school, buying at either bank, or before/after Masses at IC. Are you planning any home remodeling projects? If so, we sell SCRIP to Menards, Lowes, and Home Depot. And we can order Menards SCRIP for a 3-4 day delivery now so if you need large amounts of Menards SCRIP we can get that for you. Thanks for using SCRIP! Kim Rottinghaus (319)239-1672 or krottinghaus@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us

Essay Contest - The Waterloo Elks are sponsoring two essay contests. One is for students in grades 6-8 with the topic The American Dream: What Is It? The other contest asks 6th grade students to write an essay on the topic Our Flag - What it Means to Me. Winning essays will receive US Savings Bond prizes. Interested students should stop in the IC office for a copy of the rules and an entry form. Essay deadline is December 2, 2009.

Thank you - I would like to thank all of you that purchased tickets and came to the Don Bosco Football Belgian Waffle breakfast to support the football program. Thank you to the team for their great job in selling tickets ahead of time and for working that day after a busy week and weekend with homecoming. I was proud of you! Thank you to the coaches and parents that donated and also worked that day and special thanks to Brad and Sue Scobee for organizing the worker list and all your help the day of the breakfast. The profit was \$1750 and we served 548 people. Everyone made it not only a successful event but also a fun event. I ask you for your continued support for the program and these young people. Mark you calendar for next year's breakfast for Grandparents Day on September 12, 2010. Thank you!!!! See you at the games, Rose Weber

"Building a New Legacy" Campaign Update - Our pledge total for this week is \$1,150,000. How many ways can we say thank you? Our continued thanks to those who have responded to the call for support!

The "Building a New Legacy" campaign team has been working with the Archdiocesan building commission, development office and education commission throughout the development of our vision and campaign. The universal support from the Archdiocesan offices and permission to proceed came just when the economy took a turn for the worse, but those offices kept our leadership's flame of hope alive. As our pledge total grows, we know we are on the right path. Thank you to all who have made your prayerful and sacrificial gift.

Why are we pushing to have your pledge decision? What is the urgency? Our goal is to have all pledges in by the end of October. This timing will allow the Board of Education to layout and communicate a timetable for construction. With pledge totals at our goals, we anticipate we can start construction next spring. Yes that's just 6 months away, but we need the pledge total at \$2.5 million or above.

If you have questions, please call 296-1606 or e-mail us at buildinganewlegacy@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us.

And stay tuned to your bulletin and the Bosco System web site (www.boscosystem.net) for updates.

Tutoring is available on the Waterloo Public Library web site (www.waterloo.lib.ia.us). Simply find the Tutorvista link and enter your library card number. Your child will get live, one-on-one sessions with qualified tutors. This service is offered from 3-11 pm seven days per week at no cost to you.

Bosco System Catholic Schools

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PO Box 158
Raymond, Iowa 50667
319-233-5980

Immaculate Conception Center
PO Box 256
Gilbertville, Iowa 50634
319-296-1089

Don Bosco High School
PO Box 106
Gilbertville, Iowa 50634
319-296-1692

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Bosco System is working with public health officials to decrease the spread of flu at our school sites. We are taking these measures to help our students stay healthy. We need your help. Influenza spreads most easily in the early stages of the illness. To protect your child, as well as any other child, we will be more sensitive to the symptoms of influenza and will send your child home if ill.

Following these recommendations will help to prevent illness in your child and his/her classmates.

Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. Symptoms of the flu can include fever (oral temperature of 100° F or greater), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.

Do not send children to school if they are sick. Any children who are determined to be sick while at school will be sent home. You should begin to plan how you will provide care for your sick child if you are not able to stay home with them.

Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone. If you give your child fever reducing drugs, like ibuprofen, ensure your child has not had a fever for 24 hours after the drugs have worn off.

Teach your children the flu is spread from person-to-person. Teach them to cough or sneeze into a tissue and then throw the tissue in trash. If a tissue is not available, teach them to cover their cough or sneeze using their elbow or sleeve instead of their hands.

Teach your children to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (the time it takes to sing happy birthday twice), especially after they cough or sneeze. If soap and water is not available, an alcohol-based hand gel can be used. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.

Teach your children not to share personal items like beverages, cups, food, unwashed utensils, or toothbrushes.

Get your family vaccinated for seasonal influenza soon, and novel influenza A (H1N1) when it becomes available.

We appreciate your help in keeping our students healthy.

Sincerely,

Julie Niemeyer, K-8 Principal
Eric Eckerman, Don Bosco Principal