

Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph
www.boscosystem.net
October 1, 2009

CORRECTION TO DIRECTORY - Please change your Faculty & Family Directory to: Kyle Vanderpool (7), Kevin Vanderpool (5). Under Steve & Mara Jones, add Samantha (K). My apologies to the Vanderpool and Jones families for the errors. - Kim French

Magazine Sale - All magazine sale orders must be turned in Monday, October 5! Thank you to all the students and families who have been selling magazines in order to earn extra funds for the school. Students will receive their total "points" to redeem for prizes after all the totals are in.

Newsletter Articles - Please send all newsletter items to school by 8:00 AM on Wednesday, October 7. Newsletter items should be e-mailed to: icsjnewsletter@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us.

Reminder - Please take the time to label all sweatshirts, lunch boxes, and jackets.

The PTO is asking for donations for the upcoming **Chili Supper**. Anyone willing to donate money or baked goods to sell would be greatly appreciated. Money can be sent to the IC office in an envelope marked "chili supper donation" and baked goods can be dropped off at the Dew Drop Friday night or Saturday morning October 9 & 10. Thank you for helping make this a profitable fundraiser.

Eucharistic Adoration - On Friday, Oct. 2 there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the gr. 3-12 Mass at 8:00. Classes in grades 3-8 will participate in Eucharistic Adoration in church between 8:40 and 11:00. Most of the 3-8 students will also participate in Benediction at 11:30.



Congratulations!! The following classrooms earned a jean day with a uniform shirt on Friday, October 2 for bring in 75 Box Tops. Mrs. Bolick, Mrs. Neverman, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Feldmann, 203, 204, 205, 207, 102, 103, 105, 106, and 107.

Middle School Retreats - Middle School students from the IC Center and St. Athanasius School will be on retreat on Tuesday, Oct. 6. They will travel by bus, leaving around 8:15 and returning by 1:45. The 6th grade retreat will be at St. Athanasius School, the 7th grade retreat at St. Mary's Eagle Center, and the 8th grade retreat at St. Francis Barclay. Permission forms are being sent home today. Please be sure they are returned by Monday, Oct. 5. Thank you!

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Families will soon receive the first of a five part series of parent information publications from the Office for the Protection of Children from the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The purpose of these publications is to help all of us be more informed of the issues and topics related to the abuse of children. It is our sincere hope that by partnering together we can continually provide the safest possible environment for all our young people to grow into healthy, Christ-filled adults.

Please keep this first brochure in a handy place for your future reference. Future newsletter items will be distributed during the months of October, November, January, and February. Additional resources can be found at the Virtus website at www.virtus.org.

The Office for the Protection of Children

Fall Fitness Day - Students from across the state of Iowa will join in at least 30 minutes of physical activity on Thursday, October 8. Here in the Bosco System, K-2 students in Raymond will walk to Thome Park for some play time and then stop to visit the fire station before returning to school. At the IC Center, students in grades 3-5 will walk to Veterans Park from 12:40-1:20; middle school students will walk to Veterans Park 1:35-2:10.

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE BOSCO SYSTEM PTO!!! With the transition of the PTO (Parent/Teacher Organization) encompassing the K-12 grades as a whole, the IC/SJ school mascot has been changed to the IC/SJ Dons. With this change, PTO has new school spirit apparel. Currently, we are taking orders for crewneck sweatshirts (these can be worn as part of the school uniform for K-12 grades), PE shorts, sweatpants, and long and short sleeve t-shirts. Sizes range from youth small through adult sizes. Order forms can be found online at www.boscossystem.net, or at any of the school offices. Completed order forms and payment must be turned in to school by noon on October 14, 2009. No exceptions. Checks can be made payable to Boscossystem PTO.

Also note, I am working on putting together another order for the fleece sweatshirts. I am currently working with the vendor to try and find comparable fleece in youth sizes as well. Once finalized, I will send out order forms for youth through adult sizes for fleece sweatshirts. So, watch for this information in future newsletters.

And, don't forget to check us out at the Open House on November 1 at Don Bosco High School Gymnasium. We will have lots of never-before-seen DONS and school spirit apparel in youth through adult sizes. There will be a limited supply of cash and carry apparel items. Order forms will also be available on this day for any re-orders of on-hand items we sell out of. Don't miss out on this exciting showcase of merchandise and get a head start on your Christmas shopping! Please contact Amy Frost at 319-296-1829 if you have any questions.

Box Tops for Education is giving away 1,000,000 Bonus Box Tops to America's schools!

One Grand Prize: 500,000 bonus Box Tops (a \$50,000 value)

Two First Prizes: 250,000 bonus Box Tops (a \$25,000 value)

Enter the Big Clip for a chance to win Bonus Box Tops for our school.

Go to <http://thebigclip.com/index.tbapp> and enter daily!

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.

DB Apparel Items - Stop in at Harvestfest and home games to get your DB apparel items. New graphics and colors are coming out. You can also stop in at DB and ask for your volleyball and football items or call Stephanie Gardner @ 415-3769

Help raise money for your school system. Host an Arbonne party or Open House in the month of October. As the host you will be giving 35% of all retail sales back to the school and I will pay for shipping. I will come to your home or work, where your guests can sample the Arbonne products and ask questions. Arbonne products are botanically based and we have something for everyone. If you are interested in hosting an Open House or taking a catalogue around to family and friends to collect orders thru the month of October contact me @ 319-269-6949 or rfenske@bhcsso.org Renae Fenske

Flag Dedication - Thank you to the family of Irvin Weber who donated the new motorized flag in the Don Bosco gym in honor of Irvin. There will be a flag dedication ceremony on Thursday, October 8th before the Varsity Volleyball game against Dunkerton. Please join us as we honor Irvin Weber and this new flag.

School Improvement Activities Committee wants you!! Otherwise known as the SIAC committee. What is this? This committee is committed to improving every aspect of the Bosco School System. We want/get opinions and ideas from the students, faculty, parents and alumni! We look at ways we can improve the school. Some of the things we are currently looking at are: Better communication and marketing of Bosco School System in our communities through various tactics such as website design, paper/TV ads, and welcoming committees for new families in our community. Enhancing communication for faculty at all three sites, getting ideas/wish lists from teachers, students concerns and ideas and how to better the Bosco School experience for them, looking at ways to improve additional resources for teachers and additional help for students struggling in academics OR opportunities for expanded high school courses for college credit. We also analyze specific needs for technology, cultural diversity and enhancing transition for middle school to high school. SIAC meets the THIRD Thursday of each month. Next meeting is Thursday, October 15th at 6pm in the Don Bosco Library. Then in November on the 19th at 2:45pm. We will be changing the time of the meeting every other month so we can accommodate a lot of parents/faculty/students. If you can't make every meeting that is ok! This is a great committee that is dedicated to the continuous improvement of our entire Bosco System. Your ideas/opinions matter! If you have any questions please call Sheri Purdy at 287-6673. Thanks!

"Building a New Legacy" Campaign Update

Attention - Wonderful News: The Bosco System is honored to have a donor who will provide a 10% match to each dollar given or pledged. This is an easy way to take your dollar and turn it into \$1.10!!! Let's take advantage of this outstanding offer of support!

Our pledge total for this week has jumped to \$1,401,000. Continued many thanks to those who have responded to the call for support!

Why are we pushing to have your pledge decision? What is the urgency? We are on the agenda with Archdiocesan Building Committee's November meeting. To gain approval to move forward with our plan, we need to have cash and pledges totaling \$2.5 million by the time we attend this meeting. Hitting this goal will also greatly improve our chances of starting construction in the spring. Missing this goal will push us out 3 months to the February Building Committee's meeting. We need your help to make this a reality, so please step up to be a family who has made a pledge of support and do so by October 31st or sooner. Thank you!

Donor Recognition: It is our intention to create a donor wall that will recognize all donors in the following manor (subject to refinements that will be completely communicated to all donors.) Donors will be recognized as contributors unless a specific request has been made to remain anonymous.

\$1 to 1,499	Friends
\$1,500 to 4,999	Supporters
\$5,000 to 14,999	Benefactors
\$15,000 to 24,999	Patrons
\$25,000 +	Dons

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 and the Bosco System web site (www.boscosystem.net) for updates.

SCRIP News - Our profit last week was \$469.34! Thank you once again to Bertch Cabinets for using SCRIP for their incentive programs. If you or your business uses gift cards for any customer or employee incentive programs please consider using SCRIP for that - we will deliver the cards right to your door - it's very easy! Applebee's is offering a 2% bonus contribution thru Oct 16th - so we are earning 10% on Applebee's gift cards! And Subway offers an extra 2% bonus at the end of the year for all Subway cards purchased. So if you like Applebee's and Subway please use these SCRIP cards and help us earn extra money! Do you know about shopwithscrip.com? This program allows you to purchase SCRIP online 24/7 and pay for it using Presto Pay (sign up to pay thru your checking or savings acct). There is a 39¢ charge for each order, however, for each order thru shopwithscrip.com we earn a 25¢ credit towards our weekly shipping charge (we pay \$11.50/wk in shipping). For more info on shopwithscrip.com please go to the SCRIP Program page on the school's website OR contact me and I will get info to you. Thanks for using SCRIP! Kim Rottinghaus (319) 239-1672 or krottinghaus@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us

September 30, 2009

SMART Points. SMART Reward.

Dear Parents,

Help our school win a SMART Board™ interactive whiteboard! SMART Board™ interactive whiteboards engage students in exciting new ways, inspiring a higher education within a more creative environment.

Every \$20 of Procter & Gamble products* purchased at Hy-Vee, in a single transaction, earns you 100 SMART Points to donate to our school. Printed on your receipt will be a promotional code to be entered on www.Hy-VeeSMARTPoints.com. Once the code is entered, you can choose to donate your points to our school.



More than 125 schools with the most points will win! Visit the promotional website to find the schools that are competing against us to win a SMART Board™ interactive whiteboard. Earn SMART Points by visiting Hy-Vee from September 1, 2009 – October 31, 2009.

We encourage you to share the details of this promotion with your friends and family during the promotional period, and invest in the future of our school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Niemeyer

* Participating P&G Brands: Align®, Always®, Aussie®, Bounce®, Bounty®, Braun®, Camay®, Cascade®, Charmin®, Cheer®, Clairol®, Cover Girl®, Crest®, Dawn®, Downy®, Duracell®, Era®, Febreze®, Fixodent®, Gain®, Gillette®, Gleem®, Head & Shoulders®, Herbal Essences®, Hydrience®, Iams®, Infusium®, Ivory®, Joy®, Kandoo®, Luvs®, Max Factor®, Metamucil®, Mr. Clean®, Natural Instincts®, Nice & Easy®, Noxzema®, Olay®, Old Spice®, Oral B®, Pampers®, Pantene®, Pepto Bismol®, Prilosec OTC®, Pringles®, Puffs®, Pur®, Safeguard®, Scope®, Secret®, Swiffer®, Tampax®, Tide®, Vicks®, Zest®.

** Qualified schools will be grouped according to geographic location. Point totals will be divided by the number of students enrolled in each of the participating schools. Qualifying schools with the most points per grouping wins. Program ends 10/31/09. See website for official rules.