

**Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph**  
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**October 11, 2007**

**Conference Forms** - If you have not turned in your conference form sheet, please do so tomorrow, Friday, October 12th. Anyone who does not return their form will be assigned a conference time.

**Newsletter Articles** - Please send all newsletter items to school by 8:00 AM on Tuesday, October 16th. Newsletter items should be e-mailed to our e-mail address at **icsjnewsletter@ic-stjoes.pvt.k12.ia.us**

**Picture Retakes** - Picture retake day will be Tuesday, October 16th. If your student will be having their picture retaken, they must return the complete original picture package on retake day. If a student was absent on the original picture day, they need to bring their completed picture envelope and money on retake day. These students will be allowed to wear an appropriate dress shirt or blouse **with their uniform pants**. NO spaghetti straps, or tank tops may be worn.

**Reminder** - All 3-4-5 grade students need a sack lunch tomorrow due to their field trip.

**Pop Concert** - The sixth grade choir and seventh and eighth grade choir will be performing at the Pops Concert on October 18th at 7:00 PM along with High School Concert Choir. The concert will be held in the Don Bosco Gymnasium. Please have your student in the high school band room by 6:30. Please come to support the students and to enjoy an evening of Pop music.

**Leaf Raking** - The annual Middle School Leaf Raking Project will take place on Friday, October 26th. We need lots of parent volunteers to help act as chaperones for small groups of students. If you are available to help, contact the school @ 296-1089.

**Magazine Sale** - We would like to thank ALL the volunteers who helped tabulate the magazine orders. A special thanks to Trudy Breitbart for organizing the tabulations. Students will receive their prizes October 19th.

**Volunteers Needed** - This Saturday, October 13th the Don Bosco Baseball team will be having a field day for all those that can help. We will be tearing down the current

dugouts and preparing them to pour cement for new ones, placing plastic and lime on the warning track, some field manicuring, etc. We are asking for any volunteers to help. We will begin at 9:00 AM.

If you have anything that you think would be helpful to use feel free to contact Coach Carlson.

We are really excited about the improvements that are going to be made to our field and we appreciate all the support of those who are helping make this possible!

**Student Council News** - Halloween Bag raffle tickets will again this year be sold to students K-8. The tickets will be 25¢ each or five for a \$1.00. The students will be able to buy raffle tickets from October 24th through the 31st. We will be drawing for the winners on October 31st at the end of the day. Red Ribbon Week is October 22nd through the 26th. Thanks for your support, Student Council

**Denim Heads Up** We are again participating in the Denim drive in conjunction with Iowa State University. A company named Cotton Incorporated is working to recycle denim (100% cotton) items into insulation for homes built by Habitat for Humanity. We received an e-mail from former DB alum Jess Thoma that the ISU PRSSA was again going to coordinate the denim drive. In her e-mail, Jess says, "It turns out our school (ISU) was the MOST successful last year by collecting 2,150 pairs of denim. Now I just wanted to once again say my thanks and praise to (the Bosco System). You guys were the ones who collected, I would roughly say about 900-1,000 of the pairs! That is soooooo awesome, and we couldn't have made our huge impact without reaching out to your community! Just to let you know, you guys also made a huge impact on the world!! 2,500 pairs is the amount of denim it takes to rebuild 5 homes!!" This drive is a quick one, only during the month of October. We would need all denim to be at school by October 25 so they can be sent to ISU that weekend. The denim should be washed (stains do not matter). The denim may be in any form such as pieces of denim, jeans and jackets. It does not matter if there are studs or zippers or other decorations. Any color of denim can be used as long as it is 100% cotton. Denim articles can be brought to Room 104 in either the IC or DB building. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hellman. It's a great way to get rid of worn out jeans and recycle them at the same time. Thanks for anything you can do!

**Team Bosco Trap Shooting** is having a fund raiser breakfast on Sunday, October 14th from 8:00 Am to noon at the Izaak Walton League in Washburn. We will be serving: pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice, milk, and coffee. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, and

\$3.00 for children 12 and under. Please plan on attending and supporting our trap shooters. Thank you.

## PTO News

The Parent-Teacher Organization is asking for monetary donations to help with the **teachers dinners** that we provide during both the fall and spring conferences. If you would like to donate, please send your contribution to school in an envelope marked - Teachers Dinner-Attn: Paula Ortnerö Thank you in advance for your generosity.

We kicked off our **Club Choice fall fundraiser** today. Club Choice has a variety of merchandise and frozen food including pizzas, pies, cookies, cheese, etc. Order forms and money need to be returned to the school office by Tuesday, October 23rd. Delivery is scheduled for November 20th.

The PTO will be taking orders for sweatshirts and other merchandise. An **order form** is attached to this newsletter. Please fill out and return the order form along with the money in an envelope marked, Sweatshirt Order- Attn: Paula Ortnerö, to school by Friday, October 26th. These sweatshirts are part of the dress code and may be worn to school. This will probably be the only order placed until after the first of the year, so if you need Christmas presents please add them to this order. If you have any questions please call Paula Ortner @ 296-3589. Thank you.

The **Winterfest** Committee is looking for a few people to help on a committee. The donation committee is looking for 2 to 3 people to help call and pick up donations for the Winterfest raffle.

And the General Store is looking for someone to help with prizes and organize prizes for the general store. If you are interested in helping with either one of these committees please call Paula Ortner @ 296-3589.