

Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph
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Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences - Your scheduled conference times are being sent home today. Please be on time so that we can stay on schedule.

Newsletter Articles - Please send all newsletter items to school by 8:00 AM on Wednesday, November 4. Newsletter items should be e-mailed to:
icsjnewsletter@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us.

Leaf Raking - The middle school students will be participating in their annual leaf raking service project tomorrow, October 30. Thank you to the families that donated lawn-sized leaf bags. If you forgot, you can bring them tomorrow. Each student must have a rake with their name on it. Thank you.

Mark your calendar for the K-8 Christmas Vocal Music Program which will be December 16 @ 6:30pm.

Pajama Day - The K-8 Student Council is sponsoring a pajama day next Tuesday, November 3. To wear pajamas for the day students must bring at least \$1 which will go in the "Building a New Legacy" fund. Students must wear pajamas, sweatpants with a pajama shirt or t-shirt with pajama pants will be allowed. Slippers may be worn in the building (bring tennis shoes for outside). A big thank you to Bertch, Our Partner in Education, for donating calculators to make Red Ribbon Week a hit. The Student Council will be having a Food Drive in November. Thank you for participating in these Student Council events.

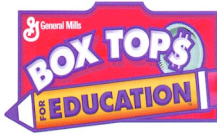
Campbell's Labels - Please enjoy your coupon/recipe booklet (sent home today) from Campbell's labels as a thank you for participating in this program. Please note on the very back page there is an opportunity to earn our school 200 Bonus points just by following the directions and sending in the form plus 10 UPC codes of your own. This offer expires 12/31/09. It would be great to see every family earn 200 bonus points for IC/St. Joe's. Remember, every student benefits from the free merchandise we are able to get from this program. Questions - call Joyce @ 234-7840.

Middle School Youth Group - On November 4 there will be no YG due to conferences. The next session for MS will be November 11 which we will be having the "Amazing Saints Race" scavenger hunt.

The Bosco System PTO is sponsoring a Shopping Extravaganza Open House on Sunday, November 1 in the Don Bosco gym from 8:30 - 1:30. Admission is FREE and open to the public. There will be over 40 different local vendors, so don't miss out on this great opportunity to get a jump start on your Christmas shopping! Eat while you shop with food from the concession stand. Please take time to promote this fundraiser to family and friends. It's a great opportunity for our school to make some money without having to go door-to-door selling items.

The Waterloo School busses are not running Thursday, November 5.
Parents will need to provide transportation for their students.
The transfer buses will run to and from Raymond and to ABC.
No classes November 6.

K-12 BAKE SALE - The PTO will host a bake sale at the Open House on Sunday, November 1. We ask that every family donate baked goods or \$10 towards the fundraiser. Baked goods can be dropped off at Bosco on Saturday, October 31 between 7:30 - 9:00pm, or Sunday, November 1 starting at 7:00am.



Congratulations!! The following classrooms brought in 75 Boxtop labels. They have earned a jean day with their **uniform shirt** for Friday, October 30.

Mrs. Bolick, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Feldmann, 204, 205, and 206.

Waterloo Catholic Youth Ministry invites all 6th-7th-8th grade students to our Halloween Spooktacular! It will be a great night of music, dancing, games, and prizes for best costumes! Saturday, October 31st, 8:00 - 10:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament in Waterloo. \$3 Admission, snacks and drinks for sale. Contact Kim Huff or Annie Zeets at 233-3358, ext 134 or visit us online at <<http://www.wcym.net/>> .

Tech Bytes - The students in Mrs. Peters' 1st grade class are communicating with a Kindergarten class in Bogotá, Colombia. Through the ePals website, the students are sharing pictures and videos of their cultures. So far the 1st graders have shared facts about the seasons and Iowa farm life. This is a fun and intriguing way for students to learn what life is like in another country while incorporating technology into the curriculum.

SCRIP News - Our profit last week was \$287.60! The Younker's Community Day Sale is Saturday, November 14th - buy your coupon books from any Jr or Sr parent (this is a fundraiser for post prom) and don't forget to buy SCRIP for that day! Reminder on some new SCRIP retailers: Aeropostale \$25 (7%); Road Ranger \$25 or \$50 (3%); Knights of Columbus - KC's \$5 (5%); and Culligan \$10 or \$20 (10%). If you do business with these retailers please use SCRIP. If you are buying gifts for anyone, please consider using SCRIP to give as a gift or to purchase gifts or you can also buy generic SCRIP gift certificates (avail in \$10 and \$25 amts or other amts by special order). Thanks for using SCRIP! Kim Rottinghaus (319) 239-1672 or krottinghaus@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us

National Catholic Youth Conference 2009 (NCYC) - Don Bosco will be sending a delegation of 21 students to this conference in Kansas City, Nov. 19-22. Here they will join with over 20,000 other high school students from across the country to share and deepen their faith. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including workshops, liturgy, prayer, and concerts. The theme for this years event is "Christ Reigns." To help defray some of the costs they will be hosting a **bake sale during conferences** next week. There will be a table set up in the lobby of the brick building at St. Joseph, and in both the IC & DB lobbies. Please stop by to enjoy some delicious baked goods when you have finished your child(ren)'s conferences. Students attending are: Brandt Becker, Brianna Becker, Carissa Becker, Abby Breitbach, Whitney Cook, Mary Davis, Molly Davis, Kyndal Gardner, Katie Horrigan, Olivia Nagel, Cate Paulsen, Mitch Reiter, Jody Schares, Mike Schmitz, Miguel Steimel, Brittany Speare, Nicole Stone, Shannon VanEe, Angie Weber, Chris Weber, and Mark Weber. Thank you for your support of this valuable faith experience for our youth.

For Your Information - The Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office is considering leasing and using the property adjacent to the Raymond/Pint Quarry to be used as a Firearms Range and Training Facility. This area is approximately a quarter of a mile or 1350 feet from St. Joseph School & Church. If you wish to voice your opinion and/or concerns, contact information for the county supervisors and Sheriff Thompson is listed below. The proposal will be voted on within the next week or two.

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Frank Magsamen	fmagsamen@co.black-hawk.ia.us	(319) 833-3077
Scott Jordan	sjordan@co.black-hawk.ia.us	(319) 833-3076
John Miller	jmiller@co.black-hawk.ia.us	(319) 833-3074
Sheriff Tony Thompson	tthompson@bhcsso.org	(319) 291-2587

Bosco System Catholic Schools

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Raymond, Iowa 50667
319-233-5980

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PO Box 256
Gilbertville, Iowa 50634
319-296-1089

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

Dear Bosco System stakeholders:

The *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization* (STO) is the impetus that will ensure our schools are always available to all parents who wish a Catholic education for their children. The STO goal this year is to raise \$3.8 million and attaining it will mean tremendous help for families around the Archdiocese. Ultimately the STO program should reduce the stress on parish budgets that are supplementing our schools as well. We hesitate to tell people what they should do but if all of us from Bosco System parishes support the STO it will be a huge benefit for our schools and parishes. The STO will allow Catholic schools to flourish, but only if we support it.

We need as many IC/St. Joseph parish members (not just parents but all parishioners) to make this donation and select Bosco System as the recipient. When they do this at least 50% of what is donated must come back to families at the Bosco System schools - St. Joseph, Immaculate Conception, and Don Bosco. The rest of the donation is spread across the Archdiocese including the Bosco System based on family need. Donors get a 65% tax credit for their Iowa income taxes and can take the entire amount as a deduction off of their federal income taxes.

Your **almost cost-free donation** is the salvation of our Catholic schools. You donate and get all or most of it back as an income tax credit and at least 90% of your donation goes to families to help pay their tuition at the Bosco System. We know this sounds **too good to be true**, but it absolutely is! Our future looks good but with the support of our stakeholders - the sky is the limit. The donation does not need to be a large one as they all add up to success.

This is a huge opportunity for us. This year 109 grants have been awarded to the Bosco System out of our 411 students at an average of about \$941 per student. It could be so much more - if we will donate and market this great plan to parishioners and friends. Remember you are ensuring the curtailment of Catholic School costs and therefore, helping our schools grow.

If you only listen to one of our requests - this would be the one. If we can get people from the Bosco System parishes to donate to this fund, we will get at least half of the donation to come back to us. You contribute to the STO and then get most of your money back at income tax time!* God is good!

May God bless you and your family.

Julie Niemeyer
K-8 Principal

Eric Eckerman
Don Bosco Principal

Convent Clean Out - Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for the sale at the convent during Harvestfest and to everyone who purchased items and made a donation! We donated over \$1400 to the building fund and things are still being "purchased". Our goal is to get items into the hands of someone who can use them. So if you're still interested you can come and go through things and if you'd like to make a donation - great! We do need to get things cleaned out by Dec 1st so if you purchased any items or would like to stop in please contact the school office. Everything needs to be done by Dec 1st. If you have items stored there you will also need to make arrangements to move those items (you should have been contacted about this by now). We need to dismantle all the desks so they can be recycled and placed in the scrap metal bin. If you'd like to help with that please call Kim Rottinghaus (319) 239-1672. Thank you!

"Building a New Legacy" Campaign Update - Make your pledge count for even more with the 10% match provided by a generous supporter. Please take advantage of this outstanding offer!

Can you believe it...we are very close to our Celebration Goal of \$2.5 million! The total is now \$2.31 million and with your help we will jump over the Celebration Goal within the next couple of weeks. Thank you...thank you!!

Please help us by answering the call to support this effort. The focus is on providing an appropriate environment of our students...something that parents and teachers will be proud of as well.

To assist our planning efforts we would really like to have your pledge decision as soon as possible. If we haven't heard from you we will need to send more mail in hopes of knowing your wishes. Thank you for your help!

Another reminder... The IRA Charitable Rollover provision is about to expire at the end of this year. The provision allows you to make a very generous contribution to the Bosco System Catholic Schools from your IRA, with NO tax bill. Keep that in mind as you consider your support of this very worthwhile campaign.

- You must be 70 years of age or older
- You can give up to \$100,000 with this provision

Join the hundreds of other supporters who have pledged now and determined they will pay later over the next three years.

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.

Don Bosco Play - Make plans to attend this year's fall production of "A Bad Year for Tomatoes". The performances are - Saturday, November 7 at 6:00 PM and Sunday, November 8 at noon in the Don Bosco gym. Students in grades 6-8 will attend a performance at noon on Tuesday, November 3.

One Student at a Time - Thousands of students in our Archdiocese desire an education rich in faith formation and academic excellence. They desire an education in a Catholic school where they can worship, be part of a community, and reach out to those in need. Catholic school students demonstrate high academic achievement and strong character values. We believe every student should have the choice for a Catholic education and with your support we will secure that right for every child - one student at a time. As an Iowa taxpayer, you can contribute to the Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization and receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of your donation. The amount you contribute also qualifies as a charitable donation on your federal tax return. Give today at www.OurFaithSTO.org or call 800-876-3546 ext 256.

The **Catholic Order of Foresters** youth pizza party at Chuck E Cheese, Cedar Falls, will be Sunday November 1 from 11:30 AM TO 2:30 PM. All COF youth will receive all the pizza & pop they can eat or drink. They will also get 12 tokens and if they bring a report card from last year, they will receive 15 additional tokens at the front desk. Parents & friends can also eat for \$6.00 each.

Look over the following Magazine Prize List,
if you find any discrepancies please call the school @ 296-1089.

2009-2010 Magazine Sales Prize List

Top Selling Home Rooms: Mrs. Bolick, Mrs. DeWall, Ms. Denbow
(Each student in these three homerooms will receive a treat)

Top Selling Student: Jacob Even will receive \$50 of SCRIP or \$50 off tuition

Students that qualified for 3 out of uniform days of their choice: Jacob Even & Maddy Kayser

Students that qualified for the Ice Cream Party on Thursday, November 5:

Mrs. Bolick
Jacob Even
Samantha Jones

Mrs. Neverman
Emma McMahan

Mrs. Peters
Tyler Even

Mrs. Feldmann
Dylan Roth

Mrs. Miller (202)
Marissa McFadden

Mrs. Schroeder (203)
Emma Bailey
Kylie McMahan

Mrs. Schoellen (204)
Maddy Frost
Sydney Purdy
Maddey Siems

Mr. Carlson (205)
Megan Jones
Sean McFadden

Mrs. DeWall (206)
Maddy Kayser
Lexey Siems

Mrs. Feist (207)
Melanie Gearhart
Shelby Jones
Elizabeth Schaefer
Katy Schroeder

Ms. Denbow (102)
Alex Floyd
Brett Frost
Peter Jones
Erin McFadden
Abby Schaefer
Cade Schares

Mrs. Bailey (103)
Abbie Frost
Stephanie Jones

Mrs. Bell/Hellman (104)
Maggie Horrigan
Emily Schaefer

Ms. Burroughs (105)

Mrs. Roberts (106)
Megan McFadden

Mrs. Peterson (107)
Zach Becker
Abby Joens
Collin McFadden
Brianna Schares