

Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph
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Newsletter Articles - Please send all newsletter items to school by 8:00 AM on Wednesday, November 11. Newsletter items should be e-mailed to:
icsjnewsletter@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us.

PTO Open House - Thank you to everyone that came to shop, donated and/or bought baked goods, and for all of the great vendors and volunteers. We hope to have a total profit for you in the next week or so once all of the vendors have had a chance to send in our commission checks!!

The Bake Sale was a K-12 fundraiser. There were 47 families that participated by donating baked goods or \$10. We ask that the other 190 families that did not participate please consider giving your \$10 towards the fundraiser. We need everyone's help to make these fundraisers as profitable as possible. Please send to school in an envelope marked "PTO Open House." Thank you!!!

Leaf Raking - Thank you to everyone who helped the middle school with last week's leaf raking service project! Without your help, this project would not be possible. We ended up with great help and good weather. This year's chaperones were: Chanteil Becker, Greg Becker, Brian Weber, Chris Youngblut, Curt Frost, Jeanette Even, Jeff Even, Jeff Schmitz, Michelle Weber, Jennifer Payne, Vic Paulsen, Joan Joens, Kerrie Becker, Leigh Anne Schares, Shelby McNally, Tim Horrigan, Tom Hogan, Kevin Boldt, Greg Schares, Chuck Reiter, Eric Camacho, Curt Weber, Lon Reiher, Ashley Denbow, Amy Roberts, Shannon Burroughs, and Chris Bailey.

Menu Change - Thursday, November 12 lunch will be Chicken Nuggets, Twice Baked Potato, Fruit, and Oreo Fluff. There will be NO Salad Bar or Ala carte.

PTO Chili Supper - Thank you to everyone that participated and donated to the Supper and Bake Sale. The chili supper profit was \$529 and the bake sale was \$408.50 for a total profit of \$937.50. A Special thanks to Steve Rosauer, Shannon Hames, Shelby McNally, and Konnie Haywood for organizing, donating, and making the chili!

Halloween Goodie Bag Raffle Winners - The following students won Halloween Bags: Zoe Rottinghaus, Madison Huck, Kaylyn Haraldson, Justin Stover, J.J. McManus, Alaney Kuecker, Autumn Hellman, Maddux Lutgen, Tricia Even, Peyton Pecenka, Ryan Naughton, Jacob Even, Brecken Payne, Liberty Peters, Ryan McFadden, Samantha Jones, Baylor Bedard, Conner Weber, Ms. Baker, Haley Reiter, Abby Schaefer, Payge Hames, Kindra Welter, Dylan Rottinghaus, Lexey Siems, Bryce Schares, and Casey Dulin. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone that purchased raffle tickets. All money will go to the "Building a New Legacy" Campaign. Thank you to all who donated the goodie bags.

Congratulations Don Bosco Volleyball Team! They have earned a berth at the state volleyball tournament! The Lady Dons will be playing next Thursday, November 12 at 1:00 PM in the US Cellular Center, Cedar Rapids. To show our support, K-8 students and staff may wear **Spirit Day** clothing November 12 (any kind of Bosco System spirit shirt with uniform pants). Students at the IC Center have been invited to a Pep Rally/sendoff in the Don Bosco gym at 9:00 a.m. that day. All parents and supporters from the community are welcome to attend!

High school students and staff will be dismissed after the pep rally. The K-8 Bosco System program will not dismiss early. If parents wish to pick up their K-8 child(ren) early to go to the tournament game, they need to inform the school in writing. Please send notes by Tuesday, November 10 so that teachers will have time to prepare assignments to send with students on Wednesday. Friday will be a regular school day. When the Don Bosco Dons win in the first round, they won't play again until Friday evening.

On Tuesday, November 10th we will be sponsoring an **out-of-uniform day** to help out the Harting family. Mike and Terri have three children in the K-8 program: Sheila, Daphne and Mitch. Mike has been in the hospital off and on for the past few months and now has been transferred to Iowa City with some serious health issues. Students who wish to be out of uniform on November 10th should bring \$1 or more. The money will be used to buy gas cards and other SCRIP certificates to help the family with travel and miscellaneous expenses.

2nd Grade Reconciliation is 6:30 not 6:00 on Wednesday, November 18 in the Immaculate Conception Church.

Our **7th grade class** is working on researching people from the community. We did rubbings in the cemetery of people who died at least 50 years ago, and students chose someone to start with. Now we need to get information and background history on them. This is a chance to learn about sources, research history from a particular time and place, and then work to present this information, hopefully to the public. People students are focusing on now are: Peter Demuth (1837-1912), Mathew Schones (1895-1952), Franz Neuses (1834-1902), Nicholas Bloes (1851-1925), Susan Delagardelle (1846-1912), Nicolaus Frost (1836-1928), Nora Gales (1862-1895), Anna M. Distler (1900-1927), Rev. John N. Nemmers (1875-1928), Peter A. Gardner (1896-1984), Paul Terns (1842-1921), Jacob Gales (1885-1918), Vincent P. Sondag (1919-1948), Emanuel U. Coffett (1849-1902), and Sister M. Barnaba S.P. (D. 1899).

If you are able to help with any information or resources (people, books, etc.) that would help with either specific people or general history of the area at the time, or if you have suggestions on other people to research, please contact the school (296-1089).

Thank you. Mrs. Millett, Tony Ament, Justice Daniels, Dylan Even, Alex Floyd, Cole Fox, Morgan Frost, Jacob Hovey, Stephanie Jones, Collin McFadden, Brady Neebel, Makenzie Reiter, Luke Rottinghaus, Abby Schaefer, Emily Schaefer, Mitchell Stover, Alex Voigt, and Claire Wagner.

Coloring Contest Winners - Winners of the Raymond Fire Department Coloring Contest held during fire prevention week are: Ian Lucas, Hanna Schulte, Liberty Peters, Camdyn Schmit, Dillon Welter, Madison Huck, Tayten Payne, and Dawson Trebon.

During November, residents throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque will receive in the mail the annual appeal brochure for Archdiocesan Education Development Fund. Please take the time to read the enclosure and return the card with your tax-deductible donation. The Educational Development Fund was developed for the purpose of supporting the educational programs in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. This is the twenty-third year that grants have been awarded. Over \$5.75 million has been distributed since the Educational Development Fund was established. Grants are made possible through the generous donations of contributors and parishioners throughout the Archdiocese. During the 2008/2009 program year the Educational Development Board distributed \$350,000 in tuition assistance and minority grants and an additional \$60,000 for catechists formation resources and leadership development. Please support the Educational Development program of the Archdiocese with your treasure and prayers. Please consider donating to this fund that directly impacts the educational programs in the schools and parishes of the Archdiocese. For additional information concerning the Educational Development Fund or making a contribution toward Catholic Education, contact the Office of Educational Development, 1229 Mt. Loretta Avenue, P.O. Box 479, Dubuque, IA 52004-479, phone 563.556.2580, or e-mail: dbqcDevDir@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

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.

WE WANT YOU! - The **SIAC Committee** (School Improvement Advisory Committee) will be meeting on Thursday, November 19th at 2:45pm at Bosco School Library. Anyone 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. We will be looking at future improvements/ideas for Bosco School System. Call Sheri Purdy at 287-6673 if you have any questions.

SCRIP News - Our profit last week was \$799.93! Thank you to Bertch Cabinets for using SCRIP for their employee incentive program. Bath & Body is offering a bonus contribution - now 18% thru Dec. 4th. These make great gifts! Visa gift cards (2%) are available in \$25, \$50, \$100 amounts OR American Express gift cards (1.25%) in \$100 or \$200 amounts. Both have some restrictions that apply and they are listed on the SCRIP page on the website. Both are by special order only - we do not carry these in our inventory. I'm asking every Bosco System family to use SCRIP this Christmas season - it's so easy! Send your order to school and you'll have it back the very same day. Use SCRIP to purchase gifts or to give as gifts. If you give gifts to your employees please consider using SCRIP, just send in your order and we will deliver it to you! Thank you to those who use SCRIP! Kim Rottinghaus (319) 239-1672 or krottinghaus@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us

Art Museum

This year some of the work students do will be exhibited in an online gallery. The story of Artsonia begins with a dream that artwork created from kids around the world can be shared and enjoyed by everyone. Today that dream has come true. Please enjoy the millions of pieces of kids' artwork showcased!

Rules of this Art Museum are:

- Do not publish any artwork that has the child's last name visibly written on the artwork itself. To help visitors find the artists, Artsonia gives each child a unique "screenname", which is usually the first name and a unique number.
- Do not publish any artwork with nudity or extreme violence. Artsonia caters to all grades, so a little prudence is appreciated.
- Please do not share your password or your child's security key with strangers.

Students will be identified by school and first name/code. Family and friends will be able to see students' artwork. You will have a 'key' (password) the first time your child's work is displayed. That will enable you to check and approve messages about the art. If you want a comment published you may approve it, or you can delete it.

Having art displayed will be fun. A secondary benefit will be that if you choose to have the artwork put on a mug or sweatshirt, etc., you will be able to see a preview and order online. A small amount from this order comes back to the school.

To start viewing artwork, go to <http://www.artsonia.com/schools/Bosco5>

You can also see art from all of the other schools. Enjoy!

No classes tomorrow, November 6.

65% Tax Credit - If you file an Iowa state income tax return you can contribute to the Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization and receive a 65% tax credit. That means for every \$100 you donate, you receive an Iowa income tax credit of \$65, plus the entire amount of the gift is eligible for federal deductibility. Donations of any size are accepted and appreciated. All donations must be postmarked by December 31st in order to qualify for the tax credit in 2009. No student should be denied a Catholic education because of the inability to pay. Please consider using this incredible opportunity to make a difference in a child's future. Visit www.OurFaithSTO.org or call 563-556-2580 ext 256 for more information or to make your contribution.

"Building a New Legacy" Campaign Update - WE HAVE REACHED OUR CELEBRATION GOAL OF \$2.5 MILLION!!!!!!! Congratulations and Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You

The goal to provide an appropriate space for our students to have lunch and space for physical education will be a reality with planned construction to begin next spring!

We still have to complete our goal of improving Don Bosco High School by replacing aging windows, replacing flooring in the hallways, renovating the bathrooms, lowering and insulating hallway ceilings, making small enhancements to our Music Room, renovating the locker rooms, creating a Fitness Center in the current wrestling room and then creating an appropriate replacement wrestling space. The estimate to complete all of these items is an additional \$800,000...taking us to our Challenge Goal of \$3.3 million. The bulk of the dollars for this step will be needed for window replacement and bathroom renovations. Please step up to help. The focus is on providing an appropriate environment for 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. The Board of Education and the Facilities Committee are hoping to have a detailed plan by early January, meaning pledge decisions are needed by mid-December. 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... if you are 70 1/2 years of age or older...don't forget the IRA Charitable Rollover provision which will expire at the end of this year.

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.

Parents Afternoon Off - Sunday, November 22 from 1:00 PM-4:00 PM in the Don Bosco Gym for \$7/child or \$12 for two. Feeling like you need a break? Do you want to have lunch without the kids? Do some Christmas shopping? Take a nap? Bring them to "Parents Afternoon Off" at Don Bosco. The Juniors will entertain your children with games, movies, and fun while you relax at home in peace and quiet, go shopping, or go out for a leisurely lunch. Proceeds will go towards the PROM. Ages 4 years to 6th Grade Welcome! We will provide juice/water and a snack-please feed them lunch before they come. Registration forms are available in one of the Bosco System offices.

Spirit Days!!!

Starting next week (Nov. 13) Fridays will be "Spirit Days" at IC/St. Joe's. This means that you can wear any kind of Don Bosco, IC/St. Joseph, or Bosco System shirt with your uniform pants. It can be a shirt specific to a particular sport if you want (like wrestling, basketball, volleyball, etc.). It can be a long- or short-sleeved t-shirt or sweatshirt . . . and you won't need to have your collar showing with the sweatshirt. These spirit shirts are ones sold by the Booster Club.

On other days of the week, the shirt you wear needs to be ones with the small Bosco System or IC/St. Joe's logo or a sweatshirt/fleece that has been sold by the PTO. These shirts will have small or really basic lettering. For example, the "Dons" sweatshirts that arrived recently can be worn any day of the week. If it's a sweatshirt or fleece shirt, you do need to wear a uniform shirt underneath and have the collar showing.

Dress Code Q & A

Q Can you wear colored tee-shirts or long-sleeved tee-shirts under a short-sleeved uniform shirt or spirit shirt?

A No. Shirts worn under a short-sleeved shirt must be plain white, short-sleeved.

Q Can you wear a DB or IC/SJ basketball, football, wrestling, VB, etc. spirit shirt on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday?

A No. These can only be worn on Fridays.

Q If your homeroom wins a jean day for Boxtops, can you wear a spirit shirt with jeans that Friday?

A Yes.

Q On Spirit Days do shirts need to be tucked in?

A Yes, unless it's a sweatshirt. This is true for Boxtop jean days, too.

Q Can you wear a "spirit" hooded sweatshirt in school?

A Only on Fridays.

Q Do you have to wear a spirit shirt on Fridays?

A No. You may wear a uniform shirt on Fridays if you wish.