

Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph
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Newsletter Articles - Please send all newsletter and calendar items to school by 8:00 AM on Wednesday, November 25. All items must be e-mailed to: icsjnewsletter@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us.

Food Drive - The Student Council is sponsoring a food drive. Please bring nonperishable food items or paper products to school by Wednesday, Nov. 24. All items will be donated to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Please be generous.

Pop Tab Collection - We are collecting pop tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Please start/continue saving yours, and send them to school. Each homeroom has a collection box. Thank You!!!



Spaghetti or Alfredo Supper/Bake Sale - Saturday, November 21 at the Dew Drop Inn. Bake Sale will start at 10:00 Saturday morning and the supper will be served from 4:00 till 8:00 PM. Supper will include pasta with marina or alfredo sauce, salad, bread stick & a dessert. The cost is \$6.00 and all money will go towards the Post Prom 2010. Hope to see you there.

SCRIP News - Our profit last week was \$516.42! Hardee's has joined the SCRIP program - \$10 cards (8% contribution). Bath & Body (\$10 cards) bonus contribution thru December is 18%; Cabela's (\$25 cards in inventory, can order \$100 cards) is 12%. We have iTunes gift cards available by special order (\$15 or \$25) if you'd like to give these as gifts please let me know and I will order them. Remember you can also place your order online at www.shopwithscrip.com - 24/7 - and pay using Presto-Pay (automatic payment thru your checking/savings acct). You'll need to set up an account. We actually save on shipping charges for our regular weekly order with shopwithscrip orders. For details on how to sign up go to www.boscosystem.net to the SCRIP page for instructions or contact me. If you have large orders for the Christmas season please let me know as I will try to keep our inventory stocked for the season! SCRIP gift certificates are also available. Thanks for using SCRIP! Kim Rottinghaus (319) 239-1672 or krottinghaus@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us

Youth Group News - Upcoming dates - no YG 11/25 due to Thanksgiving holiday, middle school on 12/2, and then all are invited to the Angotti event on 12/9. Our session on 12/2 and all dates after this will be at our new location - at the Don Bosco High School. Join us to see the new gathering place! We just held a great scavenger hunt for our Middle School YG. They learned about various Saints by knocking on a few doors and finding items associated with that Saint. It was loads of fun. Here is our winning team that had 30 points – Savannah Kelley, Abby Frost, Molly Severin, Hannah Halverson, Lauren Becker and Rachel Schmit. Want to keep up-to-date with Youth Group activities? Check out our new **Youth Group web site**. This new web site will be maintained, with guidance, by the middle school students. Soon to come - new pictures! <http://sites.google.com/site/boscosystemyouthministry/home>

Alumni Dance - It's time! Catch up with old friends at the Don Bosco Alumni Dance on Friday, November 27 from 8 – midnight. The dance will take place at the American Legion Hall in Gilbertville. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Music provided by Colby Yoder.

PTO is looking for a few volunteers to help at the Alumni Dance. We need 2 volunteers from 8pm - 9:30pm and 2 volunteers from 9:30pm - 11pm. We would also like 1-2 volunteers to help sell 50/50 raffles throughout the evening. Anyone interested please e-mail Brenda Schares at bschares@schmitthouse.com or call 939-4580.



Congratulations!! The following classrooms brought in 75 Boxtop labels.

They have earned a jean day with their spirit or uniform shirt for Friday, November 20.

Mrs. Bolick, Mrs. Neverman, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Feldmann,

203, 204, 206, 102, 103, 106, and 107.

Rifle Range in Raymond - Here is an update on the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Department's proposal to build a firearms/rifle range in the Raymond quarry, within 1/4 mile of St. Joseph School. At its November 17 meeting the Black Hawk County Board of Supervisors heard comments from the public about the proposal. There will be discussion and possible action at the November 24 meeting. If you wish to inform Supervisors of your opinion about this matter, now is the time to do so. Black Hawk County Supervisors contact information is as follows:

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Cookie Dough Sale - The Bosco System Booster Club is selling cookie dough starting Monday, November 23 through Sunday, December 6. Order forms will be sent home with your child on Monday and you can also get a form from the Bosco System web site. All orders are due back to the school on Monday, December 7. Items can be picked up on Wednesday, December 16 after school until 5:30 p.m. at Don Bosco. If you cannot make that time, please call Jammi Welter at 296-2742 to make arrangements to pick up your order.

It's All About Helping Families Afford the School of Their Choice. The Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization has provided tuition assistance to more than 5,000 students representing every Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. You can help us continue to help families afford the school of their choice. With your donation you receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of your donation. The entire amount you contribute also qualifies as a charitable donation on your federal tax return. 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.

John Angotti in concert, Wednesday, December 9th, 7:00 PM at the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center! John will debut music from his new CD, "Welcome Home for Christmas." The concert is a benefit for St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center and will feature a combined choir that includes students from Don Bosco, Columbus, Wahlert, and UNI. Adult tickets are \$25, students are \$17. There is a special offer for group tickets at just \$15 each, if interested contact the school. Deadline for group tickets is November 25!

Parents Afternoon Off - This 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". The Juniors will entertain your children with games, movies, and fun. 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.

Poinsettias will be sold by the DB Junior Class as a fundraiser for the 2010 Prom. They are priced at \$13.00 each. The orders should be pre-paid. If you write a check please make it payable to DB Post Prom. The order deadline is Tuesday, December 1. You can pick up your order at Don Bosco on Friday, December 4 from 2 - 5:30 pm. Color choices of these beautiful plants are red, pink, white, jingle bell and burgundy. To order poinsettias fill out an order form, before and after masses the next two weekends. Or e-mail susankreiter@aol.com and place an order. Make sure to put Poinsettias in the subject line. OR you may call Don Bosco and place your order. Thank you in advance in supporting the Junior Class

"Building a New Legacy" Campaign Update - The 10% match provided by a generous supporter continues. Please take advantage of this outstanding offer to help us reach toward our campaign Challenge Goal of \$3.3 Million!!

We are now at \$2.81 million! Continued thanks to contributors, and encouragement to those who have not yet made a decision so we can reach our Challenge Goal.

Question: With the campaign success to date, the following question has surfaced: What happens if we go over our goals and get better than expected building bids? What will we do with the extra funds?

We rejoice in the support shown by families, friends and alumni of the Bosco System to get us to where we are today. Exceeding our goals and or receiving bids lower than expected would be a wonderful opportunity. The Bosco System Board of Education originally set out with the goals listed in our campaign materials. Many other ideas were considered as options, future needs and would be nice-to-haves, covering (in no particular order) facility and maintenance needs, faculty support, endowment growth, and educational programming. In an effort not to go another 50 years without a major facility update, there has already been some thinking about generating a building improvement savings fund. Recently a couple of the Bosco System parishes were in a similar position and built a rainy day fund.

Of course we are always happy to hear from donors who want to support a particular program or support our endowments. The Board of Education has established a policy regarding direct gifts to specific needs. Our principals are available any time to discuss. We also look forward to fully organizing our marketing and development effort going forward in order to keep ahead of our needs and to give our friends and families the opportunity to help make the Bosco System even better.

Once again, our goal is to have all pledge decisions by mid-December, but earlier is better. 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!

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.

VOTE FOR OUR SCHOOL and WE COULD WIN \$100,000. Just think of all our school could do with \$100,000—and you can help make it happen.

U.S. Cellular is giving ten schools \$100,000 to help build a better education for our kids. The ten schools with the most votes can win.

To see rules for eligibility, go to: <http://uscellular.rsys1.net/>

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- Tell everyone in your community to vote—every vote counts

Show your school spirit and vote. You need to go any US Cellular store and get a card with a personalized code that you will enter online. You can stop as many times as you want and hopefully get as many cards as you want. Each card has a different code to enter. So go vote!!!!!!