

Bosco System

September 2009 Newsletter

*If you have items for the newsletter please send them to our e-mail address at:
dbnewsletter@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us
All items must be received by the 25th of the month.*

Dear Parents,

First let me introduce myself. I am Eric Eckerman the new High School Principal. My wife and I have six children. Both of us have spent the past twelve years teaching math. We are excited about our move to the area and look forward to a great school year.

Don Bosco High School has a great staff and students. The first week of school has been positive...a great start! As we move forward with our school year, I want to thank you in advanced for your support. As a private school, we rely heavily on the support of many groups in order to be successful, and we know many of you work hard to give the Bosco System that support. There will be many opportunities for each and every one of you to get involved in some capacity over the course of this school year. I simply ask that you do whatever you can do to help the Bosco System continue to grow.

Please make sure you and your student have reviewed the handbook. As a staff we are working hard to be consistent in our enforcement. With your help we can keep fines and detentions to a minimum.

We are now using an updated version of Powerschool. Unfortunately, with that change all user names and passwords have changed. Your password will be sent home in the mail this week. If you need further assistance, please call the school.

Mr. Eckerman
Don Bosco Principal

HOMECOMING 2009 Friday, September 11 vs. Postville 7 PM @ Sloan Wallace Stadium in Waterloo. Wednesday, September 9 will be the parade, bonfire and the Booster Club will sell food starting at 5:30 at the High School. They are selling hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and pop. Bring the family! The parade will begin approximately 6:45 pm. The parade route will start and end at the school. The bonfire and Pep Rally will take place at the school. Coaches will give their talks getting everybody excited about the upcoming sports season. Because of this change, we are asking that you do not park in the Plaza at the high school. We are hoping for a great turnout! **GO DONS !!!!!**

Homecoming Candidates:

Prince: Carson Barron, Brandt Becker, Austin Demuth,
Leo Frost, Drew Mangrich

Princess: Ashley Becker, Carissa Becker, Morgan Benda
April Fox, Molly Schares

King: Josh Becker, Zach Frost, Matt McGrew, Ben McMahon
Jacob Vandenbos

Queen: Shanel Wermerskirchen, Brianna Becker, Abby Breitbach,
Anna Frost, Katie Horrigan

DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST

There will be a Grandparent's Day "All You Can Eat" Belgian waffle breakfast to benefit the Don Bosco High School Football Team on Sunday, September 13, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Reuter Hall, 313 E Central, in Raymond, Iowa.

The menu includes Dad's 9" Belgian waffles with a variety of syrups including: maple, apricot, blueberry, boysenberry, pecan, blackberry, strawberry, and sugar free maple, along with link sausage, milk, coffee, and juice. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 6-10 and children 5 and under \$2.00. Takeouts are available. Why not treat your Grandparents!!

Anyone interested in making a donation to help cover the costs associated with this breakfast can send a check to school, payable to Don Bosco Football in an envelope marked "Football Breakfast Donation" Attention: Rose Weber. Thank you. Your support is greatly appreciated! Hope to see you all there. GO DONS!

BAND DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The marching band is busy at work on its fall halftime show for the upcoming home football games. Marching rehearsals have been held once a week during the summer to allow the students to begin work on their music so that the upcoming marching band camp can be more devoted to working on the drill outside on the football field.

The theme of this years' show is "The Music of John Williams" which will feature some of his most popular compositions - Jaws / Superman and The Fanfare from E. T. This years' pre-game show will open with a Spanish flavored piece entitled "Aztec Fire" by Jay Bocook who recently was at the University of Northern Iowa during a director's conference. I was able to talk with Mr. Bocook and get an insider's view as to what a composer thinks about when composing a piece of music such as Aztec Fire.

I would like to announce that I have another student teacher this year. Her name is Mallory Stocks and she is attending Wartburg College as a Music Education major. Mallory's main instrument is the French horn and her hometown is Oelwein, Iowa. We welcome her to our music department for the next 14 weeks. Mallory began working with the kids when band camp started on Monday, August 10th.

The following dates are home football games and I am in need of parent assistance in loading equipment at school in the trailer and helping unload at the stadium and assisting during the halftime show. There is a sign-up in the band room for parents or anybody else that would like to assist the band at home football games. Our first game comes up very quickly so sign-ups for the first home game needs to be done as soon as possible. I also need assistance with uniform checkout and check-in for each of the football games. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank You

Mr. Mikita, Band Department

5:00p.m.	Friday, August 28th
5:00p.m.	Friday, September 11th
5:00p.m.	Friday, October 2nd
5:00p.m.	Friday, October 9th
5:00p.m.	Friday, October 23 rd

School Pictures will be taken on **September 15, 2009** with retakes on October 13. Picture forms will be sent home with students on Friday, September 11. Please look for them.

Chinandega Boxes - Thank you to all of you who have signed up for boxes for the children of Chinandega, Nicaragua! We are nearing the deadline for all boxes to be packed. By Thursday, September 3rd, items for all boxes should be turned in so that final packing and tallying can be done. When bringing items to school, you may bring them in before school to Mrs. Hellman's room 104.

These boxes will be Christmas presents for the children. Please bring the necessary items and items that would bring joy to a child. We are so privileged to be able to do this for them. God has blessed us with this opportunity!

Thank you again.

Mrs. Monat and Mrs. Hellman

2010 Post Prom meeting will be held Wed. Sept. 9th @ 7:00 at the Dew Drop Inn (downtown) ALL Junior and Senior parents are asked to come. This was something parents started years ago and we would like to continue it for the kids. There will be a letter sent home with your junior or senior student with more information. So ask him or her about it next week. Please plan on attending this first meeting to start planning. If you have any questions you can call Paula Ortner @ 296-3589 or Konnie Haywood @ 296-3435

Keep up-to-date on **Mrs. Rottink's** classes, Yearbook, Contest Speech, and Prom by checking out her website at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/mrsrottinkswebsite/>

SCRIP NEWS - Welcome back! We hope that everyone will support the SCRIP program and try to purchase at least some items through SCRIP. There are over 90 retailers to choose from! Do you buy gas? groceries? clothing? shoes? office supplies? go out to eat? I know everyone can answer yes to at least some of these questions and if so, then you can also purchase SCRIP! The SCRIP program generates over \$30,000 each year for our school system.... that could be even more if we had more than 50% of our families using SCRIP. Give it a try! Each family has a family ID # - give that # to your family and friends and ask them to purchase SCRIP on your behalf. You will earn 1% in tuition credit for every dollar you spend on SCRIP. You earn credit throughout the year for the following year. Tuition credits are shown on your tuition statement for purchases from LAST year. Fourteen families earned over \$100 off their tuition bill! It's easy - you can send an order to school for same day delivery. (We need a signed waiver form on file to send SCRIP home with your student - ask for one if you need one and we will also send them out as needed.) You can purchase SCRIP at Regions Bank in Gilbertville or Farmer's State Bank in Raymond. You can also purchase SCRIP before and after Mass at IC Church in Gilbertville. Order forms are available online at www.boscosystem.net or in the school offices. Reminder that Kohl's is the only retailer that accepts SCRIP gift cards as payment on charge accounts. We also have SCRIP gift certificates available - \$10 or \$25 - this is a great idea for a gift when you don't know what to get someone. Give them a SCRIP gift certificate and they can choose from any retailer on the order form. COMING SOON - shopwithscrip.com - you will be able to shop for SCRIP and place your orders and pay online (debit checking or savings accounts). More information coming soon! For more information on the SCRIP program go to www.boscosystem.net. Thanks for using SCRIP! Kim Rottinghaus (319) 239-1672 or krottinghaus@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us

POSTERS 2009 Volleyball and Football Team Posters are now available for \$1.00 each at the Bosco School Office

DON BOSCO ACTIVITY PASSES - You may purchase an activity pass for all DB events for the entire year. IC/SJ students can purchase these for \$20 and DB students can purchase these for \$35. The pass is good for all DB activities for the entire school year (with the exception of football, drama, and post season games). Passes are available to purchase at the gate OR send your name and money to school and we will get the pass back to you. Show your support for the DONS! Check the website at www.boscosystem.net for all activities. Click on "NEW Activity Calendar" and sign up to be notified on your favorite events. **BOSCO SYSTEM BOOSTER CLUB** - The Don Bosco Booster Club is now officially the Bosco System Booster Club supporting extra-curricular activities for the entire system (K-12), specifically adding middle school athletics. This will allow us to work as a system and support all students. The Booster Club will continue with our annual fundraising events such as: cookie dough sales, scrap metal drive, concessions and merchandise sales, volleyball tournament in March, softball tournament in July, and the golf outing in August. With additional expenditures this year from the middle school athletics, we are not planning any major projects. We will be asking for volunteer help from middle school parents to help work at the annual fundraising events. This year our plan is to contribute to both the high school and middle school activity budgets (this means the Booster Club pays for the expenditures associated with all extra-curricular activities for K-12 thus reducing the burden on the school's budget), purchase a 15 passenger bus (should arrive in September), contribute to the bus fund and ball diamond lights fund, and support the "Building a New Legacy" capital campaign (specifically working with the committee to contribute to the renovation of the four locker rooms). The Bosco System Booster Club by-laws are posted online at www.boscosystem.net along with monthly meeting minutes - the Booster Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the DB library - everyone is welcome to attend! We look forward to working with the entire Bosco System family as we tackle a new school year!

DB Football Pep Bus - we will be taking a Pep Bus to the away football games again this year as long as we have enough people to ride the bus. Cost will be \$10/person - this includes gate admission. Sign up and pay for the ride at the DB office by Thursday before each of the away games (9/4, 9/18, 9/25, 10/6). Bus departure times will be given to you when you call in to sign up for each game. This is open to both students (grades 6-12) and adults. For more information call the DB office at 296-1692 or 827-6056.

The Prom Committee is looking for 1 to 2 hogs for their annual fundraiser breakfast at the beginning of December. If anyone is willing to donate one or both, please let Heidi Rottink at the High School know. Thank you.

If anyone would be interested in becoming certified as an **Iowa High School Speech Judge**, a judge's certification session will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 PM at Waverly-Shell Rock High School. The session lasts 1 1/2 hours and the cost is \$5.00. Please contact **Heidi Rottink** at Don Bosco if you have any questions.

Youth Group - We're looking forward to our 2009-2010 Youth Group! We'll run this the same as last year with Wednesday nights at the Convent from 6:30-8:00PM. We'll switch off between Middle School and High School each week. Here is a preliminary schedule for the first month - September 23rd - Middle School (grades 6-8) September 16th and 30th - High School (grades 9-12) We welcome everyone to attend. If you enjoyed YG last year, please join again and bring a friend!

SMILES FOR EDUCATION – Hy-Vee wants to give back to the communities and loyal customers in its area. Therefore, “Smiles for Education” will be back for a fifth year providing up to \$400,000 to schools to support Hy-Vee’s beliefs in education and its communities.

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 - b. One School (K-12)
 - c. Customer Name and Contact Information
2. Shop and save with “Smiles for Education” products in our special “Smiles for Education” section of the weekly ad
3. 10 winners will be drawn each week for 8 weeks
 - a. Student will receive a laptop computer
 - b. School will receive a check for \$5,000

Each week during the eight-week program, Hy-Vee will hold a drawing to select ten winning students and their schools, for a total of 80 winners. Each winning student will receive a laptop computer, and each of the winning schools will receive a donation of \$5000 from Hy-Vee. All winning schools and students will be featured on Hy-Vee.com.

REMEMBER---MOLLY SCHARES WON LAST YEAR THERE IS ALWAYS A CHANCE TO WIN

REGISTER AS MANY TIMES AS YOU CAN AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN