

Bosco System

October 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.

Congratulations to the 2009 Homecoming Court:

Sophomore princess candidates: Ashley Becker, Carissa Becker, Morgan Benda, April Fox, Molly Schares

Sophomore prince candidates: Carson Barron, Brandt Becker, Austin Demuth, Leo Frost, Drew Mangrich

Senior queen candidates: Brianna Becker, Abby Breitbach, Anna Frost, Katie Horrigan,
Shanel Wermerskirchen,

Senior king candidates: Josh Becker, Zach Frost, Matt McGrew, Ben McMahon, Jacob Vandenbos

The following were crowned at the September 11, 2009 football game:

Homecoming Queen: Brianna Becker

Homecoming Princess: Ashley Becker

Homecoming King: Josh Becker

Homecoming Prince: Leo Frost

YOUNG LEADERS IN ACTION: Good habits are highly effective and can help you become a better leader. Come join Young Leaders in Action at their fall conference on October 27th at the University of Northern Iowa from 8 am to 1:30 pm. The conference will be having guest speaker Debra (DJ) Corson, Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning Services at Hawkeye Community College. Learn how to move in a more proactive direction, set goals and manage your time. Stop by the guidance or school office for registration brochures with more information. Conferences sell out early, so reserve your spot today!

EUROPE TRIP: Next summer (2010) there is an opportunity for Don Bosco students to take a trip to Europe for two weeks. The trip will include London, Paris, Rome and many other sites. There is still plenty of room to join the trip, which is open to all students and adults. Anyone, student or adult, who is interested in this trip can obtain information from Mr. Stewart. There is also a trip planned for the summer of 2012.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Red Cross will be here on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 for the National Honor Society fall blood drive in the Don Bosco Gym from 9 am to 2 pm. Please give the gift of life. The National Honor Society members will be assisting throughout the day. Please call the school office 296-1692 or 827-6056 to schedule an appointment.

NO SCHOOL: There is a teacher in-service on Monday, October 12, 2009

TUITION: Please make your tuition payments on a timely basis. The school relies on your payments to pay its monthly bills just like any family on a budget. For those of you that make monthly payments you should have 2 payments made. The next quarterly payment is due November 15, 2009. Thank you to those of you that are current on your tuition payments.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

STUDENT COUNCIL: The Homecoming Dance was a success! Everyone who went had fun. Thank you to Mark and Mona Wermerskirchen for bringing the jukebox. The lights on the jukebox looked great! Also a big Thank You to Sheri Becker, Mona Wermerskirchen, Mark Wermerskirchen, Adam Reinhardt, Karen Breitbach, Lorus Breitbach, Terry Wagner, Mike Wagner, Shelly Boldt, and Mr. Eckerman for chaperoning the dance. Without chaperones, these dances would not happen. Thank You to Mrs. Rottink for taking pictures of the dance.

We got a milk machine! We are just waiting for it to be delivered. It should be a success. We are excited about getting it set up and ready for the students. Mr. Tovar

SENIOR PARENTS: I would like to tell you about an opportunity your child has this year. Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a wonderful three day weekend which began about forty years ago in the Archdiocese and since the beginning, there have been over 500 TEC weekends. TECs are open to both public and parochial Seniors and will include both genders. The TEC experience begins on Saturday morning at 10:00am and ends about 4:00pm Monday afternoon. TEC provides them an opportunity to experience their faith in a new and challenging way. This year, there are nine TECs throughout the school year and they are listed below. In order to find the best weekend for your child, I have included a list of school activities that we know at this time, that are going on that same weekend. I do this, so you and your child may plan accordingly.

TEC 522, November 14-16, 2009, Xavier High School, Cedar Rapids (State Volleyball)

TEC 523, January 30-February 1, 2010, Marquette High School, Bellevue

TEC 524, February 13-15, 2010, Columbus High School, Waterloo (Regional Girls Basketball, Districts Wrestling)

TEC 525, February 27-March 1, 2010, Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove (State Wrestling Duals, District Speech Individual)

TEC 526, March 13-15, 2010, Don Bosco High School, Gilbertville

TEC 527, March 27-29, 2010, St Patrick Parish, Ryan

TEC 528, April 10-12, 2010, Calmar/Festina/Spillville Elementary School, Calmar

TEC 529, April 17-19, 2010, Wahlert High School, Dubuque (State Music Festival)

TEC 530, June 26-28, 2010, Newman High School, Mason City (Baseball, North Fayette

Tournament) *this is open to graduating Senior and incoming Seniors.

The number of participants at each TEC are limited, so please register early. Registration may be completed online at my.memberclicks.com/adu (then click on the date of the requested weekend) or your child may pick up the packet in the school's office. The TEC Interview/Reference Form needs to be completed by an adult (Teacher, Priest, Youth Minister, usually not a parent) that knows your child. The registration packet along with the nonrefundable \$50.00 fee is due three weeks prior to TEC and may be given to the office.

Thank you Connie Steimel-Campus Ministry

FOOTBALL THANK YOU: I would like to thank all of you that purchased tickets and came to the Don Bosco Football Belgian Waffle breakfast to support the football program. Thank you to the team for their great job in selling of tickets ahead of time and for working that day after a busy week and weekend with homecoming. I was proud of you! Thank you to the coaches and parents that donated and also worked that day and special thanks to Brad and Sue Scobee for organizing the worker list and all your help the day of the breakfast. The profit was \$1750 and we served 548 people. Everyone made it not only a successful event but also a fun event. I ask you for your continued support for the program and these young people. Mark your calendar for next year's breakfast, Grandparents Day, September 12, 2010.

Thank you!!!! See you at the games, Rose Weber

PICTURE RETAKES WILL BE OCTOBER 13, 2009. THE ORIGINAL PICTURES MUST BE RETURNED THAT DAY TO HAVE YOUR RETAKES DONE.

CONVENT CLEAN OUT and SALE: As you may know, we are planning ahead for actual construction of the new multi-use facility that will be built where the convent is currently located. With that in mind, we are working over the next few weeks to clean out, organize, recycle, and/or sell items that are currently in the convent. There will be a SALE during Harvestfest on Oct 18th of the items that are determined to be put up for sale. Proceeds will go to the building campaign. The sale will be held in the convent. WHY NOW? We won't know exactly what will be done regarding the building project until after the campaign is over in November, however, cleaning out and organizing the miscellaneous things in the convent needs to be done anyway. For more information, please contact Kim Rottinghaus (319) 239-1672 or krottinghaus@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us

BAND NEWS: Four students are busy at work preparing for the Iowa All-State Auditions which will take place on Saturday, October 24th at Hampton-Dumont High School. Students from all over the State of Iowa converge on 6 different sites throughout the state to try for a coveted spot in either the All-State Band, Orchestra or Choir. Auditions take place throughout the day and results are posted as their respective sections are finished. The four students representing Don Bosco will be Senior - Michael Owens on Trumpet; Sophomores Shane McFadden on Alto Saxophone and Molly Schares on Trumpet and Freshman - Molly Davis on Flute. Good luck to these four band students.

CHINANDEGA: The Christmas boxes for the children in Chinandega, Nicaragua, have been taken to their next step in delivery. The boxes were picked up last week by the Rotary Reserve. From here they will be checked and shipped to Nicaragua.

A huge thank you to all members of the surrounding communities who gave so much to make these Christmas presents a reality. From the many anonymous donors to those who helped shop, pack, make rosaries, sew and all the ways you thought to help, we so appreciate you. Without your support and care for these children, this would not be possible. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

A special thank you to Mrs. Teresa Schmitz time, treasure and talents. May God bless all of you!

The Freshman Class, Mrs. Monat and Mrs. Hellman

Senior Picture Deadline: Friday, November 6

Parents- please be aware that 3 senior pictures need to be turned in by **Friday, November 6**. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that we get their pictures by this date. In fact, the sooner, the better. **Three wallet sized color senior pictures will be needed by the school.** This may be (but does not have to be) three different poses. Please indicate on the back of each picture the student's name and whether the pose is for the:

1. Yearbook-vertical shot
2. Jesup Newspaper
3. Class composite (Display in hall)- This one should be a head and shoulder shot.

Please turn in your pictures to Mrs. Rottink. We do need 3 separate pictures for this.

Please contact me if you have any questions

hrottink@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us

Most studios already have these specifications but please make sure the picture turned in for the yearbook is:

-Head and shoulders only
-Photos must be vertical

-No full body, no props
-Color photo please

Senior Parents

The Yearbook staff is requesting your help! We need a picture of each senior (age 5 or below) for the senior pages in the yearbook. These will be scanned and returned. Any professional pictures will need copyright permission from the photographer. Snapshots are great! Also, you should be receiving information on the Senior Recognition Ads (PDAs) in the mail. Please contact me if you do not and are interested in purchasing one. Thank you, Heidi Rottink, Yearbook Advisor

2009-2010 Yearbook Sales

We understand how busy life can be, so we'd like to make your student's yearbook purchase as easy as possible. That's why we have partnered with Jostens, our yearbook printer, to create a home-ordering program. Ordering your yearbook from home is quick and convenient, and eliminates the need for your student to bring any money to school. In your ordering package, you will receive complete details on the yearbook offer, available add-ons, and ordering instructions. We hope you find this service to be an easy and efficient way to purchase your yearbook this year! Our staff is working very hard to create a great book and we know your student won't want to miss this opportunity to preserve the memories of this school year forever. Look for an envelope in the mail. You can also order by going to the Don Bosco website and clicking on the "order your yearbook" tab on the Yearbook picture widget. Check out some of the yearbook pictures on Don Bosco's website. They change weekly.

Junior Class Parents and Students

Please keep **Sunday, December 6** open. The annual Prom Breakfast is scheduled for that day. All Juniors and their parents are asked to work at this event. It is a major fundraiser for the Prom. Some help will be needed the day before also. The Prom Committee would like to thank Leigh Anne Schares and Janice Rosauer for volunteering to chair this event. We would also like to thank Lee and Deb Bader for the donation of a hog for the breakfast. We are still looking for one more if anyone is willing to donate one.

Heidi Rottink, Prom Advisor

Parents- Please check out Mrs. Rottink's website for up-to-date information on assignments, Yearbook, Prom, and Speech

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

SCRIP News - We really need more families to utilize the SCRIP Program! This is an easy source of revenue for our school system. Some new retailers to our program include: Aeropostale (\$25 - contributing 7%) and Culligan Water (\$10 or \$20 - contributing 10%). The order form is available online at www.boscosystem.net or ask for one to be sent home with your student. You can purchase SCRIP in several ways: send your order to school and we will fill it and send it home the same day; purchase SCRIP at Regions Bank in Gilbertville or Farmers State Bank in Raymond Mon-Fri during regular lobby hours; or before and after Mass at IC Church each weekend.

NEW - you can also purchase SCRIP online now 24/7 at www.shopwithscrip.com - there is a link to this on the school's website on the SCRIP Program page. This is a secure site so you can order any SCRIP you need and have it paid directly from your checking or savings account (it will not accept credit cards). You need to set up an account with Presto Pay to place your orders. There is a .39 charge for each total order (not each item ordered). We also need a delivery info form filled out as we will still need to deliver your orders to you (this form is also on the website). For complete details and information to sign up to use this program go to the SCRIP Program page on the school's website OR email me and I will send you the sign up information sheet OR call the office and ask for an information sheet. Thanks for using SCRIP! Kim Rottinghaus (319) 239-1672 or krottinghaus@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us

"Building a New Legacy" Campaign Update

Attention – Wonderful News: The Bosco System is honored to have a donor who will provide a 10% match to each dollar given or pledged. This is an easy way to take your dollar and turn it into \$1.10!!! Let's take advantage of this outstanding offer of support!

Our pledge total for this week has jumped to \$1,401,000. Continued many thanks to those who have responded to the call for support!

Why are we pushing to have your pledge decision?

We are on the agenda with Archdiocesan Building Committee's November meeting. To gain approval to move forward with our plan, we need to have cash and pledges totaling \$2.5 million by the time we attend this meeting. Hitting this goal will also greatly improve our chances of starting construction in the spring. Missing this goal will push us out 3 months to the February Building Committee's meeting. We need your help to make this a reality, so please step up to be a family who has made a pledge of support and do so by October 31st or sooner. Thank you!

Donor Recognition: It is our intention to create a donor wall that will recognize all donors in the following manor (subject to refinements that will be completely communicated to all donors.) Donors will be recognized as contributors unless a specific request has been made to remain anonymous.

\$1 to 1,499	Friends
\$1,500 to 4,999	Supporters
\$5,000 to 14,999	Benefactors
\$15,000 to 24,999	Patrons
\$25,000 +	Dons

If you have questions about the campaign, please call (319) 296-1606 or email 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 Patron:

The first half the quarter has been a very enjoyable and productive time. Your students have had challenges and successes in their classes so far this year. The staff at Don Bosco wants to continually strive to meet your students' academic, social and emotional needs. Thank you for your role as parents/guardians in ensuring that your child is ready for school each day.

I want to encourage you to be involved with your student and our school. With the students, parents and staff working together Don Bosco High School will continue to be a positive and caring learning community!

The ultimate 'gooooal' of Don Bosco High School is to improve achievement and have a collaborative climate. To do this, each student should:

S = feel **s**afe to take risks.

O = have **o**wnership in their learning.

C = be able to have **C**hrist in their learning.

C = be able to **c**ollaborate with others.

E = be **e**ngaged in their work.

R = be involved in **r**eal-world tasks, activities and assessments.

Lastly, I hope your child is enjoying the atmosphere of the school. I can tell you that I have enjoyed getting to know your child! Everyone (teachers, students, parents, and community members) should feel very blessed to have Don Bosco!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Eric Eckerman
Don Bosco Principal