

BECKMAN NEWS

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October 2020

"Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer."
Romans 12:12

Upcoming Events (Subject to Change)

Oct. 14— Fall Choir Concert
Oct. 24 – Beckman Gala-Virtual
Oct. 26 – Fall Band Concert

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The first month of school is in the books and it has been an interesting month for sure! We are all making adjustments to a variety of things, and over the last couple of weeks I've noticed that staff and students alike are beginning to get back into the groove of school.

We were also able to have our annual homecoming celebration, albeit with a few modifications. There's a lot of planning and coordination that occurs to make the various events of the week successful. A special thanks to Mr. Lueck, our student government students, our development office, and everyone who played a role that week for all of their work and efforts! We appreciate all you did to make the week a success.

October is a month where we wrap up some junior high sports, move into playoff season for fall varsity sports, and enjoy our first vocal and band concerts for the year. Please be sure to look at the calendar of events included in the newsletter and keep an eye on the daily bulletins for upcoming events and possible schedule changes.

One thing I have learned in these first few weeks is to take things one day at a time. We—along with other schools—will see ebbs and flows in regards to positive cases and quarantines. We will

see periods of low activity and we'll also see spikes. These could be contained to particular grade levels or may spread across classes. We will work to reduce the impact of these when we can, but the reality is that they will continue to occur. We may need to make modifications to a variety of events and activities. Unfortunately, sometimes these changes occur at the very last minute. While we try to anticipate and be proactive, circumstances don't always allow for that to happen, particularly since we have to contact trace back 48 hours prior to when symptoms start. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we continue to work through these situations.

Additionally, we need to continue to place our trust in the Lord. Please pray for those who are ill, for those who are in quarantines, as well as for their families and those who care for them. Also, please pray for our teachers and staff members who continue to make adjustments and modifications to their daily routines and lessons. Finally, I ask for you to pray for those of us in leadership that the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit continue to guide our actions.

October Rosary Month

In the church year, October is a month where we place a greater emphasis on praying the rosary. It has been tradition at Beckman Catholic for groups of students to lead the rosary on Wednesday and Friday mornings during the month of October, and we will be continuing this tradition this year. Various student groups and athletic teams will be leading the praying of the rosary at 7:40 AM on Wednesdays and Fridays in the chapel.

Changes to Masses at School

I was pleased when students approached me, and other staff members, asking if we could increase the frequency when they are able to attend Mass. When we started the year, we created a three week rotation with two grades attending Mass on a weekly basis in the auditorium. However, we've looked at our class numbers and we are able to have three grade levels attend Mass in the gymnasium on a bi-weekly basis. We will start this on October 1st. This means students will be attending Mass every other week instead of every three weeks.

I'd also encourage you as a family to attend Mass as your local parish on the weekends. The Mass is often referred to as the "perfect prayer." Through the Eucharist we receive the grace of God to help us grow in physical, academic, and spiritual excellence on our journey as disciples today and saints for eternity. We are fortunate to live in an area with vibrant parishes but they only stay vibrant with our participation.

We are a Community

On September 16th, I learned that a very good friend of my family passed away in Minnesota. "Uncle" Dean was a man who gave of his time, talents, and treasure to others. In the days since his passing, students and staff from a span of over 30 years at Holy Trinity, where I attended Catholic school in Minnesota, have been sharing numerous stories of how he touched our lives. Dean was always willing to help and often provided resources to assist with the needs of athletic teams, the music department, or the school in general. He also would visit with families in the community who were having a hard time due to the death or illness of a loved one, and was always attending school events. He was a great example of someone who gave of his life to others and did so in ways not to draw attention to himself.

The reason I share this story is that Uncle Dean and his passing has reminded me of the need for a strong community. At our homecoming prayer service, I shared a little about Uncle Dean and then spent some time discussing with the students our call as Christians to reach out to others.

While many students enjoy events like Homecoming, for other students it can be a really tough week if they don't feel they are part of a group or are not included in events or activities. Every student matters and all of us together make Beckman Catholic what it is. I challenged everyone to exhibit kindness in our day-to-day interactions with one another, doing things like saying hi in the hallways or inviting someone sitting alone to join you. It's okay and expected that we have friends and peer groups that we're closer to than others, but we also want to make sure that we have a welcoming environment. We need to give of ourselves to others just as Dean did. When we do, we work to fulfill our mission of being disciples today and saints for eternity. I'd ask you to talk with your kids about this and encourage all of us to do what we can to make this an even better place.

Annual Beckman Gala--Saturday, October 24th

The annual Beckman gala is on Saturday, October 24th. Due to the current environment with the pandemic, we have moved this to an online event. This event is one of our largest fundraisers of the year, and this year's theme is "Bold Stripes, Bright Stars, Brave Hearts."

Auction items will be available online and we will also have a online program the night of the 24th. We'd encourage you to gather responsibly with friends and host watch parties that evening as you participate in the gala remotely. Beckman Catholic alum Ian Goldsmith has agreed to be our emcee for the evening's festivities.

This year's fund-a-cause will be to raise funds to enhance technology in our classrooms. We are looking to upgrade some of our classroom projectors, purchase another mobile touchscreen display, and get some tablet Chromebooks for instructors, particularly in our STEM areas. Any contribution you can make is greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in helping with the gala please contact Kristie Thier, fundraising coordinator, at kthier@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us. Thanks in advance for your support of this event.

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences November 10th and 11th

Please mark on your calendars the dates for our fall parent-teacher conferences. They are scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th and Wednesday, November 11th. Right now our plan is to have these in person at school. We are still working on the format and times for these nights of and as we get closer to the actual dates we will share additional details.

Thank you for all you do to support our students, and for your continued support of Beckman Catholic!

Submitted by Marcel Kielkucki, principal

October 2020 Curriculum News

State Reports:

Beckman Catholic High School submitted its Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) and assurances to the Consolidated Accountability and Support Application (CASA) at the beginning of the month. CASA also houses the various documents for Chapter 12 accreditation and desk audit.

Teacher Inservice Day Sept 11th

Teachers had a great professional development day on Sept 11th. Our goal for that day was to define and understand the expectations of the online learner. Other related topics covered that day included were:

1. The guiding principles as a staff time schedule for the online learners.
2. Behavior for online/virtual students.
3. Types of atmosphere expected for the online learner.
4. Technology that is still needed for students and staff.
5. Different types of delivery of instruction for the online learner.
6. Types of online assessments.
7. The student's well-being.
8. Expectations of communication for students and staff
9. Expectations for parents.

Student Council Update

Here was the list of Homecoming activities for Sept 20th -26th

- Sunday- Hallway decorating 4-6pm, men's volleyball 6:30pm.
- Monday- Tacky tourist (theme), powerpuff football 6-7pm.
- Tuesday- Generations day (theme), free donuts at 7:30am, assembly 8th period on football field
- Wednesday- Rapper rocker vs. country (theme), students vs. staff volleyball, live streamed to students
- Thursday- Dress up day (theme), student body church service on football field
- Friday- School spirit day (theme), free donuts at 7:30am, extended pep rally on football field 1:20-3:05, varsity football game at 7pm

Submitted by Steven Lueck, student government moderator

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS 2020

Thank you to all that helped out with hallway decorating for homecoming.

Upcoming JH Events

- **October 23-31st** is Red Ribbon Week. This is a week of drug awareness and how drugs have impacted lives in negative ways. This year's theme for the week is "Be happy. Be brave. Be drug free." The junior high student council will be helping the school show awareness by participating in Red Ribbon Week activities around school.
- Beckman Catholic hosts a junior high speech meet every year on the **last Friday of February**. All junior high students are welcomed to sign up and participate--and the community is encouraged to come support that day. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Broxson at rbroxson@beckmancatholic.org.

Submitted by Matt Naber, JH student government moderator

MARCH FOR LIFE

March for Life Meeting: Wednesday - at 3:15PM (September 30) on the patio

Life Chain: Come to Beckman parking lot a little before 2:00 on Sunday, Oct. 4. Sign in and grab a sign to hold. We will be praying along Highway 136 from 2:00-3:00pm, standing silently for those who have no voice. Wear your red March for Life sweatshirts if you have them. We encourage families to pray with us.

"I am Pro-life because" essay due Tuesday October 20 to Ms. Durr

Requirements:

Must be typed, double spaced, using an easily read size 12 font

No more than 1,000 words

Must be written in a positive way

Must be original

Name and contact information should be written on an attached information sheet

Judged on: Quality of message, English expression, sentence structure, spelling, and grammar

Awards:

High school/middle school entries shall be judged separately. Both will have winners.

Each participating school shall have a winner. Prize includes a T-shirt and magnet.

Overall first, second and third place winners will be chosen from all the submissions and will receive monetary awards: **1st Place:** \$200, **2nd Place:** \$100, **3rd Place:** \$50

Submitted by Anna Durr

Health Office

Parents of Ninth Grade Students

The State of Iowa require all ninth grade students to have a dental screening

If you have not yet turned in a dental screening form for you child, please do so soon. An audit takes place the end of December.

October is Bully Prevention Month

What Parents should know about COVID-19 and CYBERBULLYING

CYBERBULLYING & COVID-19

- Youth are spending more time online for school, connecting with peers, and socially interacting with friends

- Kids are still adjusting to learning and interacting with their peers virtually • Many young people may be feeling new and uncertain emotions due to the pandemic, such as anxiety, anger, fear, isolation, or stress
- This unprecedented period, as well as more time spent online, have the potential to cause an increase in cyberbullying behavior

REMEMBER: CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUTH ARE IMPORTANT

- Start talking about online behavior as soon as they start using technology and return to the conversation as their technology use evolves
- Your child may not recognize that hurtful online behavior can be cyberbullying, especially in new settings like virtual classrooms
- Discuss what cyberbullying is and steps to take if they experience or witness it **CYBERBULLYING & COVID-19**

IF YOUR CHILD IS BULLIED ONLINE, WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

- Be supportive of your child; you might be the first person they've told
- Let them know you are there to help
- Document the situation and keep a detailed record with screenshots and saved texts
- If the cyberbullying is happening: - In your child's distance learning classroom or with peers: Inform your child's school. Most schools include cyberbullying in their bullying policies.

Submitted by: Jolene Bagge BSN, RN

CHOIR NEWS

Real Men Sing Festival is going virtual for 2020! Instead of a live performance, they are creating a virtual event that will feature our singers in a virtual choir for Joseph Martin's "The Awakening." As part of the virtual festival, Wartburg will provide a series of professional development webinars for teachers and educational webinars for our students featuring former members of CANTUS, Dr. Lee Nelson and composer Joseph Martin (see the webinar topics below). The virtual choir will be conducted by Dr. Lee Nelson, director of choral activities at Wartburg College, and will include the voices of Ritterchor, and the Staples Area Men's Chorus (Staples, MN). Practice tracks for our students will be performed by former members of CANTUS and your student will sing along with the CANTUS singer when they make their virtual choir video! We invite your TTBB singers to submit a video of themselves singing their chosen voice part of this piece. These videos will be compiled and edited into a final virtual choir video that will be released in early November.

The registration fee for this event is \$15 per student video submission. Registered singers will receive:

- Rehearsal tracks recorded by former members of Cantus
- Instructions on how to take video and upload for the project
- Access to Professional Development Webinars for Teachers, and Educational Webinar for Students (including a chat with Joseph Martin), throughout the month of October
- A Real Men Sing T-shirt (delivered to your school)

University of Wisconsin-Platteville and WAMAC Honor Choirs has been canceled this year.

Our Fall Choir Concert will be held on Wednesday, October 14th. Final details will be sent out Monday, October 5.

Iowa All-State Chorus Auditions are video-recorded solo auditions this year. Submission deadline is October 21.

Pecan Fundraiser is underway. Our goal is that every music students sells at least 20 bags or every music family (multiple siblings in music) at least 30 bags. Students who sell over 20 bags are eligible to earn money towards the upcoming Beckman music trip. Fundraising packets were sent home Thursday and Friday September 17, 18. Packets with

orders and payments are due to Mr. Denner or Mrs. Slade by October 12, with delivery before Thanksgiving. Thank you for supporting the music department.

Thank You & Fall Toy Show

Thank you to all of our parents for your help in the football concession stand. Your flexibility and willingness to help when needed is greatly appreciated. There are still a few games left and a few slots open if you are available. As we approach November, our work schedules are being finalized for the Fall Toy Show. This year will be a little different than previous years. We ask that all music students and one parent sign up to work at least one shift. Students planning on going on the trip in June are required to work both toy shows. Football concessions and Fall Toy show are the music departments biggest fundraisers. These fundraisers help to reduce the cost of your trip. Please be sure to get signed up to help out.

Choir Christmas Concert at the Basilica of St. Francis Xavier will be Sunday, December 6, 6:00 p.m., with dress rehearsal Friday morning, December 4th.

Submitted by: Teresa Slade, Choir Director

WaMaC Honor Choir

Hello, WaMaC member school families. As you are well-aware, school, family, and work routines, traditions, and events have been impacted by Covid-19. As a member of the WaMaC, our goal is to provide outstanding experiences for our kids academically, athletically, and in the fine arts through our own school, and also through the connection we have with other schools in our conference. The WaMaC Honor Choir is an event, traditionally held in early November, that brings WaMaC schools, kids, and directors together, provides an opportunity for our students to sing and receive feedback from guest conductors, and to showcase the outstanding vocalists and vocal music programs in our conference. Unfortunately, as member schools reviewed the intended purpose of the event, along with the current health and safety concerns and guidelines, we found that to host such an event may put in danger the most critical learning and safety objectives of our schools in each district. With that concern in mind, and with the intention of protecting our students, staff, and families, along with day-to-day educational experiences of our kids, the WaMaC has chosen to cancel the 2020 Honor Choir, and set our sights on re-convening that event in the fall of 2021. Thank you for your flexibility, and thank you for your support of WaMaC students.

Submitted by: Chad Garber, Ed.D. Williamsburg Community School District

BAND NEWS

Music Parents

Thank you to those of you who have helped with the concessions at various football games! As we approach November, work schedules are being created for the concession stands at the Fall Toy Show. The student and at least one parent will be needed to work during the scheduled time. This is our largest fundraiser for the music department, and we need everyone to help. Be watching for an email with the schedule and how to sign up soon!

Pecan Sales

Pecan sales by Beckman musicians are well under way! As part of our yearly fundraising efforts, students are selling a wide variety of pecans, perfect for everything from holiday baking to general snacking. Students need to submit orders by Monday, October 12th. Please contact a student in the music department if you wish to purchase pecans. If you do not know a music student, you can contact Mr. Denner at Beckman, and she will help you get in touch with a

student so that you can purchase pecans. The pecans should be ready to be delivered before Thanksgiving!

High School Band

The final performance for the Marching Blazers is rapidly approaching at the last home game, this October 9th. In the spirit of the 80s, the band will perform "Africa," by the band Toto, followed by "Take on Me," as made famous by the band A-Ha. To conclude the evening's performance, the band will play "Livin' on a Prayer," by Bon Jovi. We look forward to seeing you all there!

The instrumental program at Beckman has one student auditioning for the Iowa All-State Band virtually this year, Savannah Oberbroeckling (tenor sax). We wish her the best as she prepares for one of the most demanding auditions of their high school musical careers.

Junior High Band

The 7th & 8th grade band rehearsals are well underway, now that proper safety equipment has arrived by mail. The band is excitedly working on a variety of songs at the moment, in preparation for our first virtual concert later this year. More details will be coming soon!

Submitted by Mr. Adam Denner, Director.



Spires of Faith Youth Group

The cluster youth ministry group is selling t-shirts for a fundraiser. You can order your t-shirt from Just For You at the following link: <https://www.justforyouimprints.com/spiresoffaith> T-shirts are offered in several different colors and a full range of sizes from youth through adult. Designs are attached. If you're not interested in a t-shirt but would like to donate to the youth ministry group, you can do so at the same website link. Funds raised will be used to plan a faith-based trip for the teens and expanding service opportunities in the area.

Submitted by: Kerry Roeder, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

YEARBOOK NEWS

Don't forget to take a senior picture for yearbook. Take the below information with you to give to the photographer, so they're aware of the specifications for your yearbook photo!

- The yearbook staff prefers digital/electronic submissions, but we'll accept a wallet-sized print photo.
- Color shots only - no sienna or other effects.
- Indoor shots only.

- Take a vertical shot with no props and a plain background. No leaves, stairs, brick, faux wood, etc.
- Photo should be a formal pose from mid waist up, no full body shots. Also no hands touching the face, because of the size of the picture box.
- Students should adhere to all Beckman dress code rules no tattoos, bare shoulders, exposed cleavage, or piercings other than what's in the handbook.
- Guys need to wear a dress shirt - while a tie isn't required it does look nice.

Due date is by **Friday, November 29th**

Send to: Attn. Ms. Dirks/Yearbook Advisor - pictures can be emailed to Ms. Dirks

If you have any other questions, please email me at hdirks@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us or come see me in room 110. The yearbook staff reserves the right to not accept pictures that fail to meet these specifications. If getting pictures taken is a burden, please contact Ms. Dirks and we'll have one of our amazing photographers on staff take your senior picture.

If you are interested in purchasing a 2019-2020 yearbook, we still have a limited amount available. They are \$60 and include images from throughout the school year. If you are interested in buying a book, they can be purchased from Ms. Dirks in room 110.

Submitted by Ms. Dirks, Yearbook Advisor

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

Please visit Mrs. Atwater's School Counseling Website to find important information and helpful resources! You can find her website by going to the Beckman Web Page or click on this link: <https://beckmancatholicschoolcounseling.weebly.com/>

The PSAT on October 14th is the test date for the National Merit Scholarship competition. Only juniors can officially compete. However, sophomores who usually score exceptionally well on standardized tests may want to take the test as practice for their junior year competition. The cost will be \$17.00 per student. The money must be turned into Mrs. Atwater before test day.

Senior parents, mark your calendars! The **FAFSA** application opens on October 1st. Don't forget, you **AND** your student must create a FSA ID before you can complete the FAFSA application. If you already have a student who has gone through the FAFSA process, you will not need to create a new parent ID. Instead, you will use the same ID you used for your previous child.

I have sent home with every senior a few documents to help you with this process. If you have yet to receive them, please talk with your student. If you have questions or your student misplaced their FAFSA packet, please reach out!

HIGH SCHOOL CAREER EXPLORATION

For the Seniors: I introduced the seniors to "Your Course to College," a very helpful resource provided by the Iowa College Aid Commission. For those seniors still exploring options for life after high school, there are many helpful resources available. Examples include: ONET (website at www.onetonline.org) and the Occupational Outlook Handbook, (website at www.bls.gov/ooh/). These nationally recognized resources prepared by the U. S. Department of Labor give information on many occupations including the training needed, nature of the work, availability of the job, earnings and much more.

A free scholarship search called www.Fastweb.com is a resource site that is particularly helpful. Going Merry (<https://www.goingmerry.com>) is another scholarship tool I recommend checking out. Students can learn which scholarships are available to them based on the information the student provides. Please note that you should NEVER have to pay to apply for a scholarship. I will continue to publish the scholarships that are mailed to me on my counseling website. I will also email seniors with scholarship updates periodically. However, the scholarship trend has moved to online applications and fewer mailings to the counseling office. Continue to encourage your student to check the counseling website for new scholarships!

Senior Interviews: All seniors have made an appointment with me to review their graduation progress and talk about their future plans. Beckman Catholic's career exploration tool, Kuder Navigator, is a great tool to help students explore career options that link with their values and interests. Kuder also provides information and templates for resumes and cover letters. ALL students have access to this tool. Other free work personality assessments are available at <https://www.123test.com/career-test/> or at www.ACT.org/profile. These are awesome opportunities to explore careers and begin to understand the steps to reaching future goals.

Exploring Posts are available to all high school students. The Posts are an excellent opportunity for students to gain real-world career experiences from professionals in a number of fields. Information packets were given to all students 9-12 in their English or Theo classes. You can also receive more information at www.exploringdubuque.org.

Dubuque Area Youth Leadership Council

DAYLC looks a little different this year. Senior who wanted to apply needed applications in by September 28th. An email reminder was sent out to those interested! This year, DAYLC will be hosting zoom leadership days. I will notify those accepted into DAYLC with more information.

Resources of the Month:

- Virtual Calm Room: <https://sites.google.com/life-connections.org/virtual-calm-room/home>
- FAFSA: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/markkantrowitz/2020/09/13/dont-make-these-common-errors-on-the-fafsa/#7ca7eedd160e>

Submitted by Mackenzie Atwater, School Counselor

FFA NEWS

What a busy start to the year it has been for the Beckman Catholic FFA.

District Soil Judging was held on September 23rd at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo. The team was 6th place Gold out of 30 teams. Team members were Mariah Cherne, Tessa Tauke, Joe Schneider and Drew Thier.

On Saturday, September 26th, the Dairy Judging team competed at Districts in Manchester. The team of Jasmyn Hoeger, Isabell Kruse, Evan Hoeger and Jake Hoefler placed 6th out of 28 teams. And the young team of Maddy Kruse, Noah Gaul, Adam Gaul and Gabriella Schilling earned 14th place.

The chapter is busy gearing up for livestock judging and vet science the first two weeks of October.

Each member will also be able to attend The Virtual National FFA convention with a special pass that Mrs. Mausser will have for all students as well as the 7 American Degree recipients and their families.

On October 1st FFA members held the annual FFA fruit, meat and cheese curd fundraiser kickoff. Members will be selling through October 26th.

Submitted by Dawn Mausser, FFA Advisor

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON STUDENT MEALS

Beckman Catholic High School Families,
The USDA has temporarily approved FREE LUNCH for all enrolled students through 12/31/2020 or until funding is depleted. Your students enrolled at Beckman Catholic High School will not be charged for any regular school meals starting **September 16th 2020**. How does this affect your student's school lunch status?

If your student is in full pay or reduced lunch status, they will be **temporarily** moved to **FREE** status. No meal charges will be made to the students account through 12/31/2020 **or** until the district is notified by the USDA and State Authorities that the funding is depleted. No one really knows when this funding may run out, so like everything related to COVID, it will be a fluid process and we will notify families as soon as possible of any changes. At that point the student's account will return to their original lunch status and charged accordingly. All money placed in the meal account will carry over until regular meal prices resume. A la carte purchases will be available and charged to their meal account (range from .25 to \$1.25 per item). Second entrée purchases will be available as well and will be charged to their meal account as well (\$1.50 for second entrée). Please add funds into the account to cover any a la carte or second entrée charges.

This approval is not retroactive. Meals served from August 20-September 15, 2020, have been charged to accounts. We will communicate the free meal programming change to families as soon as we can, ideally one week prior to changing meals back to the original status.

This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Snyder at (563) 875-7188 x353 or esnyder@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us. Thank You for your continued support through these unprecedented times.

Submitted by Emily Snyder, Director of Food Services

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Freshman Parents

With the Gala going virtual this year there isn't as much need for your time on the Gala evening as in past years. However we do need your help selling cash raffle tickets before and after all Masses at all the parishes on the weekend of October 10 & 11.

The times we need you are as follows:

October 10 Dyersville 4:30 PM to 6:15 PM
New Vienna 6:30 PM to 8 PM
October 11 Dyersville 6:30 AM to 11:45 AM A couple of shifts
Earlville 8:30 AM to 9:15 AM
Worthington 8:30 AM to 9:15 AM
New Vienna 9:30 AM to 11:15 AM

We need 3 to 4 people at each church during these times.

To volunteer for times contact Kristie at kthier@beckmancatholic.org or call 875-7188.

Thank you for your help!

Cash Raffle

Hurry and get your Cash Raffle tickets!

Only 1000 tickets will be sold!

This is your chance to win part of the \$40,000 to be given away!

Top prize of \$25,000

Two prizes of \$5,000

Five Prizes of \$1,000

Tickets only cost \$100 and may be purchased at Beckman
or call the Development office for more information: 875-7188.

Tickets must be purchased by Thursday, October 22 to be included in the Raffle.

Gala

The Beckman Gala will be going virtual this year.

“Bold Stripes-Bright Stars-Brave Hearts”

The Gala will be held on Saturday, October 24th from 6 to 8pm. Get your friends together for a safe and socially-distanced watch party. Tune in by going to the Beckman website to watch and bid on great items. You can bid online at <http://bidpal.net/beckmangala2020>. Everything you need to watch and bid will be linked on the website. Bidding on silent auction items begins on Monday, October 19 at 8am and ends on Saturday, October 24 at 9pm. Bidding on Super Silent (formerly live auction) will begin at 8am Saturday, October 24 and end at 8pm that evening. Please join us for this enjoyable evening.

Submitted by Larry Wilson and Kristie Thier

BOOSTER CLUB

Thanks again to all that supported the Pizza Sales!! Pizza making day and pick up was a success!! Also thank you to everyone that has taken 50/50 chances and donated at our volleyball and football games!! We appreciate all of you!!

Our Annual Basketball Tournament will be held Dec 28-30, more details to follow! Be on the lookout for our next Spirit Store for all your Blazer Fan Apparel!! Coming Soon!!

Submitted by Bobby Fangman

XAVIER SCHOOL: CASH RAFFLE & SCRIP NEWS

Xavier School Weekly Cash Raffle: Xavier is again holding weekly Cash Raffle drawings for the 20-21 school year! Cash Raffle tickets are \$20/ticket. Each raffle ticket is eligible for a weekly drawing of \$50, a monthly drawing of \$100, additional drawings in October and April of

\$250, and a Catholic Schools week drawing of \$500. **Each ticket is eligible to win more than once!** After the winning ticket is drawn, it will be thrown right back in for the next drawing. If you need tickets, please contact a Xavier student or the Xavier school office at 875-7376. Thank you for supporting St. Francis Xavier School and GOOD LUCK!

Happy Joes and Dairy Queen Discount Cards Available at Xavier: Happy Joe's and Dairy Queen Discount Cards are available for purchase at the school office and the rectory for \$10/card! There are LOTS of great savings on both cards! They make great gifts too! Below are the deals found on each card.

Happy Joes Deals: (NO expiration date)

- \$4.00 off large specialty pizza
- Buy 1 large pizza – get 1 half off
- Free pitcher of pop with med/lg pizza
- Free breadsticks with med/lg pizza
- Large 1 – topping \$9.99
- Buy 1 lunch special – get one free

DQ Deals: (EXPIRATION DATE- July 31, 2021)

- Buy one Cheeseburger meal, get one FREE
- Buy one Blizzard, get one FREE
- \$1 off a Chicken Strip Basket
- Buy one Peanut Buster Parfait, get one FREE
- Buy one Shake or Malt, get one FREE
- Regular Price Kids Meal - \$2.49 (ages 12 & under)

SCRIP News:

A HUGE Thank You to all our local businesses that participate in our SCRIP program. We also want to thank those who purchasing SCRIP and shop locally. A reminder that at no additional cost to you, you can purchase SCRIP, which benefits your child's tuition, local businesses, and our Catholic schools. A reminder that SCRIP for GAS and GROCERIES is a great and easy way to do this.

Special SCRIP Orders -

Know that if you want to order Special SCRIP, you must pay for it before it will be ordered. A check needs to be dropped off to Xavier School office. Note that orders will still be placed at 10am on Monday. Visit <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/Shop/Product/Browse> and click on Retailer Lists to view all of the participants in the SCRIP program. Visit the Dyersville banks for in-stock local SCRIP.

Interested in setting up a PrestoPay™ account? -

Please click on the link below to learn how you can set up your personal PrestoPay™ account for immediate delivery of ScripNow! retailers. ***NOTE: It takes 3-5 business days for the PrestoPay™ account process to be completed. <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/Support/ordering-scrip-for-families/pay-online-prestopay>

MyScripWallet™ for Mobile Users -

If you have a PrestoPay™ account set up, there is an easy and convenient way to get your SCRIP to you for all your shopping needs. MyScripWallet™ is available with the widest selection of electronically delivered products and the highest rebates available anywhere. Please click the following link to learn more about how you can access this great SCRIP tool. Note that there is a video on the webpage available to help explain the process.

<https://www.shopwithscrip.com/Support/ordering-scrip-for-families/myscripwallet>

New to SCRIP or have questions -

Call Xavier School at 875-7376 or email us at scrip@xavier.pvt.k12.ia.us and one of our SCRIP Experts can assist you and show you how easy it is to shop with SCRIP. **SCRIP works for everyone!**

****Don't forget to "Like" ShopWithScrip on Facebook to keep up with all the latest promotions. There are many retailers offering bonus rebates. Check them out at www.shopwithscrip.com/Shop/Product/Special**

6 Benefits of Purchasing SCRIP -

1. Plan ahead to buy groceries, gas, and other household expenses with gift cards from scrip.
2. Shop in-store or online with participating retailers.
3. Use gift cards to pay at checkout, just like using credit/debit card, but without the fraud risk.
4. Easy gift ideas for family and friends.
5. Scrip program earnings are much greater than credit card rewards.
6. No unnecessary spending, families spend their planned household budget at stores they already frequent.

Submitted by Jenn Helle, Xavier School

Dyersville Angel Tree Program

We are fast approaching the Christmas season. Once again this year the Angel Tree Program will be reaching out to those in need.

We are aware that there are families that are feeling a lot of financial stress as the holidays approach and we are offering assistance to families with children 13 years old and younger. As parents, we want to provide the best for our children and sometimes we find ourselves struggling to meet the everyday needs of the family.

If you have these feelings or know of someone that does, the Angel Tree Program is here to be of assistance to you or them.

You will need to request a form before October 12 by contacting;

Mickey Kelchen @ 563-543-7031 or

Carol Ludwig @ 563-599-0428

We will not be accepting email or text requests.

Your **completed** form must be returned no later than **October 23** for us to process.

The forms will **NOT** be accepted after October 23.

When filling out the form, please list your **last name first**, as this will be the name you will use when picking up your gifts.

Please do not list any item on the form that would cost more than \$30, such as computers, laptops, bikes, electronics, or gift cards. If you do they will not be listed on your child's angel.

Once we get your request form back, we will send you directions and times you can pick up your gifts.

If you received a request form in the mail, please do not request another form.

Angel Tree Program
PO Box 22
Dyersville, Iowa 52040

