

BECKMAN NEWS

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September 2019

“Who do you say I am?”

(Mark 8:29)

Sept. 2 – Labor Day – No School
Sept. 6 - 7th Grade Field Trip - Fontana Park
Sept. 18 – Homecoming Social 6:00
Sept. 20 – Homecoming Parade 2:00
Sept. 21 – Homecoming Dance 8-11

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Another school year is underway! To our new students and families, welcome to Beckman Catholic, and to our returning families and students, we are glad you are back with us again this year!

A Welcoming Presence

At our opening day class meetings, I asked students to say hello to those they don't know to be a friendly face for a new student, and overall to be kind to one another. I would encourage you to talk to your children and ask them how they have been welcoming to someone while they've been at school, and to encourage them to continue to reach out to someone new on a regular basis.

As we get into the swing of things with the school year, please also keep this in mind as you travel to home and away events. Be sure to be respectful of our opponents and to also provide a warm welcome to our guests and visitors.

Social Media

At our opening class meetings, I also challenged students on the use of social media. This summer, a number of teachers and I attended the All-In conference sponsored by Keystone AEA. One of our speakers was Hamish Brewer, a principal from Virginia. In Mr. Brewer's presentation, he mentioned that many of the problems he faces with students at his school are the result of social media, especially Snapchat. He said that not much good comes from Snapchat, and I often find myself in agreement with him. While social media allows us to stay connected with family and friends, it also can be used to tear down people or lead to issues with self-image. We are all unique and called to be who we are by God. I encouraged our students to be who they are and to accept others likewise. Let's all do what we can to promote the positive use of communication tools.

Homecoming

Our annual Homecoming celebration will be September 15th through the 21st. This year's parade will be on Friday afternoon. We are also including our Beckman Hall of Fame induction this year as part of the homecoming festivities. Everyone is welcome to the induction ceremony that will be held prior to the football game on Friday.

Blazer Time Expectations

This year we have added a 22 minute period at the end of the day we are calling Blazer Time. When we extended the day last year, we utilized a similar period for students to get assistance from teachers. We saw a significant improvement in student grades, and as a result, we have modified our schedule to allow for this time again this year within our regular schedule.

Blazer Time meets from 2:43-3:05 when we do not have mass or an early dismissal. During this time, students are expected to work on homework or get assistance from teachers if they have questions or concerns on assignments. We will also use this time for student group meetings and student assemblies. Since it's during our school day, we are not allowing practices or separate work releases.

Student Handbook Reminders

We also spent time on the first day of classes reminding students of the conduct expectations that are outlined in our student handbook. Because our students all have chromebooks, we no longer provide a printed copy of the student handbook. Instead, we encourage them to access a copy online. Parents, you can access the handbook at anytime at the following link:

http://beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us/about_us/handbook

Internet Use/Technology Use Policies

Each year as part of the registration process, students and parents are asked to sign an acknowledgment regarding our technology use policy. A copy of that policy can be found at https://beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_69785/File/Beckman%20Catholic%20Sc

hool/Parents/Technology%2011/Technology%20Use%20Agreement/Beckman%20Technology%20Use%20Agreement%202019-20.pdf

If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback related to this policy, please contact me or Mr. Jim Derr, our technology coordinator by Friday, September 13th.

Booster Club Pink Out October 10th and 11th

The Beckman All-Activities Booster Club is sponsoring our first-ever Pink Out on October 10th and 11th. A portion of the proceeds from both evenings will be donated to the Dyersville Area Relay for Life. We encourage everyone to come to the volleyball game on October 10th and the football game on October 11th in Pink. We also have special shirts available for these evenings if you would be interested in ordering them. Orders are due by Friday, September 6th and the form is included with this month's newsletter. Watch for more details!

School Apparel Survey

We are looking for your input! As we continue our partnership with The Graphic Edge, we are interested in hearing from you on what you like and what we can improve with our apparel offerings. Please complete a short survey by Friday, September 6th. The survey can be accessed at <https://forms.gle/K6wAf9WHPv2LM9qB8>. Thank you in advance for your feedback!

Adopt-A-Area

We have a great physical campus which stretches over 16 acres of land. As a result, we have a number of areas with gardens, trees, and other landscape features. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers who take care of certain areas of the campus, but we could always use a few more people or groups. If you would be interested in maintaining a garden, doing some tree-trimming, or other outdoor landscaping work, please contact the office.

Thanks for all you do to make Beckman Catholic a special place! Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Submitted by Marcel Kielkucki, Principal

CURRICULUM REPORT

New Junior High Courses

Mr. Derr will be teaching a digital citizenship course for seventh graders. Digital citizenship course description: Students will learn the challenges and responsibilities associated with living in an increasingly, technological world. Topics include digital rights, digital footprints, cyberbullying, and internet etiquette.

Mr. Naber will be teaching a computer science exploratory for eighth graders. Computer science exploratory course description: the course takes a wide lens on computer science by covering topics such as programming, physical computing, HTML/CSS, and data. Students engage with computer science as a medium for creativity, communication, problem solving, and fun.

New College Credit Opportunities

Mr. Digmann will be teaching a Religions of the World class through St. Louis University. This course will replace a similar class that he taught through NICC. Religions of the World course description: This course is an introduction to the history, belief-systems, practices, and divisions of the world's major religions. It focuses especially on Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Jainism,

Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and the Baha Faith, and Native American spirituality.

Additionally, students will have the option to take both of their theology classes for college credit. Lastly, students will be able to earn college credit by successful completion of Animal Science. These students will earn credit for the college courses, Survey of the Animal Industry (AGS 114) and Working with Animals (AGS 101). Previously, students had to enroll in NICC to earn these credits. Under the new arrangement, these credits should be transferable to nearly any post-secondary institution.

Grades 7-9 Study Table

There will be a mandatory study table for students in grades 7 through 9 who meet certain criteria this semester. The purpose is to provide students with the requisite content knowledge and procedural skills to achieve mastery of course objectives.

Students who are missing three or more assignments in a class or who receive a failing current grade for more than one week will be assigned to study table. Students assigned to study table should meet in the library at 3:15. The length of assigned time will vary based on the student's intervention level. Please contact Ryan Devereux at (563) 875-7188 if you have any questions.

Iowa Core

Please copy and paste the link below into your browser to see a guide for the Iowa Core Standards.

<https://iowacore.gov/content/iowa-core-parent-guidesgu%C3%ADa-para-padres>

STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS

Homecoming will be held from September 15 to September 21 this year. Here is an updated, tentative lineup of events.

Homecoming Week 2019

Sun., Sept. 15:	4:00 pm	Hallway Decorating
Mon., Sept. 16:	Meme/Character Day	
	6:00 pm	Powder Puff on the game field (grades 9-12)
	7:00 pm	STOMP in the commons (grades 9-12); \$5.00
Tues., Sept. 17:	Farm Day	
	8:05 am	Vote for King and Queen in first period
	4:30 pm	Cross Country @ Starmont
	6:00 pm	Volleyball Match: Blazers v. Mt. Vernon
Wed., Sept. 18:	Time Machine Day-Dress Like a Grade-Assigned Decade	
	TBD	Assembly (grades 9-12)
	11:15	Picnic on the Patio Lunch
Thurs., Sept. 19:	Dress-Up (NO JEANS!)	
	10:20 am	Homecoming Liturgy
Fri., Sept. 20:	Green and Gold Day	
	7:30 am	Donuts and juice in the commons
	1:30 pm	Pep Rally
	2:00 pm	Parade Begins

	4:30 pm	Cross Country @ Cascade
	6:45 pm	Coronation
	7:00 pm	Varsity Football Game: Blazers vs. Anamosa
Sat., Sept. 21 :		Homecoming Dance
	5:00 pm	Mass-Basilica of St. Francis Xavier
	8:00-11:00	Dance in Beckman Commons (gr. 10-12)

Submitted by Ryan Devereux, Assistant Principal

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

Students often have difficulty adjusting to classes and assignments at the beginning of a new school year. Please have frequent discussions regarding classes and activities. Ask how things are going. Talk about organization skills and keeping track of work. Seventh and eighth-grade students received a planner. These will be used for hall passes and recording assignments. A binder or accordion folder will also help students keep things in order. Students should regularly go through these folders and their lockers/backpacks to reorganize and keep on top of things.

Upcoming JH Events:

Seventh-graders will travel to Fontana Park near Hazleton on Friday, September 6th. Water testing, butterfly tagging, and prairie activities are planned for the day. Students will also have an opportunity to view the enclosed wildlife exhibits.

Submitted by Cheryl Kluesner, Junior High Coordinator

CHOIR DEPARTMENT NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs. Smith and her husband on the arrival of their twin boys, Jackson William and Jacob Martin, on August 5th. Mrs. Smith will be on maternity leave until mid-October. We are thrilled to have Mrs. Teresa Slade as our long-term substitute teacher while Mrs. Smith is away. Please be sure to welcome her to Beckman!

As we begin the year, the high school vocal ensembles have begun preparations for many events such as All-State Honor Choir auditions, the fall choral concert, local honor choir participation, singing at school liturgies, as well as singing the national anthem at home indoor sporting events. This will be an exciting year filled with music!

Students are still welcome to sign up for choir (Concert Choir, Treble Choir, or Troubadours). If you are unable to fit choir in your class schedule, please speak with Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Slade about taking it as Independent Study. We would love to have you sing with us!

Upcoming Events:

Real Men Sing Festival: Saturday, October 5th at Wartburg College

UWP Honor Choir: Tuesday, October 8th

Fall Choir Concert - Wednesday, October 9th, 5:30 p.m., Beckman Auditorium

All-State Auditions: Saturday, October 26th

Submitted by Krystal Smith, Choir Director

DINING NEWS

Parents and Guardians,

If you had a child/children that qualified for Free and Reduced meals in last year's school program, you have until October 4, 2019 to re-submit your application. Please complete them and return to Beckman High School, Attention: Emily Snyder, Food Service Director. If a new application is not received, your child/children will return to full price meals on Monday, October 7, 2019.

If you think you could qualify for Free and Reduced meals complete the application that was included in your registration packet at the beginning of the school year. If you have questions or concerns about this program, please call me at 563-875-7188, Ext 353.

If you have been turned down for the program or your status has been downgraded and you have had a reduction in pay, you can always re-apply anytime during the school year.

Cafeteria Guide

Parents have the ability to view their family meal activity online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You may check your balance and view transactions and deposits made to your account. If you have a correct e-mail address on file, you will receive low balance notifications electronically.

To access the School Dining System, click on the PARENTS icon that is located on the Beckman High School home page. Then scroll down to School Dining System, Enter family number and password. If you do not know your family number and password please contact Emily Snyder at esnyder@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us or call 563 875-7188. You may put a spending cap on your students account, if you wish. You can do that under settings. Just remember, the cap includes the daily meal (\$2.90). An extra entree (doubles) are \$1.50 and the rest of the a la carte items vary from .25 cents to \$1.00.

The student's identification card serves as the student's ID, library, and lunch card. Students must have their lunch card with them. Students may only use their own lunch card.

If a student does not use their ID card for four out of five days, the student will be charged \$5.00 and issued a replacement card.

Students who do not have a lunch card must go to the end of the line and will be served their meal after all other students are served and will not be able to purchase extras or a-la carte items.

Your Student's Cafeteria Account

Accounts are expected to be paid in advance and carry a positive balance.

Student may charge any combination of meals up to a negative balance of \$5.00 per student. **In a family with one student the limit is -\$5.00; two students: -\$10.00; three students: -\$15.00 and so on.**

Any student (including those awarded Free and Reduced benefits) wishing to purchase additional items must have money in their account to do so. Students must have funds available in their account to purchase a second meal, extra items or a-la carte.

Students will be notified verbally when their account falls below a positive balance of \$5.00.

It is preferred that we notify you by email when your balance is low, please be sure that we have your current email address on file. Thank you.

A la Carte Breakfast

Students can purchase a variety of a la carte grab and go breakfast items starting at 7:30 a.m. daily. Many options available: Cereal, Cereal Bars, Granola Bars, Crackers, Fruit Snacks, Applesauce, Cheese Sticks, Apples, Oranges, Milk, Apple Juice, Orange Juice, and many more things!

Submitted by Emily Snyder, Director of Food Service

HEALTH NEWS

BACKPACK AWARENESS DAY SEPTEMBER 18th

With more than 79 million U.S. students wearing backpacks at any given time, the potential for injury is huge. The good news is that the problem can be easily solved with awareness and a few recommendations:

- A loaded backpack should not weigh more than 10 percent of the student's total body weight.
- The backpack should extend from two inches below the shoulder blades to slightly above the waist.
- Students should wear the backpack on both shoulders for even weight distribution.

Safety Features for a Backpack

- Comfy straps. Wide, padded, contoured straps are best for comfort; a waist strap can redistribute the weight from the neck and shoulders to the waist and hips.
- Zipper pulls.
- Reflective strips.
- Also note that the place where the straps meet the pack should rest one or two inches below the top of the shoulders. The bottom of the backpack should rest in the curve of the lower back, but not more than four inches below the waist.

Vaping-related illnesses reported among Iowa young adults.

Several states have recently reported cases of severe respiratory illness among teenagers and young adults with a history of vaping. Reported symptoms include cough, fatigue, dizziness, headache, vomiting and diarrhea, chest pain, and worsening difficulty breathing, sometimes requiring intensive care. A variety of vaping products associated with the illnesses have been reported. Four cases of respiratory illness in young adults with a history of vaping have been reported to IDPH. The patients are young adults (early to mid-20s) from across Iowa who report vaping prior to becoming ill. These cases are still being investigated, but three patients have reported use of vaping products that contain THC. Youth should be discouraged from using

vaping and e-cigarette products of any kind as the long-term health impacts for youth using these products are unknown.

Submitted by Jolene Bagge BSN, RN

FFA NEWS

Beckman students have opportunity to participate in the FFA program. Students must enroll in at least one semester of Ag education each year to be able to participate in FFA. If a student is interested in participating in FFA and doesn't have a class first semester need to contact Mrs. Mausser **prior to September 7th via dmausser@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us.**

*FFA meetings will be held at 7:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month in the Shop Room 402 at Beckman. Any interested student in grades 7-12 is welcome. The first meeting will be held September 5th at 7:30 a.m.

Excitement is in the air. Highlights of the FFA students this summer were:

* Shelby Westhoff, Sean Kluesner, Laina Marbach, Lauren Cherne, Grace Helle, John Paul Grebner, Tessa Tauke , Jordan Thier and

Leah Thier were selected as NATIONAL finalists and will compete in October in Indianapolis, Indiana at the National FFA AgriScience Fair.

As September rolls around, students will travel to the Tri-State Ag Expo, Livestock Judging and Soil Judging.

Mrs. Mausser is excited for the upcoming year. She may be contacted at: dmausser@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us and looks forward to helping Beckman Ag students and FFA members and meeting people in the community as a full time instructor in Ag Education and Industrial Tech.

Submitted by Dawn Mausser, FFA Instructor--

AG EDUCATION/INDUSTRIAL TECH NEWS

Beckman is offering a few new courses for Ag Ed this year including Horticulture and Food Science. With that being said if you're cleaning closets for the fall and happen to have any of the following items laying around we would be glad to put them to good use for educational purposes please send with your student or drop off at school.

- * Silk Flowers
- * Vases or Flower Pots
- * Kitchen Electronics (electric fry pans, crockpots, hand mixers- etc.)
- * Kitchen Hand Tools (Bowls, Measuring cups, Utensils)
- * Kitchen Towels
- * Old shirts (will use for rags for staining woods projects)

We are committed to learning by doing and appreciate your help as you clean out your closets.

In addition Mrs Mausser's classroom will gladly take any Ag focused magazine and newspapers after your family are done reading them as well. Thanks

Submitted by Dawn Mausser, FFA Instructor



DRAMA DEPARTMENT NEWS

Fall Play

This year promises to be a busy and exciting time for the 2019 / 2020 season.

The fall season will open with the Farce “Said the Spider to the Spy.” This funny show will have parts for 5 women and 4 men. The show will open Nov 15th, with additional shows the 16th and 17th. The senior citizen show will be Nov. 13th at 9:00 a.m.

Join us for an evening of laughs at a Florida Beach House where you will find a variety of people pretending to be someone else with scene after scene of mistaken identities. Auditions will begin September 4th and 5th. Student Directors will be Katherin Grebner, Lauren Goldsmith, and Katilyn Goedken.

Spring Musical

Disney’s Beauty and the Beast.

March 20, 21, and 22

Watch for more details as the team will be preparing for this challenging production. This Musical will offer many opportunities for our students to participate in a variety ways.

The shows this season will be directed by Mr. Jeff Jacque.

Submitted by Jeff Jacque, Drama Director

BAND NEWS

The Marching Blazers

The high school band is off to a fantastic marching band season! This year, the band will be performing two different halftime shows throughout our marching band season. The first show will consist of “Let’s Go Crazy” by Prince, “Respect” by Aretha Franklin, and “Crazy Train” by Ozzy Osbourne. The second show will consist of “Don’t Stop Me Now” by Queen and “Thriller” by Michael Jackson. The band is under the field direction of senior drum major, Griffin Reitinger, and junior drum majorette, Madelyn Michel. The colorguard is led and choreographed by sophomores Annie Gulick and Gabrielle Kielkucki.

Junior High Band

The junior high band will have their debut performance of the school year on Friday, September 20 in the Homecoming Parade, along with the high school band. The junior high band is also preparing for their fall concert on Monday, October 21.

Parent/Guardian Help

Many of you have been contacted by the Music Parent Association to work a night at the concession stand. Thank you in advance for your time and willingness to give to the music department. Football games and Toy Show concessions are our main sources of funding, and everyone's help is much needed and appreciated.

Stadium Clean-up after Varsity Games

All high school music students have been assigned a game during the football season to help clean up the stadium following the game. The clean-up schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the music hallway and has been emailed out to students. Please email Miss Speer at sspeer@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us if you have any questions about this or if you need to switch dates with someone.

September/October Band Events

Friday, September 13 - Home Football Game vs. Clayton Ridge

Friday, September 20 - Homecoming Parade

Friday, September 20 - Home Football Game vs. Anamosa (Homecoming)

Friday, October 11 - Home Football Game vs. Cascade

Friday, October 18 - Home Football Game vs. North Cedar

Monday, October 21 - Junior High and High School Band Concert @ 7:00pm (Main Gym)

Saturday, October 26 - All-State Band, Choir, and Orchestra Auditions @ Independence

Submitted by Staci Speer, Band Director

MARCH FOR LIFE

If you missed the informational meeting Wednesday, Aug 28, there is still time to sign up for the March for Life in Washington DC. The buses leave from Beckman after 4 p.m. Mass Wednesday night, January 22, 2020 and return on Sunday, January 26th. Forms are available online at <https://sites.google.com/site/dcrtlm4l/home> under Student Application. All the applications are being handled through Dubuque County Right to Life and are due September 20th along with the \$150 non-refundable down payment. All payments will be online through the application process and fundraising dates are also posted on the Beckman March for life page: <https://sites.google.com/a/beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us/march-for-life/home> The Beckman and DCRTL websites have not been updated with actual dates and events. Lifesaver weekend is October 5-6; please sign up for this event with Ms. Durr. The Life Chain will be held on 10/6 from 2-3 p.m. at the Beckman parking lot. A baby supply drive is planned for November; items will be donated to Birthright and/or Mary's Inn of Dubuque. Speakers through DCRTL are TBD. If you have any questions contact Ms. Anna Durr via email adurr@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us.

Submitted by Ms. Anna Durr, MFL coordinator

ART NEWS

The Art Department looks forward to another creative and productive year. Huge thanks to the Booster Club for their continued support of the arts. With their financial assistance, the art department has purchased a 2nd pottery wheel. The pottery wheel will be used in our Clay and Sculpture class and to further the options and creative endeavors offered. We would like to also extend our gratitude to Mary Lou Krapfl and the class mates of 2004 graduate, Rebecca Krapfl, Mary Lou Krapfl's daughter. With their generous donation, we are able to also purchase another

pottery wheel allowing us to have 3 pottery wheels this year! This is such an amazing opportunity for our students. The Art Department cannot thank enough those who donate and help the arts. It is so great to know we have so much support. Also with the new school year in swing it means it's time to get involved in Art Club.

Students should listen for announcements about Art Club meetings. Grades 7 through 12 are able to join Art Club. Students can contact Mr. Wade for more details.

Submitted by Michael Wade, Art Teacher

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 if need be.
 - Color shots only no sienna or other effects.
 - Indoor shots only.
 - Please take a vertical shot with no props and a plain background. No leaves, stairs, brick, faux wood, etcetera.
 - 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.

Submitted by Ms. Dirks, Yearbook Advisor

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

Just a reminder, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns and would like to reach me, my e-mail is mackenzie.atwater@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us and my phone number is 563-875-7188. My counseling website is also a great place to receive information and updates! You can find it at, <https://beckmancatholicschoolcounseling.weebly.com/>

The (P.S.A.T) Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Test is available for sophomores and juniors on Wednesday, October 16th from 8:00-11:30. This is an optional test for juniors who wish to compete in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Sophomores can also take the test, but are not eligible to compete in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. The test also gives students the experience of taking a college entrance test. We recommend that students take the test if they score in the 85th percentile or higher on their previous ISASP assessments taken last year at Beckman.

Test preparation materials are available in the counseling office for those interested. Sophomores and juniors will be notified of the test in their English classes and will have a chance to sign-up. If students choose to sign up, they will need to pay a \$16.00 testing fee.

The ACT Test is an admissions requirement for a four year college or university. Typically students take the ACT for the first time in the spring of their junior year. The cost of the test is \$50.50. If students are interested in taking the writing portion, the cost is \$67.00. Students can register on-line at www.actstudent.org. The school code for Beckman needs to be recorded on the registration form. The Beckman school code is 161-375. The 2018-2019 ACT Test dates are:

<u>Test Dates:</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
September 14	August 16
October 26	September 20
December 14	November 8
February 8	January 10
April 4	February 28
June 13	May 8
July 18	June 26

There is free ACT study material in the counseling office for any student interested. There is also free study material online at <https://beckmancatholicschoolcounseling.weebly.com/> (You will need to scroll past the study material that cost money in order to get to the free material!)

DAYLC Students

Senior students, who were a part of the Dubuque Area Youth Leadership Council (DAYLC) last school year, please note a few important dates. There will be one more leadership event at Four Mounds on Monday, September 9th. This year's DAYLC awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, September 25th at the University of Dubuque. More information to come!

Scholarships

As the year goes on, the scholarship opportunities that are mailed to Beckman will be posted on my school counseling website! The scholarship list will periodically be emailed to all seniors as well. While some scholarship applications are sent to the counseling office, it is very common to search for scholarships on the web. Three excellent websites to help with the scholarship search are www.fastweb.com, www.ICANSucceed.org/scholarships, and www.iowacollegeaid.gov.

Parents of Seniors-Financial Aid

There are many ways to pay for a college education and the financial aid process is not as complicated as most people think. To qualify for most financial aid, you must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The fastest and easiest way to apply is online at fafsa.gov. You can complete the FAFSA for 2020-2021 beginning October 1, 2019, using the 2017 tax information.

I will be in the senior classrooms in early September to provide resources and guidance as the seniors begin making their post-secondary plans. The seniors will receive a publication from the Iowa College Aid Commission detailing the financial aid process. I will also present information

from the Iowa College Access Network's "College and Career Planning Guide." Both publications are valuable resources; I encourage the seniors to share these with parents. I require that each senior meet with me during the first semester to review his/her transcript for graduation purposes and college entrance requirements. This is also a good opportunity to discuss plans for after graduation.

The following resources provide information about careers and the skills they require, as well as which fields are the fastest growing and offer competitive salaries. I will be sharing these websites with your students.

Future Ready Iowa Career Coach: iowacareercoach.gov

Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Handbook: www.bls.gov/ooh

Bureau of Labor Statistics Career Outlook: www.bls.gov/careeroutlook

Beckman Catholic National Honor Society Selection

Information regarding NHS is available through the Counseling Office. Being a member of the National Honor Society is considered an "honor," not a given right or entitlement. The criterion for prospective members includes having achieved and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5, in addition to leadership, character, and on-going service. The faculty council reviews the criteria of leadership, character, and service for potential members.

Scholarship: Applicants must have earned a minimum cumulative 3.5 grade point average.

Leadership: Leadership is demonstrated in the classroom, at work, in school and in community activities.

Juniors and seniors who intend to apply must submit in writing a Statement of Intention to Apply card to Mrs. Atwater by September 27th. These cards are available in the counseling office. Please note that seniors who were accepted last year do not need to reapply.

Submitted by Mackenzie Atwater, School Counselor

BECKMAN BOOSTER CLUB

Once again, we had a great night to kick off the school year and fall sports season at the Fall Scrimmage Night!! Thanks to all that showed up to support the Fall Sports Teams, Band, and Dance. The goal of the night is to get everyone excited for the new school year and the upcoming sport season.

It was also an exciting night with the dedication of the new concession patio and women's restroom. I want to again thank those that helped with that project:

Mike Schlichte – Decker Concrete

Dick Anstoetter – Anstoetter Construction

Terry Boge – Boge Mechanical

BARD Materials – Fill and Concrete

Mark Stelken – Century Building Products

JAM Systems - Railing

Tim Mensen – Masonry

Steve and Richie Ludwig – Greiner Construction

John and Joyce Lehman – Happy Joes

Wayne Stelken – Contractor

Kevin Goerdts - Fencing

JP Scherrmans – Equipment

Nick Knepper

Jeff Thier

Ted Recker

Jayme Wulfekuhle – Evergreen

Lawn Care

EIMCO

Bill Hermsen

Jeff Driscoll

Concrete Firm

..... AND the many hours from both the Booster Club and MPA Board Members. Thank you!!!!

The Beckman Booster Club Board is proud to sponsor Pink Out 2019! Please look for the flyer emailed out to purchase your Pink t-shirt and apparel. We will show our support for Relay for Life at the **Beckman vs West Delaware Volleyball** game *October 10th* and the **Beckman vs Cascade Football** game *October 11th*. Everyone that shows up in their Pink Out t-shirt will get a Rally Towel to show their school spirit. Thank you to Fidelity Bank, Decker Concrete, Boge Mechanical, Textile Brewery, and Happy Joe's for sponsoring the Rally Towels. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Relay for Life.

We would also like to thank Troy and Shelly Deutmeyer for their years of support and dedication to the Booster Club Board. Both Troy and Shelly were very instrumental in the winter basketball tournament sponsored by the booster club and in the many other events throughout the year. Thank you Troy and Shelly for your time on the Board!!

We are always looking for members to join us in supporting all our students at Beckman Catholic. Membership is \$30 and goes toward activities and academics within Beckman. Please locate more information on the Booster Club page, as well as a membership form, under the Parents section on the Beckman website.

If you are interested in being more than a member, consider joining our Booster Club Board! We are looking for new ideas from Beckman supporters who enjoy working towards ALL the goals of Beckman Catholic. Just contact a board member for more information.

Submitted by Bobby Fangman

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Hall Of Fame

The 2019 Beckman Catholic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held on Friday, September 20th at 4 p.m. in the auditorium. The public is cordially invited. The inductees this year are: Athlete-Matt Tobin '08, Fine Arts-Becky Williams'00, Distinguished Alum-Mark Brady'83, Distinguished Friend of Beckman-Jack Klein (posthumously) and Athletic team-1992 Girls Golf State Champions. Congratulations to all the Inductees.

Homecoming Events

Wine and Cheese Social

The annual wine and Cheese social will be held on Wednesday, September 18th at 6 p.m. on the Beckman patio. All adults are welcome. Anyone willing to help decorate the patio with an autumn theme, please contact the Development office.

Alumni and Friends HOF social

A Beckman alumni and friend's Hall of Fame social will be held at the Country Junction after the Homecoming football game. Everyone is invited to celebrate with our Hall of Fame members and friends.

Submitted by Larry Wilson, Development Director

BENCHWARMERS

Tickets must be turned in prior to Thursday, September 5th at 5 p.m. to be eligible for week 1 results. Parents are asked to please make a concerted effort to sell their tickets. Thank you for all your help with this fundraiser.

GALA

The 2019 Gala "Garden of Eden" will be held Saturday, October 26th, 2019. Gather a group of friends and attend our largest fundraiser in support of Beckman Catholic High School. We will be using the on-line bidding service again this year. Please spread the word.

If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact the Development Office.

If you know of someone who may be interested in donating a live or silent auction item, please let us know.

FRESHMEN PARENTS: Reminder to sign up for your Gala volunteer hours by calling Kristie at 875-7188 or email her at kthier@beckmancatholic.org.

We need your help in the following areas:

- Set up on Wednesday, October 23rd (I only need 3 more people here at 5:30 – 7:30)
 - Auction Item Set Up on Thursday, October 24th (Time is variable from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
 - Auction Item Set Up on Friday, October 25th (Time is varied from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.)
 - Solicitation of silent and live auction items (Has begun)
 - Cash Raffle sales (Has begun)
 - October 26th – We need help in our Bbar area, Kitchen area, Dining Room area and during the Live Auction.
 - Tear Down/Clean Up on Sunday, October 27th (9 a.m. – finish (usually done by 1)) Many hands make light work. We would appreciate your help if you are available on one of these days. Thank you.
- *If you are planning on attending the event, we hope that you are available to help in another area. Thank you

CASH RAFFLE

Included in the Gala events is the Cash Raffle. Ticket prices are the same as last year: \$50 each, 3 for \$125, or 5 for \$200. If you would like to purchase, please email Kristie at kthier@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us.

DUELING PIANOS

We would like to thank each and every one of you that was able to attend, donate and volunteer at the Dueling Pianos event held on August 10th. It was a fun and successful evening. Hopefully we see you at next years as we plan on continuing this event in 2020!

Submitted by Kristie Thier, Fundraising Coordinator

PINK OUT

As you know, the booster club has been planning a Pink Out event for the month of October. We will have a flyer for a 2019 Pink Out t-shirt and other accessories (see attached). We are planning on donating a portion of the proceeds back to the Dyersville Relay for Life/American Cancer Society. These flyers will start circulating tonight at the Turf night. They are due on **Friday, Sept. 6th by the end of the day.**

The dates of participation for this event are slated as follows: For volleyball, Thursday, October 10th. All VB teams are playing at home that night, with the exception of the 8th graders, so we hope there is a great response. For football, Friday, October 11th, as of right now, both JV and varsity are scheduled to play that night as well. We hope to present a check to Kaleann Waterman (she is currently in charge of the Dyersville Relay for Life) at some point that Friday night.

The booster club has gotten some sponsors, and our plan is to make up rally towels with the sponsor money, and give out to anyone who shows up to any VB or FB games with their Pink Out t shirt on. We would REALLY like to see the student body get excited and involved with this event, so, your help spreading the word is crucial!

I will have an envelope at the office to collect Pink Out t-shirt/accessory orders. As always, this is completely optional and participation is up to the students/families. This is the first year that I know of that this has been an organized event with donors, etc. so it is hard to guess what kind of a response we will get, but please know this is not limited to students. We are hoping family members, fans, and supporters in the community will join us as well!

Submitted by Cindy Recker

FUEL OUR FUTURE PROGRAM

Attached is the flyer for Fuel Our Future September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020. Attached you will see both forms for schools in Dyersville that will be participating due to their families who have students at both.

Fuel Our Future Program guidelines are attach (newsletter).

New Account Acquisition Program

All new FAST STOP Consumer and Commercial Card accounts created between September 1, 2019 and November 30, 2019, will receive 0.15 cents off per gallon for the first 90 days. There is no limit to the number of gallons or product type nor does the pump price have any bearing on the discount offered.

Example: Customer signs up for a FAST STOP card on November 1st, the customer will receive .15 cent off for the next 90 days.

Also attached the flyer that has the New Account Acquisition Program that includes Fuel Our Future Program.

If a cardholder would like to switch to donate to another school, please contact Melanie at 563-875-0139 or mkrapfl@threeriversfs.com. Additional questions about Fuel Our Future or the New Account Acquisition Program please contact Lauren at 563-875-0134 or lmonaghan@threeriversfs.com.

Submitted by Lauren Monaghan, Three Rivers FS Company

