

BECKMAN NEWS

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March 2019

“To know Him, to love Him, to serve Him”

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1 – Snow Make-up Date
March 2 – 4 – Beckman TEC
March 4 – No School – Service Day
March 6 – Ash Wednesday
March 15 – JH Dance 7-9
March 11 & 12– Fruit pick 3:00-6:00
March 20 – Spring Musical Matinee 9:00
March 20 – Senior Citizen Play/Dinner 2:00
March 22 - 24 – Spring Musical 7:30
March 28 – 29 – Joe Beckman Presentation

UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents:

The past six weeks have definitely been challenging to say the least! I looked back and the last time we had a full 5 days of school without a cancellation, delay, or early out was the week of January 7th,

the first full week of the 2nd semester. We pray for more favorable weather in the weeks to come and hope to get back on a normal school routine soon.

As most of us are working on taxes at this time of year, I also wanted to remind you that you are eligible for an Iowa Tax Credit of up to 25% of \$1,000 for each child for tuition, materials, and extracurricular fees you incur while attending Beckman. The maximum credit is \$250 per child. Be sure to remind your tax preparer of this credit or if you file on our own, be sure to utilize this credit as you file your Iowa taxes.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thank you to all who were able to attend our conferences on February 25th and 27th. I am impressed by the turnout we received for conferences and appreciate your support of your child's education.

Snow Make Up Dates

We've had a higher than average amount of weather-related changes to the schedule this year. The Board of Education did approve our make-up plan at the February meeting, which includes having school on the following dates:

- Friday, March 1st
- Friday, March 8th (2 hour early dismissal)
- Thursday, April 18th
- Tuesday, April 23rd
- Tuesday, May 28-Friday, May 31st
- We will also add 25 minutes onto our school day starting Monday, March 11th. This will move our dismissal time to 3:30.

This plan moves the last day of the school year back to Friday, May 31st with finals May 29th to the 31st. Graduation will remain on Sunday, May 19th. This will all depend on how many more days of classes we would miss for additional inclement weather, but we are hopeful this plan has taken those extra days into account. If there are changes made to the Western Dubuque plans, we will also look to make revisions to our plan as well. I think I've reworked plans close to ten times since our first snow days in January. I know it's difficult on everyone when there is uncertainty and appreciate your patience and understanding. Please see the email sent on February 22nd for additional details.

Lent

I also hope this Lent is an opportunity for you and your family to grow spiritually. Please try to take advantage of things offered at your parish during this time such as the 40 Hours Devotion in the Spires of Faith Cluster or area parish missions. Archbishop Jackels will be leading the 40 Hours sessions at the Basilica while Mr. Digmann is leading a parish mission in Manchester. Check your local bulletin for things that are taking place at your church or try to attend daily Mass more often. We do have mass Tuesday mornings at 7:20 and on the first Friday of the month at 7:20. I will also be leading rosary in the chapel on Wednesday mornings during lent at 7:40. Everyone is welcome. It would be great to see an increase in student attendance at our daily mass or rosary times.

ISASP Tests

During the month of March into early April, students in grades 7-11 will be taking the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP.) This is the new assessment replacing the Iowa Assessments

that all public schools and schools in the Archdiocese of Dubuque will be administering this spring. Because we have additional time to take these tests, we will be having Testing Tuesdays on March 12th, 19th, 26, and April 2nd. Students will take one test per day, and we will adjust schedules to accommodate for testing. We will test from 10 to 11:15 on March 12th and 19th, during 3rd period on March 26th for 8th and 10th graders for the science test, and from 8:15 to 10:15 on Tuesday, April 2nd for the writing test. Parents, we would ask that you try to avoid scheduling appointments on these dates to assist us in giving these tests more efficiently. We also encourage students to get a good night of sleep the evening prior to the test and to be sure to eat breakfast on the days of these assessments.

In-Service - TEC

On Monday, March 4th, Beckman Catholic does not have school as we are hosting a TEC Retreat that weekend which concludes at 4:00 Monday afternoon. We will be having a school service day in the morning with staff members working at area Catholic elementary schools and community organizations that morning.

Baccalaureate This Year

Baccalaureate will be held on Wednesday evening, May 8th. There will be more information coming at a later date.

Tuition Levels for 2019-2020

The Board of Education set the 2019-2020 tuition levels at the February meeting as part of approving the 2019-2020 school budget. **Included is a \$175 increase in tuition and this amount does include the \$200 charge for technology 1:1; once again each student will have a computer in their hands.** It is included in tuition costs for STO recipients. The chart below lists tuition levels for next year:

	High School	Junior High
First Child	\$4,465	\$3,035
Second Child	\$4,270	\$3,035
Third Child	\$3,630	\$2,950
Fourth Child	\$0	\$0

These amounts include all course fees with the exception of college credit fees. The NICC course fee is \$150 per course and the St. Louis University courses will be \$195. There is also an \$85 graduation fee.

STO Important Notice

Applications are available on our website (www.beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us) or visit **online.factsmgt.com/aid**. **The application ends April 15th. For questions regarding the application process, you can chat online with a representative or contact FACTS by phone at 866-441-4637.**

I cannot stress enough **how important** it is that Beckman families take advantage of the tuition assistance offered through this program. The pool of money that has been restricted to Beckman will go to families in other schools if we do not demonstrate need at least equal to our funds. Forms are

available on line or at the office. **The deadline for application is April 15th. Anyone needing local assistance must apply to STO first.** Please see the school website's STO page or refer to prior emails for additional STO information.

Foreign Exchange Students

In the past, we have had families that generously opened their homes to Foreign Exchange Students from various spots in the world. As a teenager, we hosted three exchange students and it was a beneficial experience for me and my family. If you are interested in hosting a student but are not sure on how it works, don't hesitate to confer with some who have experienced the host family dynamics. We have a student from Germany that is interested in attending next year in particular and is looking for a host family. If you need more information, please contact us. We do offer a tuition discount to families willing to host an exchange student for their own children.

Vaping/E-cigarettes

As you have heard in the news, vaping continues to be a growing health issue with teenagers. The Board of Education reviewed our current vaping policies and increased penalties at the February meeting for offenses that occur on school property. We are also working on providing some additional educational opportunities for students and families in the months to come in conjunction with area law enforcement.

Music in our Schools Month

March is Music in Our Schools Month, so I would like to take this time to thank Ms. Staci Speer and Mrs. Krystal Smith for all they do to provide our students with access to quality music education. To celebrate Music in Our Schools Month, everyone is invited to the band and choir concert on Thursday, March 7th at 6:30 PM.

Our Spring Musical, "Once Upon a Mattress," under the direction of Mr. Michael Peitz will have performances on March 22nd, 23rd and 24th. The students have put in a great deal of time and effort to put on a great show and I encourage you to attend.

I also want to thank our Music Parents Association for all of the time and efforts they put in to support our music programs. Their work allows access to additional resources that would not otherwise be possible for students involved in our music programs. If you are interested in learning more about the MPA and what they do, please contact me for additional information.

Save the Date

The date has been set for the 2019 Gala. It will be held on Saturday, October 26.

Submitted by Marcel Kielkucki rincipal

CURRICULUM NEWS

Honors Placement

We are in the process of registering students for 2019-20 classes. Part of this process includes placement in honors classes. We look at three components when students are placed: student desire to be in honors, teacher recommendation of student placement in honors, and multiple pieces of test data that confirm honors placement is appropriate for the student. Parents will receive student course

selections at parent-teacher conferences. After course registration is completed, please see or contact Ryan Devereux if you have questions regarding your child's placement.

ISASP Practice

Teachers have reviewed practice materials for the ISASP, the new statewide assessment. On Feb.6, we tested students in grades 7-11 to test our technological infrastructure. Everything went well. Additionally, we had an impromptu in-service on February 12 that allowed teachers to experiment with the test administration features and to complete the security training. We plan to do continued professional development over the ISASP in early March.

Walk-Through Data

We conducted 51 walk-throughs and tracked the data from Nov. 28 to Feb. 8. We forward the results of each walk-through to teachers to provide immediate feedback. Additionally, we periodically review aggregate walk-through data. Here are some statistics from the walk-throughs...

- 17.6% of the instructional time, teachers facilitated a whole group discussion
- 35.3 % of the instructional time, teachers lectured.
- 17.6% of the instructional time, students engaged in individual work.
- 11.8% of the instructional time, students engaged in small group work.
- Technology was used 60.8% of the time.

Submitted by Ryan Devereux, assistant principal

STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS

- Catholic Schools Week was from Jan. 29 to Feb. 2. Events included a faculty/student basketball, penny wars for cancer research, and
- Juniors sold Crushes for Valentine's Day.
- The Sadie Hawkins Dance was held on Feb. 22

Submitted by Ryan Devereux, assistant principal

If your student has grown out of any uniform polo shirts, we could use some in the office. Often our students spill on or even forget their shirts. We mostly need adult medium, large and extra-large shirts. We will put them to good use.

DUBUQUE COLLEGE FAIR

The Dubuque College Fair will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at University of Dubuque in Chlapaty Recreation and Wellness Center.

Students should preregister for the event online at www.gotocollegefairs.com. This will eliminate the need for them to fill out information requests for each college they have interest in.



ESTATE PLANNING OPPORTUNITY

On March 26th, the Dubuque County Women, Land & Legacy team will be sponsoring a workshop entitled “Digging Deeper: Cultivating Your Transition and Estate Plan”. The event will run from 9-3:30 p.m. at the Farley Memorial Hall, Farley, IA. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Farm & Agribusiness Specialist Melissa O’Rourke will be the presenter.

Topics to be included:

- Goal-Setting, Family Communication
- Language of Estate Planning – Wills & Trust
- Steps for Implementing Your Estate Plan
- Estate, Inheritance & Gift Taxes
- Working with Estate Planning Attorneys
- Power of Attorney, Directives
- Transferring Decision Making Control
- Property Ownership, Business Entities

Lunch will be served. Reservation should be made no later than March 18th by calling ISU Extension & Outreach office at 563-583-6496.

As with the last workshop, we are not selling or advertising anything, simply trying to educate.

Submitted by Joan Hinerichsen

THANK YOU

The Rural Community Food Pantry would sincerely like to thank the FFA and all of Beckman for holding a food drive for the Dyersville area pantry. It is always amazing to me, to see the generosity and heart that the Beckman students and staff have to help those less fortunate. God bless you all and know that your work to collect food has helped families in this area to not go hungry.

Submitted by the Rural Community Food Pantry

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT FRUIT SALE PICK UP DATES



I would like to thank everyone who purchased fruit from Beckman students during the month of February. We will use the following schedule.....

Tuesday, March 12th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. – IN GYM ENTRY WAY

Wednesday, March 13th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. - IN GYM ENTRY WAY

At any of these times, Beckman coaches and athletes will be in the gym to assist you in loading your fruit.

Submitted by Todd Troutman

ATTENTION PARENTS OF INCOMING 7TH AND 12TH GRADE

The Iowa Department of Public Health has made changes to the Iowa Immunization law for incoming 7th and 12th grade students. This change requires that all students entering 7th grade have both a Meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) and a Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis/whooping cough) booster before school starts this fall.

For all students entering 12th grade, the Meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) is required before school starts this fall.

There will be no grace/extension period for the implementation of this requirement. Please bring an updated immunization card to school. These immunizations should be scheduled soon since these requirements affect many students in this district.

Incoming 9th grade students are required to have a dental health screening before entering school in the fall. If your child has an appointment scheduled with a dentist within the next few months, have the dentist completed dental screening form. The form can be faxed to Beckman at 563-875-7242 or brought to school.

If you have any questions on the above requirements, feel free to contact the school nurse at Beckman.

Beckman had a great turn out for the American Red Cross Blood Drive (63 units collected). Thank you to the parents and students who donated blood.

Submitted by: Jolene Bagge BSN, RN

SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Students and parents don't forget to check out Mrs. Atwater's school counseling website for announcements, scholarship information, college representatives at Beckman, mental health resources, and more! <https://beckmancatholicschoolcounseling.weebly.com/>

Academic Awards Announced

The ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY was held on Friday, February 1, 2019, in the Beckman auditorium.

The following seniors were awarded an ACADEMIC LETTER. They earned a 3.5 cumulative grade point after seven (7) semester:. Sydney Arens, Cody Baumler, Isabelle Bennett, Ellie Bildstein, Heather Boeckenstedt, Reagan Boge, Haley Burlage, Shawn Deutmeyer, Claire English, Danielle Goedken, Owen Grover, Junzhi Rockey Gu, Tara Hansel, Grant Hoeger, Jarrett Keegan, Brianna Kennedy, Reagan Klas, Caroline Kluesner, Daniel Kluesner, Collin Knipper, Catherine Koetz, Chelsea Koopmann, Alex Loeffelholz, Jessica Lueken, Leigha Manternach, Brock Marbach, Connor Mullis, Seamus O'Connor, Maya Osterhaus, Michael Roling, Brooke Schieltz, Nicole Schilling, Nicole Schmitt, Marcus Schneider, Sophia Schuster, Emma Squires, Sydney Steffen, Avery Tauke, Shelby Westhoff, Alexis White, Kylie Willenbring

The following juniors were awarded an ACADEMIC LETTER. They earned a 3.7 cumulative grade point after five (5) semester:. Erin Bonert, Kristi Bries, Ashley Engelken, Joshua Engler, Riley Fangman, Kaitlyn Goedken, Luke Goedken, Lauren Goldsmith, Katherine Grebner, Jordan Helle, Rachael Herbers, Abby Klostermann, Sean Kluesner, Haley LeGrand, Anna McAuliffe, Paige McDermott, Elizabeth McGrane, Luke Olberding, Michael Pfab, Olivia Pirc, Griffin Reitinger, Evan Schlarmann, Adam Schmitt, Sophia Smith, Kylie Steffensmeier, Peyton Tauke, Olivia Their, Chloe Ungs, Hailey Wedewer, Adam Wessels, Cambrie Willenbring, Nicole Wolfe, Emily Wulfekuhle, Evan Wulfekuhle, Wenjing Zheng

The following sophomores were awarded an ACADEMIC LETTER. They earned a 3.85 cumulative grade point after three (3) semester:. Kennedy Arens, Kayla Bonert, Linh Chong, Emma Coohy, Kayla Funke, Megan Funke, Reyna Garcia, Owen Gaul, Jackson Gehling, Nicholas Hageman, Leah Hansel, Morgan Hermsen, Isabelle Kluesner, Makayla Koelker, Kailey Koopmann, Luke Koopmann, Laina Marbach, Nell McDermott, Madelyn Michel, Samuel Oberbroeckling, Savannah Oberbroeckling, Nicholas Offerman, Sydnie Reitzler, Kylee Rueber, Tyler Salrin, Nathan Schaefer, Maria Schilling, Keeley Schmitt, Macy Sigwarth, Andrew Soppe, Sydney Steger, Tyler Thole, Jadyn Welling, Elizabeth Wessel

The following freshmen were awarded an ACADEMIC LETTER. They earned a 4.0 or above cumulative grade point after one (1) semester:. Sheldon Corkery, Ty Fangman, Connor Grover, Annie Gulick, Evan Hoeger, Jasmyn Hoeger, Olivia Hogan, Kamryn Klas, Frances Koopmann, Sadie Koopmann, Isabell Kruse, Jami Kruse, Jadyn Ludwig, Ben Lueck, Elliot Naughton, Auden Recker, Sydney Reiter, Nicholas Schmidt, Kiersten Schmitt, Paige Ungs, Olivia Wegmann

Grades 8, 9, 10

As part of career education, students are researching careers and majors on Kuder Navigator (<https://clever.com/in/archdiocese-of-dubuque-ed-office-1cb2693>). All students have access to this tool using their Chromebook login information. Interest and values inventories are available along with skills assessments to help students determine where they fit into the world of work. Much information on over 600 occupations and information on all the two and four year schools in the country are included in the Kuder Navigator program. Students in grades 8 -11 work with the program throughout the year as part of the guidance program. Another excellent resource for career exploration is www.onetonline.org. Parents can also create their own account using the website.

Graduation 2019

Beckman policy states that students who have a 3.75 or above cumulative grade point average will wear gold cords in the graduation ceremony. Also, members of the National Honor Society will continue the tradition of wearing gold cords as honor society members. The intention is to honor both achievements with the gold cord designation during the graduation ceremony.

National Honor Society Deadline

Juniors and seniors are reminded of the March 12th deadline for completion of the National Honor Society documents. The five essays verifying character, leadership and service are due in the school counseling office by 3:00 on March 12th. The National Honor Society Induction will be April 8th at 7:00 pm.

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. Students can register online at www.actstudent.org. There are free practice tests on the ACT website, as well as free study books in the counseling office. Beckman is working on providing an ACT study workshop in the near future. More details to come! The school code for Beckman needs to be recorded on the registration form. The Beckman code is 161-375. The remaining ACT Test dates for this school year:

<u>Test Dates:</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
April 13	March 8
June 8	May 3
July 13	June 14

AP Courses

Students in AP courses have a chance to receive college credit! The AP exams will be given in May. View this link for better understating: https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-2019-students-parents-handout.pdf?SFMC_cid=EM114681-&rid=96954258

ICAN is providing free online sessions for students and parents who would like to learn more about being “college and career ready”. If you would like more information, check out ICANs website: <https://www.icansucceed.org/>. Below is a list of sessions provided:

- **Wednesday, March 13 – How to Pay for College: Understanding the Financial Aid Process**
 - o Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8733662049097308173>
- **Thursday, March 14 – Covering College Costs: Understanding & Comparing College Award Letters**
 - o Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4777714869798787595>
- **Monday, April 8 – How to Pay for College: Understanding the Financial Aid Process - 5 pm**
 - o Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7975022115676078861>
- **Wednesday, April 24 – Life After High School: A Guide to Career and College Planning - 6 pm**
 - o Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/377360483860218381>
- **Wednesday, May 8 - Freshman Transitions: Prepare for High School - 6 & 7 pm**
 - o Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1143676107883183115>
- **Tuesday, May 21 - Make the Most of Summer Break - 5:30 pm**
 - o Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8397466577623674123>

Submitted by Mackenzie Atwater school counselor

INDUSTRIAL NEWS

Students are working on individual projects in Ag Metals 2, Ag Structures 1 and 2 this semester. In addition, students are gearing up for the first annual welding competition at West Delaware High School on March 23.

Submitted by Dawn Mausser

FFA NEWS

Beckman Catholic FFA has been extremely busy during the month of February. Highlights include:

February 6th was District Review Night in Edgewood. Beckman was represented by current District Officer Shelby Westhoff, as well as 2019-20 District Officer candidates Laina Marbach and Liz Wessel who took tests, had record books evaluated, and participated in numerous interviews. When the ballot was released, Liz Wessel was balloted as a candidate for District Reporter. She will give a speech on March 9th at District Convention to see if she serves on the team. Also that evening, 10

students submitted Iowa FFA Degree applications which are the highest degree the state can bestow upon its members. Approved Iowa Degrees that will be presented on stage at State FFA Convention on April 16th in Ames were Collin Knipper, Alex Loeffelholz, Marcus Schneider, Dan Vorwald, Erin Bonert, Kristi Bries, Kaitlyn Goedken, Lauren Goldsmith, Sean Kluesner and Aaron Knipper. District Proficiency Awards were also judged that evening based on students SAE projects. The top two in each category at Districts advanced to state on February 16th. Beckman District results were as follows:

- Ag Education- Shelby Westhoff- Silver
- Ag Sales Entrepreneurship- Collin Knipper-Gold Advanced to State
- Ag Processing- Laina Marbach- Silver
- Agriscience Research-Animal- Lauren Goldsmith-Gold Advanced to State
- Agriscience Research Integrated- Avery Tauke- Gold Advanced to State
- Agriscience Research Plant- Nicole Schilling Gold Advanced to State
- Dairy Placement- Alex Loeffelholz- Bronze
- Diversified Livestock Placement- Jacob Besler- Gold Advanced to State
- Beef Placement- Tyler Thole- Gold-Alternate to State
- Environmental & Natural Resources- Sean Kluesner- Gold Advanced to State
- Swine Placement- Aaron Knipper- Gold- Advanced to State

February 14th 6 students attended the Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium in Des Moines. Students had the opportunity to interact with Senator Carrie Koelker and Dan Zumbach at the capital as well as lobby for Agricultural Education in Iowa.

February 16th, was State FFA Proficiency judging in Ankeny. All 1st and 2nd place winners will be recognized on state at the Iowa FFA Convention in April. Beckman results were as follows.

- Ag Sales Entrepreneurship- Collin Knipper- 2nd place
- Agriscience Research-Animal- Lauren Goldsmith-1st place
- Agriscience Research Integrated- Avery Tauke- 1st place
- Agriscience Research Plant- Nicole Schilling - 2nd place
- Diversified Livestock Placement- Jacob Besler- Bronze
- Environmental & Natural Resources- Sean Kluesner- 1st place
- Swine Placement- Aaron Knipper- 3rd place Gold

February 18th -23rd was National FFA week and students planned and hosted a variety of activities including ag Olympics school wide assembly, daily picture trivia, food drive and they hosted state FFA officers as well.

February 19th 6 students participated in Sub district Leadership Development Events at Starmont High School against students from 11 other chapters from Northeast Iowa with the top two in each category advancing to Districts on March 9th in Sumner. Sub district results were:

- Ag Broadcasting- 1st place Gold Advanced-Abby Klostermann
- Ag Sales- 4th place Silver- Collin Knipper
- Creed Speaking- 2nd place Gold Advanced- Isabell Kruse
- Extemporaneous Speaking- 2nd Silver Advanced- Dan Vorwald

- Job Interview- 1st Gold Advanced- Shelby Westhoff
- Public Speaking - 1st Gold Advanced- Lauren Goldsmith

As FFA students look to March, the month will also be busy with District Convention, Officer Applications due, Delaware County Ag Leaders Luncheon, Officer Elections and State Agriscience Fair as well as planning for the Annual Parent Member Banquet.

FFA Banquet formal invitations will be mailed soon. Banquet will be held on Sunday, April 7th at 12:30 in the Beckman Gym with a Pork Loin Meal to be served. Awards will be presented as well as a state convention contest showcase after the banquet featuring Agriscience Fair projects, Ag Communications and Marketing Plan. We look forward to showcasing the accomplishments of the first year Beckman Catholic FFA chapter.

In addition, the month of March will be unique in that students will have the regular monthly meeting on March 7th at 7:30 a.m. in the Ag Room and then they will have Officer Elections on March 25th at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Submitted by Dawn Mausser FFA instructor

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

Digital Photography continues its study of the basics of photography, learning about focus. Clay and sculpture students have completed their coil projects and are beginning work on slab "monsters" and slab pieces of cake. Graphic design finished their colorful landscape images learning about foreground, middle ground and background. The middle school students are learning about the principles and elements of art. They are creating works of art to showcase each element and principle. Art 2 is learning about adding value to shape to create form. The studio art students are taking old books and turning them into works of art!

Submitted by Michael Wade art teacher

SPANISH/ART NEWS

Attention former Spanish 4 students. Any Spanish 4 alumni who were part of art project now have the opportunity to obtain their painting. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Leemhuis via school email to make arrangements. aleemhuis@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us

Submitted by Al Leemhuis

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

On February 23rd, Beckman Catholic had 3 students compete at Decorah Middle School for National History Day. Gabrielle Kielkucki and William Lemke participated in Group Presentation; their topic was the French Revolution. Gabi and Will did an amazing job preparing, knew their subject material, and their visual presentation was definitely unique. Anya Westhoff entered the Individual Performance category. She did a morbidly humorous skit on the Black Death. All 3 advanced to state and will compete on April 29th. Ms. Durr was very impressed that all three students were self-starters concerning their projects and did an awesome job in their delivery.

Submitted by Anna Durr

MATH DEPARTMENT NEWS

On the week of March 14th, we will be celebrating Pi Day. The Math Club is planning a Pi themed math contest on March 14th.

Submitted by Matt Naber Beckman math and science teacher

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

Upcoming JH Events

On Friday, March 15th, the junior high student council will host a Junior High Dance from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Beckman commons. Admission is \$3 with drinks provided. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.. Students must be picked up in the Beckman parking lot at the end of the dance.

The Junior High Game Night scheduled in February is postponed due to scheduling conflicts with events outside of Beckman. There is potential that the event will be rescheduled in the late spring when other winter events have passed.

Submitted by Matt Naber, Beckman Math and Science Teacher

G.O.A.T. LENTEN RETREAT

On the afternoon of March 20, area 6th grade students will participate in the G.O.A.T. Lenten Retreat hosted at Beckman. Faculty members, Ron Broxson and Beth Derr, have planned a Lenten retreat afternoon around the popular sports theme of G.O.A.T. or the Greatest of All Time. Speakers and fun activities will help retreat participants make the connection between a conditioned athlete and the spiritual preparation it takes to be an athlete for Christ. High school students will assist as small group leaders. The morning of April 17, Mr. Broxson, Mrs. Derr, and a team of high school students will take the retreat on the road to middle school students at Seton in Farley.

Submitted by Beth Derr

SERVICE LEADERSHIP CLASS

Grade 7 and 8 students in service leadership class went to Oakcrest Manor in Dyersville on Monday, February 11.

Students visited with residents and enjoyed making connections. The students also created tray favors for residents at Oakcrest to help celebrate Presidents' Day. On Wednesday, February 27, students read stories to children at Head Start. Later in the semester, students will be visiting residents at the Ellen Kennedy Living Center.

Submitted by Beth Derr

SPEECH TEAM NEWS

Beckman Catholic large group speech team finished a strong season. One group advanced to state and performed at Waterloo East High School on Feb. 2nd. Congratulations to Haley Burlage, Johan Platel, and Abby Klostermann for their efforts!

The high school speech season continues with individual events at the WAMAC Speech Festival at DeWitt Central High School and the District meet at Maquoketa Valley, Delhi, on Saturday, Feb.

23. The following students received a 1 rating at Districts in the category of Public Address and will advance to the State meet at Waldorf College, Forest City on March 9th: Nicole Wolfe, Brianna Kennedy, and Dani Goedken. Congratulations to all speech students for their hard work and for their participation.

The Dubuque Area Junior High Speech Meet was held at Beckman on Friday, Feb. 22 with a total of 124 performances by junior high students from eight area schools, including 17 Beckman 7-8th grade performers. Congratulations to all the participants for their hard work. A big thank you to the high school students and teachers from Beckman who helped make the meet a success!

Submitted by Margaret Hogan speech coach

BAND NEWS

March is Music in Our Schools Month. This month helps music departments everywhere to celebrate the privilege that our students have by being a part of a supported and successful music department. Music is a positive aspect in our students' lives at Beckman. It encourages students to take risks, work as a team, and gain confidence.

The Junior High Band will participate in the Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association (NEIBA) Junior High Large Group Festival as a part of Music in Our Schools Month. This festival takes place at Roosevelt Middle School in Dubuque on Thursday, March 7. The Junior High Band performs at 9:15 that morning. The band will receive a rating for their performance and have an opportunity to work with the two judges. Their performance is open for the public to attend.

To celebrate Music in Our Schools Month, the Beckman Bands and Choirs will host a concert in the Main Gym at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7. The concert will end with all of our instrumental musicians from Beckman coming together as one ensemble to play *Highlights from 1812 Overture*. Our students have been working incredibly hard on this music and they are excited to perform!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 7 - NEIBA Junior High Large Group Festival @ Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School

Thursday, March 7 - Music in our Schools Month Band and Choir Concert @ 6:30pm

Saturday, March 16 - St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 22, 23, 24 - Performances of *Once Upon A Mattress*

Wednesday, March 27 - Cool School Night @ Dairy Queen

Saturday, March 30 - IHSMA Solo and Small Ensemble Festival @ Cascade

Wednesday, April 3 - Mandatory Meeting for the New York Trip @ 5:30pm

Monday, April 15 - Honor Jazz Band @ Western Dubuque HS

Wednesday, April 17 - Cool School Night @ Dairy Queen

Saturday, May 4 - IHSMA Large Group Festival (Participation TBD)

Wednesday, May 8 - Baccalaureate

Wednesday, May 15 - Junior High and High School Band Awards Concert

Sunday, May 19 - Graduation

Thursday, June 13-Tuesday, June 18 - Music Department Trip to New York City

Sunday, June 23 - Corpus Christi @ Basilica

Submitted by Staci Speer director of bands

CHOIR NEWS

Concert date/time/location change: All Beckman choirs will have their next performance on **Thursday, March 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Beckman gym**. This will be a *combined* concert with the 5-12th grade bands in celebration of Music In Our Schools Month, which is celebrated in schools throughout the month of March.

Dessert Concert

The final choral performance of the school year for all Beckman choirs (grades 7-12) will take place on Monday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Beckman auditorium. This is a highly anticipated concert of our school year and we are looking forward to it! This concert will include entertaining songs from Broadway and movie-musical productions including *Dear Evan Hansen*, *The Greatest Showman*, *Les Miserables*, *Monty Python's Spamalot*, *Newsies*, and more! This concert also includes student solo/small group performances as well as the distribution of awards of student achievements from this school year. A dessert reception will be held in the Beckman commons immediately following the concert. You won't want to miss our final public performance of the year!

Upcoming Events

March 7th: Music In Our Schools Month Concert (5-12th grade bands and 7-12th grade choirs)

March 22-24: Spring Musical *Once Upon a Mattress* (tickets now on sale --**online only!**)

Monday, May 13: Choral Dessert Concert & Awards (7pm)

June 13-18: Music Department trip to New York City.

Submitted by Krystal Smith director of vocal music

CAFETERIA NEWS

The Importance of Serving Sizes

One of the best ways you can help your child live healthy and maintain a healthy weight is to teach them what an actual serving size looks like. Knowing what a healthy serving size looks like or is one of the keys to maintaining a healthy weight throughout life. Children can use this knowledge to make healthier choices when eating at school, having snacks or even choosing from a fast food menu. Many people get confused when they hear the words "serving sizes" and portions.

USDA Food Groups – Servings

Servings are the measured amount of a food from one of the food groups. The amount is defined by the USDA. Servings for each of the food groups:

For grades 7 & 8 the following apply:

Vegetables	3/4 cup depending on vegetable
Fruit	1/2 cup or 6 fluid ounces of juice
Grains	1 ounce or 1 ounce equivalent
Dairy	1 cup for liquids or 1 ounce
Protein	1 ounce or 1 ounce equivalent

For grades 9-12 the following apply:

Vegetables	1/2 - 1 cup depending on vegetable
Fruit	1 cup or 6 fluid ounces of juice

Grains	2 ounce or 1 ounce equivalent
Dairy	1 cup for liquids or 1 ounce
Protein	2 ounce or 1 ounce equivalent

Serving Sizes

Serving Size refers to the amount shown on the food label. The amount will vary depending on how the food manufacturer defined one serving size. For example, if you compare cereals, some cereal manufacturers will define one serving size as 1/2 cup and another cereal food manufacturer will define a serving size as 1 cup. This is why it is so important to look at food labels. Food labels tell you how much calories and nutrients are in one serving. But a package could have 5 servings in it.

Portions

Portions refer to the amount you choose to put on your plate. For example, you might have a 6 ounce steak. That is equal to 6 servings from the meat group.

At Beckman, we continue to provide your child/children with required servings from each food group which meets the USDA/Healthy Kids Act.

Submitted by Scott Montgomery

MUSICAL NEWS

Come See the Classic Broadway Production, *Once Upon A Mattress*, March 22th, 23th & 24th!

Over 70 Beckman students are gathering every day after school to prepare for the timeless show *Once Upon A Mattress*. Whether the students are on the stage as actors and actresses, playing an instrument in the pit, or running things backstage and in the light booth as crew members, it is all hands on deck in the auditorium right now! Juniors Anna McAuliffe and Clay Carton are playing the roles of the overbearing queen and the silent king. The Queen is plotting to stop the marriage of their son, Dauntless, portrayed by junior Mitchell Brant. The plan seems to work until the day Princess Winnifred, brought to life by senior Haley Burlage, arrives in the kingdom.

Michael Peitz is now at the helm of the show, directing for the first time at Beckman. The rest of the creative team includes Choral Director Krystal Smith, Band Director Staci Speer, Accompanist Becky Williams, Choreographer Katelyn Soat, and Student Directors' juniors Lauren Goldsmith, Kaitlyn Goedken, and Katherine Grebner.

About the Show.....

If you thought you knew the story of "The Princess and The Pea," you may be in for a walloping surprise! Did you know, for instance, that Princess Winnifred actually swam the moat to reach Prince Dauntless the Drab? Or that it may not have been the pea at all that caused the princess a sleepless night? Carried on a wave of beguiling songs, by turns hilarious and raucous, romantic and melodic, this rollicking spin on the familiar classic of royal courtship and comeuppance provides for some side-splitting shenanigans. Chances are, you'll never look at fairy tales quite the same way again.

Show dates are Friday, March 22th and Saturday, March 23th at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 24th at 3:00 p.m. All seats are reserved; tickets will go on sale February 23 online at www.showtix4u.com or at (563)-875-7188. Ticket prices are \$10.00 per seat plus a small website fee. There will be a free senior citizen dress rehearsal on March 20th at 2:00 p.m. followed by a senior citizen dinner.

Submitted by Katherine Grebner student director

POST PROM

Due to the great success of last year's Post-Prom Party, we made plans for "**Post-Prom Party 2019**" to be held at the Jasper Center (new gym at Beckman) on Saturday, **April 27th** from **12:00 AM to 3:30 AM**. The mission of the Post-Prom Party is to provide a safe and alcohol-free environment for our kids.

To help cover the cost of the Post-Prom Party and be eligible for prizes, we are asking for **\$25.00 from each student**. Please make **checks payable to Post Prom 2018**. Mail your check to Beckman Catholic High School, 1325 9th St. SE, Dyersville, IA 52040, ATTN: Post Prom 2019 **or drop it off at the Beckman Office**. Submit your contribution by **March 15**. *Please note this is a contribution and **does not** include the cost of the ticket for your son or daughter to attend the Prom Dinner.*

A hypnotist will be performing that evening, and we will also have a variety of games. Many prizes/gifts have been donated and/or purchased for the students attending the Post-Prom Party. Drawings will be held throughout the evening giving students the opportunity to win these prizes/gifts. Refreshments and snacks will also be provided.

Students will be allowed to change clothes after the dance and prior to the Post Prom Party. Students will be expected at the Jasper Center (new Gym at Beckman) by **12:00AM or a parent will be contacted. Post-Prom is not a lock-in**. We want all the students to come and have fun, but if a student chooses to leave, the student **will not be allowed to re-enter**.

Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation. If you have any questions or would like to help out on the committee, help with set up, or help at the Post Prom Party, please contact Lori Wessels at lgwessels@yousq.net or Lynn Bildstein at mlbildstein5@yousq.net

Submitted by Lori Wessels

SCRIP NEWS

****SCRIP Totals: January-**

\$87,575- Dollars sold

\$597.00 Beckman



Irish Blessing

**May St. Patrick guard you wherever you go,
and guide you in whatever you do –
and may his loving protection be a blessing to you always.**