

BECKMAN NEWS

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November 2018

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

Upcoming Events

Nov. 1	Deceased Alumni Memorial Liturgy 10:20
Nov. 2	No School – Toy Show
Nov. 7-9	Girls State Volleyball 10:00 Cedar Rapids
Nov. 7	Fall Play Matinee
Nov. 9-11	Fall Play
Nov. 12	Open House 6:00
Nov. 16	All System School Mass – 9:30
Nov. 20	1:00 Dismissal
Nov. 21	No School – Teacher In-service
Nov. 22-23	No School - Happy Thanksgiving
Nov. 26	Human Trafficking in Iowa Presentation 6:30

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Happy November! The fall activities schedule is coming to a close and November is a month of transition as we move from outdoor to more indoor events. I want to say thank you to our

activity sponsors and coaches, as well as parents and family members who have helped with or supported volleyball, cross country, football, and marching band. Thanks for your dedication and the time you have spent with our students helping them learn and grow in these activities. November is also the month we spend time remembering those that have gone before us as we pray for the souls of loved ones. We particularly remember the deceased members of the Beckman Community in our prayers. We also give thanks with family and friends for all that we have. On behalf of all of us at Beckman Catholic, thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Red Ribbon Week

Beckman Catholic students celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 23rd through October 31st, organized by our Junior High student council. We had daily facts on drug and alcohol abuse, ate a red meal, and had a wear red day. We also hosted a speaker on October 29th from Hillcrest Family Services. She discussed the dangers of drug and alcohol use, cyber-bullying, and internet safety.

If you were at parent-teacher conferences you may have seen the table display from Jolene Bagge, our school nurse, regarding vaping. Vaping has been promoted by companies as a “safe” alternative to smoking, but vaping still has many health risks and can be just as dangerous as cigarettes for the user. For more information on the dangers of vaping, please read the following article from the Truth Initiative: <https://truthinitiative.org/news/what-is-juul>

Gala Gratitude

I want to also say thank you to everyone who played a role in the 2018 Beckman Gala. There are so many people that play a role in making this a successful event—our donors, committee members, volunteers, and attendees and many, many more. We are all grateful for your contributions to this event!

Safe Environment

The Archdiocese of Dubuque takes seriously its call to provide the safest possible environment for all of our young people. As part of that call, we provide information to parents to help them and all of us to be more informed of the issues and topics related to the abuse of children. It is our sincere hope that by partnering together we can continually provide the safest possible environment for all our young people to grow into healthy, Christ-filled adults.

We invite you to view the Catholic Mutual Group Training “Safe Haven – It’s Up to You” videos that all employees and volunteers in the Archdiocese are required to complete.

As a parent you are invited to access these videos by following these steps:

1. Go to <https://dubuque.cmgconnect.org>
2. Register for a new account
3. Select your school or parish location
4. Select Role of “Volunteer”
5. Select Participation as “Parent”
6. Start the Training, “Safe Haven Training for Parents - Dubuque”
7. Register you account

Parents who view the videos through the “Parent” section will not be required to have a background check.

Parents who wish to be a parish/school volunteer, averaging over an hour a week, are asked to participate as “Volunteer” (step 5 above) as this will automatically prompt you through the initial background check process. The series is in an hour in length and you do have to watch each of the three videos completely or the program will make you repeat them.

Iowa 529 Savings Plans

We held a 529 informational night on Tuesday, October 9th in the library. Thanks to Wes Burkle, Matt Ungs, Elliot Salter, and Steve Bockenstedt for sharing their expertise with those in attendance. 529 plans are now eligible to be used for K-12 tuition payments, and if you open and use an Iowa 529 plan, there are also potential tax benefits for your Iowa income taxes. To learn more about the benefits of a 529 plan to pay your K-12 tuition, please consult a financial planner or tax consultant. You can also learn more on Iowa 529 plans by visiting www.collegesavingsiowa.com

College Day November 9th

The Beckman Catholic staff will be celebrating our inaugural College Day on Friday, November 9th. Staff will be able to wear apparel from their alma mater and will also be sharing with students why they chose to attend that school as part of their classroom activities that day. The goal of College Day is to help our students understand more of what goes into the college search process, and to let our staff show a little college pride.

Host Family Needed for 2nd Semester

We have a student from Korea that is interested in attending Beckman Catholic for the second semester of this school year. We know he is an avid fan of baseball. If your family would be interested in hosting him and for more information, please contact Heidi Wall at ccheidi@outlook.com

Veterans' Day Celebration—November 12th

Beckman Catholic will be honoring area veterans with our annual ceremony on Monday, November 12th. Representatives from American Legion Post 136 will be present to share stories of their service with our students. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fall Play November 9-11th

Mr. Jacque and our students have been working hard to prepare for this year's fall production, Exit the Body. I've had a chance to watch some of the rehearsals and we have an extremely talented group of young men and women who will have you laughing by the end of the evening. Performances are at 7:30 each evening. Tickets will be available at the door. Please be sure to come and support our students and enjoy an evening of theater.

Annual Open House—Monday, November 12th

Our annual open house for prospective students will be on Monday, November 12th starting at 6:00 PM. This event is open to students and families interested in attending Beckman Catholic. We will have a short program, followed by guided or self-guided tours of our building with demonstrations and activities provided by a variety of staff and student groups.

Human Trafficking Presentation—Monday, November 26th

Beckman Catholic will be hosting a presentation on human trafficking and modern day slavery on Monday, November 26th at 6:30 PM in the school auditorium. This presentation will be given by Sr. Pat Conlon, RSM, and Mr. Kevin Schwendinger of the Tri-State Coalition Against Human Trafficking. Information will be shared regarding local examples of human trafficking and modern day slavery as well as warning signs to help identify potential cases of human trafficking. Students, parents, and community members are welcome to attend. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter for additional information.

Submitted Marcel Kielkucki

NOVEMBER 2018 CURRICULUM REPORT

ACT Data:

Beckman Catholic High School received its ACT Profile Report at the end of October. Here are statistics pertaining to our seniors' performance (local) compared to the state and nation over the last six years.

Year	% of seniors taking exam.	Math			Reading			Science			English			Composite		
		Local	state	nation	local	state	nation	local	state	nation	local	state	nation	local	state	nation
12-13	91%	21.7	21.6	20.9	21.7	22.5	21.1	22.1	22.2	20.7	21.6	21.5	20.2	21.9	22.1	20.9
13-14	86%	23.1	21.4	20.9	23.4	22.5	21.3	22.9	22.2	20.8	23.8	21.5	20.3	23.4	22	21
14-15	86%	23.3	21.5	20.8	22.7	22.7	21.4	22.3	22.3	20.9	23.1	21.6	20.4	23	22.2	21
15-16	90%	23.2	21.4	20.6	24.3	22.7	21.3	23.4	22.3	20.8	23.3	21.4	20.1	23.6	22.1	20.8
16-17	95%	22.7	21.3	20.7	23.3	22.6	21.4	23.1	22.1	21.0	22.7	21.2	20.3	23.0	21.9	21.0
17-18	92%	22.7	21.2	20.5	23.2	22.5	21.3	23.4	22.0	20.7	22.7	21.0	20.2	23.1	21.8	20.8

College readiness benchmark scores indicate a student's probable readiness to complete college-level work by the time the student graduates from high school. The percentages of 12th graders who met the **ACT** benchmarks are listed below:

Class	English Benchmark =18		Math Benchmark=22		Reading Benchmark =22*		Science Benchmark = 23*		Met all Four	
	Beckman	National	Beckman	National	Beckman	National	Beckman	National	Beckman	National
2013	77	64	57	44	44	44	44	26	27	26
2014	91	64	67	43	57	44	52	37	39	26
2015	88	64	73	42	54	46	48	38	34	28
2016	83	61	61	41	70	44	62	36	47	26
2017	83	61	50	41	63	47	58	37	40	27
2018	56	70	56	44	60	54	55	45	40	30

New State Assessment

Students did not take the Iowa Assessments this fall to changes in state law. The new state test, the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP), will be administered in the spring of 2019 to students across the state.

There will be differences with this test from the ones students are used to taking, with the scoring of these tests as one major change. The ISASP will be a criterion-referenced test. There will not be percentile rank scores as provided by the Iowa Assessments. Renaissance Learning provides helpful information about norm vs. criterion referenced

tests: <https://www.renaissance.com/2018/07/11/blog-criterion-referenced-tests-norm-referenced-tests/>

Financial Literacy Requirement

Beginning in 2020, the state will require all students to complete one half of a unit of financial literacy as a graduation requirement. We can address the requirement as a math, finance, or social studies class. However, we are awaiting guidance from the state on whether this applies to students graduating in the class of 2020 or incoming freshmen in 2020.

Career Cafe

Seventh graders are again participating in the Career Café as sponsored by the Dubuque County Farm Bureau. Students learn about the work characteristics and the training requirements of a given profession. For September, Ted Kruse from Physical Therapy Solutions visited. Chris Salrin from Three Rivers FS will be visiting this month.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS

Thanks to all who donated to or helped with the Can Drive. Additionally, congratulations to the seniors who won the 1st Quarter Spirit Cup!

Submitted by Ryan Devereux, assistant principal

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Who do you fight the flu for?

Getting the flu shot does not just protect you!

Rates of the flu are highest in children aged 5-9 years!

These simple steps can help keep everyone healthy this flu season:

- Get your yearly flu shot
- Wash your hands often and with soap
- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue
- Avoid touching your face
- Keep common surfaces clean
- Stay home when you're sick

Flu shots are available at your doctor's office and walk-in clinics. Participating pharmacies also offer the flu shot to individuals over the age of five.

Note for parents with children in 9th grade: Please turn in Dental Screening forms.

Submitted by Jolene Bagge BSN, RN

BECKMAN PRO-LIFE CLUB

1. Beckman Pro-Life Club is hosting a Baby Supply Drive **November 12-16**. There will be collection bins at the front doors. Please pick up some diapers, wipes, baby clothes, toys or books next time you are at the store so you can help support local families in need as they welcome new life!
2. Wednesday **November 7th** is our monthly meeting. **This is a change** from the originally scheduled November 14 date. Meet at 6:30 in the library for planning and making posters for a Baby Supply Drive (This will **count as a pro-life event requirement**.)
3. **November 1st** Pro-life Event Reflections were due. Complete Reflections on five Pro-Life events. Turn in to Ms. Durr.
4. Check the Basketball Concessions for fundraising opportunities.
 - Email Mrs. Thomason to sign up
5. **November 15** - Deadline for final payment for students & chaperones (\$400)
 - Contact ethomason@beckman if you aren't sure how much you owe.
 - All payments made online through DCRTL

Submitted by Emmy Thomason, Kim Koetz, and Anna Durr

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

October 23-31st was 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 was "Life is your journey. Travel drug free." The junior high student council helped the school show awareness by participating in Red Ribbon Week activities around school.

The **Talent Show** on Saturday, November 17th has been **cancelled** due to lack of acts.

Submitted by Matt Naber

FFA NEWS

Members of the Beckman Catholic Agricultural Education and FFA department have been extremely busy transforming their futures with a wide variety of opportunities during the month of October.

To kick off the month on October 3rd, 40 students traveled to the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. While attending the expo students interacted with industry leaders throughout the trade show, attended seminars on leadership and on-farm cheese processing as a niche market. Students also had the opportunity to watch the Jersey shows during expo week.



On Wednesday, October 3rd, Greenhand Fireup Leadership Conference was held at Wapsie Valley High School in Fairbank. Students learned from District and State FFA officers about the importance of goal setting, time management and networking. Beckman was represented by Isabell Kruse and Matthew McCarraher.

On Tuesday, October 9th, Beckman FFA was represented at the Annual Kirkwood Livestock Judging Contest in Cedar Rapids. Students competed against over 450 youth from Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Members gaining valuable skills were John Paul Grebner, Jake Hoefler, Joe Schneider, Justin McDermott- Gotto, Lucas Knipper and Dylan McDermott-Gotto.



To end the month out, 12 students represented Beckman at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana October 23rd-26th. Students competing in the National AgriScience Fair were: Avery Tauke whom received 3rd place in the Nation in Power Structure and Technology Division 5. Shelby Westhoff received 3rd Gold in Food Products and Processing Division 5 and Katherine Grebner was 8th Silver in Food Products and Processing Division 3. Jacob Besler, Lauren Goldsmith and Aaron Knipper served on the National Courtesy Corps assisting with running conventions. Meanwhile other students attending participated in the National Days of Service program to transform Indy. Students involved in that service activity were Collin Knipper, Dan Vorwald, Kaitlyn Goedken, Abby Klostermann, Sean Kluesner and Laina Marbach. Students also had the opportunity to attend the National Career and College Expo, workshops, tour Indianapolis Motor Speedway as well as the convention sessions including listening to Kyle Scheele, motivational speaker during the opening session. In addition members got to enjoy musical talents of Garth Brooks, Easton Corbin and Ned LeDoux.



Pictured above: Mrs. Kluesner, Shelby Westhoff, Katherine Grebner, Avery Tauke and Mrs. Mausser



Indianapolis Motor Speedway



Pictured above: Jacob Besler, Aaron Knipper and Lauren Goldsmith



Pictured above: Abby Kloesmann, Kaitlyn Godken, Collin Knipper, Dan Vorwald, Sean Kluesner and Laina Marbach.



Garth Brooks Concert

Beckman Alumni Tommy Lehmann and Nick Bagge recieved the American FFA Degree on Saturday October 27th in Indianapolis.



FFA Yard lines were a success as well. Winners were as follows: Alan Besler, Elaine Reuter won twice and Sage Klostermann. Thanks to all whom purchased a yard line and we look forward to more participating in the 2019 Yard line Sales next fall.

Members also held the annual fruit, meat and cheese sale during October.

The next FFA meeting will be November 1st, 2018 at 7:30 am.

In addition Degree Night for all members will be held on November 19th at 7 pm in the Beckman Auditorium. This meeting is official dress attire and we will take the 2018-19 Official Chapter picture during that time. High schoolers should wear official dress and junior high members should wear khakis and green FFA polos that night. All parents are encouraged to attend that evening.

FFA clothing store has also been reopened until November 10th. This order will be in for Christmas. <https://www.rivalsinc.com/beckman-ffa.html>

Submitted by Dawn Mausser, FFA Instructor

SCIENCE CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to Science Club seniors Avery Tauke and Shelby Westhoff along with Junior Katherine Grebner who were chosen to present their Agriscience research to a panel of judges at the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis. Avery and Shelby placed third in the nation for their categories and received a gold medal and scholarship. Katherine placed eighth in the nation with a silver medal.

Science Night

Over 60 students in grades 3-6 attended a Science Night at Beckman on Monday, October 29th. Students moved among twelve stations planned and directed by BCHS Science Club members. A few of the stations included were: straw rockets, an inflatable planetarium, float-a-boat, and reactions. The night included snacks and door prizes following activities. Thank you to all who participated and made it a great event!



BELIN-BLANK CENTER HONORS STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Beckman Catholic High School alumnae Megan Ertl, senior Shelby Westhoff, and junior Sean Kluesner were among students from Iowa and throughout the nation who were recently invited to be honored at The University of Iowa Belin-Blank Center's Recognition Ceremony.

The ceremony was held Sunday, September 30, 2018, at the Iowa Memorial Union on the University of Iowa campus.

Students were invited to be recognized by the Center for exceptional performance in the Belin-Blank Center student talent search and for being one of 18 student research presenters selected to present their work at the Iowa Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. Mason Burlage, class of 2018, was also honored at the event and was unable to attend.



GLOBAL YOUTH INSTITUTE OF THE WORLD FOOD

This past month over 300 students from the United States and other countries participated in the Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa. This is a three-day event in which students interact with Nobel and World Food Prize Laureates, as well as other students, and discuss various issues relating to poverty and hunger around the world. This year the Global Youth Institute took place

October 17th through the 20th. Beckman Catholic senior Shelby Westhoff attended the event along with science teacher Mrs. Cheryl Kluesner. As a part of this event, Shelby presented her research regarding possible improvements to the Kenyan dairy industry for a panel of experts. Shelby was invited to the World Food Prize Youth Institute following presentations of her research at Iowa State University last April. She will receive a scholarship for her work in this area.



Kristi Mensen, Beckman alumni, helped facilitate the event in her role as a Borlaug Intern.
Submitted by Cheryl Kluesner

SPIRITUAL LIFE

NCYC

There will be an informational meeting for any students grades 8-11 and their parents interested in learning more about the National Catholic Youth Conference on November 6th at 6:30 in the Auditorium.

TEC

All seniors are encouraged to sign up to attend a Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) weekend. For dates and registration, click on the link below.

[TEC Dates and Registration](#)

Submitted by Jerry McGrane

KC BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus will host a breakfast on Sunday, November 4th serving from 7 am - noon at the KC Hall in Dyersville. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, toast, sweet rolls, milk, juice & coffee. Handicapped entrance at the SE corner in alley. All are invited! All proceeds to benefit "Pennies for Heaven". There will also be a collection of goods for the food pantry.

"EXIT THE BODY"

Opens Friday November 9th – 11th

Join us the weekend of November 9th as we stage the hilarious farce "Exit the Body." Follow the adventures of two women who rent a home for a month and discover diamonds are hidden somewhere in the house. Bodies appear, disappear, and reappear as the search for the diamonds go on.

Performing are these talented students – Dani Godken, Haley Burlage, Michael Pfab, Abby Klostermann, Liz Wessel, Clay Carton, Jacob Sadler, Griffin Reittinger, Nathaniel Valant, and Brianna Kennedy. The student directors for the production are Katherine Grebner, Kaitlyn Goedken and Lauren Goldsmith.

Please join us for an enjoyable evening filled with lots of laughter. Curtain time for each show is 7:30. Tickets are only \$5.00 and are sold at the door each evening. There will be a free senior citizen show on Wednesday, November 7th at 9:00 a.m.

JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT

The Junior High Retreat will be Monday, November 19th. The Charism Team from the Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Family in Dubuque will be conducting a Water Retreat.

Submitted by Beth Derr

ART CLUB NEWS

The Art Department would like to thank the Boosters for their donation to help fund a new kiln for doing ceramics. The new kiln gets the sculpture class up and running again, allowing the students to make beautiful clay works of art. The Art 1 classes have just completed learning about perspective drawing and are creating perspective drawings of imaginary rooms. Digital Photography is learning about composition in photography. Clay and sculpture are making boxes from slabs of clay and Graphic Design has completed their logos for their fictional companies. The 7th and 8th graders are spending time working with the principles and elements of art.

Submitted by Michael Wade

CAFETERIA NEWS

Parents and caregivers have the sole responsibility to introduce healthy food choices to young children. Children learn from the meals you offer, the way you serve food, the way you shop, and the examples you set. They develop habits early that, once learned, can last a lifetime, so it's never too early to make a change. It's important to take every opportunity to promote a healthy active lifestyle.

Prepare Healthy Meals Together

Engaging children in the preparation of kid-friendly healthy dishes is so fun and so very messy, but children are more likely to eat something that they have helped to prepare. So, bring out those bowls, spoons and cups. While kids are helping, it is a good time to introduce portions, simple fractions and units of measure. When you are finished preparing, show children how to

set the table. Don't forget to dine together. Children who eat meals with their families tend to have better diets, not just because meals are planned, but because of the positive examples that are set at the table.

Pack Snacks Together

Children can also benefit from packing snacks for the day, or packing for after school events. When planning a long-term getaway, encourage them to help with bagging individual portions of fruits, chilled veggies, cheese sticks, crackers, trail mix, water, 100% juice boxes, and other good choices. These are the images they will carry with them throughout their day and active lifestyle.

Take Children Shopping

Young kids love to play grown-up. On a real excursion to the grocery store, allow the children to pick a new fruit or vegetable to try at home. Let them weigh their choice, bag it, and put it on the conveyor belt. Once home, let them help you present it to the family. Try to avoid flying through each aisle like a secret agent on a mission. Slow down and turn shopping into a learning experience.

Plan a Family Taste Test

Slice a variety of apples such as Fuji, Granny Smith, Red Delicious, and McIntosh. Set out a variety of breads such as Sourdough, Rye, Potato, Whole Wheat, Pita, and Tortilla. After each taste test, compare the various textures and characteristics while you talk about your favorites. A great time to do this without spending a great deal of money is during dinner at a buffet.

Beckman School Lunches

We will continue to serve the children the healthiest meals possible that meet the Healthy Kids Act regulations. We have cut back on the amount of salt, sugar and fats from the menu to promote healthy eating. All the snacks sold conform to the HKA standards.

Submitted by Scott Montgomery, Director Food Services

ATTENTION SENIORS AND PARENTS

Many seniors still need to turn in both senior and kindergarten/baby pictures for the yearbook. If they are not received by the deadline, which is November 30th, their yearbook space may read "No Picture Available." All attempts to put late pictures into the yearbook will be made; however, once pages are sent to be published, that is not possible. Students may submit their portraits via email to Mr. White (gwhite@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us). We will accept physical copies of pictures if you do not have a digital one to email. Remember, senior pictures are to be indoor shots only, vertical, plain background and with no props or hands touching the face. All pictures will be returned before the end of the school year. Thank you for your support!

Submitted by Greg White, Yearbook Advisor

MANUFACTURING NEWS

Great things are happening in the Beckman shop area this year thanks to the help of the students and new teaching staff. Mrs. Mausser has taken over the reins in the shop for exploratory courses for grades 7 & 8 which is combined with Ag, Ag Metals as well as Ag Structures I & II. We have busy making a variety of projects. Highlights include the new gala raffle ticket tumbler; custom feed bunks, and piano ramp for the Christmas concert. Students are currently busy working on individual shop projects as we continue to improve the shop areas.

In addition 3 teams of high school students are gearing up to participate in the EIMCO Manufacturing Day contest on November 8th. Thanks for your support of our Industrial Tech program at Beckman Catholic High School.

Submitted by Mrs. Dawn Mausser

BAND NEWS

High School Band

- The following students will be attending the Loras High School Honor Band on Friday, November 2. They will rehearse all day and perform at concert at 6:00pm in the Loras College Field House.
 - Freshmen: Annie Gulick, Gabrielle Kielkucki, Jason Koopmann, Will Lemke, Anya Westhoff
 - Sophomores: Madelyn Michel, Savannah Oberbroeckling
 - Juniors: Michael Pfab, Griffin Reittinger, Jacob Sadler, Sophia Smith
 - Seniors: Haley Burlage
- The following students will be participating in the WaMaC Honor Band on Tuesday, November 13 in Solon. The concert time for this honor band is TBA.
 - Freshmen: Devin Burlage, Annie Gulick, Gabrielle Kielkucki, Will Lemke, Sydney Reiter, Maria Sperfslage, Paige Ungs, Anya Westhoff
 - Sophomores: Savannah Oberbroeckling
 - Juniors: Elizabeth McGrane, Michael Pfab, Griffin Reittinger, Sophia Smith
 - Seniors: Josie Deutmeyer, Matt Halverson
- Several high school band students have been nominated for the NEIBA High School Honor Band in Oelwein on Saturday, December 1. Miss Speer is waiting to hear from the selection committee regarding who is accepted into that honor band.

Junior High Band

- The following students participated in the Loras Junior High Band on Friday, October 26:
 - 7th Grade: Joe Kielkucki, Savanna Lehman, Courtney Leick, Connor McCarraher, James Roberts, Sarah Roling, Vivian Schuster
 - 8th Grade: Claire Olberding, Gertrude Wall
- Congratulations to Mia Lemke, Evelyn Sadler, and Gertude Wall for being accepted into the NEIBA Junior High Honor Band in Oelwein on Saturday, December 1. At this honor band, these students also have the opportunity to audition for the All-Iowa 8th Grade Honor Band in Des Moines in May.

COMMUNITY/ALUMNI PEP BAND!!!!

Basketball pep band is just around the corner!! This year, the band will be hosting TWO Community/Alumni Pep Band dates! These Community/Alumni Pep Bands are open to anybody who wants to play!! The band will play in between the JV and Varsity games and also during halftime of the Varsity game. Community/Alumni Pep Band will be happening on Tuesday, January 8 and Friday, January 11. Please email Staci Speer at sspeer@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us if you have any questions!

Upcoming Events

Friday, November 2 - Loras High School Honor Band

Friday, Nov. 2-Sunday, Nov. 4 - Fall Toy Show

Monday, November 12 - Fall Open House @ 6:00pm

Tuesday, November 13 - WaMaC Honor Band @ Solon

Saturday, December 1 - NEIBA Junior High and High School Honor Bands @ Oelwein

Monday, December 17 - Xavier and Beckman Band Christmas Concert @ 7:00pm

Submitted by Staci Speers, Director of Bands

BECKMAN CATHOLIC CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations to the Beckman Catholic Singers on their phenomenal concert this past month. The students worked very hard to prepare for their first public performance and I am so very proud of their achievements. The Beckman community eagerly awaits their next performance!

All-State Auditions:

Auditioning for the Iowa All-State Honor Choir is a difficult and terrifying experience. Students all across Iowa learn about seven very difficult pieces of choral music and work to perfect them for auditions held in late October to fight for a chance to sing with the best high school vocalists from Iowa. Only 600 students total are selected for the Iowa All-State Honor Choir. This year Beckman was positively represented by two strong singers: Haley Burlage and Josie Deutmeyer. Unfortunately, neither of the Beckman students were accepted in to the All-State Honor Choir this year, but the Beckman students, staff, and administration are all incredibly proud of their hard work, dedication, and effort they put forth. This opportunity helped them grow immensely as musicians and is an experience they will always remember.

Fall Toy Show Reminder:

All Beckman music students (7-12th grade band and choir) and their parents are reminded that they are asked to work at the Fall Toy Show, November 2nd-4th at Beckman and the Rec Center. The finalized work schedule will be shared with you in the near future. If you are not able to work your assigned shift, please find suitable replacements. Families are also reminded to bring their pies or \$10 donations. The Music Parent Association and Beckman Music Department are truly grateful for your time and help during the Fall Toy Show! Thank you!

Upcoming Choir Events

- Friday-Sunday November 2-4th: Fall Toy Show (all music students asked to work one 3-hour shift)
- Wednesday, November 14th: Cool School Night at Dairy Queen
- Monday, November 5th: WaMaC Honor Choir, hosted at Clear Creek Amana, Concert at 7:00pm (\$5 admission)
- Sunday, December 9th: Christmas Choir Concert, Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, 7:00pm
- Wednesday, December 12th: Cool School Night at Dairy Queen

Submitted by Krystal Smith

SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATE

Remember to take a look at the school counseling website for announcements and other beneficial information (<https://beckmancatholicschoolcounseling.weebly.com/>). This website is especially valuable for seniors!

ACT

The upcoming ACT test date is December 8th and the registration deadline is November 2nd.

FAFSA

Just a reminder, FAFSA is now open! This is a free application and is a way for students to earn scholarships, grants, and loans. If you have not already filed go to

(<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>) and get started. Before filing for FASA both the student and one guardian must have a FSA ID. This can be done at (<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>).

Herff Jones

A representative from the Herff Jones met with seniors in October regarding optional graduation products (graduation announcements, extra tassels, class of 2019 clothing, etc.) available to seniors. Each senior received a brochure describing the products. The Herff Jones representative also measured seniors for graduation caps & gowns. **Note: Seniors do not have to order a tassel. One tassel is provided with the cap and gown rental. The rental of the cap and gown is handled through Beckman. Students are not responsible for ordering a cap and gown.**

Scholarships Available

Seniors and their guardians are able to access scholarships through Mrs. Atwater's counseling website under the College and Career tab. An additional way to access scholarships and grants is by using these two free websites www.fastweb.com and www.collegeNET.com.

Transferring College Credit

The following message is being sent on behalf of the Iowa Department of Education. Iowa's Regent universities and community colleges have joined to create a web portal dedicated to assisting students with the transfer process. The website is www.transferiniowa.org. The website contains resources helpful in educational planning as well as information for students to discuss with their counselor or advisor.

The number one question transfer students ask is —How will my credits transfer? Students can learn about how their community college courses transfer to each of the three state public universities by following the links on the Website. In addition to online resources, it's always a good idea for students to discuss their plans with both a community college and university counselor or advisor.

Submitted by Mackenzie Atwater, Guidance Counselor

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Endowment

Thank you to everyone who attended the Estate Planning/ End of Life program on October 3rd. Special thanks to our panelists Jeff Walters, Janice Loecke, Edna Scherbring, Fr. Ralph Davis, Roger Riesberg, Cookie Scherrman, Dave Schroeder, Craig Kramer, and Jolene Bagge for an outstanding program.

A final reminder- there is a very small amount of STO credits left. If you are interested, please respond immediately, as they will probably be gone in the next few days.

The tax/estate planning season is just around the corner. Please remember the Heritage Society in your will. If you know of a Beckman Catholic alum who has moved recently, please remind them to contact the Development office with the new address. We especially appreciate new e-mail addresses.

Submitted by Tim Pins

GALA

Thanks for a tremendous effort by everyone involved with Gala! The continuation of mobile bidding was well-received. The Fund-A-Cause for new auditorium equipment brought in over \$14,000 the night of the gala. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Fund-a-Cause please contact Mr. Kielkucki or the Development office.

A very heartfelt thanks goes out to the Steering Committee: Linda Hansel '80, Sandy Oberbroeckling, Tanya Ostwinkle '94, Larry and Kate Sadler '95, Linda Schulte, Kaylee Unga, Joan Hinerichsen '87 and Kara Sperflage '94. Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors: American Trust, Fidelity Bank and Theisen's Supply. Also thank you to our tiered sponsors: Gold Sponsors – Portzen Construction and Trappist Caskets, Green Sponsors - Taylor Construction and Managed Solutions Group, White Sponsors – Animal Health Clinic, Community Savings Bank, BARD Materials, Helle Farm Equipment, IIW, Steger Transport and Tri-Vet Associates. We want to thank every donor, attendee, bidder and volunteer for your role in making the Masquerade Ball Gala a huge success.

Cash Raffle

Congratulations to the winners:

Tom & Janette Bell	Dyersville	\$25,000
Tina Taylor '87	Dyersville	\$5,000
Jim '72 & Jan Singsank	Dyersville	\$2,500
Mike & Peg Thein	Dyersville	\$2,500
Dale Goedken	Dyersville	\$1,000
Marie Steinlage	Worthington	\$1,000
Tanya '94 & Terry Ostwinkle '91	Dyersville	\$1,000
Todd '89 & Becky '93 Steffen	Dyersville	\$1,000
Herb Recker '71	Dyersville	\$1,000

Submitted by Kristie Thier, Fundraising Coordinator

Fall Open House

The Fall Open House is scheduled for Monday, November 12th from 6-7pm. Any students in grades 5-8 interested in Beckman Catholic are invited to attend. Visitors can take a self tour or a guided tour given by student ambassadors. Cookies and punch will be served in the commons and music will be provided by the Chamber Choir and the BCHS band.

Dr. John E. Thiel Scholarship

Dr. John E. Thiel gifted a scholarship in memory of his late wife, Duanne Ott-Thiel. An announcement ceremony was held in the Beckman Catholic library on Monday, October 22. The ceremony was attended by Dr. John E. Thiel, and Duanne's family and friends. The \$2,500.00 annual scholarship will be awarded to a senior student who intends to attend an accredited college or university. The recipient will be an independent thinker who has relentlessly sought personal growth as demonstrated by his/her work ethic, interpersonal skills, technical expertise and personal development as defined by the BCHS scholarship selection committee. A strong preference will be given to a student with a history of employment. Beckman Catholic and future recipients of this scholarship are so grateful to Dr. John E. Thiel for his generous contribution, and to Duanne, for her lifelong example of hard work, perseverance and commitment to Catholic education. If you are interested in learning more on how you can leave a legacy, please contact Tim Pins, Development Director, at 563-875-7188 or tpins@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us



Pictured above (R to L) : Jared Pins, Amanda Pins, Juliana Pins, Marcel Kielkucki, Dr. John Thiel, Adalyn Pins, Jess Novotny, Dan Novotny, Avery Pins, Kevin Ruen
Submitted by Joan Hinerichsen

XAVIER SCRIP

September Scrip Sales

Dollars Sold- \$113,625.00

Beckman Catholic family tuition earnings-\$778.37

XAVIER SCHOOL CASH RAFFLE - Sept. 2018-June 2019:

If you have not purchased a ticket(s) for the **XAVIER SCHOOL CASH RAFFLE**, contact the Xavier School Office or ask a Xavier Student.

There are many, many opportunities to win!! Thank you for your support of Xavier School and **GOOD LUCK!**

RULES FOR CASH RAFFLES FUNDRAISER:

1. There will be 49 drawings throughout the year. Once you have purchased a ticket and return it to school it is valid for all future drawings for the 2018/19 school year.
2. Drawings will occur each week (\$50), the last Friday of each month (\$100), and also on these special dates: 10/26/18 (\$250), 2/1/19 (\$500), 4/26/19 (\$250).
3. If your ticket is drawn it will be put back in for future drawings for the 2018/2019 school year.
4. Winners will be notified.
5. You may continue to purchase tickets throughout the year.
6. Each week is considered an independent raffle. You are not required to purchase a ticket for each drawing. Anyone wishing to purchase more tickets may contact the Xavier School Office.
7. Tickets are \$20 apiece.

Submitted by Jenn Helle, Xavier School

