

BECKMAN NEWS

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“It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness.”

St. John Paul II

Upcoming Events

Nov. 1	Deceased Alumni Memorial Liturgy 10:20
Nov. 3	No School – Toy Show
Nov. 6	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 – 7:00
Nov. 7	All School Mass – 9:30
Nov. 8	Girls State Volleyball 10:00 Cedar Rapids
Nov. 8	Fall Play Matinee
Nov. 10-12	Fall Play
Nov 16 – 19	NCYC
Nov. 17	1:00 Dismissal
Nov. 20	Open House 6:00
Nov. 20-21	No Busing
Nov. 22	No School – Teacher In-service
Nov. 23-24	No School - Happy Thanksgiving

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents:

Happy Thanksgiving!

It is a great time of the year especially being able to celebrate Thanksgiving Day at the end of the month. We here at Beckman Catholic are thankful for the gift of working with our students and families and hope you feel the same. **A grateful heart finds it impossible to be miserable!** We will continue on our mission in educating and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ! Once again, Happy Thanksgiving!

We will host an Open House for prospective students and anyone else that would like to see some of the things going on at Beckman, on November 20 beginning at 6:00. Parents, students or anyone interested in learning more about Beckman are encouraged to attend. Please call Beckman at 875-7188 or e-mail Megan Vorwald at (mvorwald@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us) if you plan to attend. Parents and students are our most important ambassadors!

SCRIP at Xavier

A reminder that you can purchase SCRIP at Xavier that counts toward your Beckman Catholic Tuition. Last year over \$12,000 was credited towards Beckman tuition because of this. That amount keeps growing every year. Get the scrip at the local banks. These are items that you are going to purchase anyway such as gas and food, so it makes sense.

Gala Thanks

We would like to thank Tim Pins, Megan Vorwald, and their cast of thousands in making for another successful 2017 Gala. A good time and the generosity of people in their feelings towards Beckman Catholic is always inspiring!

Arch Needs Assessment

You soon will be receiving a School Messenger memo asking you to fill out an Archdiocesan Needs Assessment. This is done every 5 years. Just follow the directions when you receive them and the survey should take 10-15 minutes. Your participation is appreciated.

Important STO Reminder Please Spread This Word!

One of the greatest things to happen for the benefit of Catholic education in general and Beckman High School specifically has been the School Tuition Organization. The amount that can be awarded state wide will be increased to almost \$5.7 million dollars for next year. For this current school year, **Beckman families are receiving around \$360,000 in tuition assistance. This was the most ever.** Remember that 50% of your donation would go to Beckman Catholic School. That is a great deal of money for which we are thankful, but even that amount did not fulfill the financial need of all of our families. Fortunately, the amount that can be given to this was increased by our legislators last year. In order for that to happen, though, we need to get the

word out to anyone who has any Iowa state tax liability to contribute to the STO. Here's how it works:

The Educational Opportunities Act, signed into law by then-Governor Vilsack in 2006, allows Iowa taxpayers to receive a tax credit equal to sixty-five percent (65 percent) of the total amount of voluntary cash contributions to a School Tuition Organization (STO). (Donors may also then claim a deduction for the entire amount on their Federal tax returns). The STO will allocate those funds in tuition grants to Iowa school children who attend non-public schools. To be eligible for a grant, a student's household income cannot exceed 300 times the poverty rate, which, for a family of four, would be approximately \$61,000. An example is listed below:

STO Contribution	\$1,000
Iowa Tax <i>Credit</i>	\$ 650
Federal Tax <i>Deduction</i> (assuming 25% tax bracket)	<u>\$ 250</u>
Actual cost of contributing \$1,000 to support Catholic education	\$ 100

Anyone who makes a contribution to the Archdiocesan Student Tuition Organization will be able to designate one-half of the contribution to be used at the school of his or her choice. The other half will be used to help qualifying students in schools that did not have sufficient contributions to meet their students' needs. If you are interested in making a donation to the Archdiocesan STO, please go to the following Archdiocesan website:

http://www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us/CathSchools/PDFs/STO_2008DonorApp.pdf

While the amount the state will allow for this has increased the Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future, STO has a limited number of tax credits to issue, so it is important that you act quickly. We anticipate running out of the tax credits by mid December! Last year we did at about December 10th.

Funds collected during 2017 will be allocated for the 2018-2019 school year in the spring of 2018. As information on the application process becomes available, we will make sure that you receive it.

Reminder: Debit Tuition Payments Now Accepted

For those who enjoy the convenience of automatic payments, Beckman is now set up to receive debit payments for tuition. Please contact Niki Burchard at Beckman at nburchard@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us for information and an application form. The reason we push this is to keep our cash flow consistent throughout the school year.

October Rosary

I wanted to pass on to you how pleased we were with attendance on Wednesday and Friday mornings during October as we said a rosary during this past month before the school day started. Many students made an effort to be present and we hope many of you had the opportunity to say the rosary at home also.

Communications Director

Beckman Catholic High School, St. Francis Xavier Elementary School and the Basilica of St. Francis Xavier in Dyersville seek a full-time Communications Director. This person will plan and implement marketing strategies and evangelization tools for the schools and parish. Required: Practicing Catholic, degree in marketing or related field. Send resume and letters of recommendation to Fr. Dennis Quint [104 Third St SW Dyersville, IA 52040](mailto:d.quint@dbqarch.org) or d.quint@dbqarch.org.

Submitted by Pat Meade, Principal

NOVEMBER 2017 CURRICULUM REPORT

DRA Grant Funds New Sound System

Last May, the Dubuque Racing Association (DRA) awarded Beckman Catholic High School with a \$15,000 grant to update the sound system in its auditorium. Recently, Lifeline Audio Video Technologies completed the installation of the new sound system. The updated audio system includes two state of the art speakers with a digital signal processor and power sequencer. These components offer ease of use and improved speech intelligibility. Additionally, the new system has amplified the performance of fine arts department while providing an improved sensory experience for spectators. Since the school auditorium often serves as a Dyersville-community hub for area events, the project will benefit a variety of local organizations in addition to the Beckman family.

This ambitious project would not be possible without the generosity of the DRA. The DRA grant program has financed a variety of Beckman projects over the years. Other recent DRA grants include funding the renovation of the library last fall and the purchase of a parking lot security system two years ago. The Beckman community appreciates the support provided by the DRA.

Advanced Placement and College Credit Courses

Beckman Catholic offers advanced placement courses in American History, Calculus, Literature and Language. Beckman also offers courses through NICC including: Introduction to Religion, Macroeconomics, Psychology, and Composition. Additionally, we are researching the feasibility of partnering with NICC to offer a music appreciation course. We offer articulated courses in Welding, Animal Science, and Crop Science. Students have the potential to earn college credit while at Beckman in all of these courses.

Credit for High School Course Taken in Junior High

Junior high students will receive high school credit for high school courses taken while in junior high under the following conditions:

- The course is taken and passed at the junior high level.
- The student enrolls in the next level of work as a freshman.
- The teacher is high school certified in the given area.

When these criteria are met the student will receive high school credit and the grade will be included in the high school GPA. *Note:* The credit will not fulfill high school graduation requirements (for example, a student who takes Algebra 1 as an 8th grader must still complete three years of math while in high school).

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	<i>English Benchmark =18</i>		<i>Math Benchmark=22</i>		<i>Reading Benchmark =22*</i>		<i>Science Benchmark = 23*</i>		<i>Met all Four</i>	
	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

STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS

- Thanks to all who contributed to the student government can drive in September.
- Student government is partnering with the Booster Club to purchase padded event chairs.
- Students are preparing for Christmas decorating and Catholic Schools Week in February.

Human Growth and Development Notification

In compliance with Code of Iowa 279.50 and Archdiocesan policy 6141.11, Beckman will provide instruction in human growth and development. Beckman “will annually provide to parent/guardian information about the human growth and development curriculum used in the pupil’s grade level and the procedure for inspecting the instructional materials prior to their use in the classroom. A pupil shall not be required to take instruction in human growth and development if the pupil’s parent/guardian files in a written request that the pupil be excused from the instruction.” Parents who wish to refuse this training for their child should call Ryan Devereux at 875-7188.

The Office for Protection of Children

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Attached to this newsletter is the second of a five part series of parent NewsNotes from the Office for the Protection of Children from the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The purpose of these publications is to help all of us 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. Future NewsNotes will be distributed during the months of October, November, January, and February. Additional resources can be found at the Virtues website at <http://www.virtusonline.org>.

Submitted by Ryan Devereux, assistant principal

ANGEL TREE

As we approach the Christmas season we realize there is a financial stress added to many families. If your family, or you know of a family, in need of assistance with gifts for your children, please contact Mickey Kelchen, Rural Community Food Pantry Angel Tree Program for a request form.

All information provide will be held in strictest confidence.

Phone: [563-875-2897](tel:563-875-2897)

email: mickey.kelchen@gmail.com

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

MATH DEPARTMENT NEWS

On October 18, eight Beckman Catholic High School students competed in the annual Mount Mercy Math Competition. The students were on teams of four and competed in individual and team assessments of which included modeling, speed, and accuracy tests. One group placed 4th and another 6th in our competition level. The students included: Adam Goetz, Matthew Pfab, Rocky Ge, Wisteria, Griffin Reittinger, Elizabeth McGrane, Tyler Salrin, and Owen Gaul. This is one of three math contests the Beckman Math Club participates in throughout the year.

Submitted by Matt Naber, Beckman Math and Physics Teacher

STUDENTS FOR LIFE

1. Wednesday **November 8th** is our monthly meeting. 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.)
2. **December 1st** Reflections due. Complete Reflections on five Pro-Life events
 - In GoogleDocs: make a copy and submit. <https://sites.google.com/a/beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us/march-for-life/hom>
 - Share it with Mrs. Kluesner (mamekluesner@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us) after you have completed five events.
 - If you can't complete them all by **December 1st**, please indicate which ones you will attend.
3. Check the Basketball Concessions for fundraising opportunities.
 - Email Mrs. Thomason or Mrs. Kluesner to sign up
4. **November 15** - Deadline for final payment for students & chaperones (\$400)

- Check Fundraising spreadsheet to verify the student amount.
- Make checks payable to "Beckman Students for Life"
- Give payments to Mrs. Koetz or Mr. Broxson

Submitted by Mary Kluesner, Kim Koetz, and Ron Broxson

SPANISH NEWS

On Monday, October 16, 62 Spanish 4/Art 4 students traveled to the Pilsen section of Chicago for their annual field trip. The students were accompanied by their teachers Kim Koetz, Al Leemhuis, and Michael Wade.

The group left Dyersville at 7:00 a.m. and traveled to Canton Regio restaurant for lunch. From there they walked along 18th street, visited a Mexican bakery and ended up at the National Museum of Mexican Art for a guided tour of the Dia de los Muertos exhibition. Their final stop of the day was the Art Institute of Chicago.



Submitted by Mr. Leemhuis

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 4th, 25 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 Junior Holstein and Ayrshire shows kickoff expo week.

On Wednesday October 5th 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 Megan Funke, Laina Marbach, Liz Wessel.

Then 13 students represented Beckman at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana October 24-28. Students competing in the National AgriScience Fair were: Avery Tauke whom received 1st place in the Nation in Power Structure and Technology Division 3. Mason Burlage garnered 3rd place in Plant Science Division 5. Shelby Westhoff was 4th Gold in Food Science Division 3 and Justin Wessel was 9th silver in Animal Science Division 5. The Vet Science CDE team included Beckman students Nicole Schilling and Lauren Goldsmith and they earned a Bronze. Meanwhile other students attending participated in the National Days of Service program to transform Indy. Students involved in that service activity were Zach Hoeger, Evan Gaul, Aaron Knipper, Jacob Besler, Becca Dunkel, Erin Bonert and Kristi Bries. Students also had the opportunity to attend the National Career and College Expo, workshops, tour Connors Prairie as well as the convention sessions including listening to Laila Ali, motivational speaker during the opening session.

Members also held the annual Fruit, Meat and Cheese sale during October.

Members also welcome Joe Ertl of Scale Models to present a fundraising opportunity of Farmall H pedal tractors that would make perfect Christmas gifts. Mrs. Mausser will have order forms available at conferences.

The next FFA meeting will be November 14, 2017 at Delhi at 7 pm with Degree Ceremony night. This meeting is official dress attire and we will take the 2017-18 Official Chapter picture during that time.

Submitted by Dawn Mausser, FFA Instructor

NATIONAL FFA AGRISCIENCE

Beckman Catholic, Maquoketa Valley FFA, and the state of Iowa were well represented at the National FFA Agriscience competition held in Indianapolis, Indiana October 24th-October 28th. Beckman seniors Mason Burlage and Justin Wessel, and juniors Avery Tauke and Shelby Westhoff were chosen to present their research to a panel of judges. State champions submitted their research paper for selection to the national fair. Projects from across the United States were chosen to compete in each category. Justin represented Iowa in the category of animal science, Shelby worked in the area of food processing, Mason competed in the plant sciences, and Avery presented research in Power Structural and Technical Systems. Avery was named National Champion in his category receiving a ribbon, medal, plaque and scholarship, Mason placed third in the nation and received a gold medal, ribbon, and scholarship. Shelby placed fourth in the nation with a gold medal. Justin placed 9th in the nation with his selection to the top animal research category. Students were accompanied by Mrs. Dawn Mausser, FFA advisor and Cheryl Kluesner, Beckman Catholic High School science teacher.



BELIN-BLANK CENTER HONORS STUDENTS AND TEACHERS



Pictured above: Justin Wessel, Mason Burlage, Marcus Schneider, Megan Ertl, Shelby Westhoff and Nicole Schilling

Beckman Catholic High School seniors Mason Burlage, Megan Ertl, Justin Wessel, along with juniors Nicole Schilling, Marcus Schneider, and Shelby Westhoff 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. Beckman science teacher Cheryl Kluesner and FFA Agricultural Advisor Dawn Mausser were also honored at the event.

The ceremony was held Sunday, October 8, 2017, 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 15 student research presenters selected to present their work at the Iowa Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. Mason Burlage and Megan Ertl were two of five finalists chosen to represent Iowa at the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium in San Diego. Marcus Schneider was named a national alternate.

Submitted by Cheryl Kluesner

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Kairos

Junior Parents: Mark your calendars for April 5-8. This will be the weekend of our Kairos retreat for Juniors. This retreat is not required, but highly recommended (just ask any of the seniors or recent grads that have made one in the past). Kairos is led by Beckman seniors assisted by Beckman staff. It will be held at American Martyrs Retreat House in Cedar Falls. Cost is \$200. Registrations will begin in January.

TEC

TEC is a weekend retreat for seniors. It is designed to help teens transition from an adolescent faith to an owned, adult faith. For many, it is a life changing experience. For students that did not attend Kairos last year, TEC is another great option. For students that did go to Kairos, TEC is a great follow-up. While Kairos draws participants into a stronger relationship with God and each other as classmates, TEC directs participants to a stronger sense relating to Jesus through the larger Church.

Here are dates for TEC:

Wahlert--November 11-13

Marquette—January 27-29

Beckman—March 3-5

Calmar—April 7-9

To Register:

<https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/adolescent-faith-formation/programs-services/tec-teens-encounter-christ/>

Submitted by Jerry McGrane

KC – CDA BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters of America will host a breakfast on Sunday, November 7th 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! Proceeds to benefit “Pennies for Heaven”

JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT

The Junior High Retreat was held in the Beckman gym Thursday morning, October 26th.

Eighteen members of the junior class served as small group leaders.

The theme of the retreat was "We Are One Body". Mr. Broxson served as both the M.C. and the adult presenter addressing the theme.

A variety of group activities furthered promoted the theme of the retreat.

Submitted by Beth Derr

“THE CURIOUS SAVAGE”

“The Curious Savage” – A classic comedy written by John Patrick. Join us this November for a story that will keep you laughing from the time the curtain opens through to the last line.

Set in a psychiatric home in the 1950s, this hilarious play teaches a lesson about the importance of looking beyond worldly status to find a person's true character. Beckman's extremely talented cast includes Ashley Hermsen, Josephine Smith, Ethan Westhoff, Luke Oberbroeckling, Hailey Hirsch, Abby Klostermann, Jadon Corkery, Clay Carton, Jamison McKeehan, Matthew Maiers, Nicole Wolfe, and many others, along with their hard-working student directors, Alexis Ehrlich and Claire Grebner and assistant student directors, Lauren Goldsmith, Katherine Grebner, and Katelyn Goedken.

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 10th, Saturday, November 11th, and Sunday, November 12th. Friday and Saturday night shows are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's show is at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are sold at the door for only \$7.00. There will be a free senior citizen show on Wednesday, November 8th at 1:00 p.m. with free-will donations accepted. The production is directed by Serica Rowley.

Submitted by Claire Grebner, student director

ART CLUB NEWS

Art Club wants to thank all who purchased the Barn Quilts donated to the Gala. Thank you for your continued support of Beckman and the Arts.

The art classes are busy creating wonderful works of art. Seniors are creating Artist inspired works. The Art 1 class has just completed gridded portrait drawings, and Art 3 developing their skills of observation by drawing objects from many different perspectives. Digital Photography is learning about motion in photography. Clay and sculpture is making lidded boxes with a theme 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 December 1st, 2017, 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. With more than 97 years of teaching experience from the staff of Mr.

Gary Noack, Mr. Charlie Hamblin and Mr. Doug Rickels. We are busy making tool panels for each of the class room/lab areas. Mr. Noack with the help from the students are putting the finishing touches on this project. (See attached photos). We are currently busy working on individual shop projects as we continue to improve the shop areas. Check out the Industrial Enterprise class project on the school web site. Thanks for your support of our Industrial Tech program at Beckman Catholic High School.



Submitted by Mr. Doug Rickels

BAND NEWS

• High School Band

- The high school band performed their first concert of the year on Thursday, October 26 along with the Junior High Choir and the Junior High Band. The high school band's Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 13. The time for the concert is yet to be determined. The 5th and 6th grade bands from Xavier, the junior high band, and the high school jazz band will also perform on this concert.
- Congratulations to seniors Ashley Hermsen and Laura Kruse for auditioning for the Iowa All-State Band on Saturday, October 21 in Independence. These girls worked incredibly hard and learned a ton through this process!
- The following students will be participating in the Loras High School Honor Band on Friday, November 3. The students will rehearse all day and the concert will be at 6:00pm in the Loras College Fieldhouse.
 - Freshmen: Savannah Oberbroeckling
 - Sophomores: Griffin Reittinger, Jacob Sadler
 - Juniors: Haley Burlage, Matt Halverson
 - Seniors: Matthew Pfab, Ashley Hermsen, Catherine Trenkamp, Laura Kruse
- The following students will be participating in the WaMaC Honor Band on Tuesday, November 14 at West Delaware High School in Manchester. The concert will be at the West Delaware High School Auditorium at 7:00pm. There will be a \$5.00 admission for the concert.
 - Freshmen: Madelyn Michel, Savannah Oberbroeckling
 - Sophomores: Michael Pfab, Griffin Reittinger, Sophia Smith
 - Juniors: Haley Burlage
 - Seniors: Ashley Hermsen, Matthew Pfab, Catherine Trenkamp, Josephine Smith, Mason Burlage, Megan Ertl, Laura Kruse, Ethan Westhoff
- Several High School Band students have been nominated for the NEIBA High School Honor Band in Oelwein on Saturday, December 2. Miss Speer is waiting to hear from the selection committee regarding who was selected for this honor band.

• Junior High Band

- The junior high band performed their first concert of the year on Thursday, October 26 along with the Junior High Choir and High School Band. The junior high band's Christmas Concert will be on Wednesday, December 13. The time for this concert is yet to be determined. The 5th and 6th grade bands from Xavier, the high school jazz band, and the high school concert band will also perform at this concert.
- The following students participated in the Loras Junior High Honor Band on Friday, October 27:
 - 7th Grade: Mia Lemke
 - 8th Grade: Anya Westhoff, Gabrielle Kielkucki, Sydney Reiter, Annie Gulick, Mariah Cherne, Brian McGrane, Elliot Naughton, Devin Burlage, Will Lemke

- Congratulations to Sydney Reiter and Will Lemke! These students have been selected to participate in the NEIBA Junior High Honor Band on Saturday, December 2 in Oelwein. At this honor band, they will also be auditioning for the All-Iowa 8th Grade Honor Band to take place in Des Moines in May. Good luck to Sydney and Will as they prepare for these auditions!
- **Community Pep Band**
 - During basketball season, we will have one formally organized community pep band. Please watch the December newsletter for information regarding this! However, community members are welcome to play with the high school pep band at each basketball game that the band is at! A schedule of all pep band events will be included in the December newsletter, too.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Friday, November 3: Loras High School Honor Band; Concert @ 6:00pm
 - Tuesday, November 14: WaMaC Honor Band @ West Delaware; Concert @ 7:00pm, \$5.00 admission
 - Saturday, December 2: NEIBA Junior High and High School Honor Bands @ Oelwein
 - Wednesday, December 13: 5-12 Band Christmas Concert; Time TBD

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 eight strong singers: Haley Burlage, Maci Helle, Matthew Maiers, Jamison McKeehan, Maya Osterhaus, Natasha Otto, Matthew Pfab, and Catherine Trenkamp. Unfortunately, none 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 4th-6th 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 pie 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 3-5th: Fall Toy Show (all music students asked to work one 3-hour shift)
- Monday, November 6th: WaMaC Honor Choir, hosted at South Tama H.S., Concert at 7:00pm (\$5 admission)
- Sunday December 3rd: Beckman Choirs will provide music at 8:30am liturgy at the Basilica
- Monday, December 4th: Chamber Choir will perform at the Knights of Columbus dinner, 7:30pm.
- Saturday, December 9th: Chamber Choir will perform at Clarke University's *For a Blessed Christmas* program at 7:30pm.
- Sunday, December 10th: Christmas Choir Concert, Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, 7:00pm
Submitted by Krystal Smith, Vocal Director

GUIDANCE UPDATE

Career Education

As part of career education students will be researching careers and majors at www.IHaveAPlanIowa which is endorsed by the Iowa Department of Education. Other excellent resources for career exploration are www.onetonline.org, www.bls.gov/ooh, www.bls.gov/careeroutlook, and www.iowacareercoach.gov.

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 about all the two and four year schools in the country are included in the IHaveaPlanIowa program. Students in grades 8 -12 will work with the program throughout the year as part of the guidance program. **Parents** can also create their own account using the website.

Herff Jones

A representative from the Herff Jones met with seniors in October regarding optional graduation products (graduation announcements, an extra tassel, 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 can use the free scholarship searches at www.fastweb.com or www.collegeNET.com. This service will match students with access to information on scholarships and grants. An additional scholarship search is available at www.ihaveaplaniowa.org.

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 adviser.

2018 Prudential Spirit of Community	http://spirit.prudential.com	11/7/2017
Prudential Spirit of Community Award	spirit.prudential.com	11/7/2017
Elks Foundation	www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm	11/27/2017
Catholic Order of Foresters Educational Award	member	11/30/2017
ISU Financial Aid Scholarship	www.financialaid.iastate.edu	12/1/2017
Fireside Catholic Publishing	750 essay/religious education	12/4/2017
US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship	www.usjcisenate.org	1/5/2018
Coalition Against Domestic Violence	essay/domestic violence impact	2/1/2018
Iowa Newspaper Foundation	www.INAnews.com	2/9/2018
Iowa Financial Know-How Challenge	www.iowastudentloan.org/seniorscholarship	2/16/2018
Iowa Financial Know-How Challenge Sr. Scholarship	www.IowaStudentLoan.org/SeniorScholarship	2/16/2018
Herbert Hoover Scholarship	www.hooverpresidentialfoundation.org	3/15/2018
American Visionary Scholarship	americancollegefoundation.org	5/1/2018
College Funding Forecaster Giveaway	www.IowaStudentLoan.org/Giveaway	5/11/2018
2017 Technicians in Residential Plumbing HVAC or Electrical Scholarship	See Mrs. Noel	
2017 Troops to Trades Training Grants	See Mrs. Noel	
2017 Skilled Labor Shortage Scholarship	See Mrs. Noel	
Women in Skilled Trades Scholarship	See Mrs. Noel	
National Housing Endowment Student Caregiving Scholarship	See Mrs. Noel	
Young Arts National Foundation Competition	www.youngarts.org/competition	

Submitted by Marilyn Noel, Guidance Counselor

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

GALA

Thanks for a tremendous effort by everyone involved with Gala! The continuation of online and mobile bidding was well-received. The Fund-A-Van brought in over \$26,000 the night of the gala. Any non-attendees still wishing to contribute to the purchase of the van, please contact Mr. Meade or the Development office.

A very heartfelt thanks to the Steering Committee: Sue Bergfeld, Michelle Deutmeyer '83, Linda Hansel '80, Karen Kutsch '89, Sandy Oberbroeckling, Tanya Ostwinkle '94, Larry and Kate Sadler '95, Sue Shaul '92, Kate Steffensmeier '87, and Megan Vorwald. Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors: American Trust, Fidelity Bank, and Theisen's Supply. Also thank you to our tiered sponsors: Century Building Products, Community Savings Bank, Helle Farm Equipment, IIW, Managed Solutions Group, Taylor Construction, Tri-Vet & Associates, and Steger Transport. Whether you were an attendee, an auction donor, a volunteer with set-up or

tear-down or the night of the event, thank you for your role in making the ‘Kentucky Derby Gala’ a huge success.

CASH RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winners:

Ansley Knipper	Thousand Oaks, CA	\$25,000
Jim Pennekamp	Dyersville	\$5,000
Cyril Recker	New Vienna	\$2,500
Jim Singsank '72	Dyersville	\$2,500
Tom Bell	Dyersville	\$1,000
Rick Kuhlman	Guttenberg	\$1,000
Johanna Kuhlman	West Des Moines	\$1,000
Jeff Schmitt	Holy Cross	\$1,000
Lisa Goedken '77	Worthington	\$1,000

JEWELRY RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winners:

Emily Knepper '99	Flammang Jewelry
Becky Schmelzer	James Martin Jewelers
Lori Boeckenstedt '81	Doland Jewelers

BENCHWARMERS

Benchwarmer tickets sales were similar to last year, 2505 compared to 1264. This year parent ticket sales were 1,259 compared to 1,264 in 2016. Parent sales winners:

1. Kevin Hogan	69	\$500
2. Dave Boekholder '87	53	\$250
3. Dale Jaeger	51	\$100
4. Brad Koopmann '95	49	\$50
5. Bill Kluesner '83	38	\$40
6. Mike Brehm & Jeff Domeyer	30	\$22.50
8. Jim Offerman	26	\$15

OPEN HOUSE

The Beckman Catholic Open House is scheduled for Monday, November 20 from 6:00-7:00 PM. Please pass this along to prospective students and their parents.

OTHER

- If you know of a BCHS alum who has moved recently, please contact the Development Office with the new address. We especially appreciate getting current e-mail addresses.
- A limited number of STO tax credits are still available to donors. Please respond quickly to guarantee your credit.
- Please remember the Beckman Endowment in your will.

Submitted by Tim Pins, Development Director

XAVIER SCRIP

September Scrip Sales

Dollars Sold - \$108,605.00

Beckman Catholic family tuition earnings - \$802.96

XAVIER SCHOOL CASH RAFFLE - Sept. 2016-June 2017:

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 2017/18 school year.
2. Drawings will occur each week (\$50), the last Friday of each month (\$100), and also on these special dates: 10/27/17 (\$250), 2/2/18 (\$500), 4/27/18 (\$250).
3. If your ticket is drawn it will be put back in for future drawings for the 2017/2018 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

