

BECKMAN NEWS

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October 2019

“Who do you say I am?”

(Mark 8:29)

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 9 – Fall Choir Concert
- Oct. 21 – Marching Band Concert
- Oct. 23 – Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 26 – Beckman Gala
- Oct. 28 – Parent Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 12 – Deceased Alumni Memorial Liturgy 10:20

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

The first month of school is in the books, including our annual homecoming celebration. There’s a lot of planning and coordination that occurs to make the various events of the week successful. A special thanks to Mr. Devereux, our student government students, and our development office for all their work and efforts!

October is a month where we wrap up some junior high sports, move into playoff season for fall varsity sports, and enjoy our first vocal and band concerts for the year. We also have a number of other activities that occur as well as field trips. Please be sure to look at the calendar of events included in the newsletter and an eye on the daily bulletins for upcoming events and possible

schedule changes. We have a series of speakers coming this month as well that I will highlight below.

October Rosary Month

In the church year, October is a month where we place a greater emphasis on praying the rosary. It has been tradition at Beckman Catholic for groups of students to lead the rosary on Wednesday and Friday mornings during the month of October, and we will be continuing this tradition this year. Various student groups and athletic teams will be leading the praying of the rosary at 7:40 AM on Wednesdays and Fridays in the chapel. (The exception is Friday, October 4th when we have 1st Friday mass at 7:20.) All students, parents, and community members are welcome to participate.

Sportsworld Speaker—Tuesday, October 2nd

Sportsworld is an organization that sponsors professional athletes to come to schools across the United States to speak to students on topics such as encouraging positive choices, equipping students for transformation, respectful relationships, peer acceptance, and academic excellence. This presentation is being provided to our students free through the generous sponsorship of businesses and organizations. We are pleased that Mr. Tom Gilles, former professional snowboarder, will be here on October 2nd to share his message with our students. He will speak to the high school at 12:45 and to the junior high at 1:45.

Digital Empowerment Workshop—Wednesday, October 9th

We are also pleased to have Mr. Scott Frank joining us at Beckman Catholic on Wednesday, October 9th. Mr. Frank is the founder of the Digital Empowerment Project, where he focuses on helping students and parents understand the importance of making safe choices when it comes to being online. Mr. Frank will be speaking to students during the day and will also have a free parent workshop that night at 7:00 PM at the Xavier Auditorium. We encourage all parents to attend this workshop to gain a better understanding of keeping kids safe with their use of apps and other web-based tools.

Annual Beckman Gala--Saturday, October 26th

The annual Beckman gala will be at the end of October on Saturday, October 26th. This event is one of our largest fundraisers of the year, and this year's theme is Garden of Eden. Information regarding tickets was mailed in September, and reservations are due by October 18th. Cash Raffle tickets are also available and need to be returned by the night of the gala.

This year's fund-a-cause will be to purchase a new 10 passenger van to replace our green 9 passenger van. Many of you have had experiences in the van, as the school has had it since 1999. We have put many miles on the "Catholic Cruiser" and many students have a story or two about a ride in the green van. A new van will be more efficient and allow us to have a greater capacity of students due to a recent change in state law. Donations will be taken at the gala, but we will also take them in the development office if you are unable to attend.

We are also in need of volunteers the night of the gala to assist in various areas including the kitchen, serving dinner, and helping with serving drinks. If you are interested in volunteering that evening, please contact Kristie Thier, Fundraising Coordinator,

at kthier@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us A reminder that freshmen parents are expected to volunteer to help with the gala with setup, cleanup, or on the night of the gala.

We are a Community

At our homecoming liturgy, I spent some time discussing with the students our call as Christians to reach out to others. While many students enjoy events like Homecoming, for other students it can be a really tough week if they don't feel they are part of a group or are not included in events or activities. Every student matters and all of us together make Beckman Catholic what it is. I challenged everyone—me included—to exhibit kindness in our day-to-day interactions with one another, doing things like saying hi in the hallways or inviting someone sitting alone to join you. It's okay and expected that we have friends and peer groups that we're closer to than others, but we also want to make sure that we have a welcoming environment. I'd ask you to talk with your kids about this and encourage them to help us make this an even better place.

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences October 23 and 28

Our fall parent-teacher conferences will be on Wednesday, October 23rd and Monday, October 28th. Conferences will be held from 3:30 to 7:00 on Wednesday and 4:30 to 8:00 on Monday. If there is a playoff volleyball game on the 28th, we will move conferences to Tuesday the 29th. For our parents new to Beckman, conferences are held in the gymnasium. Each teacher is seated at a table spread throughout the room. You are welcome to visit with any teacher you'd like to discuss your son/daughter's progress in that class. Staff members that are also coaches will be available after practices each day. NICC instructors are not required to attend, but some of them do decide to attend. This is a great opportunity to visit with teachers and ask questions regarding progress.

Opportunities with NICC

At our September board meeting, our Board of Education approved allowing NICC to hold English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) at Beckman Catholic. These courses will take place on Friday afternoons in Room 331 from 3:15 to 5:00. Anyone in the community who would like to improve their English skills is welcome to attend. To learn more information about these courses, please contact the NICC Adult Education office at 888-642-2338 ext. 105

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

Submitted by Marcel Kielkucki, Principal

CURRICULUM NEWS

State Reports:

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

Beckman Catholic High School updated its Lau Plan for the 2019-2020 school-year. A Lau Plan is a school or district's plan for teaching English Learners (ELs). As part of Beckman's professional development plan, we did training on English Language Proficiency (ELP) standards and Sheltered Instruction to meet the needs of our changing demographics.

Tardy Data:

In an effort to preserve instructional minutes with the implementation of Blazer Time, we reduced the passing period from four to three minutes and lunch from 25 to 22 minutes. During the first mid-term of 2018, we had 46 students receive a total of 69 tardies for periods two through eight. During the first mid-term of this year, we had 44 students receive a total of 60 tardies for periods two through eight. We will continue to monitor this data to ensure that students receive adequate time to use the restroom and arrive at class.

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.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS

Beckman enjoyed a fun-filled Homecoming Week. Students enjoyed donuts, pep rallies, dances and a parade. We would like to offer a thank-you to all of our supporters that made it a successful week. We have already begun preparing for next year!

Submitted by Ryan Devereux, Assistant Principal

MATH CLUB NEWS

Tuesday, October 8 will be our next Math Club meeting. Math club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Wednesday, November 4 we will be participating in the Platteville Mathematics Meet. This is open to high school students only with a limited space (7 freshman/sophomores and 7 juniors/seniors). We will be leaving at 12:20 and returning around 7:00 PM. Teams of freshman/sophomore (level one) and juniors/seniors (level two). Max of 7 on a team. Max of 4 sophomores/seniors on a team. There will be a 30-minute Individual Event and a 30-minute Team Event. For Level One teams, the topics will be Algebra, Basic Geometry, and Pre-Algebra. For Level Two teams, the topics will be Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry.

Submitted by Matt Naber, Beckman Math and Physics Teacher

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

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

Upcoming JH Events

On **Friday, October 4th**, the junior high student council will host a Junior High Dance from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Beckman commons. Admission is \$3 with drinks provided. Doors will open at 6:30 PM. Students must be picked up in the Beckman parking lot at the end of the dance.

October 23-31st is Red Ribbon Week. This is a week of drug awareness and how drugs have impacted lives in negative ways. This year’s theme for the week is “Send a message. Stay drug

free.” The junior high student council will be helping the school show awareness by participating in Red Ribbon Week activities around school.

~ Beckman Catholic hosts a junior high speech meet every year on the **last Friday of February**. All junior high students are welcomed to sign up and participate--and the community is encouraged to support that day. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Broxson at rbroxson@beckmancatholic.org.

Submitted by Matt Naber, Beckman Math and Physics Teacher

8th Grade Career Fair

All Beckman Catholic eighth graders will attend five sessions at a career fair at Northeast Iowa Community College in Peosta, Iowa on Friday, October 18th. This event will take place in the morning and students will return to Beckman for afternoon classes. Students will eat during the C lunch period when they return. This is an opportunity to ask questions directly during presentations by professionals while exploring career pathways.

Grades 7 and 8 to UNI on October 21st

All junior high students will travel to UNI the morning of October 21, 2019 for tours of STEM departments. They will attend the 12:30 performance of *American Revolution* at the Gallagher Bluedorn Center that afternoon.

Submitted by Cheryl Kluesner

JUNIOR CLASS BREAKFAST

JUNIOR CLASS BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE Sunday, October 13th



SERVING FROM 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
IN THE BECKMAN CAFETERIA

MENU: Pancakes, eggs, sausage, hash browns, cheese sauce, cinnamon rolls, applesauce, toast, milk, juice, and coffee.

COST: Adults - \$7.00
CHILDREN AGES 5-11 - \$3.00
PRESCHOOL AND UNDER: FREE

Bake sale with a wide assortment of baked goods for sale!

All you can eat breakfast! Large parties welcome.

***Please make a note that Student Government members must work ALL DAY. Hair must be pulled back. School dress or better, no open toe shoes.**

ALL JUNIORS need to bring two baked items (packaged in about 1-2 dozen items per baked goods) to school between 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Saturday, October 12th or by 7:00 a.m. Sunday, October 13th. Please bring baked goods in disposable containers. However, if you do not like to bake or are too busy to bake, the junior class would be happy to accept cash donations. Your generosity is appreciated as the money raised will be used to pay for this year's prom and other needs of the Class of 2021.

The student worker list follows. Please note that **both parents are needed** to work along with their student. **If you are unable to work, please find a replacement.** If you do not see your name, you will be needed at Baccalaureate on May 6, 2020. Parents should dress in casual clothes for working in the kitchen. Student dress is school dress or better. Students who are working should park in the back of the school. Please wear closed toe footwear!

7:00-9:00	8:45-10:45	10:30-End
Owen Gaul	Drew Soppe	Leah Hansel
John McGrane	Luke Hirsch	Sela Burger
Morgan Hermsen	Leah Krantz	Sydney Steger
Nick Hageman	Jack Gehling	Kayla Bonert
Nathaniel Valant	Nell McDermott	Emma Coohy
Madelyn Michel	Ben Morlot	Isabell Kluesner
Rachel Friedmann	Macy Sigwarth	Conner Rahe
Savannah Oberbroeckling	Danil Wall	Eli Pottebaum
Sam Oberbroeckling	Owen Koopmann	Ben Goedken
Kailey Koopmann	Wade Trenkamp	Tyler Thole
Jake Hermsen	Cameron Krapfl	Nathan Schaefer

Jobs: Shift:	7:00-9:00 Shift:	8:45-10:45 Shift:	10:30-End
Hash browns	Tom Hageman	Doug Soppe	Russ Rahe
Hash browns	Jerry McGrane	Richard Sigwarth	Dave Bonert
Sausage	Pete Gaul		
Sausage	Patrick Valant		
Rolls/Toast	Kathy Valant	Emily Soppe	Kate Rahe
Rolls/Toast	Laurie Michel	Bonnie Sigwarth	Amy Kluesner
Eggs	Brian Hermsen	Kim Gehling	Jason Coohy
Eggs	Mick Michel	Ken Gehling	Linda Thole
Pancakes	Julie Hageman	Christie Hirsch	Jennifer Coohy
Pancakes	Deanne Hermsen	Carmen Krantz	Tammy Schaefer
Dishes in Sink	Kim Gaul	Tim Krapfl	Norm Pottebaum
Dishes in Sink		Melanie Krapfl	Lisa Pottebaum
Dishes in Sink		Steve McDermott	Don Schaefer
Dishes in Sink		Adam Huehnergath	Ron Steger
Dishwasher	Craig Koopmann	Karla Trenkamp	Rob Burger
Dishwasher	Scott Hermsen	Don Trenkamp	Angie Burger
Dishwasher	Steve Friedmann	Chad Koopmann	Jim Hansel
Concession Stand (Coffee/Water)	Becky McGrane	Michelle Koopmann	Lynn Bonert
Concession Stand (Coffee/Water)	Rosemarie Hermsen	Rachel McDermott	Karen Steger
Concession Stand (Coffee/Water)	Kara Koopmann	Jenny Huehnergath	Linda Hansel
Drink Cooler	Nick Hageman	Drew Soppe	Sydney Steger

Admission	Mike and Sandy Oberbroeckling	Jason and Heidi Wall	Jerome and Karol Goedken
Bake Sale	Owen Gaul	Macy Sigwarth	Isabell Kluesner
Bake Sale	Nathaniel Valant	Nell Mcdermott	Emmy Coohy
Bake Sale			
Clear Tables	Madelyn Michel	Wade Trenkamp	Connor Rahe
Clear Tables	Jake Hermsen	Owen Koopmann	Tyler Thole
Clear Tables	Kailey Koopmann	Danil Wall	Eli Pottebaum
Pour Coffee	Morgan Hermsen	Leah Krantz	Kayla Bonert
Pour Coffee	John McGrane	Cam Krapfl	Nathan Schaefer
Pour Coffee	Rachel Friedmann	Luke Hirsch	Sela Burger
Pour Coffee	Savannah Oberbroeckling	Jack Gehling	Leah Hansel
Clear Tables	Sam Oberbroeckling	Ben Morlot	Ben Goedken
Watch Line		Aaron Hirsch	Scott Kluesner
Watch Line		Bob Krantz	Dale Thole

*****STUDENT GOVERNMENT--If you're in student government, you're required to stay the whole entire time and help wherever needed.*****

Thank you!

Submitted by Morgan Hermsen, Commissioner of Junior Events

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

This year in the United States, 13 million students will be bullied; that's almost one of out every four students. They are often scared to go to school. That means those students lose the opportunity to learn. It is every student's right to feel safe – and be safe – in school.

Bullying can be:

Physical – hitting, pushing, shoving, fighting, tripping, yelling at someone, and making rude gestures, taking or breaking another person's things.

Emotional – name calling, making fun of someone, laughing at someone, leaving someone out on purpose, starting rumors or telling lies about someone, sending mean messages on a computer or cell phone, trying to make someone feel bad about who they are, name calling.

Where Does Bullying Happen?

Bullying can happen anywhere. It can occur in your neighborhood, while going to school, at school, and while on-line.

What is Cyberbullying?

Technology has provided children with various ways to bully others. There are over 350 online social media programs to use (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat...). Monitor your children's social media usage. Be in their business and know what social media sites your children are on. Question them about having another account. Plenty of investigations have led to the discovery that children have two accounts, one to show parents and the other for their friends.

Cyberbullying Includes:

Sending mean text messages, Posting statements online that are unkind or not true, Sending or posting pictures that are not yours to share, Making negative comments online about someone, Agreeing with someone who posts something harmful, Bullying is never okay, cool, or acceptable. **No one EVER deserves to be bullied.**

Parents of Ninth Grade Students

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

Submitted by Jolene Bagge BSN, RN

SPANISH NEWS

Senior students in art and Spanish IV, along with some juniors in Spanish III, will tour the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago, view Day of the Dead displays in the National Museum of Mexican Art, take pictures under the Bean sculpture, and tour the Art Institute of Chicago on Tuesday, October 15. Please pray for safe travels for us!

Submitted by Kim Koetz

MARCH FOR LIFE

Reminders

March for Life Meeting: Wednesday - October 2 at 6:15PM in the Beckman Library.

Life Saver Sunday: Students will be handing out lifesavers for LifeSaver weekend (October 5-6). Please check with Ms. Durr as to when you have signed up if you are unsure. Wear your March for Life shirt or a Beckman shirt!

Life Chain: Come to Beckman parking lot a little before 2:00 on Sunday, Oct. 6. Sign in and grab a sign to hold. We will be praying along Highway 136 from 2:00-3:00 standing silently for those who have no voice. Wear your red March for Life sweatshirts if you have them. We encourage families to pray with us.

Chaperone applications due Oct 4: Apply through the dctrl.org website. The sooner, the better. "Why I March" essay due October 15.

Questions or concerns contact Ms. Durr!

Submitted by Anna Durr

CHOIR NEWS

Real Men Sing Festival will take place on Saturday, October 5th at Wartburg College. This is an all-day singing event great for all male singers in grades 6-adult! All participants will work with Wartburg choral professor, Dr. Lee Nelson, guest composer, Kyle Pederson, and guest choir, Allegro from the Minnesota Boychoir. We have eleven students ready to participate in this event. An evening performance will take place in the Neumann Auditorium at Wartburg College at 5:00pm (if unable to purchase tickets, the performance will be live streamed on the Wartburg website).

University of Wisconsin-Platteville Honor Choir will take place on Tuesday, October 8th at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Fine Arts Center. This will be an all-day singing event for eighteen Beckman students who will later perform at 6:30 PM.

Our **Fall Choir Concert** will be held on Wednesday, October 9th at 5:30 PM in the Beckman auditorium. Please come show your support for the Beckman vocal department by attending our first performance of the school year! You won't want to miss it.

Iowa All-State Chorus Auditions will be held on Saturday, October 26th at Independence High School. This year Beckman has four students preparing to audition. Students include Gabi Kielkucki, Anna McAuliffe, Nathaniel Valant, and Willem Valant. We wish them the best of luck as they prepare for their auditions!

Thank You & Fall Toy Show

Thank you to those who have helped with the football game concessions stand! Your help is truly appreciated! As we approach November, work schedules are being finalized for the Fall Toy Show concessions stands. All music students and one parent are asked to work at least one three-hour shift. If you have not yet signed up, please contact Mrs. Smith, Miss Speer, or Lisa Burlage. The fall Toy Show is the largest fundraising event for the music department and we need everyone's help -- Band and Choir families of grades 7-12. Again, thank you for sacrificing your time to help support the Beckman Music Department!

Thank You, Mrs. Slade!

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mrs. Terry Slade, our guest choir teacher, who worked with our choir students while Mrs. Smith was home on maternity leave. Mrs. Slade has been an absolute joy to have at Beckman, and we are so very appreciative to have had her with us. Mrs. Slade is a beautiful beacon of light who teaches with great passion. Thank you for being with us, Mrs. Slade!

Upcoming Choir Events:

- Real Men Sing Festival at Wartburg College: Saturday, October 5th
- University of Wisconsin-Platteville Honor Choir: Tuesday, October 8th
- Beckman's Fall Choir Concert: Monday, October 9th, 5:30pm
- Iowa All-State Auditions: Saturday, October 26th
- WaMac Honor Choir Festival: Monday, November 11th
- Beckman's Christmas Choir Concert: Sunday, December 8th, 6:00pm

Submitted by Krystal Smith, Choir Director

BAND NEWS

Music Parents

Thank you to those of you who have helped with the concessions at various football games. As we approach November, work schedules are being created for the concession stands at the Fall Toy Show (November 1-3). The student and at least one parent will be needed to work during the scheduled time. This is our largest fundraiser for the music department, and we need everyone to help.

Pecan Sales

Students from the music department are selling pecans. Our pecan sale began on September 30. Students need to submit orders by Monday, October 21. Please contact a student in the music department if you wish to purchase pecans. If you do not know a music student, you can contact Miss Speer at Beckman, and she will help you get in touch with a student so that you can purchase pecans. The pecans should be ready to be delivered before Thanksgiving!

High School Band

The High School Marching Band is gearing up for their final performances of the marching band season. On October 11, the Marching Band will premiere their second halftime show of the

football season. The second show will consist of “Don’t Stop Me Now” by Queen and “Thriller” by Michael Jackson. Junior Savannah Oberbroeckling wrote the drill design for “Don’t Stop Me Now.”

The instrumental program at Beckman has three students auditioning for the Iowa All-State Band and Orchestra on Saturday, October 26 in Independence. These students include: Savannah Oberbroeckling (tenor sax), Sydney Reiter (bari sax), and Hailey Wedewer (violin). We wish these students the best as they prepare for one of the most demanding auditions of their musical careers.

Junior High Band

The Junior High Band performed alongside the High School Band in the Homecoming Parade on September 20. These students did fantastic and represented Beckman well! The Junior High Band is now preparing for their shared concert with the High School Band. This concert will take place on Monday, October 21 at 7:00 PM in the main gym.

Several students from the Junior High Band will be attending the Loras Junior High Honor Band on Friday, October 25. Their concert for this honor band will take place at 6:00 PM in the Fieldhouse at Loras College.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, October 11 - Football Game vs. Cascade
- Friday, October 18 - Football Game vs. North Cedar
- Monday, October 21 - Junior High and High School Band Concert @ 7:00pm
- Friday, October 25 - Loras Junior High Honor Band
- Saturday, October 26 - All-State Auditions @ Independence High School
- Friday, November 1 - Loras High School Honor Band
- November 1, 2, 3 - Fall Toy Show
- Tuesday, November 19 - WaMaC Honor Band @ Mount Vernon
- Saturday, December 7 - NEIBA Junior High & High School Honor Bands @ Oelwein
- Monday, December 16 - Xavier & Beckman Christmas Band Concert @ 6:30pm

Submitted by Staci Speer, Director of Bands

SAID the SPIDER to the FLY

Rehearsals are in full swing as this fantastic cast prepares for our funny, fast paced, show. Plan on joining us and trying to figure out who is the “Kingpin” and if the “Kingpin” will show up and retrieve the package at the beach house. During the wild evening, you will be able to see if people are really who they claim to be. Is the detective really a detective? Who is the missing person? Come to the show and discover the answers to the questions and more.

Our show opens the weekend of Nov. 15th, with shows on Saturday and Sunday as well. There will be a free senior citizens show on Wednesday, November 13th at 9:00 AM. Returning to the stage this season is - Clay Carton, Abby Klosterman, Michael Pfab, and Griffin Reittinger. Some new faces joining the cast include: Gabi Kielkucki, Brian McGrane, Kaitlyn Clemen, Trista Schmitt, and Evelyn Sadler. This cast is working hard on this production, and we would love to see you in the audience. *Said the Spider to the Fly* is a very family friendly show! Show times, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 PM, and a Sunday matinee at 3:00 PM.

This show is directed by: Jeff Jacque



SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

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

The PSAT on October 16th is the test date for the National Merit Scholarship competition. Only juniors can officially compete. However, sophomores who usually score exceptionally well on standardized tests may want to take the test as practice for their junior year competition. The cost will be \$16.00 per student. The money must be turned into Mrs. Atwater before test day.

HIGH SCHOOL CAREER EXPLORATION

For the Seniors: I introduced the seniors to the "Your Course to College", a very helpful resource provided by the Iowa College Aid Commission. Seniors were also presented the online version of the booklet (www.IowaCollegeAid.gov). There are many helpful links available to parents and students in this resource. Examples include: ONET (website at www.onetonline.org) and the Occupational Outlook Handbook, (website at www.bls.gov/ooh/). These nationally recognized resources prepared by the U. S. Department of Labor, give information on many occupations including the training needed, nature of the work, availability of the job, earnings and much more.

A free scholarship search called www.Fastweb.com is a resource site that is particularly helpful. Going Merry (<https://www.goingmerry.com>) is another scholarship tool I recommend checking out. Students can learn which scholarships are available to them based on the information the student provides. I will continue to publish the scholarships that are mailed to me on my counseling website. I will also email seniors with scholarship updates periodically. However, the trend is definitely going to many online applications and fewer mailings to the counseling office. Continue to encourage your student to check the counseling website for new scholarships!

Senior Interviews: All seniors are required to make an appointment to review their graduation progress and talk about their future plans. Beckman catholic career exploration tool, Kuder Navigator is a great tool to help students explore career options that link with their values and interests. Kuder also provides information and templates for resumes and cover letters. ALL students have access to this tool. Other free work personality assessments are available

at <https://www.123test.com/career-test/> or at www.ACT.org/profile. These are awesome opportunities to explore careers and begin to understand the steps to reaching future goals.

Exploring Posts are available to all high school students. The Posts are an excellent opportunity for students to gain real-world career experiences from professionals in a number of fields. Information is available at www.exploringdubuque.org.

Dubuque Area Youth Leadership Council

Congratulations to the seniors chosen by the Dubuque Area Youth Leadership Council (DAYLC). These students attended two leadership seminars and an evening awards presentation on September 25th. Congratulations to Erin Bonert, Kristi Bries, Kaitlyn Goedken, Sean Kluesner, Elizabeth McGrane, Adam Schmitt, and Sophia Smith,

Sophomore Career Day

There is an opportunity for sophomores interested in attending a career day in Peosta on Tuesday, October 22nd from 10 to 1:45. There will be 21 different occupations to choose from. Each student will choose their top 2-3 sessions to attend. The careers include: Automotive Technology, Business Specialist, Carpentry, CNC Machinist or CNC Operator, Computer Analyst, Cosmetology, Dental Assisting, Diesel Mechanic, Early Childhood, Engineering Technology, EMS, Gas Utility, Heating & Air, Health Information Technology, Industrial Maintenance, Large Animal Vet Tech, Medical Assisting, Nursing, Radiology, Respiratory, and Welding. Students will sign-up in the counseling office.

ACT Prep

Jason Derby will be providing free ACT test prep sessions again this year for Beckman Catholic students. He will be leading two, two hour sessions the beginning of November and again in the spring. More information to come!

Submitted by Mackenzie Atwater, School Counselor

YEARBOOK NEWS

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

- The yearbook staff prefers digital/electronic submissions, but we'll accept a wallet-sized print photo if need be.
- Color shots only - no sienna or other effects.
- Indoor shots only.
- Please take a vertical shot with no props and a plain background. No leaves, stairs, brick, faux wood, etcetera.
- Photo should be a formal pose from mid waist up, no full body shots. Also no hands touching the face, because of the size of the picture box.
- Students should adhere to all Beckman dress code rules no tattoos, bare shoulders, exposed cleavage, or piercings other than what's in the handbook.
- Guys need to wear a dress shirt - while a tie isn't required it does look nice.
- Due date is by **Friday, November 29th**

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

If you have any other questions, please email me at hdirks@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us or come see me in room 110. The yearbook staff reserves the right to not accept pictures that fail to meet

these specifications. If getting pictures taken is a burden, please contact Ms. Dirks and we'll have one of our amazing photographers on staff take your senior picture.

If you are interested in purchasing a 2018-2019 yearbook, we still have a limited amount available. They are 60 dollars and include images from throughout the school year. If you are interested in buying a book, they can be purchased from Ms. Dirks in room 110.

Submitted by Ms. Dirks, Yearbook Advisor

FFA NEWS

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

On Saturday September 14th the Milk Quality team competed at state in Manchester. In the area of Milk Quality, the team placed 7th overall. Team members were Lauren Goldsmith, Kaitlyn Goedken, Abby Klostermann and Sage Klostermann.

*On Saturday, September 21st members headed to the annual Clayton County Livestock Judging contest in National, Iowa. In the Freshman/Sophomore division results were as follows:

In the Junior Division (sophomores and younger):

Top 10 individuals included: 4th place Dylan McDermott- Gotto

Top 10 junior teams included:

4th place team: Dylan McDermott-Gotto, Luke Wessel, Lucas Knipper and Justin McDermott-Gotto.

8th place team: Grace Helle, Olivia Mensen, Madelyn Reiter and Lauren Cherne. Also participating were Noah Gaul, Ben Schukart, Noble Hoeger and Michael Schilling

On Wednesday, September 25th, nine students attended the Northeast District FFA Soil Evaluation contest. The crew from Beckman was a young group and were all first time soil judges and finished 8th in the District out of 200 kids from 42 chapters. Students participating included: John Paul Grebner, Joe Schneider, Jasmyn Hoeger, Tessa Tauke, Jake Hoefler, Grace Helle, Ryan Funke, Jordan Thier and Leah Thier. We are extremely proud of this crew and can't wait to see what they achieve in soil judging in the future.

Members were also selected to attend National FFA convention in October. Competing in the National FFA Agriscience contest will be Shelby Westhoff, Sean Kluesner, Laina Marbach, Grace Helle, Tessa Tauke, Jordan Thier, Lauren Cherne, Leah Thier, John Paul Grebner. In addition, the following students were selected to represent the chapter as well: Kayla Bonert, Austin Jaeger, John McAulifee and Liz Wessel. Beckman Alumni from the class of 2018 Justin Wessel will receive his American FFA Degree which will be the first under the Beckman Catholic FFA Charter.

Upcoming events for the FFA will include:

- Greenhand Fireup on October 2nd
- World Dairy Expo Trip on October 3rd
- **FRUIT SALES KICKOFF & MONTHLY FFA meeting October 3rd 7:30 AM Library**
- Kirkwood Livestock Judging October 15th
- National FFA Convention October 29-November 2.

FFA Annual Fundraiser Fruit and Meat Sales will be kicked off October 2nd at 7:30 AM and must be turned in October 25th by NOON.

Submitted by Dawn Mausser, FFA advisor

BLAZER CAFETERIA NEWS

I hope your students have enjoyed the first month of lunch choices in the BCHS cafeteria. I made a few revisions to the October lunch menu. We will continue to have a pizza option on Tuesdays and Thursdays in addition to the main entrée. We will not serve french bread pizza or pizza crunchers as a meal, since those are available as alternate options two days a week. We will still have our homemade pizza one day in the menu cycle. We have peanut butter sandwiches and deli sandwiches always available as alternate options as well.

The largest addition to the menu is the amount of fruits and vegetables being served daily. The students have at least three, if not four options available to them daily in hopes they will pick something they will eat and enjoy...PLUS the salad bar!

School Lunch System

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

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

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

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

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

Your Student's Cafeteria Account

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

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

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

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

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

FYI: The lunch balance module "\$" in PowerSchool is not being used, to access lunch information, parents must follow login procedure described above.

A la Carte Breakfast

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

I am always open to suggestions for additions to the a la carte menu for breakfast and/or lunch. If you would like to see something offered, please let me know and I will look into it.

Submitted by Emily Snyder, Director Food Services

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Benchwarmers

Benchwarmer tickets can still be purchased. If you would like to join the fun, please purchase a ticket in the Development Office. Still 15 weeks to win \$\$\$\$!

Gala

Our Garden of Eden Gala is scheduled for October 26th. Dinner tickets are available for \$55 per person. Please contact the Development Office as soon as possible if you would like to attend. We are still in need of workers to make the event successful. If you can volunteer, please contact Kristie in the Development Office or click on the link below. An open house is scheduled for 1:00-3:00 PM on Saturday prior to the Gala.

[Gala - Volunteer Sign Up](#)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1OZW5J-6cdwScS8oHIViaA8eWzzf4RMKAUeEIdFTJpRY/edit>

Cash Raffle

Tickets are available for the Cash Raffle in conjunction with the Gala. A total of **\$40,000** will be awarded, with a Grand Prize of **\$25,000**. Tickets may be purchased for \$50 each; 3 for \$125 or 5 for \$200. The winners will be announced at the BCHS Gala. You need not be present to win.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 26	Gala
Nov. 4	Open House
Nov. 12	Deceased Alumni Commemorative Liturgy

Submitted by Larry Wilson and Kristie Thier

BOOSTER CLUB

The Annual Booster Club Basketball Tournament will be held Dec. 26-27 for boys and girls teams in grade 4-7. Must be registered by Dec 1, Contact Tom Westhoff at 563-451-3195.

Always accepting new members to the Booster Club! Parents, grandparents, alumni and friends of Beckman are all welcome! Membership is \$30 and supports the Booster Club's efforts towards academics, activities, athletics and spiritual life for the students. There are also opportunities to volunteer your time towards our fundraisers. Forms can be found on the Booster Club page under the Parent's tab on the Beckman website.

Submitted by Bobby Fangman

SCRIP NEWS

Xavier Weekly Cash Raffle: Xavier is again holding weekly Cash Raffle drawings for the 19-20 school year! Cash Raffle tickets are \$20/ticket. Each raffle ticket is eligible for a weekly drawing of \$50, a monthly drawing of \$100, additional drawings in October and April of \$250, and a Catholic Schools week drawing of \$500. **Each ticket is eligible to win more than once!** After the winning ticket is drawn, it will be thrown right back in for the next drawing. If you need tickets, please contact a Xavier student or the Xavier school office at 875-7376. Thank you for supporting St. Francis Xavier School! and GOOD LUCK!

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

Happy Joes Deals: (NO expiration date)

- \$4.00 off large specialty pizza
- Buy 1 large pizza – get 1 half off
- Free pitcher of pop with med/lg pizza
- Large 1 – topping \$9.99
- By 1 lunch special – get one free
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DQ Deals: (NEW EXPIRATION DATE THIS YEAR!!! July 31, 2020)

- Buy one Cheeseburger meal, get one FREE
- Buy one Blizzard, get one FREE
- Buy one Smoothie, get one FREE
- Buy one Shake or Malt, get one FREE
- Regular Price Kids Meal - \$2.49 (ages 12 & under)

SCRIP: We are **always** looking for more Scrip volunteers to assist with this program. Please contact Xavier School at 875-7376 if you or someone you know is interested.

6 BENEFITS of PURCHASING SCRIP

1. Plan ahead to buy groceries, gas and other household expenses with gift cards from scrip.
2. Shop in-store or online with participating retailers.
3. Use gift cards to pay at checkout, just like using credit/debit card, but without the fraud risk.

4. Easy gift ideas for family and friends.
5. Scrip program earnings are much greater than credit card rewards.
6. No unnecessary spending, families spend their planned household budget at stores they already frequent.

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

SCRIP for Reicher Shoes Available: Looking for shoes for your student(s)? Reicher Shoes can help!! They take part in the SCRIP program too. If you have questions, you can call them at 875-8171.

Submitted by Jenn Helle, Xavier School

