

BECKMAN NEWS

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September 2018

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

Sept. 3 – Labor Day – No School
Sept. 7 – 7th Grade Field Trip - Fontana Park
Sept. 7 – 8th Grade Field Trip - Effigy Mounds
Sept. 17 – No Bussing
Sept. 19 - Homecoming Social 6:00
Sept. 21 – Homecoming Parade 2:00
Sept. 22 – Homecoming Dance 8-11
Sept. 30 – Junior Breakfast

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Another school year is underway! We welcome all of our students and families, especially our new families and students. This year we have a number of new students and families in our 9th grade class, as well as 5 foreign exchange students, in addition to our new 7th graders. Please be sure to say hello to these students and their families when you see them at school or school events.

A Welcoming Presence

In the months between the being announced as the new principal and my first day on the job, I continually ran into people that had a Beckman Catholic connection all over eastern Iowa. A

common theme I heard from those individuals was that Beckman Catholic has good kids and that people were very friendly and welcoming. I have seen that to be true in these first few days of school. Thank you for your warm welcome.

One of the things I emphasized with the students on the first day of school was to be welcoming to others, to say hello to those they don't know or to be a friendly face for a new student. I would encourage you to talk to your children and ask them how they have been welcoming to someone while they've been at school, and to encourage them to continue to reach out to someone new on a regular basis.

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

Homecoming

Our annual Homecoming celebration will be September 16th through the 22nd. This year's parade will be on Friday afternoon. We are also including our Beckman Hall of Fame induction this year as part of the homecoming festivities. Everyone is welcome to the induction ceremony that will be held prior to the football game on Friday.

STO and 529 Plans

We have learned that the STO is filling faster this year than it has in the past. If you are interested in donating to the STO, please be sure to get your donation in soon. For more details, please contact Tim Pins in the development office.

I also want to let everyone know that our area Catholic school administrators are working on organizing a presentation on using 529 Savings Accounts for K-12 tuition. There are a lot of questions on how 529 plans can work when it comes to tuition for K-12 education, and we want to provide you with an opportunity to learn more about these options. We hope to have this presentation sometime this month.

School Choice Symposium

I want to invite you to a School Choice event on Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00 at Xavier High School. The Iowa Alliance for Choice in Education (Iowa ACE) is bringing an engaging, informative symposium to the Cedar Rapids area. This symposium will give parents the opportunity to learn about how educational choice can expand opportunities for all children. A dynamic speaker from Indiana, a state which is home to one of the most successful and vibrant school choice programs in the country, a 2019 legislative outlook, and a presentation on how to get involved, will be the centerpieces of this important event. Please watch for an RSVP link later this month.

Student Handbook Reminders

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

online. Parents, you can access the handbook at anytime at the following link:
http://beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us/about_us/handbook

NICC Bond Issue--Tuesday, Sept. 11th

NICC is asking area voters to approve a bond issue on Tuesday, September 11th. The college provided us with some informational items that are included with the newsletter. Please take some time to review the information to assist you with deciding how you will vote.

The newsletter has a lot of good information on a variety of events, so please be sure to take a few minutes to read through it. It's my goal to continue to update you this year every few weeks in between the newsletter with other items and events. We hope through these efforts to help you stay informed of what's happening at Beckman Catholic.

Submitted by Marcel Kielkucki, Principal

CURRICULUM REPORT

Fall Driver's Education

NICC has offered to provide a fall driver's ed. class from October 15 to November 7. The class will run from 3:15 to 5:15 pm. Driving requirements may require a student to drive outside of the listed dates and hours.

Junior High Study Table

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

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

Iowa Core

Teachers have worked diligently to align our curriculum and instruction to meet the Iowa Core. The science department is entering its third year of alignment to the Next Generation Science Standards. Currently, we have aligned junior high science and freshmen physical science courses to the new standards. Biology and chemistry have begun the process of alignment to the new standards. We expect to have full implementation by 2019. Additionally, the social studies department has initiated a discussion on implementation of the newly adopted social studies standards. Please copy and paste the link below into your browser to see a guide for the Iowa Core Standards.

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

STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS

Homecoming will be held from September 16th - September 22th this year. Here is an updated, tentative lineup of events.

Homecoming Week 2018

Sun., Sept. 16:	4:00 pm -6:00 pm 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Hallway Decorating Men's Volleyball
Mon., Sept. 17:	Saddle Up 6:00 pm 7:00 pm-9:00pm	Powder Puff on the game field (grades 9-12) STOMP in the commons (grades 9-12); \$3.00
Tues., Sept. 18:	Wake Up 7:30 am 8:05 am 6:00 pm	Donuts and juice in the commons; \$.50/item Vote for King and Queen in first period Volleyball Match: Blazer Fresh, Soph, & Varsity v. Central Dewitt
Wed., Sept. 19:	Study Up vs. Ball Up TBD 11:20	Assembly (grades 9-12) Picnic on the Patio Lunch
Thurs., Sept. 20:	Dress-Up 10:20 am	Homecoming Liturgy
Fri., Sept. 21:	Pump Up 7:30 am 1:30 pm 2:00 pm 4:30 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Donuts and juice in the commons; \$.50/item Pep Rally Parade Begins Cross Country @ Cascade Coronation Varsity Football Game: Blazers vs. NE Goose Lake
Sat., Sept. 22 :	Homecoming Dance 5:00 pm 8:00-11:00	Mass-Basilica of St. Francis Xavier Dance in Beckman Commons (gr. 10-12)

Submitted by Ryan Devereux, Assistant Principal

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

Students often have difficulty adjusting to classes and assignments at the beginning of a new school year. Please have frequent discussions regarding classes and activities. Ask how things are going. Talk about organization skills and keeping track of work. Seventh and eighth-grade students received a planner. These will be used for hall passes and recording assignments. A

binder or accordion folder will also help students keep things in order. Students should regularly go through these folders and their lockers/backpacks to reorganize and keep on top of things.

Upcoming JH Events:

Seventh-graders will travel to Fontana Park near Hazleton on Friday, September 7th. Water testing, butterfly tagging, and prairie activities are planned for the day. Students will also have an opportunity to view the enclosed wildlife exhibits.

Eighth-graders will take a trip to Effigy Mounds National Monument and Pikes Peak on Friday, September 7th.

On Friday, October 5th, the junior high student council will host a Junior High Dance from 7:00-9:00 pm. Admission is \$5 with some snacks and drinks provided. Students must be picked up in the Beckman parking lot at the end of the dance.

Submitted by Cheryl Kluesner, Junior High Coordinator

SCIENCE NEWS

Science Club

The organizational meeting for the Beckman Science Club will be held in Room 213 on Monday, September 10th at 6 p.m. following the JH volleyball games and athletic practices. The Science Club is open to anyone in grades 7 through 12 interested in engineering and science-related activities, trips, and competitions. The Beckman Science Club is in charge of concessions that evening. If you are available to help from 4-6, please let Mrs. Kluesner know.

Submitted by Cheryl Kluesner

CHOIR DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

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

Upcoming Events:

UWP Honor Choir: Tuesday, October 2nd

Real Men Sing Festival: Saturday, October 6th at Wartburg College

Fall Choir Concert - Monday, October 15th, 6:30 p.m., Beckman Auditorium

All-State Auditions: Saturday, October 20th

Submitted by Krystal Smith, Choir Director

DINING NEWS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

If you had a child/children that qualified for Free and Reduced meals in last year's school program, you have until October 4, 2018 to re-submit your application. Please complete them and return to Beckman High School, attn: Food Service Director.

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

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

Cafeteria Guide

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

To access the School Dining System click on the for 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 Scott Montgomery at smontgomery@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us or 563 875-7188.

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

Students who do not have their coded lunch card: a lunch pass may be obtained before 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria each day. **If a student does not use their ID card for four out of five days, the student will be charged \$5.00 and issued a replacement card.**

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

Your Student's Cafeteria Account

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

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

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

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

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

For more information about the Beckman Cafeteria, please visit the Food and Nutrition Department on the Beckman High School Website.

Submitted by Scott Montgomery, Director of Food Service

HEALTH NEWS

Welcome back for our 2018-19 school year!! This was the second year for the new immunization requirement for 7th and 12th grade students. I want to thank all parents for returning the required updated immunization certificates. All forms are in and ready for the auditors. If you will have a student in the 7th or 12th grade for the 2019-2020 school year, you may want to start thinking about scheduling your child an appointment for their immunizations in the spring or summer before the back- to -school rush in the fall.

A reminder that ALL students entering Grade 9 are required to have a dental screening. Any visit to the dentist after January 1, 2018 will be accepted. Please turn in the dental screening form to the health office.

Thank you for the boxes of tissues and containers of sanitizing wipes

Submitted by: Jolene Bagge BSN, RN

FFA NEWS

Beckman students have opportunity to participate in the FFA program. Students must enroll in at least one semester of Ag education each year to be able to participate in FFA. If a student is interested in participating in FFA and doesn't have a class first semester they need to contact Mrs. Mausser **prior to September 7th** in room 402 or dmausser@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us.

*FFA meetings will be held at 7:30 am on the first Thursday of each month in the Shop Room 402 at Beckman. Any interested student in grades 7-12 is welcome. The first meeting will be held September 6th at 7:30 am. Membership forms, field trip signup, nationals, jacket fittings and more will be discussed.

FFA clothing is in the works as well. Stay tuned with your student from more details.

FFA Jacket orders for members in grades 9-12 will be due with payment by September 10th at Noon. Jackets are \$75 with scarf or tie and \$65 for just the jacket if students already have ties and scarves. Mrs. Mausser will have sample jackets to try on to get fitted with the correct size.

FFA Membership Dues are \$25 for students in grades 7 through 12 that wish to be members. This fee will cover local, district, state and national dues as well as the FFA New Horizons magazine.

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

* Avery Tauke, Shelby Westhoff and Katherine Grebner were selected as NATIONAL finalists and will compete in October in Indianapolis, Indiana at the National FFA AgriScience Fair.
*Many students also represented Beckman Catholic at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines.

As September rolls around many students will travel to the Tri-State Ag Expo, Livestock Judging and Soil Judging. Members will also travel to the World Dairy Expo on October 3rd. The members will have the opportunity to apply to represent and attend the National FFA Convention in October as well.

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

Submitted by Dawn Mausser, FFA Instructor



JUNIOR CLASS BREAKFAST

JUNIOR CLASS BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE Sunday, September 30th



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.

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***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 good) to school between 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Saturday, September 29th or by 7:00 a.m. Sunday, September 30th. 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 2020.

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 8, 2019. 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 school. Please wear closed toe footwear!

7:00-9:00	8:45-10:45	10:30-End
Riley Fangman	Mitchell Brant	Jordan Helle
Mary Gallagher	Kristi Bries	Austin Jaeger
Lauren Goldsmith	Evan Wulfkuhle	Kylie Steffensmeier
Michael Keegan	Ashley Engelken	Peyton Simon
Paige McDermott	Evan Schlarmann	Colleen Wente
Rachael Herbers	Kaitlyn Goedken	Chandler Hoeger
Griffin Reittinger	Chloe Unga	Abby Klostermann
Adam Schmitt	Peyton Tauke	Olivia Thier
Sophia Smith	Luke Goedken	Anna McAuliffe
Adam Wessels	Katherine Grebner	Haley LeGrand
	Jacob Morrow	Bennett English

Thank you!

Submitted by Rachael Herbers, Commissioner of Junior Events

FALL PLAY NEWS

Miss Serica Rowley has resigned her position as Theater Director to further pursue her career. Because of this, Mr. Jeff Jacque will assume the role as Fall Play Director for this season. Mr. Jacque and his production staff will be having auditions very soon and moving forward with all phases of the production. The Fall Play is scheduled to open the weekend of November 9th.

Submitted by Jeff Jacque, Fall Play Director

BAND NEWS

The Marching Blazers

The high school band is off to a fantastic marching band season! This year's show has a Disney theme and consists of the songs "Mickey Mouse March", "How Far I'll Go", "You'll Be In My Heart", and "The Bare Necessities". Please join us for performances at all home football games and at the IHSMA State Marching Band Festival. The band is being led by senior drum majorette, Haley Burlage, and senior colorguard captain, Josie Deutmeyer. The colorguard is coached by Serica Rowley.

Junior High Band

The junior high band will have their debut performance of the school year on Friday, September 21 in the Homecoming Parade along with the high school band. The junior high band is also preparing for their fall concert on Tuesday, October 23.

Parent/Guardian Help

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

Stadium Clean-up after Varsity Games

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

September/October Band Events

Friday, September 21 - Homecoming Parade

Friday, September 21 - Home Football Game vs. Northeast (Homecoming)

Friday, September 28 - Home Football Game vs. Bellevue

Saturday, October 6 - IHSMA State Marching Band Festival @ Dubuque Senior

Friday, October 19 - Home Football Game vs. West Branch

Saturday, October 20 - All-State Band, Choir, and Orchestra Auditions @ Independence

Tuesday, October 23 - JH and HS Fall Band Concert @ 7:00pm in the Gym

Submitted by Staci Speer, Band Director

MARCH FOR LIFE

If you missed the informational meeting Wednesday, Aug 29, there is still time to sign up for the March for Life in Washington DC. The buses leave from Beckman after 4 p.m. Mass Wednesday night, January 16, 2019 and return on Sunday, January 20th. Forms are available online at <https://sites.google.com/site/dcrtlm4l/home> under Student Application. All the applications are being handled through Dubuque County Right to Life and are due September 22nd. All payments will be online through the application process and

fundraising dates are also posted on the Beckman March for life page: <https://sites.google.com/a/beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us/march-for-life/home>.

BECKMAN STUDENTS FOR LIFE MEETINGS – usually the 2nd Wednesday of the month!

We encourage students and parents to attend together. We hope to deepen our awareness and respect for all life. Here is a schedule of the planned activities, dates, and times.

Wed, August 29	March for Life 2019 Info Meeting - BCHS Library/6:30 p.m. Parents encouraged to attend.
Wed, September 12	BCHS Aud/6:30 p.m. - Pro-Life speaker - DCRTL director Ashley Stackis will discuss her pro-life experiences and how she has stayed active in the pro-life movement since her first March for Life. She will also explain some of the history and current life issues in our country. This will be perfect for 8th graders to gain a solid foundation regarding Respect for Life and this year's March for Life.
Sat-Sun, Oct 6-7	Lifesaver Weekend - wear red to Mass and sign up to distribute lifesavers
Sun, October 7	Life Chain - BCHS parking lot/2-3 p.m.
Wed, October 10 (date may change)	Life Activity TBD - BCHS Aud/6:30 p.m.
Wed, November 14	Library/6:30 p.m. - Baby Supply Drive - planning, making posters, etc.
Wed, January 9	BCHS Aud/6:30 p.m. Itinerary Meeting for all pilgrimage participants
January 16	M4L 2019 Departure Mass - BCHS Aud/4 p.m. - family and friends welcome
January 16-20, 2019	Life Mass & March for Life - Washington, D.C.
TBD February	BCHS Library/6:30 p.m. - Dub. Co. Right to Life Meeting - Share pilgrimage experiences

Submitted by Emmy Thomason

ART NEWS

The Art Department looks forward to another creative and productive year. A huge thanks to the Booster Club for their continued support of the arts. With their financial assistance the art department will be able to replace the electric kiln that stopped working at the end of last year! The kiln is used to fire the clay pots made by the Clay and Sculpture class. Also with the new school year in swing means it's time to get involved in Art Club. Students should listen for announcements about Art Club meetings. Grades 7 through 12 are able to join Art Club. Students can contact Mr. Wade for more details.

Submitted by Michael Wade, Art Teacher

YEARBOOK NEWS

- ~Don't forget that a picture needs to be taken for the yearbook when getting senior pictures taken. **Take this information with you and give it to the photographer**, so he or she is aware of the specifications for your yearbook photograph. This can save time and money!
- ~The yearbook staff prefers digital/electronic submissions, but we will accept a printed photograph - this needs to be wallet-sized
- ~Our yearbook is all color so **color shots only** - NO sienna or other effects
- ~Due date is by **Friday, November 30th**
- ~**INDOOR shots only**
- ~We require the shot to be vertical with **no props** and only **plain backgrounds** - this means no leaves, stairs, brick, or faux wood, etc.
- ~This should be a **formal** pose from **mid waist up only** (no full body shots)
- ~Also no hands touching the face – this is due to the picture box size – arms and hands may get cut-off, which makes the photo awkward looking
- ~Guys need to wear a **dress** shirt – no tie is required but it does look nice
- ~Students should adhere to all Beckman **dress code rules** - no piercings other than what is allowed in the handbook - this applies to tattoos too, etc.
- ~**NO bare shoulders or exposed cleavage (Christian modesty please)**
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- ~Send to: Attn: Mr. White/Yearbook Advisor – pictures can be emailed to Mr. White at the address listed below (please send in .jpg and high resolution - the more pixels the better!)

If you have any other questions regarding the specifications, please feel free to email me at gwhite@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us with questions, or come see me in room 218. The yearbook staff reserves the right to not accept pictures that fail to meet these specifications.

At Beckman, we want to include **all** of the seniors, so if getting pictures taken is a burden, please contact Mr. White. We have some fantastic photographers who would be willing to take your senior picture!

Submitted by Mr. White, Yearbook Advisor

SPANISH DEPARTMENT NEWS

Anyone interested in going to Europe in June of 2020 should see Señora Koetz as soon as possible. The trip selected will be determined by those who express a serious interest in traveling with the group of students from Beckman. Early trip selection allows for payments to be spread over a longer period of time; some families like the option of lower payments over a longer period of time. Students/parents who give input will be the ones who help in selecting the 2020 destinations. Any students in grades 9 through 11 may apply. The 2018 Costa Rica trip was a very active and fun tour. Please consider joining us in 2020!

Submitted by Sra. Koetz

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

I just wanted to introduce myself. My name is Mackenzie Atwater and I am the new school counselor at Beckman Catholic. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns and would like to reach me, please don't hesitate. My e-mail is mackenzie.atwater@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us and my phone number is 563-875-7188. I am extremely grateful and excited to begin my adventure here at Beckman Catholic.

The (P.S.A.T) Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Test is available for sophomores and juniors on October 11th from 8:00-11:30. This is an optional test for juniors who wish to compete in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Sophomores can also take the test, but are not eligible to compete in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. The test also gives students the experience of taking a college entrance tests. Test preparation materials are available in the counseling office. Sophomores and Juniors will be notified of the test. Students can expect an explanation of their results from the counselor in December.

The ACT Test is an admissions requirement for a four year college or university. Typically students take the ACT for the first time in the spring of their junior year. The cost of the test is \$50.50. If students are interested in taking the writing portion the cost is \$67.00. Students can register on-line at www.actstudent.org. The school code for Beckman needs to be recorded on the registration form. The Beckman school code is 161-375. The 2017-2018 ACT Test dates are:

<u>Test Dates:</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
September 8	August 10
October 27	September 28
December 8	November 2
February 9	January 11
April 13	March 8
June 8	May 3
July 13	July 14

Scholarships

As the year goes on, the scholarship opportunities that are mailed to Beckman will be listed in the newsletter. The scholarship list will periodically be emailed to all seniors. While some scholarship applications are sent to the counseling office, it is very common to search for scholarships on the web. Three excellent websites to help with the scholarship search are Fast Web at www.fastweb.com, www.ICANSucceed.org/scholarships, and www.iowacollegeaid.gov.

Parents of Seniors-Financial Aid

There are many ways to pay for a college education and the financial aid process is not as complicated as most people think. To qualify for most financial aid, you must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The fastest and easiest way to apply is online at fafsa.gov. You can complete the FAFSA for 2019-2020 beginning October 1, 2018, using the 2017 tax information.

I will be in the senior classrooms in early September to provide resources and guidance as the seniors begin making their post-secondary plans. The seniors will receive a publication from the Iowa College Aid Commission detailing the financial aid process. I also will present information from the Iowa College Access Network's "College and Career Planning Guide". Both publications are valuable resources; I encourage the seniors to share these with parents. I require that each senior meet with me during the first semester to review his/her transcript for graduation

purposes and college entrance requirements. This is also a good opportunity to discuss plans for after graduation.

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

Future Ready Iowa Career Coach: iowacareercoach.gov

Iowa Workforce Development Iowa Jobs: iowajobs.org

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

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

Beckman Catholic National Honor Society Selection

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

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

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

Applicant Leadership Requirement:

1. A student is a leader who initiates membership and is actively involved in at least two school/community organizations. Demonstrated leadership must meet the criteria set forth by each club or activity.

2. Applicants must submit a 250-500 word essay detailing their involvement and addressing membership criteria in two leadership activities. An essay must be written for each of the leadership activities and must be signed by the applicant and each moderator.

Character: While difficult to define, character is most essential in NHS members. It includes such things as consideration for all others and social justice.

The person of good character:

- Takes constructive criticism and accepts recommendations graciously;
- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (positive attitude; integrity & respect)
- Upholds the principles of morality and ethics in conversation and behavior
- Consistently demonstrates the highest standards of honesty, reliability and responsibility

1. Students who violate the law or who manifest behaviors which are a danger to themselves or others (i.e. drinking, drug use, etc.) will automatically be delayed in their admission to NHS. Students already in NHS will be on probation for at least one semester minimum.

2. Once a student is inducted to NHS and a question regarding character later arises, a student may appeal judgment and have a hearing with the NHS council. The decision of the Council is final.

3. The following objective behavior will be considered in determining selection: Detentions, tardiness, referrals, cheating and violation of the internet policy. (This list is not inclusive.)

Applicant Character Requirement:

1. Applicant must be on good standing in relationship to the criteria set forth above.
2. The applicant must submit a two part essay. Each part should be 250-500 words. Refer to the character points above.
 - What is your character strength and how is that reflected in your life?
 - What is your weakest character trait and how are you working to improve in that area?

Service: Defined in terms of on-going contributions made to school, parish, and community. Beckman Catholic NHS service has been defined (objectively) in terms of six hours of service to school/community beyond Theology requirement. The six additional service hours will involve tutoring/assisting others in the Beckman community. A verification signature is required. Students who have a full course load will need to meet with Mrs. Atwater to form an alternative service project.

Applicant Service Requirement:

1. The applicant must complete six hours of service beyond the 12 hour annual service requirement. The 12 junior service hours and the six additional hours (18 total) must be completed and verified by March 12, 2019. All previously required service hours must also be completed.
2. The applicant must reflect on their service experience and address in a 250-500 word essay how that experience relates to one component of the Beckman Catholic Mission Statement. The components of the mission include: life-long learning, global awareness, personal growth, and spiritual development. An adult verification signature is required on the essay.

Juniors and Seniors who intend to apply must submit in writing a Statement of Intention to Apply card to Mrs. Atwater by September 8th. These cards are available in the counseling office.

Scholarships Available

Scholarship Name	Criteria	Due Date
2018 Prudential Spirit of Community	http://spirit.prudential.com	11/7/2018
Horatio Alger Scholarship	https://scholars.horatioalger.org/	10/25/2018

Submitted by Mackenzie Atwater, School Counselor

BECKMAN BOOSTER CLUB

We had a great night to kick off the school year and fall sports season at the Fall Scrimmage Night!! Thanks to all that showed up to support the fall teams, band and singers!

Pork Raffle tickets may still be purchased to win 1 of 2 sides of pork. Tickets may be purchased from any Booster Board member and at the Home Football games. The drawing will be held Friday September 28 at the Football game.

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

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

Submitted by Bobby Fangman

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

BENCHWARMERS

Tickets must be turned in prior to Thursday, September 6 at 5 PM to be eligible for week 1 results. Parents are asked to please make a concerted effort to sell their tickets and have them returned prior to Friday, August 31. Remember, there is a \$2 per ticket tuition credit for tickets sold after selling 6 tickets by Beckman parents.

GALA

The 2018 Gala “Masquerade Ball” will be held Saturday, October 27, 2018. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact the Development Office. If you know of someone who may be interested in donating a live or silent auction item, please let us know. Gather a group of friends and attend our largest fundraiser in support of Beckman Catholic High School. If you would like to preorder your tickets contact Kristie at kthier@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us. We will be using the on-line bidding service again this year. Please pass the word. Thanks.

FRESHMEN PARENTS

If you have not signed up for your Gala hours, please contact Kristie in the Development Office. The steering committee needs help on the following committees

- Cash Raffle sales
- Night of Gala: Registration (Oct 27)
- Night of Gala: Bar (Oct 27)
- Night of Gala: Kitchen (Oct 27)
- Night of Gala: Dining room (Oct 27)
- Night of Gala: Live auction (Oct 27)
- Day After Gala: Tear-down (Oct 28)

The gala requires hundreds of workers to make it a success. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

CASH RAFFLE

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

Submitted by Kristie Thier, Fundraising Coordinator

HALL OF FAME

The 2018 Beckman Catholic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held on Friday September 21 at 5:30. The public is cordially invited. Congratulations to this year's inductees; Athlete- Jason Nurre '91; Athlete- Nic Unga '98; Fine Arts- Jeff Jacque '73; Distinguished Alum- Marilyn Noel '71; Athletic team- 1986 State Baseball Champions; Distinguished Friends of Beckman- the 1973 Fundraising Committee.

ESTATE PLANNING / END OF LIFE PRESENTATION

The Beckman Endowment Corporation is hosting an Estate Planning / End of Life presentation on October 3rd at 6 PM at BCHS. Topics include: Pastoral care, hospice, estate planning, and planned giving. There will be several professional panelists including an attorney, CPA, hospice workers, clergy, funeral director, and other medical personnel. This will prove to be a very informative presentation. We hope you plan on attending, and invite your parents, relatives and friends. Please pass the word.

HOMEcomings EVENTS

Wine & Cheese Social

The annual W&C social for parents, alumni and friends of Beckman will be held Wednesday Sept 19 @ 6 PM on the Beckman patio. Everyone is cordially invited. Anyone interested in helping decorate the patio with an autumn theme, please contact the Development office. Please note this is an adult only event.

Alumni / HOF social

There will be a Beckman alumni / Hall of Fame social at the Palace downtown Dyersville after the Homecoming football game. Everyone is cordially invited.

Submitted by Tim Pins, Development Director

KC BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus will host a Breakfast Sept. 9th from 7 am through Noon at the KC Hall, Dyersville. All are invited! Menu includes pancakes, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, toast, sweet rolls, milk, juice & coffee. Handicapped entrance at the SE corner in alley.

Proceeds will benefit March for Life.

Submitted by Dennis Womer

