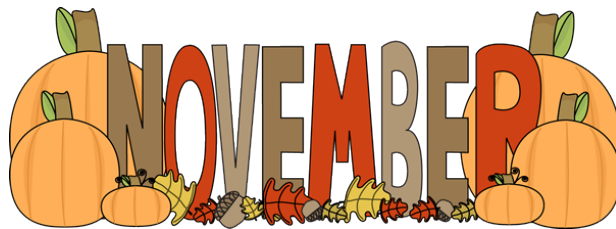


# BECKMAN NEWS

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**2022**

"Virtue demands courage, constant effort,  
and above all help from on high."

~ St. John Vianney ~

Nov. 4 - No School  
Nov. 8 - Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00  
Nov. 9 - Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:00  
Nov. 9 - All System Mass 9:30  
Nov. 10 - Veteran's Day Program 10:15  
Nov. 11 - No School  
Nov. 14 - No School  
Nov. 16 - Memorial Mass 10:15  
Nov. 20 - Open House 4:00 - 8:00  
Nov. 23-25 - Thanksgiving Break

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

November is the month we spend time remembering those that have gone before us as we pray for the souls of the faithfully departed. Annually, we celebrate a Mass this month where we remember all of the deceased alumni of Beckman Catholic. This year our remembrance Mass will be on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM in the competition gym. Other activities this month include parent-teacher conferences, our all-system Mass with area schools on November 9<sup>th</sup>, our annual Kairos retreat, and our annual open house. We also start junior high winter sports and practices will begin soon for high school basketball and wrestling. As the month concludes, we give thanks with family and friends for all that we have. On behalf of all of us at Beckman Catholic, thank you for your continued prayers and support.

### **November Schedule Reminders**

This month has a number of no school days as well as our only no bussing day of the school year. On Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> we do not have school due to the National Farm Toy Show using our building. We **will** have school on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and will **not** have bussing that day from Western Dubuque. We also do not have classes on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> or Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanksgiving Break will then be November 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to get these dates on your calendars.

### **Gala Gratitude**

Thank you to everyone who played a role in the 2022 Beckman Gala. This is always a great evening and I'm continually amazed by the generosity of our Beckman Catholic community. I want to give a special thank you to Carrie Pirc and our Gala committee. We truly appreciate all you did to make this year's event a success. Also, thank you to everyone who attended, bought or sold raffle tickets, and contributed by donating or purchasing auction items or gave to this year's fund-a-cause. This event is not successful without contributions of time, talent, and treasure from many individuals, organizations, and businesses. On behalf of all of us at Beckman Catholic, thank you!

### **Prudence**

During the month of November, we are shifting our focus from the idea of virtue to looking at each of the four cardinal virtues individually. The first cardinal virtue we will explore is prudence. Dr. Edward Sri, author of The Art of Living, defines prudence as "well-ordered reason applied to action so that we know not only what to do but also how and when to do it." Today, we live in a society that often wants us to act first and then ask questions later, or to just do what feels right at the moment. Our faith though, teaches us to resist the temptation to give into our impulses and instead to seek counsel, be decisive, and to act with courage as we live out the virtue of prudence.

One area where we can all work on this is in our use of social media. Social media has allowed us to interact with people in new and exciting ways, making it a smaller world, but it has also led to other issues and concerns. We see many examples where individuals act impulsively on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Tik Tok, or other social media platforms. People make inappropriate comments or postings which lead to replies and responses of similar nature. Often, if we take a step back and think before we post, it can often lead to better outcomes. As I reflect

on this, I know there are times in my life where I can act more prudently in my interactions with others, not just on social media. It's our hope as we discuss the virtue of prudence with students this month that you also have conversations at home about knowing the right thing to do as well as how and when to do it.

### **Teen Mental Health First Aid Training This Month**

Last spring Beckman Catholic was awarded a grant to offer our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students training in Teen Mental Health First Aid. Mental Health First Aid is a program that has been offered nationally for a number of years but has focused on providing the training to adults. Recently, developers have introduced a teen version of this program to train youth on the protocols used in mental health first aid.

Training will be provided over the course of three sessions to all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students during the month of November. Hillcrest Family Services will be the training providers, and Mr. Eckelman and Mrs. Antonelli will also assist them on each of the training days. We hope the information provided will be of benefit to our students to help increase their self-awareness as well as to give them additional tools to help others.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**

Our fall conferences will be on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 7:00 both evenings. Conferences will be held in the Jasper Center. You can sign up to meet with any teacher with whom you'd like to visit. You can sign up for a 5 or 10 minute session by going to: <https://signup.com/go/CSBSyOP> If you would like a 10 minute session just sign up for two back-to-back sessions.

Please also know that if you cannot attend on either of these dates or times for conferences do not work in your schedule, teachers are willing to communicate with you outside of conference times. Just contact them via email or phone and they will return your inquiry when possible.

### **Kairos Retreat—November 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>**

Please pray for our student leaders, staff team, and retreatants who will be leading and making our annual Kairos retreat later this month. Kairos is a retreat for junior students and the retreat is directed and led by a team of students. I had the opportunity last year to be a part of the staff team who assisted the student leaders and found this to be a wonderful weekend. There is still room available if your son or daughter would like to attend. For more information please contact Mr. McGrane.

### **Annual Open House—November 20<sup>th</sup>**

We will be hosting individual tours for interested families from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Families interested in a tour may sign up for an available time. We will then have student ambassadors and staff here to provide tours those evenings, wrapping up with a Q and A session in the auditorium. If you know of families interested in Beckman Catholic, please be sure to share this opportunity with them. A positive, good word on Beckman Catholic family is one of the best tools for recruitment. Remember, all of us are recruiters!

### **Spread the Word on STO!**

As we near the end of the year, your support of the Our Faith STO is essential for us to continue to provide tuition assistance to families not only at Beckman Catholic but across the archdiocese. Donations to the STO are eligible for a tax credit equal to 75% of your contribution from the state of Iowa on your tax returns. This is the best tax credit available in the state! For example, if someone donates \$1000, he/she can receive a \$750 tax credit for that donation, taking \$750 off of the amount of Iowa taxes he/she owe. At the same time, you provide families in the archdiocese with \$1000 of tuition assistance. Please visit [www.ourfaithsto.org](http://www.ourfaithsto.org) and please be sure to spread the word to others about this program which benefits so many of our students as well as its tax benefits.

*~ Marcel Kielkucki, principal*

### **CURRICULUM REPORT**

#### **State testing update**

The 2021-2022 ACT test results are back. Beckman Catholic students scored an average of 22.1 vs the statewide average of 21.4. Results are down this year vs last year for Beckman Catholic students and statewide averages. One potential reason the Beckman Catholic averages were down this school year is 18 more students took the ACT last year vs the previous school year, as more students overall are back to taking the ACT.

Fast Testing was completed at the end of September. Junior High students take the Fast Test 3 times a year (fall, winter and spring). They take a reading and math test that is used to help us understand which students may struggle with reading and math skills. It also helps us determine which students should take advanced math and reading classes for this school year and next school year.

#### **State Reporting is completed for the fall**

SRI and the Fall Staff BEDS were completed last month. The SRI (Student Reporting in Iowa) is used by the state to determine which students have transferred, homeschooled etc. The Fall Staff Beds are used by the state to check to make sure all teachers are certified to teach their classes.

#### **Student Council Update**

Thank you to the Student Council members for all of their help on the Homecoming week activities!

The Student Council met last October 6<sup>th</sup>. We discussed how to improve homecoming week next year and upcoming school activities.

#### **SIAC Information**

The following individuals will be on our 2022-2023 SIAC committees. We plan on meeting in early March. Approval of these names is needed by the school board.

<b>SIAC Committee 2022-2023</b>		
<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Involvement</b>
Allen	Eckelman	Guidance counselor
Mick	Michel	Community
?????	?????	School Board member
Dave	Schneider	Business
Rochelle	Hoeger	Parent/community
Steven	Lueck	Administrator
Elyse	White	Student
Beth	Derr	Teacher
Shelly	Kruse	Parent
Addi	Burlage	Student
Emily	Snyder	Food service director
Jolene	Bagge	School Nurse
Mark	Atwater	PE teacher

### **Update on Teacher Professional Development**

For the past 2 months, ADAC has been working with Beckman Catholic, (Universal Design Lessons) teachers during our Wednesday afternoon meetings. Current topics include building UDL lesson plans and becoming SEL Trauma Informed Educators.

Friday morning PD includes teachers working together and sharing best practices in education and going over our book study entitled, The Art of Living by Edward Sri. This book highlights the four Cardinal Virtues. The long term plan is to share these highlights with our students during our school wide masses and to create a mini lesson plan during Blazer Times

### **YEARBOOK NEWS**

#### **Senior Picture & Baby Photo**

For the yearbook, you will need to submit a senior photo & baby photo of your son/daughter. Please take a look at the below information so you know the specifications for your senior photo. You might want to give the guidelines to your photographer so they're aware. Also, the baby photo will need to be submitted by 12/22 or before Christmas break. This can be sent to me via email as a JPEG attachment or you can have your son/daughter bring in a hard copy. I will make sure that the photo is then returned to them. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Dirks

at [hdirks@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:hdirks@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us)

- The yearbook staff prefers digital/electronic submissions, but we'll accept a wallet-sized print photo if need be.
- Color shots only have no sienna or other effects.
- Please take a shot with 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 including no tattoos, bare shoulders, exposed cleavage, facial hair, or piercings other than what's in the handbook. Guys need to wear a collared dress shirt - while a tie isn't required, it does look nice.
- Due date is by November 22nd (before Thanksgiving break). Pictures can be emailed to Ms. Dirks. If you have any other questions, please email me at [hdirks@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto: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 me.

~ *Hannah Dirks, yearbook moderator*

### **FALL OPEN HOUSE**

Our Fall Open House will be offered Sunday, November 20th from 4:00-8:00 pm. Students and their families will take guided tours of the school, led by our Student Ambassadors. During the tours, visitors will experience interactive classroom visits and hear about our past and present academic successes. Please register for a time via this

link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4BA9AD28A4F85-fall>. We will have one family per student ambassador per time slot. If unable to attend that evening, contact Joan Hinerichsen at 563-875-7188 or at [catholicschoolrocks@gmail.com](mailto:catholicschoolrocks@gmail.com) to schedule a tour.

~ *Joan Hinerichsen*

### **TEC MEAL HELP NEEDED**

Beckman Catholic is hosting TEC January 14-16. We are in need of volunteers to serve as "meal captains." Meal captains oversee the preparation, serving, and clean-up of one meal for the weekend. Contact Jerry McGrane if you are willing to help out. [jmcgrane@beckmancatholic.org](mailto:jmcgrane@beckmancatholic.org)

~ *Jerry McGrane*

### **MANUFACTURING NEWS**

The shop students continue to work on projects in both the wood and metals areas. Students could use old shirts to cut for stain rags as we finalize projects. If you have any, please send them to school, and we will get them cut up for using.

The wood shop students would also like to thank Century Building Products for the donation of the new double bevel compound sliding miter saw. Students are using the saw constantly, and we appreciate your support.

~ *Dawn Mausser, manufacturing advisor*

## **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.

On Tuesday October 11th, Beckman FFA was represented at the Annual Kirkwood Livestock judging contest. Eight members gained valuable skills competing against 450 students across the state. The Junior High team finished 3rd in the Sheep and Goat Division. Team members were Natalie Besler, Claire Gaul, Brianna Pirc and Ashley Schilling. The high school team was represented by Libby Hageman, Madison Goedken, Amber Lehman and Gabriella Schilling.

On Wednesday October 12th, some of the FFA officers did the annual Feed the Farmers meal deliver, in the Bankston, New Vienna and Dyersville area serving 60 meals.

Saturday October 15th was state soils in Ames. The team of Maria Kruse, Spencer Rea , Joe Schneider and Tessa Tauke finished 25th in the state.

To end the month out, 25 students represented Beckman at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis October 25<sup>th</sup>- October 29<sup>th</sup>. The students competing in the National AgriScience Fair will find out official placing in Indianapolis. Watch for results on the Beckman Catholic Facebook page.

In addition, two Beckman Catholic FFA Alumni became among the elite of less than half of a percent to earn the coveted American FFA Degree. Members included Laina Marbach and Shelby Westhoff.

In addition, thank you to all supporters of the annual fruit, meat and cheese sales. Products will arrive just after Thanksgiving.

Volunteer Opportunities-

\*Toy Show tractor sales for the Iowa FFA Foundation see Mrs. Mausser for details on 3 hour shifts available November 4-6. Stop by Mrs. Mausser room to sign up.

The Annual FFA Degree night will be held Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. FFA parent's watch your email for more details as the date gets closer.

*~ Dawn Mausser, FFA advisor*

## **SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATE**

### **Upcoming ACT Testing Dates**

- Saturday–December 10, 2022, Register online at act.org, Deadline–November 4, 2022
- Saturday–February 11, 2023, Register online at act.org, Deadline–January 6. 2023

### **FAFSA**

Reminder–FAFSA application site is now open. This is a *Free* application and is required by nearly every college to be eligible for scholarships, grants, loans and other financial aid.

To help parents and students, there will be a FAFSA workshop at Beckman High School on November 9, 2022, beginning at 3:00 PM. Call Allan Eckelman School Counselor or email him at [aeckelman@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:aeckelman@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us) to reserve your spot. Time spots are 1 hour in length and are set for 3:00-4:00 PM, 4:00-5:00 PM, 5:00-6:00 PM, or 6:00-7:00 PM. There is a limited number of spots—right now ten are still open: CALL OR WRITE today!

Upcoming College Representative Visits to Beckman High School:

November 1—Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, 1:00 pm

November 8—University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, 10:30 AM

### **Scholarship Information**

The first 2023-2024 Scholarship Application arrived on October 24: Friends of Dubuque County Conservation Board \$1,000 Environmental Scholarship,

This scholarship is meant for students who are attending a college or university and have declared a major applicable to the environmental studies or related field. Priority is given to Dubuque County residents. Copies of the application form are available in the Counseling Office. **Deadline—March 1, 2023.**

There is a listing of current scholarships on the Beckman Website. In addition, counselors send out email notification of new scholarship opportunities to seniors as soon as we receive information.

Mrs. Antonelli will be going into 7th and 8th grade classrooms to teach about bullying awareness and prevention during the month of November.

~ *Allan Eckelman, school counselor*

~ *Amanda Antonelli, school counselor*

### **JUNIOR HIGH NEWS**

**Red Ribbon week** was October 23-31<sup>st</sup>. This is a week of drug awareness and how drugs have impacted lives in negative ways. This year's theme for the week was "Celebrate Life: live drug free." The junior high student council helped the school show awareness by participating in Red Ribbon Week activities around school.

~ *Matt Naber, Beckman math and science teacher*

### **MATH DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Our next Math Club meeting will be **Tuesday, November 8** during Blazer Time. All are welcome.

~ *Matt Naber, Beckman math and science teacher*

### **BECKMAN CATHOLIC CHOIR**

Congratulations to the Beckman Catholic Singers on their wonderful 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 Chorus Auditions**

This year Beckman was positively represented by sopranos Judith Williams. We are very proud of her preparation and hard work. This opportunity helped her to continue to grow as a musician and leader.

### **Upcoming Choir Events:**

- Friday-Sunday November 4-6, Fall Toy Show
  - Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Concert, Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, 6:00 p.m. with dress rehearsal Friday morning, **December 9th**
- ~ *Danielle Besler, vocal music director*

### **BAND NEWS**

#### **Student Success!**

Congratulations to our All-State auditioning musicians! Joseph Kielkucki, Madelyn Reiter, and Zachary Helle all auditioned this past Saturday, October 21st, and represented Beckman well. While none were accepted this year, we wish to celebrate their growth and success this season! Congratulations as well to Gabby Westhoff, who was selected to represent Beckman at the Loras College honor band, on October 28th!

#### **Pecans**

Thank you all for your work selling pecans this year! Keep an eye on your email for when pick up time comes. Thank you again!

#### **Toy Show**

It is that time of year again! Please check your emails for details on our annual Toy Show fundraising.

#### **MPA**

The Music Parents Association is the parent lead group that coordinates all of the fundraising and music events at Beckman. They are a fantastic group, and they are one of the main reasons music is a success at Beckman. If you have a student in music at Beckman (choir or band), I encourage you reach out to them through their email: They are looking for new members to join! Let's keep music strong at Beckman!

#### **Upcoming Dates**

- Loras Honor Band: October 28th
  - RVC Conference Honor Band: November 11th
  - NEIBA District Honor Band: December 3rd
  - Holiday Concert: December 15th. Call time 5:45, Concert at 6:30 (**JH, Jazz, HS, Xavier 5-6**)
  - Jazz Tour of Elementaries: tentative date, December 19th, during the school day--Jazz Band only
- ~ *Submitted by Adam Denner, band director*

## **POST PROM FUNDRAISER**

Dairy Queen is hosting a 10% night to help the Post Prom Committee raise money for Post Prom. The date is Wednesday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-Close. It's a great opportunity to grab dinner or an ice cream treat on the way home from Beckman conferences. Please stop by Dairy Queen to support our Post Prom fundraiser!

*~ Members of the Post Prom Committee*

## **HEALTH NEWS**

**Follow these tips to help you and your family stays safe and healthy this autumn!**

**Keep your kids safe and healthy.**

Get involved with your kids' activities at home and at school to help ensure they are safe and healthy.

**Take steps to prevent the flu.**

The single best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated each year in the fall. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Wash your hands often. Stay home if you get sick.

**Wash your hands.**

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. It's best to wash your hands with soap and clean running water for 20 seconds. If that's not possible, use alcohol-based hand rubs.

**Test and replace batteries.**

Check or replace carbon monoxide batteries twice a year when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. Replace smoke alarm alkaline batteries at least once a year. Test alarms every month to ensure they work properly.

**Keep food safe.**

Food is center stage during the holidays. Be sure to keep it safe by following basic food safety steps. Clean hands and surfaces often. Separate foods to avoid cross-contamination. Cook to proper temperatures. Chill promptly.

**Be prepared for cold weather.**

Exposure to cold temperatures can cause serious health problems. Infants and the elderly are particularly at risk, but anyone can be affected. Know how to prevent health problems and what to do if a cold-weather emergency arises. Remember that using space heaters and fireplaces can increase the risk of household fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

*~ Jolene Bagge BSN, RN*

## **DEVELOPMENT NEWS**

**Memorial Mass**

The annual Alumni Memorial Mass will be held on Wednesday, November 16th in the Beckman gymnasium at 10:15 AM. Following the Mass, a light lunch will be served in the library. All family and friends of deceased alumni are invited. This is a beautiful way to remember all those who have gone before us.

## Gala

The Gala was a success, and I want to thank Carrie Pirc and all of the Gala committee for their hard work in making it a fantastic event. Also, thank you to all of the parents for helping with set up and clean up.

*~ Larry Wilson, development director*

Thank You to everyone that helped make this year's Gala such an incredible success! We had a tremendously positive response to the family style meal and the casual attire! Special thanks to this year's Steering Committee: Kara Sperfslage, Tanya Ostwinkle, Kaylee Unga, Sandy Oberbroeckling, and Linda Schulte. Many thanks to the volunteers; we could not have done this without you!



*~ Carrie Pirc, fundraising coordinator*



**For a fun chaotic evening come see...*The Play That Goes Wrong***

With about a month left before the curtain opens, our cast is hard at work preparing for this off the walls show. We ask you to join us the first weekend of December and see if you can find out who murdered Charles Haversham. Where did Winston the dog go? Will we ever find the Beatles CD in the auditorium? What else could go wrong? Bundles of laughs and mishaps make this a show to remember. *The Play That Goes Wrong* is directed by the great Dug Mackie.

Our fantastic cast and crew invite you to come see one of our three shows. We open Friday, December 2nd, with another show Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, both at 7:00. Our closing show will be a matinee on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00. Our cast has been working extremely hard for the past 2 months, so please save the date and come see one of our shows. Tickets are \$5.00 and sold at the door for each performance.

~ *Emmy Kramer, student director*

