

# BECKMAN NEWS

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**"You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."**

**Mark 1:11**

**Sept. 3** - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip - Fontana Park  
**Sept. 6** – Labor Day – No School  
**Sept. 8** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – Fontana Park  
**Oct. 1** – Homecoming Parade 2:00  
**Oct. 2** – Homecoming Dance 8-11



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

Hello Beckman Parent and Students!

The school year is off to a great start! We've had a few warm days which have led to some early

dismissals the first week of classes, but everyone is finding their way and getting back into the routine of school.

### **New Staff**

We welcome the following new faculty and staff members who will be joining us this year at Beckman Catholic:

#### **Mrs. Rachel Engelken**

Mrs. Engelken will be our student interventionist that has been hired as part of our EANS (Coronavirus Relief) program. Mrs. Engelken most recently has worked as a paraprofessional in the Dubuque school district and lives with her family near Bankston.

#### **Mrs. Natalie Romeo-Martyn**

Mrs. Martyn will be our new 7-12 school counselor. Mrs. Martyn recently completed her masters' degree in school counseling at Loras College and has previous experience working in the human services and education fields in a variety of capacities. We look forward to having her as part of our school staff and Mrs. Martyn is excited to meet our students!

#### **Mr. Keith McDermott**

Mr. McDermott is our new evening custodian. Mr. McDermott previously worked in environmental services at Clarke University as well as with his family's tractor repair business. Please be sure to say hi to him when you are here for evening activities.

#### **Mrs. Carrie Pirc**

Mrs. Pirc will be joining us as our new fundraising coordinator in the Development Office. Carrie is a Beckman alum and has most recently been the president of the St. Francis Xavier School Association where she was instrumental in a number of new projects and initiatives. We are excited to have Carrie join our staff and to work with our students and families.

### **Daily School Schedule**

This year, our school day will begin at 8:05 AM and end at 3:05 PM. Class periods will meet for 43 minutes each day with a 3 minute passing period between each class and 24 minute lunch periods. We will be going back to having everyone pass at the same time.

Blazer Time will be at the end of the day on all days but Thursdays unless we have a special schedule. Blazer Time will be from 2:42-3:05. Since we have Mass on Thursday, we will not have Blazer Time. Each student will be assigned to a Blazer Time instructor. Students will also have the opportunity to request to go to another teacher for help. Teachers will also be able to request a student to their room if they know that student is struggling in his or her class.

Some initial guidelines regarding Blazer Time include:

- We will plan end-of-day assemblies for this time when possible.
- Club meetings will occur during Blazer Time when possible.
- All students will need to attend Blazer Time unless they are on 8<sup>th</sup> period work release or are allowed to leave 8<sup>th</sup> period for college classes. We will **not** be granting special work releases for Blazer Time.

The purposes of this time are to allow students the ability to receive additional assistance if needed, reduce the amount of homework students take home, reduce the amount of class time our early bus students miss, and allow for student group meeting time during the school day. If you have any questions regarding Blazer Time, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Lueck.

### **Handbook Changes/Reminders**

A few changes were made to the handbook for the upcoming school year and approved by the board of education. A quick summary of those items along with some reminders are below:

#### **Hairstyles/Facial Hair**

Extreme hairstyles and/or unnatural hair colors are not allowed. If you are unsure if a hairstyle or color would be out of compliance with the dress code, it is better to ask before spending the money to get your hair styled or colored. Also, men are to be clean shaven. Last year with COVID, we had some issues with gentlemen with facial hair covered by a mask. Individuals with facial hair may be asked to shave here at school if necessary.

#### **Clothing and Shoes**

A reminder that polo shirts need to be solid green, white, or yellow unless it is a school-approved club or team polo. Hooded sweatshirts may be worn as a coat to school, but are not to be worn during the school day. Uniform fleeces are the only outwear allowed to be worn during the day in the building. Slacks need to be solid color black or khaki in color. Leggings, yoga pants, or skin-tight pants are not allowed. Also, no open-toed shoes or sandals are permitted for daily school wear. Please keep these items in mind as you continue your back-to-school clothes shopping.

#### **Eligibility for Activities**

To be eligible for after-school activities (practices, performances, competitions, meetings) students must be in attendance by the end of 4<sup>th</sup> period each day. Students who leave or arrive after 4<sup>th</sup> period for non-school related activities are ineligible for the rest of that day. Please keep this in mind when scheduling appointments or other non-school activities.

Additionally, students in grades 9-12 must be passing 35 units (7 classes) at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters, 30 units (6 classes) at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> mid-quarters, or 35 units (7 classes) at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> mid-quarters; otherwise, they will be ineligible for activities. Students in grades 7 and 8 must be passing all courses at the quarter or mid-quarter to be eligible for activities. At mid-quarter, the minimum ineligibility period is 5 days, and it is 10 days at the end of a quarter.

#### **Mass Attendance**

We are very fortunate to be able to celebrate Mass and receive the Eucharist as a school community on a weekly basis on Thursdays at 10:15 AM. As much as possible, absences from Mass time for non-school related activities are to be avoided, as we also try to not schedule school activities to conflict with Mass.

#### **Water Bottles**

We do allow water bottles to be brought to school if desired. Bottles, however, must be see-through and empty upon arrival at school.

More detailed information on these topics and others are found in the school handbook, located on the school website.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration, we thank you for being part of Beckman Catholic and allowing us the opportunity to work with your families. We look forward to another great year!

### **COVID Protocols**

In mid-August we sent out information regarding our COVID prevention and mitigation plans for this coming school year. Please be sure to review that document if you have not already done so, as it outlines our main objectives for the year in this area.

### **Things You Can Do to Help with COVID**

- 1) Stay home when you are ill. As I've mentioned previously, in the past if you erred on sending a child ill to school, this year we'd ask that you continue to err on the side of caution and keep them at home.
- 2) Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water, and if that's not possible, use hand sanitizer.

### **Homecoming**

Mark your calendars for this year's homecoming celebration September 26-October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are planning on our usual homecoming activities including the STOMP dance on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> for grades 9-12, the alumni and friends social on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, and our parade on Friday afternoon, October 1st. Before the football game against Waterloo Columbus on Friday at 7 PM, the Beckman Hall of Fame induction ceremony will occur in the auditorium. Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the homecoming dance for grades 10-12.

Homecoming is always an exciting time of the year, and we will do our best to make this a positive, festive week for the students. Watch for more details as we get closer to homecoming week.

### **Adopt-A-Area**

We have a great physical campus which stretches over 16 acres of land. As a result, we have a number of areas with gardens, trees, and other landscape features. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers who take care of certain areas of the campus, but we could always use a few more people or groups. If you would be interested in maintaining a garden, doing some tree-trimming, or other outdoor landscaping work, please contact the office and let us know how you'd like to help.

Thanks for all you do to make Beckman Catholic a special place! Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

*Submitted by Marcel Kielkucki, Principal*

## **CURRICULUM REPORT**

### **Teacher Professional Development**

Our back to school PD days for teachers ran from Aug 18th-Aug 20th. Throughout the year, will be working on several items this school year. Here are our main items this school year.

1. We will plan on having time for several mandatory training sessions for our teachers to complete the Right to Know, Blood Borne Pathogens, Mandatory Reporters, and Safe Environment training.
2. A large part of our meetings with the teachers this school year will focus on the SEL component for our students. Our new Faculty Culture Group, which consists of several teachers and Admin, has worked very hard this summer to address several school related culture topics. Most of these topics are related to our JH, but also addresses improving the entire school culture. The Culture Group will look at how we can reward good behavior for students, and how we can address a set vision with the entire staff and students.

The Culture Group will be utilizing a book study for teachers this year. The book is called “*Thrivers*” by Michele Borba, Ed.D. The book looks at surprising reasons why some kids struggle and others shine. Each month throughout the school year, we will focus on essential character strengths. For example, this September we will talk about self-confidence during Blazer Time, look at how we can teach it and what outcomes we want long term for our students.

Also the Culture Group worked on setting up a 7th and 8th grade retreat for Aug 30th that will create a fun environment for students to get to know one another, address the challenges of transitioning to Beckman Catholic and how we can create a positive learning environment at school. Attached here are details of the retreat:

[Beginning of Year Retreat Event Plan.docx](#)

3. Jason Reed, who is a philosophy professor at Divine Word Seminary, will present to the staff several philosophical themes related to our Catholic faith. He will present three times this school year to the staff and his first presentation was "Contemporary philosophical challenges to the Truth of Catholicism " on August 18th.
4. And lastly, our professional development this school year will continue to work on our Professional Learning Community (PLC) through “Learning by Doing.” PLCs use collaboration and data to address the following four questions:
  1. What do we want students to learn?
  2. How will we know students learned?
  3. What do we do for students who did not learn?
  4. How can we address the needs of students who already learned?

Teachers will continue to post their standard-aligned objectives in their classroom. Last year we started participating in peer and video observations to provide feedback regarding the alignment of the lesson to the learning targets. We will continue again with it this year. Our goal is to have 1-2 peer video observations completed this school year. Research indicates that clearly communicated learning goals and video observations (micro-teaching) can significantly increase student achievement.

### **New Courses**

We have added several more courses for our college classes. We have added one more section of Composition, Public Speaking, and Macro Economics.

Admin and a few teachers had a zoom meeting on for August 17th with NICC regarding a future Apprenticeship Program. Topics of discussion included:

- What a high school partnership with NICC would look like.
- The types of curriculum we would offer.
- Insights on how we can incorporate an Apprenticeship Program into our classes here at Beckman Catholic.
- And what types of certificates could we offer? Examples would include: CNC Operator, CNC Set-up Programmer, Industrial Maintenance Tech, Robotics Tech, and CAD certificates.

### **New Textbooks**

For 9th grade English Class, we have ordered 80 books “Of Mice and Men”, 20 books of “The Great Gatsby” and 20 books of “Lord of the Flies”.

### **Student Government**

Student representatives met August 9th and began discussion on the 2021 Homecoming and details regarding pep rallies for this year. We applied to the city to have the Homecoming Parade and it was approved. Beckman High School is celebrating Homecoming 2021, on September 27<sup>th</sup> –October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We requested permission to hold our annual parade on Friday, October 1, 2021. The Homecoming dance will be that Saturday night. Please see attached schedule of events.

*Submitted by Steve Lueck 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 on the first day of school. 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.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a welcome retreat on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The retreat focused on resources around campus, identity and belonging, faith, stress management, empathy, and leaving a legacy. Students ended the day by planting a class tree for their grade while cleaning up the campus.

Upcoming JH Events

- Seventh-graders will travel to Fontana Park near Hazleton on Friday, September 3rd. Water testing, butterfly tagging, and prairie activities are planned for the day. Students will also have an opportunity to view the enclosed wildlife exhibits.
  - On Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, the junior high student council will host a Junior High Dance from 7:00-9:00. Admission is \$3 with some snacks and drinks provided. Students must be picked up in the Beckman parking lot at the end of the dance.
- *Submitted by Matt Naber, Junior High Coordinator*

## **MATH CLUB NEWS**

- **Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**, during Blazer Time will be our next Math Club meeting. Meet in room 323.
  - **Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**, during periods 1-2 the American Math Contest (AMC) will be held. This high school contest is done in the Beckman library but students compete with other students in the region, state, and nation. There are two competitions: 11/12 and 9/10. Sign-up with Mr. Naber.
- Submitted by Matt Naber*

## **THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

We have updated the Service Requirements to simplify them and to better reflect how they were put into practice. If you have any questions, contact your student's theology teacher.

### **BECKMAN CATHOLIC ANNUAL SERVICE REQUIREMENT**

1. High school students will complete and submit 12 hours, including some for both parish and school (maximum of 4 hours in the summer preceding the school year qualify). Community hours may be submitted but are not required as part of the total.
2. Junior high students will complete and submit 6 hours, including some for both parish and school (maximum of 2 hours in the summer preceding the school year qualify). Community hours may be submitted but are not required as part of the total.
3. Service must not be: compensated, for a relative, or a requirement as a member of a team, club, or other organization.
4. Hours completed during obligatory Masses do not qualify (e.g. server, lector, usher); however, non-obligatory time qualifies (e.g. music preparation or taking Holy Communion to the homebound).

\*A student's Theology grade will be "Incomplete" until this service requirement is fulfilled. An incomplete grade results in extracurricular ineligibility according to State rules.

\*\*Confirmation preparation includes service components separate and in addition to these requirements. Consult your local parish regarding expectations for Confirmation.

**[CLICK HERE for the Online Service Hours Submission Form](#)**

*Submitted by Jerry McGrane*

## **CHOIR DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Welcome back! A special welcome to students and families new to Beckman Catholic!

Although the deadline for schedule changes, students can still add zero hour Bass and Treble Choir. Both of these choirs are open to students in grades 7 – 12 and will meet two days a week before or after school beginning next week.

Students are encouraged to visit Hapara Workspace where there are many learning resources for them. These include historical context, connection to current events, reference recordings, PDF's of all of their music, and rehearsal recordings for every voice part. Workspace will also contain all calendars, schedules, and forms.

Upcoming events:

September 9: All State auditions registrations due

September 11: Pre-All State district rehearsal at Oelwein HS, 8 – noon

September 3 – 20: Opus audition submissions accepted

October 7: 6:30 pm: Fall Choral Concert

October 23: All State Auditions

November 18: Iowa Opus Honor Choir Festival, Ames

November 19 – 20: 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Iowa All State Music Festival, Ames

December 6: Beckman Catholic Singers Christmas Concert, 6 pm Dyersville Basilica

*Submitted by Teresa Slade, Choir Director*

## **DINING NEWS**

### **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 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](mailto:esnyder@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us) or call 563 875-7188 extension 353. You may put a spending cap on your student's account, if you wish. You can do that under settings. Each student will receive a FREE reimbursable lunch for the 21-22 school year. An extra entree (doubles) is \$1.50 and the rest of the a la carte items vary from .25 cents to \$1.25 per item.

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 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 carry a positive balance.

Student may charge any combination 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 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 entree or a-la carte items.

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

If 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.

### **A la Carte Breakfast**

Students can purchase a variety of a la carte grab and go breakfast items from 7:30am-8:05am daily. The a la carte options are also available between first and second periods. Many options available: cereal, cereal bars, granola bars, crackers, fruit snacks, gogurt, applesauce, cheese sticks, apples, oranges, milk, apple juice, orange juice, peanut butter sandwiches, beef sticks, and many more options!

I am always open to adding more options to the a la carte menu. Please reach out if you have any suggestions and I will look into them. They must meet smart snack requirements.

*Submitted by Emily Snyder, Director of Food Service*

### **FFA NEWS**

Beckman students have the 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 2nd** via [dmausser@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:dmausser@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us).

\*FFA meetings will be held at 7:30 am on the first Thursday of each month in the Library at Beckman. Any interested student in grades 7-12 is welcome. The first meeting will be held September 2nd at 7:30 am.

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

\* Joe Schneider, Libby Knipper, Tessa Tauke, JP Grebner, Jake Hoefler, Grace Helle and Jasmyn Hoeger were selected as NATIONAL finalists and will compete in October in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the National FFA AgriScience Fair. In addition, Jasmyn Hoeger was

named a national Top 4 finalist in the FFA Agriscience Research Animal Systems proficiency area and will compete at Nationals as well.

As September rolls around, students will travel to the Tri-State Ag Expo, Livestock Judging and Soil Judging.

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

*Submitted by Dawn Mausser, FFA Instructor*

### **AG EDUCATION/INDUSTRIAL TECH NEWS**

Special Thank you to the Booster Club and Century Building Products for the donation of a new set of 20 volt Dewalt hand tools for students to use in the shop classes.

If your cleaning closets for the fall and happen to have any of the following items lying around, we would be glad to put them to good use for educational purposes. Please send them with your student or drop off at school.

- \* Silk Flowers
- \* Old shirts (will use for rags for staining woods projects)

We are committed to learning by doing and appreciate your help as you clean out your closets. Thanks!

*Submitted by Dawn Mausser, FFA Instructor*

### **BAND NEWS**

#### **The Marching Blazers**

The high school Marching Blazers are off to a fantastic season this year! The theme of this year's performance is Rock Tunes and will feature: "All Along the Watchtower," by Bob Dylan; "Welcome to the Jungle," by Guns 'n Roses; "Dream On," by Aerosmith; and "The Pretender," by Foo Fighters. The band is under the field direction of Drum Majors Sydney Reiter and Gabi Kielkucki and Color Guard Captains Anya Westoff and Annie Gulick. The Marching Blazers are under the direction of Adam Denner and the Color Guard is coached by Hannah Stoner. The band looks forward to seeing you all on game day!

#### **Concessions:**

Just a reminder to band students that they are required to help clean up after at least one football game during the course of the season. I have a schedule posted in the band room--if that time doesn't work for you, let me know. We are always looking for more help with this volunteering project, so if you would be interested in helping, you are welcome!

#### **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.

### **Junior High Band:**

The junior high band is off to a great start this year! With a large group and lots of enthusiasm, we are excited for the start of the year. You can look forward to our first performance in the Homecoming Parade as well as at our Fall Concert. We hope to see you there! Just a reminder to the JH band members, lessons have started, so check the schedule for your time. If your time doesn't work for you, please let me know so we can reschedule.

### **All State:**

It is All-State season!! If you are a high school band student interested in pursuing one of the coolest musical experiences in the state, this is for you! An elite honor band that brings together musicians from all across the state, this is definitely something to consider. The audition season is just getting started, so if you are interested and haven't yet, please email / talk to me right away! For those who have started, keep practicing!

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- **Home Football Game: September 3rd. Call Time 6:30, game at 7:30**
- **Home Football Game: September 17th. Call Time 6:30, game at 7:30**
- Home Football Game: October 1st, Homecoming. Call Time 6:00, game at 7:00
  - There is also a parade--call time TBA
- Fall Concert: October 13th. Call Time TBA, Concert at 6:30
- Home Football Game: October 15th. Call Time 6:30, game at 7:00

\*Please watch for schedule updates and changes as this season progresses.

It is a wonderful September, and we are blessed to be able to make music together! Go Blazers!

*Submitted by Adam Denner*

### **MARCH FOR LIFE**

On Wednesday September 8, 2021 there will be an informational and interest meeting concerning the March for Life pilgrimage that will take place January 19-23, 2022. The meeting will be in the Beckman library at 6:15pm. Questions contact Anna Durr, email

address [adurr@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:adurr@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us).

*Submitted by Ms. Anna Durr, MFL coordinator*

### **YEARBOOK NEWS**

#### **Senior Pictures**

Don't forget to take a senior picture for the 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.
- Color shots only have no sienna or other effects.

- Please take a vertical 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 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 also 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 Ms. Dirks and we'll have one of our amazing photographers on staff take your senior picture.  
*Submitted by Ms. Dirks, Yearbook Advisor*

### **IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE**

Just a reminder, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns and would like to reach me, Mrs. Martyn, my e-mail is [nmartyn@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:nmartyn@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us) and my phone number is 563-875-7188.

**The (P.S.A.T) Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Test** is available for sophomores and juniors on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 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 test. We recommend that students take the test if they score in the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher on their previous ISASP assessments taken last year at Beckman.

Test preparation materials are available in the counseling office for those interested. Sophomores and juniors will be notified of the test in their English classes and will have a chance to sign-up. If students choose to sign up, they will need to pay a \$17.00 testing fee.

**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 \$48.00.\*Please note: cost varies depending on what option you choose. Students can register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The school code for Beckman needs to be recorded on the registration form. The Beckman school code is 161-375. The 2021 ACT Test date is on: October 5th

There is free ACT study material in the counseling office for any student interested. There is also free study material online at <https://beckmancatholicschoolcounseling.weebly.com/> (You will need to scroll past the study material that costs money in order to get to the free material!)

### **Scholarships**

As the year goes on, the scholarship opportunities that are mailed to Beckman will be posted on my school counseling website! The scholarship list will periodically be emailed to all seniors as well. 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 [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.ICANSucceed.org/scholarships](http://www.ICANSucceed.org/scholarships), and [www.iowacollegeaid.gov](http://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](http://fafsa.gov). You can complete the FAFSA for 2021-2022 beginning October 1, 2021, using the 2020 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](http://iowacareercoach.gov)

Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Handbook: [www.bls.gov/ooh](http://www.bls.gov/ooh)

Bureau of Labor Statistics Career Outlook: [www.bls.gov/careeroutlook](http://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.

**Juniors and seniors who intend to apply must submit in writing a Statement of Intention to Apply card to Mrs. Martyn by September 24th. These cards are available in the counseling office. Please note that senior who were accepted last year do not need to reapply.**

*Submitted by Natalie Martyn, School Counselor*

## **DEVELOPMENT NEWS**

### **Hall of Fame**

The induction ceremony for the 2021 Beckman Hall of Fame will be held on Friday, October 1, in conjunction with the Homecoming activities. The ceremony will take place in the Beckman auditorium beginning at 5 PM.

This year's inductees are:

David Rahe '02 ---- Athlete

Father Mark Weber SVD '72 ----Distinguished Alumnus

Jerome and Mary Lansing ----Distinguished Friend of Beckman

1997 Boys State Champion Track Team ----Athletic Team

### **Wine and Cheese Social**

Come enjoy some good conversation, food, and wine with your friends at the almost annual Wine and Cheese Social. It is back this year and will be held at 6:30 PM, Wednesday, September 29, on the Patio by the football concession stand. Wine will be available for purchase from PromiseLand Winery. Snacks will be provided; hope to see you there!

*Submitted by Larry Wilson, Development Director*

### **Benchwarmers**

Thank you to all of you that have sold tickets already! Additional tickets are available by stopping in the office or email Carrie- [cpirc@beckmancatholic.org](mailto:cpirc@beckmancatholic.org). All tickets should be turned in by Sept 8<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for week 1 results.

### **Gala**

The 2021 Gala, "Those Were the Days," will be held Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. The night will consist of a sit down meal provided by J & D Mart, along with both live and silent auction items.

If you are interested in donating an item to the auction, or are available to help that evening, please contact Carrie in the Development office.

### **Freshman parents**

A reminder that you need to sign up for a time to help at the Gala. Please use the following link to see dates and times that are still available.

<https://signup.com/go/WTQhohb>

*Submitted by Carrie Pirc, Fundraising Coordinator*



## 2021 Homecoming Schedule: Sept 26th-Oct 2nd

### Sunday

- Hallway Decorating and Chalk-the-Walk
  - 4:00-6:00
- Pizza from Happy Joes
  - 6:00
- Men's Volleyball
  - 6:30

### Monday----Theme: surfers vs. bikers

- STOMP set-up after school
- Powderpuff
  - 6:00
- STOMP
  - 7:00-9:00
  - Admission \$5

### Tuesday----Theme: Frat boy vs. Cowboy

- Donuts
  - 7:30
- Student vs. Staff Basketball
  - Liturgy schedule

### Wednesday----- Athlete vs. Mathlete

- Assembly
  - Liturgy schedule

### Thursday----- Dress Up Day

- 7:30
- Mass

### Friday----- Spirit Day

- Donuts
- Pep rally
  - 1:00-1:50
- Parade
  - 2:00
- HOCO set-up
  - After parade

- Football game-7pm

**Saturday**

- Mass
  - 5:00
- Dance
  - 8:00-11:00
- Clean-up
  - 11:00