



### **From the Principal**

New for this year at St. John Bosco are the ISTE Standards for Students (International Society for Technology in Education). Empowering students to become lifelong learners and providing them with the skills to face future challenges resourcefully and creatively is critical. It's not about using digital tools to support outdated education strategies and models; it's about tapping into technology's potential to amplify human capacity for critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and communication. The ISTE Standards provide a framework for rethinking education, empowering learners and amplifying learning with technology. At St. John Bosco, we are preparing students for a future that we cannot yet imagine. This year, on the report cards, will be benchmarks based on the following standards for all students. We are also beginning our journey in coding with our youngest students in 4K – 3<sup>rd</sup> in early October.

### **Empowered Learner**

Students leverage technology to take an active role in choosing, achieving and demonstrating competency in their learning goals, informed by the learning sciences.

### **Digital Citizen**

Students recognize the rights, responsibilities and opportunities of living, learning and working in an interconnected digital world, and they act and model in ways that are safe, legal and ethical.

### **Knowledge Constructor**

Students critically curate a variety of resources using digital tools to construct knowledge, produce

creative artifacts and make meaningful learning experiences for themselves and others.

### **Innovative Designer**

Students use a variety of technologies within a design process to identify and solve problems by creating new, useful or imaginative solutions.

### **Computational Thinker**

Students develop and employ strategies for understanding and solving problems in ways that leverage the power of technological methods to develop and test solutions.

### **Creative Communicator**

Students communicate clearly and express themselves creatively for a variety of purposes using the platforms, tools, styles, formats and digital media appropriate to their goals.

### **Global Collaborator**

Students use digital tools to broaden their perspectives and enrich their learning by collaborating with others and working effectively in teams locally and globally.

**Mrs. Dasser**

### **Grandparents/Grand Friends Day**

Our Grandparents and Grand Friends Day was celebrated on October 4, 2017. Grandparents and other older people are very special in children's lives, so we wanted to thank them. They joined us for Mass at 8:20am, had a donut reception, and toured the school with goodbyes at 10:00am.

### **Creative Spirits – Creative Souls**

Our Playground Dedication took



place on Friday, September 8. We had a wonderful turnout with beautiful weather for our special celebration. Mrs. Dasser thanked our many contributors and volunteers who helped with this project. St. John Bosco School



students, led by Mr. Newbern, sang our school song and then Fr. Carl blessed the playground (and students) with holy water. The celebration ended with cotton candy, popcorn, custard, water and lemonade. It truly was a special



afternoon at our school. The video of the entire project can be found on our school's Facebook page.



**Blessing of the Animals**

Many of us have a special bond with our pets. St. John Bosco School students celebrated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4 by bringing their pets and stuffed animals to school for a special blessing. We gathered outside prior to the start of our school day. Thanks



of God's creatures!

to Fr. Tony and Fr. Carl for blessing our favorites

**Free Money for St. John Bosco**

St. John Bosco School collects Box Tops for Education and Econo Foods receipts. These monies help our school, so please continue to save them. With summer Econo Foods receipts, St. John Bosco made approximately \$1450.00. We appreciate your support of the school.

**4K Makes Applesauce**

Mrs. Kacmarynski's 4K class made applesauce in late September. The students had so much fun and the classroom smelled so good!



**Diocesan All School Mass**

St. John Bosco School will be hosting the Diocesan All School Mass on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. Mass will take place at Corpus Christi Church beginning at 10:00am. Bishop Ricken will be the presider. Student representatives from Catholic schools throughout our diocese will be in attendance. Please put this special event on your calendar and join us!

**Technology Update**

The future workforce will require knowledge of computer science. To help prepare our students to be 21



century learners and "workers", St. John Bosco is focusing on the new computer science standards. One of our new areas of focus is on teaching our students to code. Coding is a step by step process that allows



you to create instructions that will tell a computer to do something. All smartphone apps and programs that run on computers are created through code. We will be working with the curriculum provided through code.org to introduce coding to our students.

The second-grade students started with an unplugged (no computer devices used) activity to build a



structure with the provided materials that would support a book. The focus of this lesson isn't about the building of the structure. It is about trying a plan and realizing that when a plan fails it is often the beginning of a project, not the end. Experiencing failure is frustrating and challenging, but also exciting when we view it as common steps to creativity and success. This is the beginning of the critical thinking process that students need when they code.

Stay tuned for updates on our journey to code!

**Pictures from the First Day of School**

The first day of school for St. John Bosco was



Friday, September 1. Usually, students and their parents are huddled around each other visiting with friends, greeting



their new teachers, and taking pictures – not this year. The blacktop parking lot was empty, except for the teachers. Everyone else was ON THE NEW PLAYGROUND! Families finally gathered together for a prayer led by Fr. Bob.



**5K Visits Mrs. Spaude's House**

On Wednesday, September 27 the kindergartners took a walking field trip to Mrs. Spaude's house to collect and examine seeds. They found many unique seeds – even ones they could eat! Everyone had a great time and even took several large seeds home to plant.

