



The Parish Connection

St. John Bosco
Catholic School

St. John Bosco School is shaping future leaders by providing academic excellence in a caring 4K-8 Catholic environment where God's gifts are nurtured and where faith is put into action.

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From the Principal

Three times in a two - week period of time we celebrated our special blessings from God.

Students' and staff birthdays for August and September on September 27th during mass and animals and grandparents/grand-friends on October 4th.

Our words have great influence in the lives of those around us, and spoken blessings can bring hope, encouragement, and direction to our families, friends, and others. A spoken blessing is a **positive, Biblical statement that invokes the blessing of God in the life of another.** The power of spoken blessings comes from God. In the Scriptures, the act of blessing means 'the imparting of power or life.' The person performing the blessing is mediating that power from God or Christ to the person performing or the animal involved. To bless is more than an expression of goodwill and caring. To bless is to impart God's power in person! The blessing of each animal, grandparent and birthday means that health, healing and life are being mediated from God.

Numbers 6:24-26 "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Mrs. Dassel

Special Thank You

Due to the kindness and generosity of Dr. Dennis Connolly and his wife, Bonnie, we recently purchased 15 new laptops for the teachers. Their technology donation of \$16,000 was well spent as the teacher laptops were 6 years old and in dire need of replacement. Dennis and Bonnie have been very supportive to us as we begin our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) project, the focus for the next three years. Without the upgrade, the teachers would not be able to engage students with their learning for Project Lead the Way. These first, initial steps were critical to a successful journey for us. Dennis and Bonnie have been instrumental with several initiatives at SJB including our literacy adoption Electric Moment Match, Digital Transformation Plan Electric Moment Match and Spanish curriculum adoption to name a few. We thank you for caring as much as you do about our school, our students and their future.

Scholastic Book Fair

SJB's Parent Association is coordinating a Scholastic Book Fair beginning this weekend. The book fair will be open Nov. 4th, 5-7pm and Nov. 5th, 8:00am-12:30pm. It will also be open during parent-teacher conferences on Nov. 7th and 9th from 3:00pm-7:15pm. Books make great Christmas presents!

Free Money for SJB

Continue to save Box tops for Education and Econo Foods Receipts! This brings in THOUSANDS of dollars for our school.

Diocesan All School Mass



St. John Bosco School hosted the Diocesan All School Mass on October 25th. Bishop Ricken was the presider. Six priests and one deacon were in attendance. 55 Catholic Schools sent representatives to the Mass. A collection was taken up for hurricane victims. Each school was assigned another area school to pray for throughout this school year. St. John Bosco School will be praying for St. Mary the Immaculate Conception in Greenville. It was a beautiful liturgy!





Christmas by the Bay – Glory to God and Peace on Earth

Please mark your calendars to join in cheering on the St. John Bosco students and staff who will be proudly displaying their school spirit in the Christmas by the Bay Parade on Saturday, November 18, at 10:00 a.m. The procession starts at Sawyer Park to Madison Avenue, across to Third Avenue, and ends on Jefferson Street. This year's float is being coordinated by our 4K and 5K parents, with the theme of Glory to God and Peace on Earth. Students will be dressed as angels and shepherds. Please come cheer us on!



5K Visits SB Fire Department

Mrs. Spaude's Kindergarten Class visited Sturgeon Bay's East Side Fire Department and Door County Museum. They had a great time spraying the fire hose, and looking at all the animals displayed in the museum.



Girls Basketball

Our girls' 4th & 6th grade basketball teams wrapped up their seasons on Monday, October 30th at Sevastopol. 4th grade went 5-3 and 6th grade went 3-7. Our teams had a great season of fun, growth and development!



4K Visits Schopf's Dairy Farm



Mrs. Kacmarynski's 4K class visited Schopf's Dairy Farm. They had a great time learning about cows, running through the corn maze, eating an ice cream treat and bringing home their own pumpkin.

Mrs. Mueller Receives Fire Safety Prize

Congratulations to Mrs. Mueller for receiving a prize from the Sturgeon Bay Fire Department, which was



presented by Assistant Fire Chief Kalin Montevideo. The First-Grade class was the only class where each student returned the fire safety checklist. Mrs. Mueller received a Walmart gift card, which she used to buy new puzzles and games for rainy day recesses in the classroom.


4K Halloween Fun

Our 4K class enjoyed dressing up for Halloween! Thanks to the moms who could come and celebrate with us!



Technology Update

What's the Buzz about Coding?

St. John Bosco students in 2nd and 3rd grade have been busy as bees  learning about coding with Bee-Bots! A bee-bot is a little robot designed for use with young students. This user friendly little bug is a perfect tool for teaching counting, sequencing, estimation, problem solving, looping and all the initial skills to construct and execute algorithms (sets of step-by-step instructions). These skills are the foundation for coding and programming. Through fun activities, students enter directional commands on buttons on the top of their bee-bot which send bee-bot forward, back, left, and right. After entering the commands, a student presses the GO button and the "program" runs, hopefully in the exact way the students designed it to. If the bee-bot takes an unexpected path, students must



"debug" their program and rework the steps to achieve their goal.

We focus on communication, collaboration, discussing what we want to happen, what did happen, and what needs to be changed to rework our steps to completion of the task successfully. Our bee-bot lessons develop excellent 21st century learning skills that can be applied in all areas of academics and social learning situations! The bee-bots will be flying into the Kindergarten and 1st grade class in November and December. After the introductory activities each classroom from Kindergarten – 3rd Grade will have a hive (a set of 6 bee-bots) in their classroom to be integrated into multiple subject activities.