



The Parish Connection

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



Project 3

January began with the kick-off of St. John Bosco's third project, Project Lead the Way. PLTW is a national STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program. It provides transformative learning experiences for students and teachers. The curriculum creates an engaging, hands-on classroom environment and empowers students to develop in-demand knowledge and skills they need to thrive. Teachers are provided training and resources to engage students in real-world learning. Using Launch and Gateway for our K-8 students in science, 2 of the 4 modules at each grade level K-8 will be implemented in fall of 2018. The remaining 2 will be implemented in fall of 2019. The full program will be in place in fall of 2020.

Launch (K-5) taps into students' exploratory nature, engages them in learning that feels like play, and encourages them to keep discovering – now and for years to come. Whether designing a car safety belt or building digital animations, students engage in critical and creative thinking, build teamwork skills and learn to try and try again when faced with challenges.

Gateway (6-8) sparks a joy of discovery and illuminates the range of paths students can look forward to in high school and beyond. Students

apply knowledge and skills from a variety of disciplines. By tackling challenges like designing a therapeutic toy for a child with cerebral palsy, creating their own app, or solving a medical mystery, students are empowered to make a real-world impact.

This project is a 3-year project with staff development taking place during the summers of 2018 and 2019 for teachers. Training takes place at the Milwaukee School of Engineering for a period of 2-5 days dependent on the module.

We have most of the infrastructure in place from our Digital Transformation Project (project 1). I have begun writing grants for this endeavor and am making it the focus for curriculum donations and the Electric Moment at Gala. Please contact me if you wish to donate to this exceptional program. Join me and the staff as we continue on our journey toward excellence at St. John Bosco.



Practicing Faith,
Strengthening our
Community, Graduating
Leaders

Mrs. Dassler

Catholic School's Week Treat

The Diocesan Education Department delivered over 11,000 cookies to the staff and students of all area



Catholic Schools as a treat for Catholic Schools Week. Thanks to Sr. Kay Klackner for the special delivery!

Archery Unit

BULLSEYE! Kids on Target
Learning Skills and Advancing
Conservation

Door County is a county where many families have bow hunting as a life-long activity. Bringing the program into the school to allow everyone the opportunity to learn the necessary skills in archery is wonderful. So much of what archery has to offer benefits the students in other aspects of their lives: focus, concentration and goal setting. Students learn they must overcome distractions and obstacles, and have a plan of action. Archery provides a fundamental relaxation quality in that the archer must be focused on the immediate moment. Archery is a self-challenging and rewarding activity, blending physical and mental resources. Basic math skills are reinforced during routine scoring in archery.

Through the generous grants from Safari Club, Whitetales Unlimited, Department of Natural Resources and the National Archery in Schools Program we were able to fund an archery program for our middle school students (5-8). New Genesis bows, arrows, arrow curtain, bow rack, floor quivers, maintenance kit and targets were purchased with funding and have now arrived at the school. The archery unit began in mid-January. Many, many thanks to the above organizations for awarding the necessary monies for this new program and our physical education teacher, Tyler Jahn, for providing the necessary instruction for successful implementation.



Gala of Giving

Put the GALA on your calendar now! St. John Bosco's Gala of Giving is Saturday, March 3 in the St. John Bosco Gym. Doors will open at 5:00, dinner will be served from 5 to 7, and the live auction will begin at 7:15. This wonderful event contributes over \$40,000 to our operating budget each year. You can be a special part of it by donating new, unused items for the event and/or attending the event itself. Bring your donation to the St. John Bosco school office during regular office by February 16, 2018 or call us and we will have someone pick it up. *Help us make this the best event yet!*



Get Your Gala Tickets!!

Gala tickets will be sold at masses on the weekends of Feb. 17 & 18 and 24 & 25. We are offering 3 Gala Ticket Packages. The Pope Package includes 2 Dinner tickets, 2 \$250 Raffle entries, 40 50/50 tickets, 2 Tops & Bottoms tickets, 40 Bag Raffle tickets, 2 Lottery Basket Raffle tickets, 2 Gift Card Tree tickets, 4 Drink tickets and a Bid Number (up to 2)—all for \$150. The Cardinal Package includes 2 Dinner tickets, 2 \$250 Raffle entries, 13 50/50 tickets, 2 Tops & Bottoms tickets, 13 Bag Raffle tickets, 2 Lottery Basket Raffle tickets, 1 Gift Card Tree Raffle tickets, 2 Drink tickets and a Bid Number (up to 2)—all for \$100. The Bishop Package includes 2 Dinner tickets, 2 \$250 Raffle entries, 13 50/50 tickets, 13 Bag Raffle tickets, 1 Lottery Basket Raffle ticket, 2 Drink tickets and a Bid Number (up to 2)—all for \$75. You can also purchase individual Dinner tickets for \$15 each and \$250 Raffle entries for \$10 each.

Forks and Spoons Needed

Due to increased participation in the hot lunch program, we are in need of spoons and forks. These can be mismatched. If you have some to donate, please drop them off in the school office. Thanks!

Catholic Schools Week

This weekend marks the end of Catholic Schools Week.

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students and staff enjoyed a week of knowledge, faith and fun. Students experienced "Back to the Future" with a teacher swap, participated in a student trivia challenge, "Mixed it Up", celebrated with the Special



People in their lives, and showed off their talents all in one week. Classes even fit in a door decorating contest. Visit us on Facebook and see more pictures from our exciting week.

Reading Challenge Update

Students at St. John Bosco School are reading, reading, reading! Their incentive is to make Mrs. Dassler wear a hideous pair of yellow work pants. We have achieved over three quarters of our goal of 100,000 minutes.



According to our reading tracker, students have read 77,887 minutes. At this rate, by mid-February, we will have fulfilled our reading challenge. Check out the school website for updates on our reading totals.

Box Tops for Education

Thanks to the families and friends of SJB for collecting Box Tops. In January, we received a check for \$511.00. Every little bit does add up! A big thank you too to Ginny Monfils for being our Box Top Coordinator!

Annual Chick Visit!

Fr. Birdsall brought in an incubator with eggs from three different breeds of chicken. We saw over 20 chicks hatch! Fr. spoke with 4K and Kindergarten and shared how the eggs came to be chickens! All the students and staff look forward to the chick visit each year.



Spaghetti Dinner Thank You

Thanks to the parishioners and friends who supported our Catholic Schools Week Spaghetti Dinner! We had a great turnout and the spaghetti was delicious. Many thanks to Sonny's Pizzeria, our families who worked the event and Forbes Funeral Home for donating the placemats. It was a great way to kick off Catholic Schools Week.

Stay Informed about St. John Bosco

School Website – The website includes current news and a calendar of events for the current month. <https://johnboscoschool.org>

Facebook – Dozens of photos from school activities fill St. John Bosco's Facebook page. Anyone can access it from our website.