



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

Who Are You Thankful For?

With the holiday of Thanksgiving just completed, Advent beginning and Christmas soon to be celebrated, I ask you to think about the meaning of the word thanksgiving - it is an expression of gratitude, especially to God. Often, we get caught up in the pageantry that surrounds this holiday, and forget just who we are thankful for.

In life, you will meet many people along the way. Each person who touches our life brings a gift. Some will touch you more than others, but each person comes into your life for a reason. Many times, we don't exactly know why. This person could be a teacher, a parent, a spouse, a sibling, a friend or a stranger. Maybe this person listens when we need to talk or cry. Maybe they help us financially when we are broke. Maybe they talk to us, when we need a different perspective. Maybe they hold us when we don't deserve it. Maybe they sit with us when our grief is too much to bear alone. Maybe they are just there, so we know we are not alone.

How have we acknowledged this help? Have we taken their gifts of love, compassion, and hope out into the world and offered it to others? We all need to give

something back to this world that will help others along their paths. Possibly we all need to be more thankful. This year, stop, think, and remember all the people who have crossed our paths and be thankful for them. Say thank you out loud, say thank you in silence, but say it.

Practicing Faith, Strengthening our Community, Graduating Leaders

Mrs. Dassler

Thanksgiving Trivia Answers

The School's November 15th Newsletter listed 20 Thanksgiving Trivia Questions. We asked families to look for the answers in this month's issue of the Parish Connection. Here is a posting of the questions, with answers highlighted.

1. What year was the celebration that is most commonly considered to be the first Thanksgiving? **1621**
2. How long did the first Thanksgiving celebration last? **3 days**
3. Under which president did Thanksgiving become an annual holiday? **Lincoln**
4. What are turkey chicks called? **Poults**
5. What is the wobbly red piece of flesh on top of the beak of a turkey? **Snood**
6. What state raises the most turkeys? **Minnesota**
7. What food was present at the first Thanksgiving but is rarely eaten at Thanksgiving now? **Seafood**
8. What culture produced the idea of the cornucopia, the horn of plenty? **Greek culture**

9. Do all turkeys gobble? **No, only males**
10. What is the name of the famous rock credited to where the pilgrims first landed? **Plymouth Rock**
11. What was the name of the ship the pilgrims came over on? **Mayflower**
12. Which balloon was the first balloon in the 1927 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade? **Felix the Cat**
13. Turkeys can drown if they look up in the rain. True or False. **True**
14. At the first Thanksgiving, there were more Indians than there were Pilgrims. True or False. **True**
15. Why is Thanksgiving always observed on a Thursday? **Thursday was mid prayer week**
16. How fast can a turkey run? **25 mph**
17. Which state produces the most cranberries? **Wisconsin**
18. What traditional food do we eat at Thanksgiving today that they did not serve in 1621? **Pumpkin pie**
19. The first Thanksgiving football game was started in 1934 by which team? **Detroit Lions**
20. What are unhappy cranberries called? **Blueberries**

Advent Services

Please join us for our Advent Services each Monday, December 5, 12, 19, and Friday, December 22 at 8:10 a.m. in the hallway near the school office.



Scholastic Book Fair

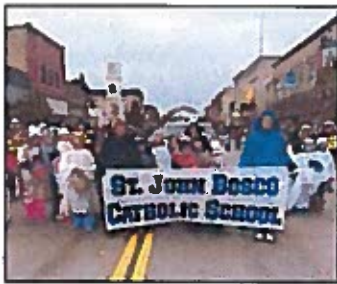
Thank you for supporting SJB's Scholastic Book Fair. Many families and friends stopped in and bought books. St. John Bosco School will be able to purchase \$2000 worth of new books to be used in the classrooms!



Glory to God and Peace on Earth



Our entry in the Christmas by the Bay Parade, designed and created by our 4K and Kindergarten students and their parents took First Place in the 2017 Non-Profit Entry Category. SJB students and families were spreading peace on Earth!



Thanksgiving Mass

Thank you to our first-grade class for helping us celebrate our special Thanksgiving Mass. We are very grateful to our little Pilgrims and Native Americans and their teacher, Mrs. Mueller for helping us give thanks to God for all our blessings!



Thanksgiving Baskets

St. John Bosco School assembled 9 Thanksgiving dinner baskets for area families. Baskets included a \$25 gift card to purchase a turkey, potatoes, fresh yams, dinner rolls, gravy, stuffing, corn, beans, cranberries, jello, pumpkin and apple pies and cool whip. Sharing God's blessings brings such joy!

Third Grade Receives Dictionaries

Ms. Prue's Third Grade class received dictionaries from the Breakfast Rotary Club in mid-November.



Thanks to Ann Smejkal and Ann Jenkins for presenting the dictionaries to our students. We are eager to learn new words!

DARE Graduation

Our fifth-grade students recently completed the *D.A.R.E.* program with Juvenile Investigator Chris Neuville. The DARE program began as a drug abuse resistance education (DARE) program. It has grown into a program centered on teaching students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives. For a final *D.A.R.E.* project, the students wrote individual essays on what was learned during the program. One essay was selected that best represented the *D.A.R.E.* message, and that essay was read during the graduation ceremony on December 1. Door County Sheriff Steve Delarwelle also spoke during the ceremony. Officer Neuville and Mrs. Retzlaff presented each student with a certificate and T-shirt recognizing their dedication and hard work in the *D.A.R.E.* program.

Sip 'N Shop

Door County Candy is continuing with their annual tradition of the Sip "N Shop holiday shopping event and giving back to local nonprofits. Proceeds from anyone shopping at the store between the hours of 4:00 – 6:00 on December 9th will be given to St. John Bosco. If you need to purchase those holiday favorites for your family and friends please do so on the 9th between 4:00 – 6:00. Thank you.

Christmas Concert

Please join St. John Bosco School students and staff on Thursday, December 21st for our annual Christmas concert. This year, the concert will be held at Corpus Christi Church at 6:30pm. Our singing and instrumental playing will definitely get you into the Christmas spirit.



Annual School Fund Drive

St. John Bosco School's Annual School Fund is officially underway. If you did not receive an envelope in the mail, please look for specially marked envelopes located in each of the parishes. Catholic education is an investment in the Church, our community, and our society. Each year St. John Bosco fundraises 20% of its annual operating budget. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the county's only Catholic School. Thank you!

Green Day

4K celebrated Green Day! Each student along with Mrs. Kacmarynski and Mrs. Weber wore green to celebrate the day. The students were even able to enjoy green eggs and ham.



First and Fourth Grade Team Up

Before Thanksgiving break, our First and Fourth Graders took time to read to each other. A great time was had by all!

