



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



A colleague gave me a book, *A Minute of Margin*, a book of short, thoughtful, insight, some years ago. I still pick it up occasionally and read for the wisdom and reflection I wish to have in my life. The below article is one that I have read many times, written by Norman Cousins, and would like to share with you. **Breaking the Speed Limit of Life.** We are a nation on the move and in a hurry, the people of the forward stampede. We eat fast food during rush hour. We ship by FedEx, place calls through Sprint, balance books on Quicken, and diet with SlimFast. We're hyper living, like field mice on amphetamines at harvest time, moving so fast we're passing up photons. Our global treadmill is equipped with an automatically advancing speed rheostat, and every year the world spins faster. Gone are the 1930's of *To Kill a Mockingbird*: "People moved slowly then. They ambled across the square, shuffled in and out of the stores around it, took their time about everything. A day was twenty-four hours long but seemed longer. There was no hurry, for there was nowhere to go, nothing to buy and no money to buy it with, nothing to see outside the boundaries of Maycomb County." If people were bored in 1930, we are breathless and exhausted now. The speed phenomenon is not only subjectively true but objectively measurable. Because progress gives us more and more, faster and faster, the escalating pace of daily life is both

scientifically verifiable and a permanent feature of the modern age. Personally, I don't mind going *fast*. I don't even mind going *faster*. But going *too fast* is another issue altogether. It is not wrong to enjoy the pleasure of being efficient and productive. But the anguish of being gasping, resentful, and consumed is real, compliments excessive speed. Is there a speed limit to life... a pace beyond which the brain, body, and spirit begin to suffer? What happens when we exceed this limit? Clearly there is such a limit, and clearly many of us exceed it routinely. The increase in ambient speed is one of the most pressing problems of our time. Our lives are nonstop. We walk fast, talk fast, eat fast, and then excuse ourselves by saying, "I must run." This frenzy is responsible for much personal and family dysfunction. Very little of lasting spiritual value happens in the presence of speed. Speed. Hurry. We pay a price for the pace at which we live.

Rx Consciously slow the pace of life. Take your foot off the accelerator pedal. Throttle back.

Put on the brakes and obey the speed limit of the soul. The green pastures and still waters yet await us – but not in the direction the treadmill is spinning.

Mrs. Dasser

Meet Elijah

A therapy dog named Elijah has been visiting our students in grades 4K-4. Students have the opportunity to read to Elijah and his owner, Carol. Elijah loves interacting with our students. He is a great addition to our weekly schedule!



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 4th 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 to Fr. Ryan for blessing our favorites of God's creatures!

Request for Veterans' Names

Since 2015, our students have been sending appreciation letters to Veterans for Veterans Day. We are again requesting that if any of our parishioners have a family member who is a veteran, and wouldn't mind receiving a letter from our students, please contact our school office with their names and addresses. We appreciate your help with this community outreach project.



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>



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



Helpful Ways to Bring Extra \$ to SJB

There is a new way to bring extra money to St. John Bosco School. We are now participating in HuTerra. You can help by bringing in your receipts from Pick n Save, Target, Pizza Hut, BP, Mobil and Wienke's Market to the school office. Please remember that receipts need to be processed within two weeks of the purchase date. You can also help by scanning your own receipts using the My HuTerra and the Box Tops for Education Apps. We are still accepting Econo Foods receipts too. Buying Scrip at Corpus Christi Parish and choosing St. John Bosco as your designation also benefits us. These simple actions by you can literally bring in thousands of dollars for us. Thank you!

4K Field Trip to Otumba Park

Mrs. Kacmarynski took her 4K class to Otumba Park on Wednesday, September 25th, for their Fall Leaf Hunt. They collected God's gorgeous foliage

and used them in Math class and for

a few Art projects.



Paper Resources Needed

With the cost of paper rising, St. John Bosco School is hoping a few parishioners might have a connection with a paper company where the school could get a reduced price on copy paper. If you know of someone or a business that we could call, please contact Vickie Dassler at 920-743-4144 or email her at vickie.dassler@johnboscoschool.org. Thank you!

St. Lawrence Seminary

St. Lawrence Seminary will be visiting our seventh and eighth grade boys on Tuesday, October 15th.

Turn Markers Into Energy!

SJB's Parent Association is participating in the Crayola ColorCycle Program. During the month of October, families and parishioners can send in their old markers, highlighters and dry erase markers. A drop-off box is located outside the school office. Thanks for participating!

Basketball Update

We have two girls' basketball teams this year! The 3rd & 4th grade team is being coached by Mrs. Sara Paye, Ms. Rachael Millner and Ms. Taylor Jackson and the 5th & 6th grade team is being coached by Mr. Travis Olson, and Mr. Steve Neville. We have 15 athletes this year! Come cheer on the girls at their next home game on October 10, starting with the 3rd & 4th grade team at 5:30pm, and then the 5th & 6th grade team at 6:30pm. Go Bobcats!

Volleyball at SJB

SJB is excited to announce that it has a volleyball team this year! There are 10 girls on the 7th & 8th grade team. The coaches are Mrs. Jennifer Olson and Mrs. Alexa Finney. Join us for our next home game, Tuesday, October 8 at 4:30pm when we compete against St. Peter's. Go Bobcats!

Fire Prevention Presentation

The Sturgeon Bay Fire Department visited students in Grades 4K-5 on Thursday, September 19. Students watched



a DVD and learned about fire safety and emergency techniques during their Fire Prevention Presentation.

Project Lead the Way Update

The 8th graders learned about scale and model representations along with earth/moon statistics. They also created a model moon



proportionate to an Earth model given to them. They determined the distance the moon needed to be from the Earth using a scale factor calculation in class. Next up, students will learn about moon phases.

Grandparents/Grand Friends Day

Grandparents and Grand Friends Day was celebrated on September 11.



Grandparents and other older people are very special in children's lives, so SJB wanted to

thank them. They joined us for Mass at 8:20am, had a donut reception, and toured the school. We had over 130 grandparents and grand friends join us for the morning!



Annual School Fund Drive Match

The Annual School Fund Drive for St. John Bosco School kicked off in early September. Past donors received a mailing. We have two generous families who are matching up to \$30,000 in donations thru November 15th. If you did not receive a mailing and would like to donate by November 15th, please contact the school office at 920 743-4144. Please consider donating!