



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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Advent...Patient Preparation

This past weekend we entered into the holy season of Advent (Advent means "coming" in Latin), the first season of the Catholic Liturgical Calendar. It is a time when we as a community of the faithful prepare our homes, places of worship and most especially ourselves for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus and ultimately the second coming of Christ at the end of time.

In an era of instant—instant response, instant access, instant gratification—there is value in learning to live with anticipation, preparation, and joyful expectation. As we look back on our experiences, we can see that some of the best things in life did not happen in an instant. Education is ongoing—lifelong. Relationships take time to nurture. The perfect golf swing, casting technique or Nataraja Sana pose comes only through patience and persistent practice. This is not a skill or disposition you are born with it is developed.

Across this season brimming with hope, I encourage you to join us in one of the many Advent practices that will reinforce what is being learned at school. Whether it is the Celtic tradition of a candle in the window, the German tradition of the Advent calendar or wreath, setting up the family crèche on the first day of Novena as done in Italy, or participating in the beautiful Hispanic tradition of Las Posada - these practices help to bring into

our homes a sense of prayerful patience and hopeful anticipation.



Wishing you a beautiful season of Advent.

Vickie Dassler
Principal

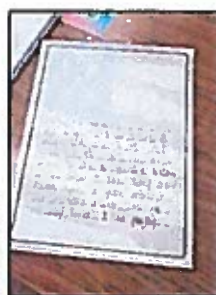
Grade 3 Dictionaries

On November 21st, Mrs. Ann Smejkal from the Breakfast Rotary Club presented our third graders with dictionaries. We are so appreciative of this donation and cannot wait to learn new words!



Veteran's Day Letters

4K and Kindergarten colored flags and grades 1-8 wrote letters to send to our local Veterans. St. John Bosco School sent over 200 letters! This



is an important project that the students look forward to every year. Thank you Veterans!

ASFD Match has been Met

SJB successfully met its match of \$30,000 by November 15th. Thank you to those who contributed! Our overall goal has not been met however, so if you would still like to donate, please send in your donation by December 31st. Thank you!

Honor Roll Students

Congratulations to these students for making honor roll for first quarter.

6th Grade

Jordis Brilla	High Honors
Sawyer Clarke	High Honors
Will Estes	High Honors
Alanna Paye	High Honors
Norah Phillips	High Honors
Grant Pieschek	High Honors
Jayden Rangel	High Honors
Aaron Tomaszewski	High Honors
Levi Ullman	High Honors
Britney Wanless	High Honors

7th Grade

Simon Dean	High Honors
Sebastian Fogarty	High Honors
Jack Konop	High Honors
Julia Michalski	High Honors

8th Grade

Glenn Faller	High Honors
Mackenzie Jones	High Honors
Julia Kurek	High Honors
Natalia Michalski	High Honors
Danica Neville	High Honors
Paige Olson	High Honors
Mikayla Pieschek	High Honors
Elizabeth Scheer	High Honors
Katherine Spude	High Honors
Jack Kruse	Honors

1st Grade Reading Buddies

The 1st graders worked with their Reading Buddies to create turkeys for the residents of Cardinal Ridge. Thank you, Reading Buddies, for your help!



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DARE Graduation



The Fifth-Grade class participated in the DARE program for 10 weeks. Officer Chris Neuville came to our school and presented classes on Drug Awareness and Good Decision Making. Another part of the DARE program is an essay contest. The winners this year were Emily Miller and Ross Spritka. Congratulations Emily and Ross! Our DARE graduation was celebrated on Friday, November 22nd.

Christmas by the Bay Parade

Students and parents of SJB were part of the Christmas by the Bay Parade on November 23rd.

Thank you to the 4K and 5K room



parents for coordinating the school float! This year's theme was "This Little Light of Mine".

Thanksgiving Mass

Our first graders led our Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday, November 26th. The little pilgrims and Native Americans always help put us in the right spirit to express our gratitude to



God for all the blessings he has given us.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

During November, SJB students were asked to share with those less fortunate. Each class was assigned a food item category, such as peanut butter and jelly, canned or dry soup packages, pasta and sauces, hot or cold cereal, condiments, canned fruit and vegetables, taco shells and seasoning, crackers and granola bars, bottles of juice or cans of coffee and pancake mix and syrup. Students



filled 20 boxes of food items that were

donated to the food pantry located at Holy Name of Mary Church. Way to go Bosco families!

Collection Drive Continues

To continue with the generosity of our students and families, each month for the remainder of the school year, SJB will be conducting an all school collection drive. All donated items will go to our local agencies. We are inviting parishioners to get in the spirit by dropping items off too. During the month of December, we will be collecting newly bought mittens and socks. We want to keep the hands and feet of our community warm this winter. Drop off boxes are located in the school office. Please consider donating!

Reconciliation

Grades 3-8 celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, December 5th. Thank you to Fr. Ryan Krueger, Fr. Ron Colombo, Fr. Quinn Mann and Fr. Bob Stegmann for celebrating this important sacrament with our students.

Service Project & Christ Child Society Mass

The members of the Christ Child Society joined our students for Mass on Wednesday, December 4th at 8:20am.



Student Council coordinated a service project in support of the Christ Child Society's mission of helping expecting mothers in need of baby supplies. Students collected baby items, such as diapers, sleepers, and onesies.

Advent Prayer Services

Please join us Monday, December 9th at 10:45am, Monday, December 16th at 12:40pm, and Friday, December 20th at 2:45pm for an Advent Prayer Service. These services will be taking place in the hallway of school.

Christmas Concert



Don't forget to mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30pm in the Corpus Christi Church. Our students will be sharing their heavenly voices and instrumental talents, which will surely get you in the Christmas spirit. We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas concert!

Student Council Members

The following students are the representatives for SJB's 2019-2020 Student Council.

President: Mackenzie Jones
Vice President: Mikayla Pieschek
Secretary: Britney Wanless
Historian: Julia Kurek

Representatives:

Paige Olson	Dominic Romero
Libby Scheer	Natalia Michalski
Grant Pieschek	Danica Neville
Merrill Kelsey	Julia Michalski
Vienna Price	Norah Phillips
Tess Spude	Tristan Brilla
Alanna Paye	Jordis Brilla
Yarrow Goettelman	