



# 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...



### Children and Lent

We adults sometimes think that children can't understand spiritual concepts, but children have an innate spirituality and curiosity about God and spiritual things. To help children to understand what Lent is, you can tell them that it is a special time in the church year when we focus on spiritual things and do things that bring us closer to God. Years ago, when children were introduced to the season of Lent, there was a big emphasis on "giving something up," usually a favorite food or perhaps a pleasurable activity. There's nothing wrong with suggesting that children give something up for Lent, if they understand why they're doing it and do it in the right spirit. So, it's important to explain that giving something up for Lent can help us focus on God and that depriving ourselves of something we like gives us an appreciation for all we have. It's also a good idea to have the children do something positive related to what they're giving up. For instance, if they've given up candy for Lent, then they could take the money they would have spent on the candy and put it in a jar to be used for an organization which helps children in need. If they've decided to give up watching television one day a week, then they could use the time they would have spent watching TV helping someone or praying. Instead of focusing on giving something up, we can help children learn about giving to others within

the community. Research shows that the most important factor in a child's faith formation is the family. It's important to access free on-line resources for families so you can celebrate Lent in the home. It is also recommended that you involve children with the rest of the congregation through intergenerational worship. It's important for children to not only learn about Lent but to see how adults celebrate Lent.

*Mrs. Dangler*

### Gala of Giving's Electric Moment

St. John Bosco's Gala of Giving is occurring now – March 7<sup>th</sup>! Doors open at 5:00pm. Dinner is served from 5:00-7:00pm. Live auction begins at 7:15pm! If you are reading this on Sunday, there is still time to be a part of the Electric Moment! The Electric Moment is an opportunity for anyone to give money to a special project for the year. For the third and final year, the focus of our Electric Moment is for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), otherwise known as Project Lead the Way. We are expanding our Electric Moment to accept donations until March 25<sup>th</sup>. We have two matches totaling \$45,000, from Dr. Dennis and Bonnie Connolly and an anonymous couple, so you can double your money. Help us make this the best, most electric moment yet and raise as much as we can for our STEM project!

Drop a donation in the offertory or mail it to St. John Bosco School, 730 W. Maple St., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235.



### Registration for 2020-2021

We are accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration packets for grades 4K-8 are available at the school and in parish offices. Spread the good news about St. John Bosco!



### First Reconciliation

Students at SJB celebrated their First Reconciliation at their home parishes on February 15<sup>th</sup> and February 29<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations on celebrating this very important sacrament!

### Seroogy's Easter Chocolates

SJB is currently selling Seroogy's Easter chocolates through March 18<sup>th</sup>. Bunnies, lambs, fudge eggs and boxes of chocolates are available. Please contact the school office at 743-4144 or any of our school families to place an order. Delivery will be in time for Easter!



### SJB Middle School Math Meet

SJB had three teams participate in this year's Door County Middle School Math Competition on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Southern Door School. Congratulations to our participants and thanks to Tracy Glasheen for being our math team advisor!

#### 'Mmmm.....pi' Team Members:

Glenn Faller	Mackenzie Jones
Julia Kurek	Natalia Michalski
Danica Neville	Libby Scheer
Sebastian Fogarty	Julia Michalski

#### 'The Denominators' Team Members:

Tristan Brilla	Zeno McCarthy
Jack Konop	Jordis Brilla
Grant Pieschek	Levi Ullman
Aaron Tomaszewski	Britney Wanless

#### 'The Algebros' Team Members:

Sawyer Clarke	Alanna Paye
Yarrow Goettelman	Norah Phillips



### 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>

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

### Cross Country Skiing at Crossroads

SJB students in grades 5-8 went cross country skiing at Crossroads at Big Creek on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. This was part of their physical education class. Thanks to our parent drivers and our middle school teachers for providing transportation for us. The students enjoyed the morning learning a healthy and different way to enjoy the snow. Thanks to Mr. Jahn for coordinating this activity for us.



### Successful Open House

St. John Bosco School hosted an open house the week of February 17-21. We had several new families tour our school. If you know of a family who missed out on this opportunity, please contact school at 920-743-4144 to schedule a private tour.

### Winter Basketball Season Ends

SJB's Winter Basketball Season ended the last week of February. We were able to field two boys' teams – a 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team and a 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade team. Both teams had fun and gained a lot of experience. We would like to thank our coaches, Travis Price, Noah Tomaszewski and Aaron Hepp, for dedicating their time to our players. Also, a special thank you to our parents and fans for supporting us this season!

### Reconciliation at St. John Bosco School

Students in grades 2-8 will be celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Ryan Krueger, Fr. Bob Stegmann, Fr. Tony Birdsall, and Fr. Ron Colombo. Thank you to the priests for fitting this into their busy Lenten calendar!

### \$CRIP Sales

Did you know that when you purchase SCRIP at Corpus Christi it can directly benefit Catholic Education at St. John Bosco? SCRIP may be purchased after any Mass at Corpus Christi and on Thursdays, from 11:30-1:00 at the Corpus Christi Parish office. Tell the person to apply your purchase to St. John Bosco School!

### Lenten Activities

St. John Bosco School will be participating in many activities during Lent. Please join us as much as possible.

Friday, March 13 – Stations of the Cross 2:00pm Corpus Christi Church  
Wednesday, March 18 - Living Rosary 1:00pm St. John Bosco Gym

Thursday, April 9 – Stations of the Cross 10:00am Corpus Christi Church

### 4K Field Trip to Sonny's Pizzeria

The 4K class had a blast learning how to make pizza at Sonny's Pizzeria on February 4<sup>th</sup>. They



even got to sample their creations and learned proper restaurant manners. Thank you, Sonny's!!



### February Food Drive

St. John Bosco School collected hot and cold cereals during the month of February. All items were donated to Holy Name of Mary's food pantry.

### Creative Writing Workshop

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, St. John Bosco 5th-8th graders took part in a creative writing workshop called Skywriting sponsored as a collaborative effort between Northern Sky Theater and Write On, Door County. Students had a great time working with the facilitators from these organizations and created a variety of poems and stories around the central theme of nature. Writing generated during this workshop could potentially be included in a musical performed this summer at Northern Sky Theater. Thank you, Northern Sky Theater and Write On, Door County!



### Pasta and Sauces Food Drive

St. John Bosco School will be collecting pasta and sauces during the month of March. All items will be donated to the food pantry located at Holy Name of Mary Church in Maplewood. Parishioners are invited to donate too. Collection boxes are located outside of each of the classrooms in school. Thank you!

### SJB performs Shrek The Musical Jr.

Students in grades 5-8 will be performing in our school play, Shrek The Musical Jr. Play practice began February 17<sup>th</sup>. Performances will be April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars for this exciting show!



### Spring Break – No School

St. John Bosco School will not be in session the week of March 23-27 due to spring break. We will be back in session on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.