



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

The signs are everywhere, from budding trees to the appearance of spring flowers, seemingly out of nowhere. The days are a little warmer, our lawns are a little greener and we have experienced spring showers. With spring comes one of the most sacred celebrations of the Christian faith – Easter. It is a season of rebirth, not just of renewed life in the natural world around us as nature “springs” back from its long sleep, but a time to celebrate the miracle of the resurrection and the possibility of renewed life in Christ, life that is eternal.

The reason we decorate eggs as part of our Easter traditions actually predates Christianity. In many cultures, the egg is a symbol of new life, fertility and rebirth. When immigrants from around the world came to this country to begin their opportunity of a new life, they brought with them the traditions they had practiced in their countries of origin. It is believed the Easter Bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare. Their children made nests where a furtive bunny could leave its colored eggs. Of course, now the most prized eggs are chocolate, and the bunny can be found making appearances all over the place.

As we celebrate the traditions of Easter, both religious and secular, it is a time to remember the real meaning of Easter. Much like the promise of spring . . . that each year new life will emerge from bare trees and the barren ground, the promise of Easter

is that even the darkest, most tortured soul can experience rebirth in the belief of Christ's Resurrection and Ascension. What a joyful message of hope and salvation.

Here's wishing everyone a very happy Easter.

Mrs. Dandler

Honor Roll Students

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

6th Grade

Nicholas Fogarty	High Honors
Emily Miller	High Honors
Hayden Montevideo	High Honors
Ross Spritka	High Honors
Lily Suhrer	Honors

7th Grade

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

8th Grade

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

Registration for 2021-2022

We are still accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration forms for grades 4K-8 are available at the school and in parish offices. Spread the good news about St. John Bosco!



No School on Easter Monday

SJB will not be having school on Easter Monday, April 5th.

Gala of Giving

Thank you to everyone that purchased raffle tickets for this year's Gala of Giving. We sold 679 tickets!!!

The \$500 winners were: Lori Dart, Jane Shefchik, Angie Kruse, Noah Tomaszewski, and Pam Marsh.

The \$2,500 winner was: The Fogarty Family

The \$5,000 winner was: Chris & Carrie Schilz

Our top selling student was Patrick Shefchik, a fifth grader, who sold 20 tickets.

Mrs. Mueller was the top selling teacher.

The fifth-grade class was the top selling class by percentage, and the fourth-grade class sold the most tickets. Both grades will be having a special lunch when students get back from spring break.

Because of the great success, all students and staff will receive ice cream after Easter.

Congratulations to our winners! Thank you again to everyone for your amazing support!



Congratulations Math Teams!

Results have been tabulated for this year's Door County Middle School Math Competition which was held on March 2nd. Our team, 'The Mathee People', took second place overall! Four students placed individually: Jack Konop (Gr. 8) took 4th, Julia Michalski (Gr. 8) took 6th, Aaron Tomaszewski (Gr. 7) took 13th, and Sebastian Fogarty (Gr. 8) took 15th. Congratulations to our participants and thanks to Tracy Glasheen for being our math team advisor!



Electric Moment – Technology Upgrade

iPads are predominately used by our youngest learners 4K–4 and are used in our STEM classes 5-8. This year's Electric Moment, a component of our traditional Gala of Giving, focuses on updating our technology. Donations made before June 1st will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$55,000 due to the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Connolly and an anonymous donor. We are \$18,304.70 away from reaching this goal. Your contribution of any amount makes a difference. Thank you for your consideration, support, and generosity.

iPad use at Bosco, why have them?

The proliferation of iPads in the classroom will only keep accelerating. With these powerful mobile devices come a lot of possible benefits for our students and teachers alike.

1. Appealing to Students

With today's tech-savvy students, students see educational apps as games. As a result, they become more engaged and enthusiastic about learning.

2. Saves paper and money.

We invest thousands of dollars every year on books, textbooks, and other printed materials. Using iPads has reduced these costs and helped us "go green".

3. Multi-media and customized learning

There is not a one size fits all when it comes to teaching students. Some students learn best with a visual, some audio, some absorb best by reading, some by games, etc. The great thing about the iPads in the classroom is that it is a multipurpose learning tool that can appeal to all types of learners. Students can also move and excel at their own pace, which makes learning more effective for everyone.

4. Unlimited library of resources

With just a quick search on their iPad, students can read through educational books, journals, videos, articles, etc. They can begin research with the flick of a finger and can unlock a plethora of information and resources to answer all their questions.

Why Update iPads Now?

1. Improve stability

With our current iPads, students and teachers have experienced apps crashing, low storage, poor battery life, display issues, incompatible accessories, and unresponsive buttons. By updating our iPads, we hope to improve these issues so that students and teachers can focus on learning rather than troubleshooting their technology.

2. Improve microphone

Our current iPads, lack adequate microphones that are necessary for any remote learning or use in some educational apps. New iPads would ensure that all our students have working microphones.

3. Consistency across students and grade levels

Currently students use a mix of several generations of iPads. Although the differences between them may be subtle, it makes instruction and learning more difficult as teachers must navigate multiple user experiences. Upgrading to new iPads will allow students to use the same generation of iPad.

Laptop use at Bosco, when to replace them?

All is well in the world when you first begin using that shiny new laptop out of the box, but over time the experience always starts to degrade. At some point, we wonder "how often should we replace the laptop?" From reduced performance to low battery power and poor screen quality, a laptop never seems to last as long as you like. Unlike a

desktop PC where lifespan can be significantly increased by the tech savvy through regular upgrades, the shelf life on a laptop is limited by design. That is just simply the price we pay for portability. In general, you can expect to keep a laptop functioning for **three years on average with budget models**. More durable, higher end models can last up to **five years at the upper end**. By the time you hit a full five years, the pace of technology will ensure you are not running the latest apps or version of Windows at decent speeds anymore.

Before you hit the point where a laptop will not boot up at all anymore, there are several very clear signs that your machine is entering a death spiral:

1. Frequent lag, stutters, and slowdowns when there did not used to be any issues.
2. The operating system takes much longer to boot up than it used to.
3. File transfers are much slower than when the laptop was new.
4. Long pauses when switching between tabs or applications.
5. Frequently getting the blue screen of death crash when running programs that used to operate with ease.
6. Dead pixels, periods of black screen for no reason, or bright white flickers on the display.

Our technology upgrade includes iPads, laptops, smartboards, server, and desktops for the office.

Reconciliation & Stations of the Cross

On Wednesday, March 17th, Fr. Ryan, Fr. Bob and Fr. Tony celebrated Reconciliation with our students in Grades 3-8. We thank them for fitting this important Lenten practice into their busy schedules for us. Thanks also to Deacon Mark Hibbs for praying the Stations of the Cross with our students on Wednesday, March 24th.