



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

With the start of something new comes the hope of something great! Aside from graduation, the first day of a new school year is one of the most exciting as it symbolizes the opportunity, potential and promise brought by a new beginning. This year we are celebrating our 15th year as St. John Bosco Catholic School. The combining of Corpus Christi, St. Joseph and Saints Peter and Paul schools were the foundation for St. John Bosco in 2007 continuing with the rich history of Catholic education in Door County. That spirit of education has been in our hearts ever since, and it is played out at St. John Bosco every day. Here, every student is valued. Learning is celebrated. Faith is strengthened. And we provide the rigorous, advanced education that our children need. St. John Bosco was founded in faith. We help students realize the full potential of their God given abilities. Bringing Christ's message of service to others above self and the promise of eternal life that raises Catholic education to a higher level. We also rise to the high standards of instruction in today's world demands, particularly in reading, math, science and technology. To do all of that in a way that no one else could claim is an identity that could only be St. John Bosco. Our school challenges students and teachers to go beyond the status quo and exceed expectations. We are "Committed to Excellence." We are St. John Bosco.

Mrs. Dandler

Catholic Identity Training

Staff at SJB received training on Catholic identity through Franciscan at Home on Tuesday, August 23. Todd Blahnik, from the diocese came to our school and provided the training.

Rooms Receive a Makeover

A middle school classroom, the teacher's lounge, and the staff bathroom were repainted and recarpeted during the month of June. Thank you to Clay Recupero and Hawk Enterprise for helping with this makeover!

Reading Assessment/Sneak Peek Day

Reading Assessment/Sneak Peek Day was held on Monday, August 29 for students at SJB. K-5 students had a reading assessment done and all other students were able to drop off their school supplies



and meet their teachers. It was wonderful to see our students again after an enjoyable summer break!

Floor Cleaning at SJB

All floors and carpets at St. John Bosco School, including the gym, received a thorough cleaning during the months of June and July. We greatly appreciate Steve Selvick from Mastercare Cleaning for providing these services to SJB!

Spirit Wear Available Online

New SJB apparel designs are available! Please visit our school website <https://johnboscoschool.org> and click on the Spirit Wear tab. There are a variety of items available. Orders may be placed through September 11. Call Gretel at FLS at 743-3353 if you have questions.

First Day of School

The first day of school at SJB was this past Thursday, September 1. We gathered for prayer led by Fr. Ryan and Fr. Tony at 7:55am. What a beautiful way to begin the school year!

Cross Country Offered at SJB

SJB will be offering cross country for the very first time! Students in grades 6-8 can participate. Dennis Orns, our new AD and Physical Education teacher, will be our coach with help from parent, Amy Fogarty. Uniforms will be arriving soon! We are so excited to be offering this opportunity! The first meet is September 6 in Algoma.

Annual School Fund Kicks Off Soon

St. John Bosco Catholic School will be kicking off its Annual School Fund Drive this month. Look for the mailing soon!

Herb Kohl Educational Foundation

The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation has opened its application process for teachers and principals.

In order for teachers and principals to apply, they must be nominated first. By nominating a teacher or principal, you give them the opportunity to apply for the competitive Teacher Fellowship and Principal Leadership Awards equal to \$6,000 per winner and \$6,000 per their school.

This is a great way to honor and recognize outstanding educators and leaders in your school. Fellow teachers, school leaders, parents, community members, and even students can nominate a teacher or principal.

To nominate Mrs. Dandler and our teachers go to the school's website <https://johnboscoschool.org>. Scroll down to Herb Kohl Educational Foundation and click on Nominate Principal and Nominate Teacher. Nomination deadline is October 8, 2022, at 5:00pm central time.



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>

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

New in 2022-2023

Mrs. Barganz, 3rd Grade



I am very excited to be teaching third grade! I love building a classroom community, being positive, and helping students develop a lifelong passion for learning.

Fun Facts: I enjoy watching my kids and their various activities at each stage of life. My middle child is a senior playing on the football team for Sturgeon Bay; and my youngest will be starting her freshman year and playing volleyball. My oldest son graduated in 2021 and is working at TTX.

Mr. Bero, Middle School Science



I am looking forward to working with students and getting them to think like a scientist by looking at the world around them and seeing the beauty in all that God created for us to learn. I love the razzle and dazzle of things that create awe and gets a student thinking "What if we did this?". It creates one of the first things we need as a scientist—the question or hypothesis.

Fun Facts: I am a volunteer for Civil Air Patrol, and I am just finishing up my four years of being a Unit Commander of the Brown County Senior Squadron. I also went to Space Camp in Huntsville, AL where I learned new techniques of working STEM into my science classes.



Mrs. Bero, Middle School Band and Music

I enjoy teaching music because it involves so many

other subjects. It is a multifaceted way of learning where every learner can enjoy and find success in a way suited to their learning style. Music involves playing, singing, moving, feeling/emotion, discipline, agility, hand-eye coordination, reading, history, math and science just to name a few.

Fun Facts: I'm just happy to be here!

Mr. Bero (the science teacher) and I have two grown sons who are both Engineers. We enjoy traveling, especially to Texas, where we spend time with our oldest son, his wife and our two granddaughters.

Mr. Orns, Physical Education

I like teaching students' new skills that they can practice and improve on each year. I also like teaching them activities that they can play for the rest of their life.



I taught Physical Education, coached high school boys basketball and was the Athletic Director for 14 years at Chetopa Public Schools in Kansas before moving to Sturgeon Bay four years ago.

Fun Facts: I have 6 children—ages 7 to 31. My family and I love to travel in our free time. Whether it's little, small trips around the area to long road trips, we are game for anywhere.

Ms. Schwartz, Kindergarten



While I have loved my three years in third grade at St. John Bosco, I am overjoyed to get back to my roots in kindergarten. My passion is teaching foundational reading and math skills that students need to be successful through their education. I enjoy helping students develop a love for school and learning.

Fun Fact: I've wanted to be a teacher and follow in my grandma's footsteps since I was little. Grandma Schwartz taught in a one-room schoolhouse in Forestville.

Mrs. Gulley, 4K



I am excited to experience my first year in 4K with all of my students! I have worked in kindergarten for the past 4 years, so I am excited to experience all of the firsts that come along with a new school and new school year right along with the kiddos!

Fun Facts: I love spending time with my family, my husband Austin and our dog Remi. I love spending time outdoors exploring new hiking trails, playing and coaching softball, and running.

Mrs. Grim, PM Administrative Assistant



I previously worked at Sturgeon Bay School District where I worked in the Food Service Department. I am a proud US Coast Guard spouse and have two sons, who both attend St. John Bosco and are in 2nd and 3rd grade. I am very excited to work in the school that my boys attend and am looking forward to meeting all the awesome SJB students.

Fun Fact: Prior to moving to Sturgeon Bay, we lived in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Mrs. Karnopp, Elementary Music Teacher



I am very happy to be back teaching music! I retired in 2020 and miss kids so much. Everyone at St. John Bosco has been so welcoming to me.

My favorite thing about teaching music is hearing the voices of children singing. Every day is a new adventure with new songs and lessons. I look forward to meeting the students and families of St. John Bosco. And I look forward to the Christmas concert!

Fun Facts: I was born and raised in Door County. I graduated from Southern Door High School. My parents still live in Little Sturgeon. I went to college with Mrs. Bero (new band teacher), and we were college roommates!