



# The Parish Connection

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## From the Principal



It's beginning to look a lot like . . . autumn in Door County; a beautiful time of year. It's also an exciting time as we welcome our students back to school and get into our academic routine. St. John Bosco is continuing to make strides to ensure a quality education for years to come. What a great time to be a Bosco Bobcat!

Autumn also means our Annual School Fund Drive kicks off helping with our overall budget and our continued progress toward excellence. Last year we fell short of our ASFD by \$20,000 and it has certainly been felt as we have moved into the '18 – '19 school year. The campaign this year is focused on 4 items: competitive wages to recruit and retain teachers, tuition assistance for families in need; continued upgrades to our STEM program and general operations.

Among our many programs, we are proud to offer daily Spanish courses for students in fifth through eighth grade; accelerated math courses, a very effective balanced literacy program, use of laptops and iPads for all students; as well as athletics, arts, band, musicals, math team and student council.

For the first time in the history of the Annual School Fund Drive, the school has received a generous match from two local families. The families will match up to \$25,000 of any donations before November 15<sup>th</sup>. "We are so thankful for these two gracious families and their generous match. We hope that it encourages

you to donate and help recognize the full potential of this match".

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the Annual School Fund Drive, 920 743-4144. Every donation directly impacts our students. 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.

*Mrs. Dausler*

## 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 4 by bringing their pets and stuffed animals to school for a special blessing. Mrs. Isaksen even brought her horse. We gathered outside prior to the start of our school day. Thanks to Fr. Tony 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.

## Box Tops and Econo Foods Receipts

Continue to save Box Tops for Education and Econo Foods receipts. St. John Bosco will receive free money and helps keep school expenses down. Thank you!



## 4K Field Trip to Otumba Park

Mrs. Kacmarynski took her 4K class to Otumba Park on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, for their Falling Leaves field trip. They collected God's gorgeous foliage that they used for creating beautiful scenes by tracing their arms and fingers for the trees.





**STEM Robotics Field Trip**

Students in grades 5-8 went on a field trip to see robotics in action on October 4<sup>th</sup>. They saw Door County Medical Center's new da Vinci Surgical Robot and visited the Olson Farm to see how robotics are used in the agricultural setting. Pictures and more information will be available in our November issue.

**Basketball update**

The 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball team is combined this year. We have 10 athletes being coached by Mr. Travis Olson. The girls have a record of 3-2. Come cheer on the girls at their next home game on October 11 at 5:00pm. Go Bobcats!

**Fire Prevention Presentation**

The Sturgeon Bay Fire Department visited students in Grades 4K-5 on Friday, September 28.

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



**Project Lead the Way Update**

5th graders are finishing up building a robot that moves on three wheels. They have been presented with a challenge that requires them to design a robot that will successfully navigate through



a maze and move a minimum of 3 blocks into a collection zone in 2 minutes or less. The vehicle must avoid red zones in the field and if it stops on a red zone they will have to pick up the vehicle and start over. They are following the design process to design and build this robot making changes as they go. Some students have already tested the robot in the maze and are having so much fun making changes as they realize what works and doesn't work.

6th graders are wrapping up 3D objects and how to sketch, measure, dimension and calculate area, surface area and volume. Very soon we will take it to the computer and digitize objects using sketching software.

7th and 8th graders are building mechanisms and learning about gear ratios. We are finishing up this project and getting ready to build a



windmill where they will have to determine the best mechanism to use to get the job done.



PLTW has been an amazing addition to the classroom and our students are getting an engaging, project-based learning experience. We are so proud of their growth as they

move away from a lecture-based classroom to a student-led learning environment. Watching them build their confidence and develop the ability to think critically and for themselves has been amazing!

**Grandparents/Grand Friends Day**

Grandparents and Grand Friends Day was celebrated on September 12. 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.

