



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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Month of Holy Souls

November is a time for remembering. Memory sweeps up the scattered leaves of time and we forage through them to pick and choose the memories that satisfy us or trouble us: the places, the events and especially the people who have shaped and formed us and who drift into our consciousness at this time of the year.

It's natural to remember and its part of that nature to remember the dead because they are part of what we are. They have shaped us and formed us in ways it takes a lifetime to explore. We are what we are because of what they have been and memory forces us to pay attention.

November, a time for remembering those who have gone, searching for a face in the mind's eye, re-telling an almost forgotten story, dredging the memory to keep the focus on times and people fading into the distance. Our thoughts turn inevitably to our own departed loved ones and the discomforting approach of our own deaths. And we do this not just to echo the message that nature sends to us with the coming of Winter. We do it to put a shape on life: to remember, lest we forget.

Part of that remembering is prayer: Masses for the Holy Souls, prayers hallowed with time, recollecting in the presence of God the thoughts that accompany our remembering of the dead.

John O'Donohue, the deceased priest-writer-philosopher, wrote shortly before his death about the need for us to 'befriend death.' It seems a strange, almost morbid thought but for O'Donohue it was a natural extension of living. From the moment we are born, he wrote, death walks beside us and we need to befriend it so that 'you will have no need to fear when your time comes to leave'. His point was that an awareness of the presence of death calls our life, as it were, to attention and helps us to 'live the life you would love to look back on from your deathbed'.

So, in November we remember our dead. For all of us this November, the leaves of time will be swept by memory into the small and great heaps that give birth to our remembering. Let us remember, lest we forget.



Vickie Dassler
Principal
Excerpts from ACP

Free Money for SJB

Continue to save Box tops for Education and Econo Foods Receipts! This brings in THOUSANDS of dollars for our school.



Christmas by the Bay Parade

Please mark your calendars to join in cheering on the St. John Bosco students and staff who will be proudly displaying their school spirit in the Christmas by the Bay Parade on Saturday, November 17, at 10:00 a.m. The procession starts at Sawyer Park and ends on the Corner of Third Avenue and Jefferson Street. This year's float is being coordinated by our 4K and 5K parents, with the theme of 'Let His Word Unwrap the Magic of Christmas'. Students will be dressed as elves and Christmas presents. Please come cheer us on!



New Security Doors

Our new security doors are in! To enter school, visitors will now need to push the buzzer which is located on the wall to the right when you enter the first set of doors by entrance #1. The office staff will then buzz you in. Once you hear the click, please pull on the door handle. Thanks for helping keep our students safe!

Girls Basketball

Our 4th & 5th grade girls basketball team wrapped up their season on Thursday, November 1st at home against Algoma. Our team had a great season of fun, growth and development! Thanks to Travis Olson and Steve Neville for coaching!





Accreditation Team

A Diocesan Accreditation team visited St. John Bosco School on October 23-25. All Staff and some school families were interviewed, reports were examined, and classroom visits were conducted. St. John Bosco's preliminary report sounded promising. We are taking it as a good sign that the team left on the 24th, a whole day earlier than what was scheduled. We will keep parishioners informed as to our Accreditation status.

Fire Safety Prize

Congratulations to Mrs. Mueller and Ms. Garlow for receiving a prize from the Sturgeon Bay Fire Department, which was presented by Assistant Fire Chief Kalin Montevideo. The first and second grade classes were the only classes where all the students returned the fire safety checklist. Both teachers received a Walmart gift card to be used for their classrooms.



Thanksgiving Baskets

St. John Bosco students will be providing Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets for 8 families this year.

Stem Robotics Field Trip



Students in grades 5-8 attended a field trip to see robotics in action on October 4th. 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.



4K Halloween Fun

Our 4K class enjoyed dressing up for Halloween!

Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch 2018

St. John Bosco School participated in The Great Apple Crunch during lunch on October 11th.



4K Visits Schopf's Dairy Farm

Mrs. Kacmarynski's 4K class visited Schopf's Dairy Farm. They had a



great time learning about cows, running through the corn maze, eating an ice cream treat and bringing home their very own pumpkin.



Parent Teacher Conferences

St. John Bosco's first quarter ended on October 31st. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 6, and Thursday, November 8.

Veteran's Day Mailing

Students have been busy writing our Veteran's Day letters. We will be mailing out over 300 letters. Please call the school office by Monday morning if you need to add a veteran to our list.

Thanksgiving Mass

Please join us for our Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday, November 20 led by our First Grade Students, who will be dressed as pilgrims and Native Americans.