



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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St. John Bosco Catholic School Accreditation

The Site Visit for Accreditation from WRISA for St. John Bosco School took place at the end of October. I am pleased to share with you that the team was impressed with the Bosco Family (students, parents, staff and volunteers) that they talked with and highly recommended our accreditation for the next several years. They examined four Domains: Mission and Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence and Operational Vitality. In the process they identified a level of performance for each of 73 benchmarks within those domains and gave us a rating on each benchmark from 1 – 4, with 4 being high. The process provided our school community with the opportunity to find areas of strength and areas for growth.

The Visiting Team members worked diligently validating our Self-Study and verifying that our school is in compliance with the WRISA accreditation requirements using the Wisconsin Catholic Schools Accreditation instrument. The members used their knowledge, experience, and insights as they interviewed stakeholders, observed the school in action, and examined numerous pieces of evidence. They found our Self-Study to be an accurate reflection of our school program. Our school staff has found the report to be both an affirmation of our school's strengths and unique gifts and source of encouragement to continue to carry out the school's mission.

The benchmark scoring resulted from the Visiting Team's interviews with staff, parents and students; classroom observations; careful review of evidence; informal interaction with staff, including the pastoral leadership; as well as, intense Visiting Team discussions. Based on evidence provided, a rating and brief comments were assigned to each benchmark.

We now need to take the necessary steps to identify a goal in each domain and action steps for each goal. Submission of those goals, and action steps and time frame for completion will be submitted to WRISA prior to June 1st. Work on each of the goals will begin with the 2019-2020 school year. If you would like to take a look at the entire report we have a several copies at school and you are welcome to stop in any time.



Mrs. Danler

Gala of Giving

The Gala of Giving is set for Saturday, March 2 in the St. John Bosco Gym. This wonderful event contributes over \$40,000 to our operating budget each year. You can be a special part of it by donating items for the event and/or by coming to the event. Some ideas for donations could be a themed basket, gift certificates, a craft or woodworking project, a service you provide, a piece of art, or cash to offset event costs. Your imagination is the only limit. Bring your donation to the St. John Bosco school office during regular office hours by February 15, 2019 or call us and we will have someone pick them up.

Christmas Concert

On December 20, the students joined together to celebrate Christmas with families and friends. Our 5th, 6th and 7th/8th grade bands performed classical, and Christmas selections. All students from 4K thru 8th grade sang and celebrated the season of Christ's birth. Thank you to Mr. Newbern, our music/band teacher, for planning this wonderful event, and thank you to all who shared it with us!





Baskets to Spare?

Do you have a couple of baskets around your house that you don't know what to do with, but are too nice to throw out? We will take them! We use those baskets to create wonderful gift baskets from the items that are donated for the Gala. We accept all kinds. Thank you!



Basketball Seasons

St. John Bosco School has two basketball teams this winter season. We have a combined 4th and 5th grade boys team coached by Gregg Pieschek and Dan Tomaszewski. And, we have a combined 7th and 8th grade girls team coached by Travis Olson and Steve Neville. Thank you to the coaches for volunteering their time for our school. Basketball games are listed on our website. Come cheer on the SJB Bobcats!

Reconciliation Thank You

Thank you to Fr. Bob Stegmann, Fr. Carl Schmitt, and Fr. Ron Colombo for celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation with our students in grades 3-8 during the Advent Season. We greatly appreciate the sharing of their time for something so important in our students' faith development.

Team of the week

On December 17, St. John Bosco athletes were honored as the WRLU Team of the Week. The students were joined by Packers running back Aaron Jones and offensive lineman Lucas Patrick.



Spanish Presentation

Britney Ehlers, from the United States Peace Corps, came and spoke to grades 5-8 about Spanish Speaking in Third World Countries.



Congratulations Mrs. VandenBush

Congratulations Mrs. VandenBush on your recognition for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom Outstanding Teacher Award. Each year, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation recognizes a teacher for his or her efforts in educating students on the importance of agriculture.



AMVETS Donation

Bill Forry from AMVETS Post #51 presented a \$100 check to Mrs. Dassler in appreciation of SJB's efforts in mailing out Veteran's Day Letters. We appreciate their donation and more importantly, their service to our country!



Trash to Treasure

Each year, your collecting efforts bring in \$1000's of dollars (really!) to our school. Please continue to support our school by collecting Econo Foods Receipts and Box Tops for Education.

Catholic Schools Week



National Catholic Schools Week, January 27 thru February 2, is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Through various events, St. John Bosco will focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

Catholic Schools Week Spaghetti Dinner
 January 26, 5:00-6:30, St. Joseph Social Hall
 Take Out Available!

Date	Activity
Celebrating our Parishes Saturday January 26	Spaghetti Dinner St Joseph Social Hall 5:00-6:30 
Celebrating our Parishes Sunday January 27	Attend Sunday Mass Celebrate Catholic Schools Week with a gift to the SJB Annual School Fund Drive or Tuition Assistance Program.
Celebrating our Nation Monday January 28	Dress Up: Red, White & Blue "Back to the Future" Day Teachers will be switching classrooms. Some students will have a teacher from their past and some students will have a future teacher. 8:30-9:30
Celebrating our Students Tuesday January 29	Dress Up: SJB Spiritwear of Blue, Green & White "Student Trivia" Day Students will be split into trivia teams and will consist of students from each of the grades 5K-8. 8:45-9:30 8th Grade vs. Teachers Volleyball 2:00-2:40
Celebrating our Community Wednesday January 30	Dress Up: Sunday Best - Dress for your Guests! Special Person's Day Mass at 10:15 Tour and Lunch to follow  The students will be inviting the special people in their lives to join us for Mass, a tour of our school, and lunch.
Celebrating our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers Thursday January 31 Feast of St. John Bosco	Dress Up: Mix It Up/Clash Day 10:15-10:45 "Mix It Up" Day One of our favorite days! The grades will "mix up" (10:15-10:45) to share time together with reading, games, and an afternoon of Bunco! 1:30-2:30 with a Treat After
Celebrating our Students Friday February 1	Dress Up: Twin/Triplets Day "Show off Your Talents" Day School Talent Show begins at 1:15. Students must submit their talent sign-up sheet by January 25 th .