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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Oct. 5 - Frozen Spoon Fundraiser
- ◆ Oct. 5 - Girls BB vs. SD: 4th at 5:00, 6th at 6:00
- ◆ Oct. 9 - Picture Day with Harmann Studios
- ◆ Oct. 9 - Girls BB vs. Sev: 4th at 5:00, 6th at 6:00
- ◆ Oct. 12- 5K Fieldtrip to Fire Station & DC Museum
- ◆ Oct. 13 - Vision & Hearing Screening
- ◆ Oct. 17 - Girls BB vs. SB: 4th at 5:00, 6th at 6:00
- ◆ Oct. 18 - 4K Field Trip to Schopf's Dairy Farm
- ◆ Oct. 19. - Girls BB @ Gib: 6th at 5:45
- ◆ Oct. 24 - No School
- ◆ Oct. 24 - Girls BB vs. Kew: 4th at 5:00, 6th at 6:00
- ◆ Oct. 25 - Diocesan Mass at 10:00am

From the Principal

Like a Family

The buddies the students have are very much like a family: the older students nurture the younger ones and motivate them. There is no more effective teacher for the new first-grader than the experienced third-grader who is proud of his/her skills. And, as most teachers know, the best way to improve one's knowledge or abilities in a subject is to teach the subject to others...so the third grader also benefits.

The 'Little Buddies' benefit from:

- hearing stories read-aloud (modeling of reading fluency, phrasing and expression)
- having conversations with an older student about topics that interest and involve them (extending their vocabulary, oral language abilities)
- having regular opportunities to practice familiar reading with 1:1 assistance
- enjoying fun, positive experiences with a 'big kid' who is now a recognizable face in our school community

The 'Big Buddies' benefit from:

- further developing their own literacy skills
- fostering leadership and problem-solving skills
- improved self-confidence that comes from being looked-up to
- a very real and important reason to be responsible, and an opportunity to be 'caught' (and praised) for positive behavior

Most human activities involve a cycle in which a beginner learns necessary skills, perfects them through use, and hones

them through mentorship. That is true of careers, sports teams, and even hobbies. It is also true of the educational experience of our students at St. John Bosco. I have seen it when older students are showing our younger learners how to make the sign of the cross when they come in for mass, and helping younger students learn to play Bunco during Catholic Schools Week. These are just two examples of the many and varied ways our "buddy system" helps with personal relationships, confidence and leadership.

It is an old idea whose time has come around again.



Mrs. Dassler

Diocesan All School Mass

St. John Bosco School will be hosting the Diocesan All School Mass on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. Mass will take place at Corpus Christi Church beginning at 10:00am. Bishop Ricken will be the president. Student representatives from Catholic schools throughout our diocese will be in attendance. Please put this special event on your calendar and join us!



We do have school on this Friday!
Please note that the lunch menu is provided by Sturgeon Bay Schools and they are not in session. But, they will be providing hot lunch and the menu item is chicken alfredo. Yum!



Vision & Hearing Screening

The Door County Public Health Department, in coordination with the Lions Club of Door County will be screening children in Grades 4K through 5th Grade to detect vision and hearing issues on Friday, October 13. Public Health Nurses



will use a device called The Spot camera. The Spot camera can capture an image in one second or less. The Spot can analyze the images captured and determine if the child's vision is "in range" or "out of range". If a child falls out of range, the camera will display the name of any likely problems. If your student is identified with any concerns, Public Health will contact you to discuss follow up plans.

2017-2018 Student Council Members

Officers:

President – Andrew Konop
 Vice President – Tristan Brilla
 Secretary – Faith Gerdmann
 Historian – Mackenzie Jones

Representatives:

Nicholas Mertens
 Bethany Paye
 Ben Roman
 Julia Kurek
 Natalia Michalski
 Danica Neville
 Mikayla Pieschek
 Jack Konop

Sturgeon Bay Fire Department Visits our School

The Sturgeon Bay Fire Department visited our school last Friday. Students learned about



fire prevention and fire safety. 4K students watched a video. Grades 5K-3 were presented a skit on fire safety. Grades 4&5 watched a video. 5K practiced techniques, such as "stop, drop and roll" and "crawl below the smoke". Students were given a safety checklist to



bring home, review with their parents, and bring back to school for a special drawing provided by the fire department.

October Birthday Mass Changed

Due to the Diocesan School Mass on October 25th, October birthdays will be celebrated at the November 1st Mass. Please make a note of this on your calendar.

Technology Update

The future workforce will require knowledge of computer science. To help prepare our students to be 21 century learners and "workers", St. John Bosco is focusing on the new computer science standards. One



of our new areas of focus is on teaching our students to code. Coding is a step by step process that allows you to create instructions that will tell a computer to do something. All smartphone apps and programs that run on computers are created through code. We will be working with the curriculum provided

through code.org to introduce coding to our students.

The second-grade students started with an unplugged (no computer devices used) activity to build a structure with the provided materials that would support a book. The focus of this lesson isn't about the building of the structure. It is about trying a plan and realizing that when a plan fails it is often the beginning of a project, not the end. Experiencing failure is frustrating and challenging, but also exciting when we view it as common steps to creativity and success. This is the beginning of the critical thinking process that students need when they code.



Stay tuned for updates on our journey to code!

5K Visits Mrs. Spaude's House

On Wednesday, September 27 the kindergartners took a walking field trip to Mrs.

Spaude's house to collect and examine seeds. They found many unique seeds – even ones they could



eat! Everyone had a great time and even took several large seeds home to plant.

Picture Day

Picture Day for St. John Bosco School is next Monday, October 9th. Harmann Studios will be taking the pictures. Please look at the flyer found in the family folder for specifics.

Frozen Spoon Fundraiser

Stop in at Frozen Spoon and purchase items tomorrow, October 5th. St. John Bosco will receive 20% of the sales. Coupon is needed. Each family folder contains one coupon. Extras are available in the school office.