



# ST. JOHN BOSCO-News

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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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Oct. 4 - Blessing of the Animals 7:55am
- ◆ Oct. 4 - DARE Gr. 5
- ◆ Oct. 4 - Reading Buddies Gr.1
- ◆ Oct. 4 - Robotics Field Trip 5-8
- ◆ Oct. 4 - Girls BB Game at Sev. 5:30pm
- ◆ Oct. 5 - Picture Day
- ◆ Oct. 8 - Flu Vaccines Grs. 6-8
- ◆ Oct. 9 - Girls BB Game at Algoma 5:00pm
- ◆ Oct. 11 - DARE Gr. 5
- ◆ Oct. 11 - Reading Buddies Gr.1
- ◆ Oct. 11 - Girls BB Game vs. Kew 5:00pm
- ◆ Oct. 16 - Girls BB Game at SB 6:00pm
- ◆ Oct. 17 - 4K Field Trip to Schopf's Dairy Farm
- ◆ Oct. 18 - DARE Gr. 5
- ◆ Oct. 18 - Reading Buddies Gr.1

## 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. Dandler*

## Picture Day

St. John Bosco School will be having Harmann's Studios take our school pictures again this year. Picture day will be on Friday, October 5th. An order form with a preview of the picture will be coming home with your student on the day of pictures. Call the school office if you have questions.



## Maple Street Drop Off and Pick Up

Please remember that Maple Street is used primarily as a drop off/pick up and go spot for students. If you choose to walk your students to the parking lot or school building, please park in the upper Duluth parking lot. **Also, for the safety of students, please do not park on the south side of Maple Street where the students must cross traffic to get to the school parking lot.** Safety is a top priority at St. John Bosco School.

## Stadium Seats for Sale

The Seventh-grade class is selling St. John Bosco Stadium seats as a fundraiser for their Washington DC trip. Contact the school office to receive an order form.





### 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. I couldn't be more proud of their growth as they move away from a lecture-based classroom to a student-led learning environment where I facilitate their learning rather than lecturing from the front. Watching

them build their confidence and develop the ability to think critically and for themselves has been amazing! Mrs. Fritsch

### Stayed Informed about SJB

The School Website – The website includes current news and a calendar of events for the current month. <https://johnboscoschoo.org>



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

### Basketball update

The 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball team is combined this year. We have 12 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!



### 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 school families 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.



### STEM Robotics Field Trip

Students in grades 5-8 will be attending a field trip to see robotics in action tomorrow, October 4<sup>th</sup>. They will see Door County Medical Center's new da Vinci Surgical Robot and will be visiting the Olson Farm to see how robotics are used in the agricultural setting. Field trip permission forms were due today. Please send them in tomorrow. You don't want them to miss out on this fantastic experience.

### Congratulations Ms. Prue

We have someone new to our staff! Not really, Ms. Prue got married this past weekend. Her new email address is [ashley.vandenbush@johnboscoschool.org](mailto:ashley.vandenbush@johnboscoschool.org). Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. VandenBush!



### Fire Prevention Presentation

The Sturgeon Bay Fire Department gave a Fire Prevention Presentation for our students in Grades 4K-5 on



Friday, September 28. The students learned about fire safety as well as emergency techniques.

### Blessing of the Animals

The blessing of pets and animals is often celebrated on October 4<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, or on a Sunday near that date. Many of us have a special bond with our pets. Please join us on Thursday, October 4 at 7:55am in the school parking lot for our Blessing of the Animals. Stuffed animals are welcome for those children who do not have a pet of their own.



### Care Packages for Adopt A Soldier

Adopt a soldier is asking for donations of any left-over Halloween candy to put into their care packages for the soldiers. The candy may be dropped off at the school office.