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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Nov. 6 & 8** - Parent Teacher Conferences
- ◆ **Nov. 8** - DARE Gr. 5
- ◆ **Nov. 8** - Reading Buddies Gr. 1
- ◆ **Nov. 15** - DARE Gr. 5
- ◆ **Nov. 15** - Reading Buddies Gr. 1
- ◆ **Nov. 17** - Holiday Parade
- ◆ **Nov. 19** - Thanksgiving Items Due
- ◆ **Nov. 20**- Thanksgiving Mass
- ◆ **Nov. 20** - Spirit Wear Pick up
- ◆ **Nov. 21-23** No School
- ◆ **Nov.28** - Birthday Mass
- ◆ **Nov. 28**- DARE Graduation Gr. 5

From the Principal...

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 discomfiting 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.



Mrs. Darsler

Excerpts from ACP

No School – Thanksgiving Vacation

There will be **no school** November 21-23. Classes will resume on Monday, November 26. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Break!

Girls Basketball

Our girls' basketball team had their last game Thursday November 1st. The girls had a great season learning the benefits of team work and winning 5 games. Thanks to Travis Olson and Steve Neville for coaching our 4th/5th grade team!





Spirit Wear and SJB Apparel

Spirit Wear/St. John Bosco apparel orders will be ready for pick up in the school office on Tuesday, November 20th.

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!



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 you informed as to our Accreditation status.

4K Halloween Fun

Mrs. Kacmarynski's 4K class had a fun day dressing up in their costumes and enjoyed fun games and tasty treats.



Parade Candy Needed

We are looking for donations of candy to be handed out during the Christmas Parade. Donated candy may be brought to the school office.

Christ Child Society

The Christ Child Society is a volunteer group that helps expecting Door County mothers in need of baby supplies. Student Council is coordinating our Advent Project in support of the Christ Child Society's mission. We are collecting baby items: newborn (Size 1) diapers, sleepers, onesies, sweaters, pant and shirt sets and books in English and Spanish, etc. To donate, please drop off items in the box by the school office. The items collected will be presented at the Shower of Love Mass on December 5.

Thanksgiving Mass

Please join the St. John Bosco School Family as our first graders lead us in celebrating our Thanksgiving Liturgy on Tuesday, November 20, at 8:20am. Our little pilgrims and Native Americans always help to put us in the right spirit to express our gratitude to God for all the blessings He has given us.



Dictionaries for Third Grade

Mrs. VandenBush's Third Grade class received dictionaries from the Breakfast Rotary Club on October 31st. Thanks to Mr. Ken Glasheen for presenting the dictionaries to our students. We are eager to learn new words!



Thanksgiving Baskets

Once again, we will be assembling Thanksgiving dinner baskets for community families. The dinner baskets include a \$25 gift card to purchase a turkey, as well as potatoes, fresh yams, dinner rolls, butter, gravy, stuffing, beans, corn, jello, pumpkin and apple pies, cool whip, and of course, cranberries.

Each student has been assigned an item to bring in to help fill the baskets. Slips can be found in today's family folder. **Please return your item to school by Monday, November 19th.** Thanks for participating in this project.

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 own pumpkin.



DOOR COUNTY LIBRARY

November @ the Sturgeon Bay & Egg Harbor Libraries
Door County Libraries offer free Wi-Fi. Residents & visitors are eligible for a free library card, just bring a photo ID to sign-up. Event details: DoorCountyLibrary.org

NOT-TO-MISS

The Lego Builders Club
1st Saturday each month @ 1 - 2pm / SB
K-4th Graders, tons of bricks to build.

Read to a Four-Legged Listener
2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 10-11am / EGG
Thursdays @ 4-5pm / SB
Practice reading to gentle therapy dogs.

Egg Harbor Art Zone
Mondays @ 9am-12pm / EGG
Open Studio for artists of all ages.
Come use our maker space!

Movies in the Great Hall
Tuesdays @ 4:30pm/EGG - Nov 6, 13, 20, 27

Community Dance
Sat., Nov 17 @ 7pm / EGG
Come with or without a partner; singles are welcome. All dances are taught by a caller, and no previous experience is necessary.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fantastic Beasts
November 1-15 @ Sturgeon Bay, Egg Harbor, Ephraim, Balleys Harbor, Silver Bay/Liberty Grove, Fish Creek & Forestville.
Find the Beast Cards in the libraries and get a raffle slip to enter to win movie tickets right in time to see *Fantastic Beasts 2: The Crimes of Grindelwald*!

Tuesdays, NOV 6, 13, 20, 27 - NaNoWriMo (Teens & Adults)
6:30pm-8:00pm / SB - National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing. Valuing enthusiasm, determination, and a deadline. NaNoWriMo is for anyone who has ever thought about writing a novel. Each Tuesday evening, Brett Reetz will provide you with a comprehensive road map to follow when you are writing a novel!

November 6 - The Discipline of Writing, Novel Crafting, Resources and Basics

November 13 - Character and Conflict

November 20 - Point of View, Pace, Story Arc and Plot

November 27 - Voice, Details, Technique and Style

December 4 - Editing, Publishing, Agents and Markets

Sat., Nov 24 - Holly Days Santa Land
11am-2pm/EGG - Visit Santa at the Egg Harbor Library! Don't forget your camera!

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