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From the Principal...

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 several copies at school and you are welcome to stop in any time.

Mrs. Dangler

We are in Search of 1-2 Bubble (clear) Umbrellas for the Spring Play

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, volunteering for the event and/or by coming to the event. Some ideas for donations could be a themed basket, gift certificates, a craft or wood-working project, a service you provide, a piece of art, or cash to offset event costs. Your imagination is the only limit. Bring your donations 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.

Look for volunteer sign up forms and more information in the next folder.



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Jan. 10 - Reading Buddies
- ◆ Jan. 10 - 1st Reconciliation parent meeting @ St. Joe's 6:00
- ◆ Jan. 11 - DCPH vision & hearing checks 8:30
- ◆ Jan. 15 - End of 2nd quarter
- ◆ Jan. 15 - Boys BB @Algoma 5:30
- ◆ Jan.15 - Girls BB @Algoma 6:30
- ◆ Jan. 16 - Parent Association meeting 5:50-6:30.
- ◆ Jan.17 - Reading Buddies
- ◆ Jan. 17 - Girls BB @ St. Bay 4:30
- ◆ Jan. 17 - Boys BB @ SD 6:00
- ◆ Jan.18 - Volleyball Clinic 3:15-5:15
- ◆ Jan. 23 - Honor Roll Mass



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!



Dressing for Winter Weather

A friendly reminder that students will go outside for lunch recess unless the wind chill is below 0, so please dress warm! Snow pants and snow boots are needed to play off the blacktop. Snow boots are not to be worn inside the classrooms. Thanks for your cooperation!

Winter Basketball

The girls' and boys' basketball seasons are in full swing. The next game is in Algoma with the boy's game at 5:30 and the girls' at 6:30. Come and cheer on your Bobcats!

School Closing and Bad Weather



For school closing information, please watch WBAY2, Fox 11, and NBC26 and listen to WDOR and doorcountydailynews.com radio stations for school closing information. Since three different school districts come to school here at St. John Bosco we must consider everyone's safety in each school district when making the decision to cancel school. We follow Sturgeon Bay for closures.

Wisconsin Tax Break

St. John Bosco's tuition is deductible on your Wisconsin State Taxes. In mid-January, we will be sending a 2018 tuition payment report and the appropriate tax form home in the family folder. **Our federal tax ID number is 20-8638023.**

Got a Basket 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!



Spaghetti Dinner – Kick off to Catholic Schools Week

St. John Bosco School will be kicking off Catholic Schools Week with a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, January 26th. Our 8th grade families will be coordinating the dinner.

Conference Slip Reminder

Please return the parent teacher conference replies by Tuesday, January 8.

4k and 3rd grade Gingerbread Project

Third Grade and 4K worked together to make paper gingerbread cookies for the residents at the Skilled Nursing Facility. They also practiced singing Christmas carols together.



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.



Jimmy John's Fundraiser

The 7th grade students are doing a fundraiser with Jimmy John's on Wednesday, January 23, 3-9pm. Jimmy John's will donate a percentage of your sale to the students DC trip in 2020. Please plan on purchasing your supper that evening and support our students in the process!

Special Person's Day

Special Person's Day will be held on Wednesday, January 30. Guests will be joining us for Mass, lunch and a tour of school. The form is in your family folder. Please return the Special Person's Day RSVP slips by Friday, January 18.