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WELCOME, NEW FACULTY & STAFF!

†This year we are glad to welcome a new Sister to our school, and her name is **Sister Joy**. Before she came here, Sister was at St. David's School in Willow Grove. At SJB, she is teaching a Religion Enrichment Program. Also Sister is helping students read at Mass.

She helped us to organize a Living Rosary in which students in grades 3-8 held up rosary beads as they said the prayers. Sister is enjoying our school and we hope she will stay for a long time!

By Casey Leven



Mrs. Hawthorn is the new school librarian. She has many goals for our school. One of her biggest goals is to update the books for the library.

She is very excited to see the books that the third grade is making. The classes are learning so much. Seventh grade is learning the Dewey decimal system. There is also a Book Fair coming up during Catholic Schools Week.

Mrs. Hawthorn has been volunteering at our school for years and that is why she became the librarian. She said "The best thing about being a librarian is working with the students at Saint John Bosco!"

As the 2007-2008 year goes on we wanted to recognize a familiar teacher, **Miss Saile**. This year Miss Saile has her own third grade class room. She says "Teaching in the library last year helped me to know the students, faculty, and our principal, Sr. Rita."

When she was a student in grade school here at Saint John Bosco, she never pictured herself as a teacher. She is glad she became a teacher.. Her favorite thing about teaching is not just seeing herself make progress, but seeing her students' make progress also.

Miss Saile finds herself using teaching methods her teachers used to teach her. She says "Not much has changed from when I went here. It brings back many memories." Miss Saile hopes to accomplish new teaching skills and to see her students grow. Thanks for all that you do, Miss Saile!

By Regina Panzano



Miss Berardi graduated from Holy Family University and has been teaching for six years in two other Diocesan schools, St. Anselm and Corpus Christi, before coming to St. John Bosco. She taught grades 5 through 8 in these schools, too.

Ms. Berardi likes the small setting class rooms so she can give attention to all her students when she is teaching either Math or Science. She looks forward to a successful year!

By Nadine O'Connor



Mrs. Flack, our school's Coordinator of Religious Education, works with many different people each day: students here and in public schools, with our teachers, parishioners, catechumens, and parents of our PREP children.

Previously, Mrs. Flack worked for ten years at St. Gregory the Great in Trenton Diocese and in Lambertville at St. John Evangelist Church. Her two children Rachel and Julia go to Our Lady of Good Counsel in Southampton.

Mrs. Flack mentioned that working here at Bosco has helped her to be able to go to daily mass and volunteer more within the parish.

By Aubrey Atkinson



THE LIGHTHOUSES OF SAINT JOHN BOSCO

Bringing God's Light to others is our theme for this school year. We are using the special symbol of a lighthouse, suggested by our principal, Sr. Rita. Do you know why? She did this because light is a sign of love. So if you show love to others, you 're also shining light to them and brightening their lives. Brightening peoples' lives is a good way to have a chain effect, sort of like the courtesy chain. The children of Saint John Bosco bring light to others by their good deeds and works. We are like a lighthouse that shines on others...we hope you shine your light on others, too.

By Nick Ryan



Courtesy Chain

Have you noticed the construction paper chain wrapping around our school? It's our Courtesy Chain! The Courtesy Chain is **our way of recognizing the kindnesses** we do for each other and the adults in our community. Every time a student is caught saying words like Good Morning, Good Afternoon, or showing courtesy in the lunchroom or schoolyard, they earn paper strips to be put in a classroom cup and collected daily from the envelope outside each homeroom door. Sr. Joy then takes the strips and adds them to the chain to keep in our hallway.

Look for your Class color to see how well you're doing!

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|-------|--------------|---|-------------|---|------------------|
| Pre 3 | Light blue | 2 | Light green | 6 | Dark, dark green |
| Pre 4 | Dark blue | 3 | Orange | 7 | Pink |
| K | Light purple | 4 | Yellow | 8 | Red |



Annual Halloween Stroll at SJB!

On Sunday October 28, 2007, St. John Bosco School held their annual Halloween Stroll. It was filled with fun and a lot of candy. There were many spooky cars and trick-or-treaters. When it came to judging, it was a hard decision. The winning car was Cinderella's Castle; the theme held many creative Disney characters. Congratulations to the Leven, Bachich, Whelan, Kasman, Baumher, and Brennan Families. Great job to the Jones Family who also won a prize for their car. When it came to the costume contest, there were many winners. In the cutest costume contest for grades 4-8, we had Tim McElroy with the cutest costume, Kyle Hill with the most original costume and Sarah Reinhart with the funniest costume. From Pre-K 3 to grade 3 our winners were Kelly Manero with the cutest costume, William Gwynn with most original, and Mikayla Casey with the funniest costume. The scariest costume of all was Hunter Williams. Congratulations to all who participated!

By: Regina Panzano and Casey Leven

Mr. Murt Helps Us Help Everyone



On November 8th, **Tom Murt**, our State Representative, gave the school a new view on helping in the community. He explained that helping the community makes it better and allows you to give back to it. As children, we can not help the community in the same way that volunteers, such as firefighters and police officers do, but there are many other ways we can help. Cleaning up trash, recycling, and having fund raisers for local causes are all simple ways that we can participate in to improve our society.

Tom Murt also explained there are ways to help our wonderful school community, too. There are many easy tasks we can do to make our school better, and you already may be doing some. Some points he stressed were doing your best, being kind, and helping your fellow students. He used to help Saint John Bosco when he went to school by altar serving and cleaning up around the school. Our school community is already exceptional, but by doing some of these things, and implementing some ideas of your own, we can make our school even better. In fact, our terrific school community actually inspired Mr. Murt to speak to us about his many fond SJB memories! Thank you, Mr. Murt for always being there for St. John Bosco!

By Steph Kraynak and Aimee Aurelia



8th Grade Visits High School!

On November 15th the SJB eighth grade students went to Archbishop Wood High School for a visitation day with 44 different eighth grade classes. The day consisted of a prayer and talk in the auditorium starting at 9 A.M. We were then broken up into groups to follow the footsteps of a 9th grader to experience a day in high school. The teachers of each class (Math, Science, Religion etc.) explained to us about a normal high school day. We were given a free lunch provided by the high school during our scheduled lunch period.

While some students were excited to experience the life of a freshman, others feared that they will be separated from their friends. We appreciated the opportunity to visit a high school and become familiar with a much larger student body.

By Casey Farrell and Kirstyn Caserta

An Interview with the Instructor of our Science Lab

This year is the first year we opened the Science Lab. It is equipped with many new scientific tools. Mrs. McDonough, our former 8th grade teacher, is now the teacher of some science classes as well as the advanced Math classes. Here is an interview with Mrs. McDonough concerning the Science Lab:

Do you think that students are learning better with all of the experiments that they are doing?

Yes, because they can touch and see instead of just learning the information.

When is the Blessing of the Science Lab?

It will be January 27, 2008 at the opening of Catholic Schools Week, immediately following 11:00 Mass

What things have you been doing with some grades?

Kindergarten used magnets, first grade studied clouds, third grade tested soil, fifth learned about phases of the moon, sixth investigated topographic maps, seventh examined cells, and eighth researched atoms and crystals.

What grades do you teach in science?

I teach all grades except for the Pre-K.

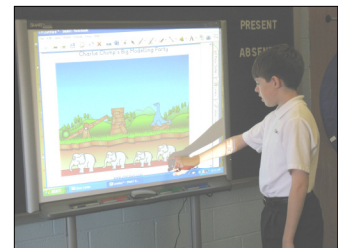
What have you been enjoying most?

I am enjoying watching the children who are excited to learn with the new materials.

What is in the science lab? Do you have any plans to make it bigger?

The Smart Board is one piece of equipment that is in the lab along with a new projector. They were donated by the men of the Holy Name Society. Other things that the science lab holds are blow-up models of the solar system, microscopes and test tubes. From the greater world to the microscopic organisms – you'll find these things in that room. We are trying to get even more equipment for the lab.

By Micaela Klein and Diego Racanco



Welcome Back...and Welcome Aboard!

As we begin a new school year and our second volume of *THE BOSCO BULLETIN*, we **welcome back** our reporters from last year: Micaela Klein, Evan Walsh, Jen Baumher, Casey Leven, Aubrey Atkinson, Diego Racanco, Ian Lyons, Shane Atkinson, and **welcome new staffers**: Stephanie Kraynak, Aimee Aurelia, Casey Farrell, Kirstyn Caserta, Nick Ryan, Nadine O'Connor, Matt Kuhlmeier, Regina Panzano, and Nick Halczak. We also welcome Mrs. George and Miss Waltrich as moderators!

We look forward to many interesting articles that will highlight our year's activities!

Mrs. Morley and Sister Rita

September

- 2- Charles Jones
- 4- Madeline Jeter
- 5- Mr. Horvath
James Farrell
Bridgette McCoy
Nicholas Manero
- 8- Jennifer Baumher
- 10- Brian Jeter
- 11- Mrs. George
- 12- Timothy McElroy
- 13- Paul McElroy
- 20- Sr. Joy Patricia
- 25- Shannon Hill
Michael McGowen
- 26- Shannon Hebling
- 27- Mrs. Cartin
- 30- Mrs. Byrne



October



- 2- Nicholas Sonsini
- 5- Rachel Sullivan
- 6- Mrs. Bachich
- 7- Mrs. McKnight
Mrs. Skapura
- 12- Dillon Krier
- 14- Nadine O' Connor
- 15- Mrs. Tourish
- 16- Sarah Reinert
- 17- Alex Dixon
- 18- Sarah Hawthorn
Amberlyn Williams
- 22- Mason Fossesca
- 23- Mariana Rodriguez
- 24- Thomas Neapolitan
- 29- Clarissa Dawson
Samantha Donahue
- 30- James Collier
Maura Farrell

November

- 1-Kaitlynn Metcalf
- 3- Bethany Bartasavich
- 9- Jade Turingan
- 10- Michaela Whelan
- 20- Jamie Yost
- 21- Mark Ryan
Vinciguerra
- 22- Kelsey Celline
- 25- John Klohoker
- 30- Zachary Reilly



Happy Birthday!

By Casey Farrell and
Kirstyn Caserta

Sr. Rose in Peru

Sr. Rose, a sister who worked in our parish, traveled this summer to meet the challenges of new work in Peru. After she left, there was a horrible earthquake 100 miles away from where she was required to go. She arrived safely, and after waiting three days for road repairs, she was able to finally travel to her mission in Barranca. We received a few messages from her and know she is doing well.

Sr. Rose is teaching Religion to the kids in Spanish which is a language that she already knew. She is teaching over 100 kids with only 40 books! We hope her help in Peru will make a huge difference in the lives of the people there. Also we hope that the kids will be able to teach their parents about God and other things that they learn from Sr. Rose.

Prayers have been sent in cards and through spirit to her. We hope she will teach the kids what they need to live a holy lifestyle. We hope she will be able to return safely and may God bless her.

By Shane Atkinson
and Matt Kuhlmeier



3rd and 4th Grade Field Trip



The third and fourth grade went on a field trip to the Ford Hook Farm in Doylestown, PA. They experienced the every day life of a farmer. They saw all different kinds of seeds and learned how to plant crops. Father Cioppi went with the students and teachers to look around. They saw the irrigation system on the farm then went on a walk and picked up some carrots. The students also planted seeds, brought them back and watched their plants grow. The third and fourth grade had a wonderful time at Ford Hook Farm.

By Ian Lyons



What Flavor Ice Cream Are You?



1. On a Friday night you usually:

- A: Watch your favorite movie with friends.
- B: Go to the mall and buy that special "thing" you've been saving up for.
- C: Kick back and hang with the family.
- D: Gather a group of friends and hit the Old Country Buffet...on them!

TGIF

2. Your Favorite kind of book is:

- A: A nice *Nancy Drew*, or *Hardy Boys* Mystery.
- B: A horror story, like *Goosebumps*.
- C: Book? The only book you read is the T.V. guide.
- D: A Joke book, so you can show your comedic style to your friends.



Your favorite holiday is:

- A: Christmas. Sit around and open presents. What's not to like?
- B: Your Birthday. All about you, all day! Wahoo!
- C: Easter. Bunnies and Candy. Together, the ULTIMATE HOLIDAY!
- D: Halloween: Running around your neighborhood with your friends in scary costumes AND free candy. Free. Could this sweet treat of a holiday be a trick?



Your most disliked chore is:

- A: Chores really don't bother you too much. Homework is your nemesis.
- B: Mowing the lawn. All that hard work just to cut grass? It's silly!
- C: Washing the dishes. It's the same thing over and over. Wash. Dry. Put away. Wash. Dry. Put away. Wash. Dry. Put away. Yuck.
- D: Cleaning your room. It's a nightmare in there! You parents don't seem to understand you could be eaten alive by the mountains of clothes on the floor!



5. Your favorite kind of animal from the following is:

- A: A giraffe. Tall, leaf eating, quiet
- B: A dog. Loyal, cute and fluffy.
- C: An elephant: this guy is all ears!
- D: A monkey: the poster child for party animals!



Your Favorite subject in school is

- A: ILA. Read stories, spell, and write stories. You can show the true you!
- B: Social Studies. Read about some guys that lived a long time ago and did some cool stuff. Tons o' fun!
- C: Math. Always a direct answer. Numbers are cake for you.
- D: Science. Mix some stuff and watch it explode... well... sometimes anyway. Learning about plants and animals is fun for you.



If you answered mostly **A's** then you are
Mint Chocolate Chip!

You are very laid back like mint, yet you have some spontaneous attributes that everyone looks forward to just like chocolate chips!

If you answered mostly **B's** then you are
Butter Pecan!

Your great with one friend like Butter Pecan by itself but you're also great with a bunch of friends too! Just like Butter Pecan and pie, you're the one that shines!

If you answered mostly **C's** then you are
Moose Tracks (Peanut Butter Cup)!

You are very creative just like the makers of the ice cream, but you are also a very good listener. Your friends always know they can go to you if they have a problem!

If you answered mostly **D's** then you are
Cookies and Cream!

You are a party animal: you LOVE having fun and everyone wants to be YOUR friend just like Cookies and Cream!

Are You Smarter Than an SJB Student?

Are you smarter than an SJB student? If you think you are, take this quiz.
This quiz has taken
different subjects and questions from what SJB students are learning.



1st gr. Religion: Where did Elijah hear God's voice?

2nd gr. Social Studies: Who discovered America in the late 1400's?

3rd gr. Science: True or False? Dolomite comes in many different sizes?

4th gr. Spelling: Circle the correct spelling.
Philladelphia Philadelphia Philadelephia Philadelpheea

5th gr. English: Give a personal pronoun for the subject of this sentence:
Micaela and Aimee are strange children.

6th gr. Religion: Who was the first king of Israel?

7th gr. ELA: Find the indirect object in this sentence:
Gwendolyn, the advice columnist, threw the softball to Jill, the team captain.

8th gr. Math: Solve this equation: $8x + 15 = 95$

[Answers-on-the-bottom]



???Ask Gwendolyn???

Dear Readers,

This is the advice column in which you, the reader, will put the Questions you need advice with in the box in Mrs. Morley's Room. I, Gwendolyn, will answer them with the utmost of care.



Dear Gwendolyn,

What would you do if no one believed you? From, Help Me

Dear Help Me,

If people don't believe you and they are meant to be your friend then they should believe you no matter what.

You already know two people who know The Truth: you and God. That's all that matters.

Sincerely, Gwendolyn

1.) On the mountain. 2.) Christopher Columbus 3.) True
4.) Philadelphia 5.) They 6.) Saul 7.) Jill
8.) Step 1: $8x + 15 = 95$ Step 2: $8x + 15 - 15 = 95 - 15$ Step 3: $8x / 8 = 80 / 8$ Step 4: $x = 10$

