



The Bosco Bulletin



Fall Edition



New Computer Lab



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new year at Saint John Bosco! We're happy to be back. We'd like to say thanks to all of our readers. We'd also like to introduce you to a few new things. First, we have two new teachers - Mrs. Venafr and Mrs. Johnston. Mrs. Venafr teaches Pre-K 4, and Mrs. Johnston teaches Math for Grades 5-8. They're very excited to teach here, and we are just as excited as they are.

Also, The Saint John Bosco Newspaper staff would like to welcome 6 new student reporters and one more teacher to our staff! We welcome Jimmy Collier, Nicole Bachich, Jessica Schwengler, Kaitlyn Brennan, Angel Egbert, Nick Neapolitan and last but not least, Ms. Saile. We are so happy to have you on are staff! Good luck!

By: Bridget

Recently, our school received new computers. The new computer lab has been a great way for students and staff of St. John Bosco to improve their computer skills while having fun. This lab was donated by the Sullivan family at the end of the last school year. When the students left after the final Mass of the year, all were excited to come back and use the new Computer Lab. Before we knew it, we were back at school and anticipating the day until our first computer class in the new room. All the students were amazed at all the work that went into this room. We thank all the volunteers that helped with the lab. This room will be a help to teachers and students in the future and would not have happened without everyone's help. By: Shane



New Teachers

Welcome to SJB! Mrs. Johnston said she wanted to be a teacher since she was about 10 years old. She taught at St. Christopher's for 3 years and has been teaching for 4 years in all. Her favorite thing about SJB is how friendly the students and faculty are. She enjoys teaching math, and her favorite subjects in school were math and art. Mrs. Johnston has 3 older brothers who live in California. She also has 2 cats living with her mom and one living with her. One thing everyone should know about her is she is always willing to lend a helping hand.

Next we have one of our Pre-K 4 teachers, Mrs. Venafr. Mrs. Venafr wanted to be a teacher since she was in kindergarten and her favorite subject in school was math. She taught at Nativity of our Lord for 6 years. Her favorite thing about SJB is the great people. She enjoys teaching 4 year olds. Mrs. Venafr has 2 brothers and 2 sisters, and 3 children. One thing everyone should know about her is she loves to be with kids.

Finally we have Mrs. Saile. She isn't new to our school, but she has made a grade change this year.

Mrs. Saile said she likes teaching in Pre-K better than Kindergarten, but what she misses most about Kindergarten is Miss Henry's sense of humor. She wouldn't have made it without her.

By Bridget

New Laptops for the Science Lab

The Science Lab has new laptops! The students can search cells and planets. This new technology will give a boost to our school's science program. Mrs. McDonough, our science teacher, is thankful for this gift. The eighth grade class was the first to explore these laptops. So if you are ever visiting the school, come up stairs and have a look at these laptops .

Mrs. McDonough: How will you use the laptops?

Science is an ever-changing subject. Many new discoveries are made everyday. There is always science in the news. I would love students to have access to the latest scientific new & happenings.

Also, there are many wonderful websites that could be used to enhance our textbook, including our textbook series website. There are also websites that allow the user to perform virtual experiments that we may not be able to do in the classroom. By: Nick

Let's Play Bingo...



Sr. Joy made up a program to help us be good Christians. It is similar to the courtesy chain last year. When **anyone catches a student doing something in the name of Jesus** they get a **bingo chip** for their class. Then they put it in a vase or a jar. At the end of the week they get counted and then someone puts the totals for each classroom on the wall in the hallway. Then Sr. Joy puts a total for the school. By: Kyle H.

Confirmation Retreat



The sixth grade confirmation class went on an adventure retreat to St. Katherine Drexel Shrine on October 24, 2008. The P.R.E.P students also attended. They went to Mass at the church, and then they ate lunch in the cafeteria. Also, they attended a video about St. Katherine's life.

Bishop Thomas will be celebrating the mass for the candidates on December 3rd at 4:00. Father Cioppi, Father Ronan will also be there. We hope the best for these sixth grade candidates.

By: Jenna K.



Before the class went they wrote letters to the Bishop. The letters described their lives, families, hobbies, and how they will commit their lives to the Holy Spirit.



Halloween Stroll



A few weeks ago, Saint John Bosco held its annual Halloween Stroll. There were some spooky costumes such as Amy S's spooky spirit costume, James T's clown, and May W's headless horseman. There were a few contests such as "Guess the

Pumpkin's Weight", "Candy Corn Jar, "Who Can Draw the Best Ghost", and "Best Costumes." Some of the faculty and helpers served water, cupcakes, and hot dogs. Most of the cars were very creatively decorated.

The kids were very enthusiastic and enjoyed their candy!

By: Jessica C.



Pumpkin Patch

The Kindergarten and Pre-K4 are ready for the season of fall. On October 22nd 2008 the little kids gathered at SollyBrothers Farm, for fall fun activities. These activities included a hay-ride, picking apples, and of course visiting the pumpkin patch. Mrs. Bachich a Pre-K 4 teacher says the day before the trip the kids were very anxious. The weather that day was very cold so everyone bundled up and was ready for the trip. Kindergarten took a bus to Solly Brothers Farm, while the

Pre-k 4 kids rode with parents and met each other there. Mrs. Bachich said that the kids loved seeing each other outside the school. The Kindergarten and Pre-K teachers say they would love to go back next year, and because the kid's behavior was excellent they were absolutely welcomed back anytime.

By: Nicole B. and Casey L.



PB+J Drive



We have some good news! The PB + J (Peanut Butter and Jelly) drive was successful! We gathered a lot of food for the St. Vincent children who needed it. They were very grateful for our donations and we are in their prayers. Thank you for the donations!!!

By Jimmy C.



Save That Date!

Be ready to see all of your best buds, classroom cuties, and all of your favorite nuns and teachers! Be ready to re-live your life as a youthful child. After a five o'clock mass, Saint John Bosco School will be having the reunion that you have been waiting for. Just \$30 will do it. You'll look back on memories with some refreshments and ol' buds. So if you are a graduate

from Saint John Bosco School, then you're invited! Just get a pen and paper and write down this date: January 31, 2009! Yes, you are lucky enough to see your old school and how it has progressed throughout the years. Please come and see everyone and how school has changed so much.

By: Micaela

Honors Program

This year at Saint John Bosco School, we are instituting an Honors and Good, Better, Best Programs. The purpose of these programs is mainly self-improvement. This group is based on quality points equivalent to report card grades. The 'goal' is to increase the initial total of quality points from the first report card by two points for the third report card, but never dropping below the initial points. We are sure our students will do well!

By: Aubrey



Eighth Grade Bake Sale

The eighth grade is now having a bake sale! For only 25¢ you can purchase delicious treats like brownies, cookies, and cupcakes made by our own eighth graders and their families. There are no store

bought items; they are all homemade. At lunch every Wednesday, students can make these purchases. Eighth graders will go at snack time to the kindergarteners. The money raised will support the Eighth grade's

field trip on the Spirit of Philadelphia cruise.

By Kim and Nick



Fundraisers

SJB is having its yearly fundraisers such as Chick-Fil-A, Joe Corbi, and Calloway's night. At Calloway's which was on September 30th, SJB received 20% of all the profits. Together the school made \$480 which will help us get some new things for our school. We also received a gift certificate to raffle at the SJB reunion.

The cow made an appearance at Chick-Fil-A night. There also was the "Wheel of Fun" in which kids spin the wheel and win prizes. This was held on October 29. The class with the most people to come will win a chicken nugget party. The cow will also come to deliver the nuggets to the winning class.

The Home and School is sponsoring the Grandma Corbi Cookie Dough Sale. This event lets you order cookie dough and even dog biscuits cookies from a catalog.

By: Ian

Student Council Installation

In the beginning of the year, the SJB student council was sworn into office. The student council consists of: President Evan Walsh, Vice President Matthew Brown, Secretary Kim Cayamcela, and Treasurer James Byrne. They pledged to their fellow students, teachers, and faculty members to fulfill their duties to the best of their ability.

Aubrey Atkinson, Eighth Grade Class Representative, was sworn into office. The Class Representatives for Grades Seven to Kindergarten read their promises along with her. These are the Reps in order from Seventh to Kindergarten: Nicole Bachich, April Reilly, Jimmy Christensen, Sarah Obrecht, William Gwynn, Grace Farrell, Justin Colluro, and Kaitlyn Metcalf.

By: Evan W.



Read the clues below and guess as you go! There are three teachers, See if you can guess them all.

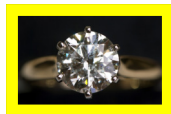
I am a teacher who celebrates her birthday in October.

I am a teacher who teaches one of the lower grades.

I am a teacher who rewards students in a specific way.

I am married.

Who am I?



I am a teacher who has worked here for many years.

I am a teacher who has a program called "Busy Bees" in my classroom.

I am a teacher who wears glasses.

I am a teacher who loves Disney World.

Who am I?



I am a teacher who gives out lollipops to hard working students.

I am a teacher who loves coffee.

I am a teacher who enjoys Snickers.



I am a teacher that has helpful posters everywhere in my classroom.

Who am I?

By: Stefania and April



Happy Birthday!!

September

5th James Farrell

Nick Manero

Theresa Tran

7th Matthew Hartley

11th Mrs. George

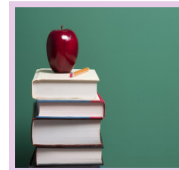
20th Sr. Joy

25th Shannon Hill

27th Mrs. Cartin

28th Fr. Cioppi

30th Mrs. Byrne



October

2nd Nick Sonsini

6th Mrs. Bachich

7th Mrs. McKnight

Mrs. Skapura

12th Dillon Krier

14th Nadine O'Connor

15th Mrs. Tourish

17th Alex Dixon

18th Sarah Hawthorne

22nd Mason Fossesca

23rd Leon Pham

24th Thomas Neapolitan

29th Clarissa Dawson

Samantha Donahue

30th James Collier

Maura Farrell

Cole Papouschek

Maya Papouschek

November

1st Kaitlyn Metcalf

2nd Jacob Newlin

5th Shane Dempsey

7th Evan Dippre

9th Jade Turingan

10th Michaela Whelan

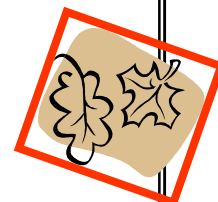
20th Jamie Yost

22nd Thomas Tran

25th John Klohoker

28th Gianni Vegas

30th Zachery Reilly



Technology News

Saint John Bosco School's eighth grade students are having some fun with technology. Mrs. Morley, SJB's technology-crazy computer teacher, has set-up a blog for all students to write and reply to. One blog said that there would be an upcoming assignment for the eight graders where each student would pick something electronic and make a presentation about it in computer class. Each eighth grade student was assigned a date when they would present their entire fifteen minute presentation. For example, eighth grader Micaela Klein did her project on her iPhone 3g

and she presented it first, on November 12th. She showed and explained how to use this new Apple product. Each student will demonstrate and explain how to use a particular piece of equipment. This will help all of the eighth graders learn how to use each product that the students present. Soon, they will all be almost as technology-crazy as Mrs. Morley!!

Micaela

