



The Bosco Bulletin



Grant Received from Pennsylvania



In February, Representative Thomas Murt funded a grant worth around \$8000 so we could buy new laptops. Here are some questions we asked Mr. Murt and Mrs. McDonough:

1.) Who/Where did you get the grant from?

Mr. Bill Dixon helped us apply for the grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development (known as DCED). A letter of support was sent to Harrisburg by State Representative Thomas P. Murt. The grant requested funds to purchase a laptop cart and 10 laptop computers to be used in the Science Lab.

2.) 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 news & happenings. Also, there are many wonderful web-sites 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.

3.) When did you learn we got the check?

We actually first learned we received the grant in June 2007! It is for \$7955; we need to raise about 3 or 4 thousand more to complete the project. Other applications for additional grants have been filed, but we have not heard about them.

By: Evan Walsh & Micaela Klein

Easter at Saint John Bosco

Lent

Saint John Bosco has celebrated Lent as a time of fasting and almsgiving. Sr. Joy created activities to help the students keep Lent's meaning. She has given the students a list of Lenten



things to do until Easter comes on the 23rd of March. Some of the Lenten activities include: Weekly Stations of the Cross, Lenten butterfly calendars, good deeds rewarded with splinters of the cross (tooth picks), daily sacrifices drawn from a bowl and a pancake breakfast on Retreat Day, March 19. All of these activities helped us remember Jesus' almighty sacrifice for us, and allowed us to give sacrifice to Him in simple, but significant ways.

Pancake Breakfast

In the Middle Ages, Catholics in Europe would travel to find priests for confession. They often had to journey great distances. The travelers were weary and people would sell pancakes to them while they waited in line to be absolved. We also have pancakes at Easter time to remember these early pilgrimages.



We asked for food donations to help with the pancake breakfast, such as pancakes, or other required supplies, as well as time in the kitchen. This traditional retreat took place on March 19. We have enjoyed this tradition at our school for years, and we hope that it will continue!

By: Steff Kraynak and Nicholas Ryan

Thank You Celebration

On Valentine's Day this year the students and faculty wanted to thank everyone who gives up their time to help our school. We started this Valentine's Day celebration with a Prayer Service led by the eighth grade. The Kindergarten also sang two songs to thank everyone for their support and guidance.

Mrs. Quaranto directed the rest of the grades to sing "May God Bless You." We would like to thank the people who do so many things for us like helping in the cafeteria, Home and School moms, helping Mrs. George in Development, and for helping in the

library. All these individuals continue to support our school.

By: Ian Lyons



Fundraisers

By: Kirstyn and Casey



Every Wednesday at lunch time, the 8th grade holds a sweet-tooth satisfying Bake Sale for grades 1-8. Since the Kindergarten does not eat in the cafeteria, the 8th grade

Bake Sale

personally delivers their treats during their snack time. Our baked goods vary from cookies, to

cupcakes, to brownies. The money that we raise will go towards the cost for the 8th grade field trip. Our tasty treats sell for 25 cents each.

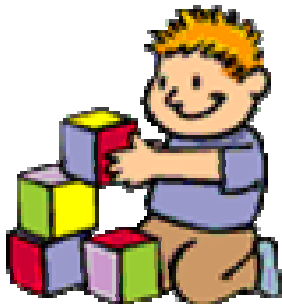
Little Pat's Pizza

Our school held a fundraiser at Little Pat's Pizza on Saturday February 9, 2008. It started at

11 a.m. and ended at 10 p.m. Patrons were welcomed for lunch and dinner. The custom-

ers handed in their bill with a voucher and the school received 20% of all profits made.

St. John Bosco School earned \$100!



Valentine's Day Babysitting

The 8th grade held a babysitting night on February 15, 2008 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. With adult supervision,

it was held in the gym and the Pre K-4 classroom. Light snacks and drinks were available for the chil-

dren. The darling little children had a wonderful time thanks to the 8th grade's marvelous job! All together

we raised about \$145. We wish to thank the families that participated.

Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale

The Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale offered St. John Bosco families the opportunity to begin their Easter

shopping early. The popular candies were chocolate covered pretzels, teeny poppers, smidgens,

jelly beans, gum-mies, chocolate bunnies, and much more. All together our school raised about \$1200! The

money earned will be put towards technology updates throughout our school.



March Madness



C.Y.O Sports

Last year for CYO sports we had Track, Baseball, and Softball in the spring for the grade school CYO sports. The teams did very well last year and we can expect the same this year. This year we are having Track and Field for grades 4 to 8, Softball for girls in grades 6 through 8, Baseball for boys in grades 5-6 and 7-8, and co-ed Volleyball for boys and girls in High School
By: Diego and Evan

We picked the teams for March Madness the week of March 10. Mrs. Brown helped us organize the picking of teams and the names are the top 20 college teams of the NCAA. There are 17 teams from 3rd- 8th grade. The three teams people are hoping will win are North Carolina, Duke, and Memphis. There will be no playoffs but each team will play their own grade. All groups were picked fairly from a hat. The winners will be getting a little prize from Mrs. Brown. March Madness will end on early April. By: Nick Halzack

April Birthdays

April 4th Jacob Winter and Keri Ann Kasman-
National School Library Day
April 5th Bridget Welsh-
National Tell a Lie Day
April 7th Mr. Regan-
National Carmel Popcorn Day
April 10th Michelle Murphy-
National Siblings Day
April 14th Jessica Cartagena-**National Look Up at the Sky Day**
April 15th Justin Bupp-
National Rubber Eraser Day
April 16th Grace Farrell-
National Stress Awareness Day
April 17th Mrs. Hawthorn-
National Blah, Blah, Blah Day
April 18th Jacob Cooke-**National Newspaper Columnist Day**

April 22nd Tyler Celline-
National Jelly Bean Day
April 24th Brian Smart and Miss Waltrich-
National Pig in a Blanket Day
April 25th Patrick Dougherty and Mark Fossesca-
National World Penguin Day
April 29th Liam Casey-
National Shrimp and Scampi Day



Birthdays and National Holidays

March Birthdays

March 2nd Julia Lebo-**National Old Stuff Day**
March 4th Aislinn Bailey-
National Holy Experiment Day
March 8th Shane Atkinson-**National Women Day**
March 11th Matthew Ballasy, Stephen Kasman, Maria Williams-**National Worship Tools Day**
March 14th Jacob Wood-**National Pi Day**
March 15th Brendon Godshall-
National Incredible Kid Day
March 17th Brendon Costello-
March 19th Kayla Rodriguez-**National Poultry Day**
March 20th Ashlyn Schmidt-**National Earth Day**
March 23rd Charles Obrecht-
National Goof off Day
March 24th Sister Rita-
National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day
March 26th Kyle Manero-
Make-Up Your Own Holiday Day



May Birthdays

May 1st Jane Murphy-**National May Day**
May 3rd Lauren Perri-**National Loyalty Day**
May 4th David and Grace McDonough-**National Bird Day**
May 8th Anna Tarnovski and Juan Andres Barrera-
National No Socks Day
May 11th Angelo Culbreath-**National Eat What You Want Day**
May 12th Kaitlyn Brennan-**National Limerick Day**
May 14th Jessica Schwengler-
National Dance like a Chicken Day
May 16th Nicole Bachich-**National Sea Monkey Day**
May 19th James Christensen-**National Boy's Club Day**
May 22nd Caitlyn Knowlton and Dylan Ruby-
National Buy a Musical Instrument Day
May 23rd John Alek-**National Lucky Penny Day**
May 25th Brogan Murphy-**National Tap Dance Day**
May 30th Mrs. McDonough-**National Water A Flower Day**
May 31st Matthew and Michael Casey-
National Macaroon Day

