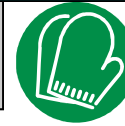




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St. John Bosco Alumni Reunion

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This Saturday, prepare to face your old friends, teachers, and nuns from Saint John Bosco School at our reunion. If you've graduated from Saint John Bosco in the past, you're invited! All you need is thirty dollars, or twenty five for high school students, and

you're set! Just come to the parish church for the 5pm mass. Afterwards, you'll travel through the school hallways and classrooms with drinks and snacks in hand to see how everything has pro-



gressed. Finally, at seven o'clock, just like old times, the bell will ring and you'll go to the cafeteria where you will enjoy a catered dinner. You can finally catch up with all of the friends that you've lost touch with! We are all looking forward to seeing you there!



By: Micaela



Neumann Scholars

As our eighth graders here at Saint John Bosco get ready to venture forth to high school, many doors are being opened for them. Some are looking into private schools all over Philadelphia and others are going to Warminster's very own Archbishop Wood. As everyone may know, high

school is expensive, but there are foundations, like the Connelly Fnd., that help students who show potential obtain money to pay for their tuition. To qualify for their grant you must have a grade point average of 92 or above and a high score on the standardized test, Terra No-

vas. After that you are eligible to take a placement test for a Neumann Scholarship. Two of our very own eighth grade students qualified to take the exam this January: Diego Rancanco and Evan Walsh. We congratulate both boys and wish them the best of luck!

By: Aubrey

Advent Activities

Sister Joy planned some Advent activities in preparation for Christmas which used: Straw in each classroom, Strips, Advent Calendars, and the Jesse Tree. First , Sister Joy made paper mangers that she collected every Friday. There were also strips in every classroom that say to pray or do something kind for someone. If the students completed the activity or prayer, they could put straw in the manger. Secondly, Sister Joy gave each student Advent Calendars. These calendars

had deeds for the children to do. Once the children completed the activities on the calendar, they put another piece of straw in the manger. They also colored in the day of the week that contained the exercise. Finally, one of our last Christmas preparations was the Jesse tree. The Jesse tree was located in the lobby of the school. It had large ornaments that symbolized stories from the Old Testament until Christmas. For example, one of the ornaments was a number of stars that

represented the covenant God made with Abraham. Sister Joy put much work into these projects, and the students were very thankful for all of her hard work, not only for these activities, but for everything she does for our school.

By: Ian L. and Casey L.



2nd Grade Penance

On January 10, 2009, the 2nd grade students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Earlier before the actual day, Mrs. Flack had a meeting with the parents of the students. Then a few weeks later, she talked to the 2nd grade about this great Sacrament. This is a powerful sacrament because their relationship with God is

deepened. The second graders arrived at the Church at 11:00 dressed in their Sunday best. Then, they confessed their sins for the very first time. There were many visiting priests from other Churches in the Philadelphia Archdiocese. They were very impressed with what the students knew about Reconciliation.

By: Jessi S. and Jessica C.

Confirmation

On December 3, 2008 the 6th graders of St. John Bosco, including the PREP students, received Confirmation for the first time! Since Confirmation was on a Wednesday, everyone in the school had a half day. The ceremony started at 4:00 and didn't end until 6:00. The celebrant, Bishop Thomas, came into the gym where the students were waiting to go over to Church.

Bishop Thomas asked the children questions about the Sacrament which they have been studying since the end of last year. After the ceremony ended, the students processed out of the church and had pictures taken with Bishop Thomas. The ceremony was memorable for everyone who attended!!

By: Jessi S and Jessica C

LA GUADALUPANA

On December 12th the Mexican's held a memorial mass to commemorate Our Lady of Guadalupe, a story full of sadness, hope, and love for our Blessed Mother. The Spanish Committee set up the cafeteria with the colors of the Mexican flag and people brought statues of Our Lady of Guadalupe. During mass the statues were blessed with holy water. There was a beautiful procession, followed by flowers! After the mass they went to eat traditional Mexican food and some pizza! What a wonderful experience everyone in attendance had. I am very sure our Blessed Mother is very proud of the Mexicans' love for her and their deep faith.

By: Kimberly and Nadine





Candy Houses



The 5th Grade made Christmas candy houses for an art project on December 19th. It is a very fun project that Mrs. Homa does with the

children after school. Parents come to help and to join in on the fun. It has been a tradition at our school for many years. So far everybody has loved it. It is a great Christmas activity for everyone.

The steps in making a house are:

1. Make structure out of cardboard.
2. Bring candy.
3. Put icing on house.
4. Put candy or decorations on.
5. Take pictures.
6. Put in hallway for all to see.
7. Pick winners.
8. Eat all the candy!

By: Kyle Hill

Terra Nova Testing

The students of the sixth and eighth grade took their Terra Nova tests from October 13th through the 17th. Terra Nova tests are taken to see how well the students know their educational material. These tests are directed by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and then these test scores are compared to the schools throughout the US. We have asked some of the students from Saint John Bosco School's sixth and eighth grade what they thought about the tests. Here is what some of them said;

- "Very educational." ~Kimberly
- "Easy, but hard now and then." ~Bridget
- "Got me ready for high school." ~Aubrey

Overall, some students weren't very thrilled about taking the tests, but they all worked to their fullest potential.

Great job students!



By April and Stefania

Red and Green Day

This Christmas season St. John Bosco School got in the holiday spirit by having the entire faculty and students participate in dressing up in red and green. This event is a fun way to prepare for Jesus' birth as well as Santa Claus. The color red symbolizes the blood that Jesus spilt to redeem us from sins. Green symbolizes the potential for eternal life that Jesus' suffering made possible for us.

By: Shane Atkinson



Young Rembrandts

Young Rembrandts is an after school art class for young, future artists to express their creativity. This art class took place after school in the 3rd grade classroom from 3:00 to 4:15. Some of the students have made great improvements in their drawing skills.

Some students have said wonderful things about this class, such as:
"I learned that drawing was just coloring and making shapes."

- "This was a great learning experience."
 - "Soon I will be just like Leonardo Di Vinci!"
- These after school art classes sadly had ended in late December but soon enough they will start again in early February!!!

By: Jessica S. and Jessica C.



I am a teacher who teaches one subject.

I teach the upper grades.

You can find my classroom on the second floor.

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

I give out tickets to students who are being good.

My theme this year is being a team.

Who am I?

Look for the big pencil on the door that says 'Welcome', my classroom is near that.

Who am I?

By: Jenna Kasman

December

- 1st Mrs. Simon
- 3rd Mrs. Sheerin
- 6th Matthew Goldstein
- 10th Stefania Luberto Jessica Stirling
- Haley Storbrauk
- 18th Mrs. Morley
- 19th Matthew Brown Peter Pueyo
- 22nd Edward Dawson
- 24th Luke Stoner
- 25th Jesus
- 26th Michael Diorio
- 27th Liam Jones
- 31st Brendan Moran



Questions :

- 1. Is snow edible?
- 2. What is the Winter Solstice?
- 3. What are the people who control a dog sled called?
- 4. Which city gets the most snow-fall in February?
- 5. What are snow bursts?

January

- 3rd Diego Racanco
- 5th Miss Henry
- 6th Anastasia Ballasy
- John Kulmeier
- 7th Angel Egbert
- 9th Alexandra Whelan
- 12th Gabriella Fenessy
- 13th Kimberly Cayamcela
- Nick Hawthorn
- 15th Jenna Kasman
- John Tran
- 17th Noah O'Connor-McDowell
- 18th Tyler Antonacci
- 19th Alexander Sheak
- 22nd Maria Salas
- 25th Mrs. Homa Micaela Klein
- 27th Jennifer Storbrauck



February

- 1st Aubrey Atkinson
- 9th Jackson Sczesny
- 12th Amanda Antonacci
- 16th Nick Halczak
- 17th Nikolas Staso Mrs. Regan
- 20th Scarlett Henry
- 21st Tyler Viola
- 22nd Kaitlyn Lavin
- 24th Omar Ali
- 25th Ivan D'Souza

By: Nick Neapolitan

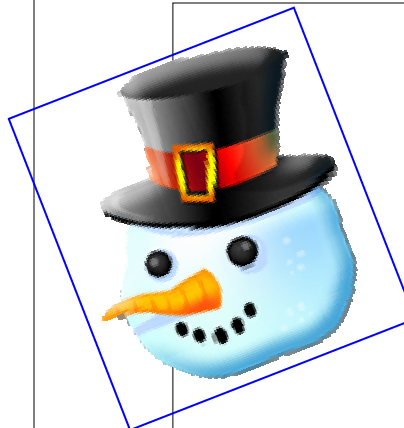
WINTER ACTIVITIES

Here are some great activities for the winter season!

Snow similes:

Finish the similes

- 1. Snow is as _____ as _____.
- 2. The hill was slippery as _____.
- 3. I slid down the hill like _____.
- 4. My nose was red like a _____.



How can they be dangerous?

By: Jimmy Collier

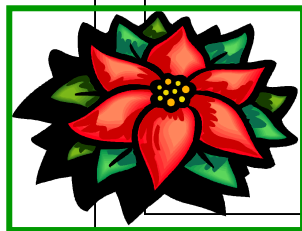
Christmas Concert

Christmas Bazaar

Every year, Saint John Bosco School re-enacts the Nativity scene and sings tra-



ditional Christmas hymns at our Church. The children that were not in the Nativity scene wore Christmas colors. The adult choir took part in singing five songs, while the parish and school choir sung three songs each. Then the



school and parish choirs came together and sung more songs together. The Nativity scene included Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, shepherds, wise men, stars, candle holders, and animals. Afterward, the parish was invited to our school cafeteria for delicious refreshments.

Everyone had the Christmas spirit and enjoyed every minute of it.

By: Stefania and April



We have had another very successful Christmas Bazaar this year! There were vendors selling homemade crafts in the halls, in the gym and in the cafeteria. Also in the cafeteria were the food and raffle chances. There were chances to pick an ornament and win a prize, too. Santa Claus visited and took pictures with everyone. The bazaar also had a coloring contest and Secret Santa Shop. The "Adults Only Night" featured a taster table and wine tasting. It was an environment of fun and holiday spirit!

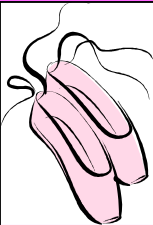


By: Bridget

Writing Contest

Each year, Archbishop Wood High School has a writing contest for Archdiocesan seventh and eighth graders. This year, the assignment was more political than usual. The students had to write what they thought President Barack Obama should do to benefit the youth in America. Each student had very **interesting** ideas! For example, an eighth grader, Nick, wrote his on putting more money into government educational funds. Our school winner of this year's contest was Regina Panzano in 7th grade.

By: Micaela Klein



Some new and exciting music has been coming from Mrs. Bachich's Pre-K 4 room. Tracy Latini, the owner of Dance 360 in Willow Grove, came every Wednesday over a four week session to teach the younger children, Pre-K 4 to grade 3 to dance. The classes were from 3:15 to 4:15 every Wednesday. The class included Ballet, Jazz, Rhythm, Creative Movement, and how to use their imaginations.

Tracy has been involved in dance for more than 20 years and started at the age of 5. Tracy's favorite dance is Tap. She went to DeSales University and majored in dance. The children come dressed in dance wear and ready to move.

By: Jess and Nicole

Archbishop Wood Play

Archbishop Wood High School held a play in their auditorium on December 10, 2008. The play was about Chinese culture. Maybe you've heard of it before - it was called "Mulan". The students of Archbishop Wood work very hard to make their plays funny and interesting for us to see.

Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia attend the creative plays. We will always appreciate their hard work!

By: Stefania and April

