



# THE BOSCO BUGLE

October 2023



## Happy 65th Class Reunion to the DON BOSCO CLASS OF 1958



**Fourteen members of the Class of 1958 attended the event on August 12th at the home of Dick and Pat Becker of Jesup.**

The group enjoyed 4 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception before they get together. The second class to graduate from Don Bosco, the class of 1958 included 51 students. Those in attendance remembered the 28 now deceased and the 9 who were unable to attend.

**Back row:** Tom Schaefer, Nick Frost, Carol (Sondag) Becker, Roger Schmitz, Pat (Schmit) Becker, Dick Becker

**Front row:** Pat (Heerkes) Weber, Mary Sue (Mullen) Miller, Phyllis (Meier) Reiter, Bill Weber, Jane (Schmitz) Klein, Anna Marie (Schaes) Fettkether, Janice (Weber) Gossman, Shirley (Thome) Welter

**INSIDE: ALUMNI DANCE November 24, 2023. Make plans to attend!**

# Athletic Hall of Fame & DB Alumni Dance

Friday, November 24, 2023

6 PM Hall of Fame Inductions  
in DB Gym

7 PM Alumni Social & Dance at  
Gilbertville American Legion



*Door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and beverages for purchase. Free-will donations accepted to help cover costs. Don't miss this chance to catch up with your classmates and friends!*

### Inductees:

- Gwen (Weber) Cooper - Softball
- Stacy (Weber) McMahon - Softball
- Greg Schmitz - Baseball & Basketball
- 1981 State Champion Wrestling Team
- Pat Hogan - Wrestling
- Bart Reiter - Wrestling

## BASEBALL FIELD Renovations



Exciting changes are in progress thanks to our baseball alumni, family, and friends.

## Class Reunion Updates



**Summer reunions also included the 35th Class Reunion for the 1988 graduates.** The group enjoyed a Friday night social at the Dew Drop, golf and Lost Island Amusement Park, and the reunion on Saturday, July 29th, at the Isle of Capri Casino.

### Having a reunion or want to plan one?

Contact our Development Director at 319-296-1692 or [Ldobson@boscocatholic.org](mailto:Ldobson@boscocatholic.org). We can help you contact classmates, set up a school tour, and provide postcards. 2024 is for classes ending in a '4 or a '9. Let us know who's planning your reunion!

**Is your info up to date?** Email [Alumni@BoscoCatholic.org](mailto:Alumni@BoscoCatholic.org) and we can check. Help us save on postage by sharing your email address.

**The Alumni Committee needs you!** We meet about once a month during the school year. Let us know if you are interested. Send a message to [Alumni@BoscoCatholic.org](mailto:Alumni@BoscoCatholic.org).

# Bosco Strong Annual Appeal

## Introducing a New Name for Our Annual Campaign

This fall, the Bosco Catholic School System Foundation is excited to roll out a new name for our annual appeal. Unrestricted gifts to this campaign are critical to our success as they allow us the flexibility to meet our greatest needs.

Why the name change? Building on the success of "The Capital Campaign," the "Salesian Call" has been our name for the last few years. While this name has appropriate meaning, feedback tells us we need something fresh and easier to remember.

We are including the word "Annual" to emphasize that we need your help every year. "Bosco Strong" emphasizes how the strength of our community is what is behind our school system's success--past, present, and future.

"Bosco Strong" is an often-used and absolutely fitting slogan for us, and it makes great sense to incorporate that mindset and momentum here. It's fun too!

Campaign materials will be ready soon, but I invite you to consider and make your gift at any time as the end of the calendar year is approaching. Gifts of all sizes add up, and memorial gifts are a thoughtful way that many of you use to participate. Thank you to those who have already given since our fiscal year ended on June 30th. I continue to be blown away by the unwavering support of the Bosco community.

We appreciate all that our alumni do, including your gifts of time and your prayers for our success. You play a vital role in keep us "Bosco Strong!"



*Laura Dobson*  
**Development Director**

**Give securely online today** by scanning the code or visiting [BoscoCatholic.org](https://BoscoCatholic.org). Make a one-time gift or set up a recurring donation to make giving easy and assist us with budgeting.



*Prefer to send a check to BCSS? Just put **Bosco Strong** in the memo and mail to PO Box 106, Gilbertville, IA 50634.*

P.S.: Thank you to all who have graciously given restricted donations too. Your gifts to these and to our endowments add to the strength of our system. We are grateful for your gifts toward a new piano for band and music, the baseball field renovations, tuition assistance, athletics and other needs.

### NEW LINK for **BOSCO Apparel**



Booster Club now offers all sports, school, and alumni apparel in one place! Use the [Booster Apparel Store Quick Link](#) at [BoscoCatholic.org](https://BoscoCatholic.org) or scan the code.

Bosco gear makes wonderful gifts as do the variety of gift cards you can purchase through our Scrip Program.

## Fall & Winter Calendar

### November

- 3-5 Fall Play 7 PM Fri. & Sat., 2 PM Sun.
- 7 National Honor Society Blood Drive
- 24 **Athletic Hall of Fame 6 PM & Alumni Dance 7 PM**

### December

- 6 K-5 Christmas Concert & Art Show 6 PM
- 13 HS Choir/Band Christmas Concert 7 PM
- 20 Preschool Christmas Concert 6 PM

## WE ARE BOSCO STRONG!

We have so much fantastic news to share with you this fall. Enrollment is up 6% at Immaculate Conception and 14% at Don Bosco. The phasing in of the state's new Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) has helped more families choose a Bosco education. Tuition assistance continues to assist families not yet phased in.

As this issue is going to print we are cheering on our volleyball and football teams as our athletes compete in post-season play.

The Immaculate Conception FUN RUN held October 6 broke last year's record, raised \$70,000 to go toward classroom makeovers and educational field trips. The Annual Booster Club Golf Outing raised an all-time high of \$39,000 for athletics and activities.

We thank the alumni and friends who participated in these, those who keep us in their prayers, those able to join us at sporting and other events, and all who attended this fall's Grandparents Mass and preschool Breakfast with Buddies. Check the calendar inside for upcoming events.

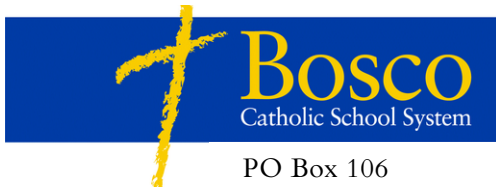
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