



THE BOSCO BUGLE

May 2022



Dear alumni and friends of the Bosco Catholic School System,

Welcome back to the Bosco Bugle! For those of you that don't know, the Bosco Bugle was a publication for communication with the alumni and friends of the Bosco Catholic School System. The Bosco Bugle provided updates about big things happening in our schools, alumni news, sports and extracurricular activity information, and gave us a way to keep in touch with all of you!

We are happy to announce that the alumni committee is bringing the Bosco Bugle back to life! We are excited to breathe new life into this great way of communicating all of the wonderful things happening in our schools and keep in contact with our alumni and friends of the Bosco Catholic School System.

New Principal Announced

Chairperson Wayne Frost and the Bosco Catholic School System School Board, is pleased to announce that Shelby Douglas will assume the responsibilities as Principal for the entire K-12 system beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

The decision by our current high school Principal to leave this position opened up several choices for the School Board. After prayerful consultation with the Archdiocese of Dubuque the School Board chose to expand Mrs. Douglas's current role as the Principal for K-8 to that of K-12. In support of this expanded role the school will hire a School Operations Manager to handle the administrative functions of the school not related to instruction and student development, allowing Mrs. Douglas to focus on the spiritual, academic, physical and social development of the students. These changes will take effect on July 1st, 2022.



Changes and Updates

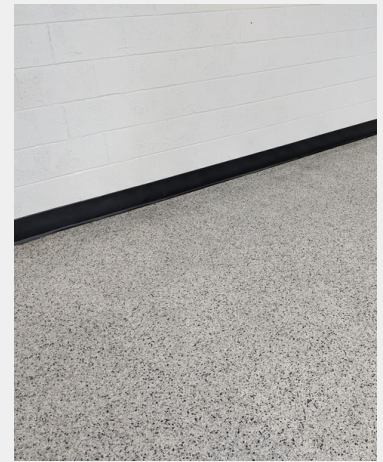
If you haven't been on campus for a while then you may not have seen our latest updates:

- Both the Immaculate Conception and Don Bosco bathrooms have been updated and improved. Thanks to Huff Construction for their great work.
- Don Bosco High School is in the middle of a project to replace all of the original flooring. The upstairs and north hallways, upstairs and north classrooms, stairs, and bandroom have been completed. The South hallway classrooms will be done this summer with the main hallway and offices done in 2023. This has been accomplished due to several donors including one large anonymous donation of \$100,000.
- New shot clocks have been installed in the gym as we prepare for the high school basketball season and the new shot clock rules. Thank you to the Brett Klein Family and memorial for paying for these.
- This summer the dirt parking lot (old St. Mary's site) will be paved in conjunction with the church. This is possible through a large donation from the Jim Schmitz Family.

**Old
Floors**



**New
Floors**



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New Shot Clock



Summer Calendar

May

18-Senior Awards Night, Fine Arts Hall of Fame, Spring Music Concert
22-10 am Baccalaureate Mass, 11 am Graduation/Distinguished Alumni Recognition
25-Last Day of School
30-School Closed-Memorial Day

June

1-3 Volleyball Camp

July

4-School Closed-Independence Day
24-31 School No Contact Period

August

16-Back to School Business Day
18-Backpack Night
18-9th Grade Orientation
20-Booster Club Golf Outing, Red Carpet Golf Club
23-1st Day of School
28-Catholic Order of Foresters Breakfast, 8 am, St. Mary's Center

DB Sports Schedule



Tell us how you're doing!

(Please cut this section out and mail it in or scan on the QR code below and send it electronically)

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State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

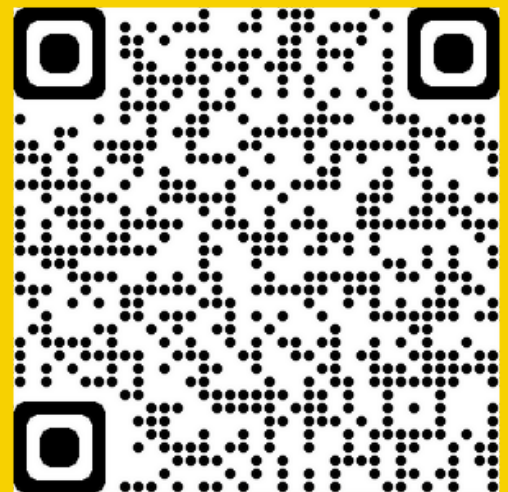
Tell us a bit about your career:

Tell us a bit about your family:

Tell us about a memory of your time at Don Bosco High School:

What else would you like to share with us:

What would be your advice to this year's graduating class:



Alumni News

2022 Distinguished Alumni Awards

The Don Bosco High School Distinguished Graduate Hall of Fame will honor three new members at this year's graduation ceremony on May 22nd.

- **Larry Delagardelle-Class of 1963.** His service to the Bosco System as a school board member and multiple-term board president was vital to the sustainability of the Bosco Catholic School System. He contributed whenever there was a financial need to both the Bosco System and to St. Francis, Barclay Parish, often anonymously paying a student's tuition. A key supporter of the annual "Bus Bash", he also supported the Bosco athletic programs for many years. He served on the committees to select multiple principals for the high school and elementary school. He worked with the Archdiocese to help keep tuition low for all students in the system and was an early advocate for providing technology to the schools and students. While serving as BCSS Board President he passed away on September 3, 2013. Larry was married to Jackie, and they had four children graduate from DBHS.
- **John Weber-Class of 1964.** As the senior class president, he began a long career of leadership. After graduation from Loras College he was drafted into the Army and sent to Vietnam where he was awarded the Bronze Star. Upon completing his tour of duty, he returned to Iowa and went to work for John Deere at the Parts Distribution Center where he rose through the ranks over a 27-year career. He served as the Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus and made a Christian Experience Weekend (spiritual retreat) in 1986 and then served on the leadership team 25 times in 34 years. After 5 years of study and formation John was ordained a Deacon in 2002. He continues to serve Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Bettendorf, Iowa in this capacity today. John was a Charter member of the "One Foundation", a Quad Cities non-profit organization to help disabled persons with housing and furniture needs. He has also served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the River Bend Food Bank, helping them grow from 3.8 million to over 19 million meals served annually and was instrumental as chairman when they moved to their new larger warehouse. He also served 10 yrs. as a volunteer for Cafe on Vine, a soup kitchen in Davenport's Inner City. John is married to fellow DBHS alum Dotty (Schons) and all three of their children graduated from Davenport Assumption High School.
- **Pam Schmitz Delagardelle-Class of 1980.** Pam started her career in health care as a nurse in 1983. She successfully moved up through the ranks in healthcare from Director of Patient Care to Managed Care Facilitator, to Clinical Integration Coordinator, and eventually to CEO of UnityPoint Health-Allen Hospital. She also served as an Assistant Professor at Allen College in Waterloo. Under Pam's leadership, the hospitals, and systems she's managed have won numerous awards for safety, patient care and patient satisfaction. Pam earned her bachelor's degree of Science in Nursing from Mount Mercy in 1984. She earned her master's degree of Science in Nursing Administration from the University of Iowa in 1997, with an emphasis on hospital and business administration. She has received the Mount Mercy University Distinguished Service Award in 2012 and was a participant in the Success Follows alumni outcomes project. Pam has served on numerous professional and community boards as a member and chair, including the Iowa Hospital Association, Iowa Hospital Education and Research Foundation Board, and HealthNet Connect Board. She has served Holy Family Parish in many capacities, including new church committee chair and capital campaign chair, Sacristan, Liturgist and Volunteer, and has served on the Saint Edward's School Board of Education. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society, Kappa Xi Chapter. She is married to fellow DBHS alum Rick and has five children.



Fine Arts Hall of Fame Inductions

Patricia Brennan – Class of '66 – 2020 Fine Arts Hall of Fame, is the author of twenty-six books for young readers, including picture books, photodocumentaries, and biographies. During the past ten years, Pat has authored eleven Who Was...?/What Was...? books—a popular series of biographies and history books published by Penguin Random House for ages 8–11. Two million copies of her books are in print worldwide. They've been translated into several languages including Spanish, Romanian, Arabic, Vietnamese, simplified Chinese, and Turkish. Her most recent book is *Who Is Ruth Bader Ginsburg?* A high point of her career was interviewing the Supreme Court Justice in her chambers in Washington, D.C. in 2017.

Pat recalls her first publication experience, writing articles for *The Bosco Bugle* at Don Bosco. Today, when she speaks to schools, she encourages budding authors to write for their school papers. She married Jack Demuth, a '67 Don Bosco graduate and photographer, so they broke into publishing together by doing photodocumentaries—Pat wrote the text and Jack took the photos.

A book especially meaningful to Pat and Jack was *Joel Growing Up a Farm Man*, which documented the life of a boy on a family farm. It was chosen Best Book of the Year by the Society of Midland Authors and became a Junior Literary Guild selection. Additional awards for Pat's books include the Georgia Children's Storybook Award; Outstanding Science Book from the National Science Teachers Association; nomination for one of the "Top Books of the Century" for *Instructor Magazine*; and Outstanding Book in Social Sciences from National Council for the Social Studies.

Pat lives in Evanston, Illinois, the mother of two grown sons and three grandchildren. Her website can be found at brennan-demuth.com.



Mary Merkel- Hess – Class of '67– 2022 Fine Arts Hall of Fame. Merkel-Hess's drawing talent was noticed early, and she began to make paintings while still in high school. In the early 1970s Merkel-Hess began to study art. A three-month stay in Italy further deepened her artistic interests and she returned to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to study fiber and metal smithing, receiving a BFA in 1976. Toward the end of her graduate studies, at the University of Iowa she began making rugose (folded) metal vessels and as an extension, paper ones. Upon graduation she became a full-time studio artist with breaks to teach and do workshops. She has even developed her own techniques for working with paper.

Her work is exhibited widely and is in many private and public collections including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; the Museum of Art and Design, New York; the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Pennsylvania; the Renwick Gallery, National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, DC.

She lives in Iowa City and is married to Stephen Merkel-Hess, a retired teacher. They have two adult children and three grandchildren.



Class Reunion Updates

Are you having a class reunion? If you are, let us help you! Please email the alumni committee at alumni@boscocatholic.org or call Chris Kangas at 319-296-1692, and we will help you! We can help you reach out to classmates, set up a tour of the school, or give ideas for a venue for your reunion.

Here is a list of upcoming reunions:

Class of 1970 - July 22 at the Jesup Golf and Country Club

Class of 1971 - May 28, 2022 - Mass at 4:00 at Immaculate Conception

Class of 1982 - September 24, 2022

Class of 2022

Baccalaureate will be celebrated at the 10:00 mass at Immaculate Conception on May 22 with the Graduation ceremony to follow in the Don Bosco gym. Many of these future graduates have plans to attend two or four year colleges and universities. One has signed to join the US Marine Corp. and another has been named a National Merit Scholar. Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors!

Caleb Coffin
Johnny Duarte
Kendahl Freet
Garrett Funk
Samantha Jones

Matt Koppman
Ryan McFadden
JJ McManus
Tomas Melton
Ryan Naughton

Keegan O'Connell
Hailey Ortner
Jack Purdy
Delsin Savage
Hanna Schulte

Abby Steimel
Cade Tenold
Carson Tenold
Nick Weber
Dylan Youngblut
Foxe Youngblut

I am happy to have attended Don Bosco High School. The freedom to express my faith in school is so valuable to me! I am grateful for the relationship I have with God because of my Catholic education. Don Bosco has given me the opportunity to take multiple college level courses while still in high school as well as participate in multiple extracurricular activities. This has helped me develop excellent time management skills that I will need in the future. I am also thankful for all the people I have met and the friendships I have made at Don Bosco.

-Abby Steimel



I am grateful to have gone to Don Bosco because it allowed me to foster strong roots in my Catholic faith while finding success in academics and extracurriculars. The close-knit classes and hardworking athletic and fine art programs provide a community built for both personal and school-wide success. I am very thankful for all of the memories I've made throughout my time at Bosco and am confident that my education here has set me up for a successful and faith-filled future.

-Ryan McFadden



I have absolutely loved the last thirteen years at Don Bosco. I've grown immensely in my faith, education, and personal growth. I am extremely grateful for the relationships I've created and strengthened throughout the years. The faculty and staff is beyond helpful and pushes us to be the best versions of ourselves in and out of school. Don Bosco has prepared me for lifelong success, helped me create strong study habits, and given me the confidence and ambition to achieve big things.

-Kendahl Freet

