



# ST. JOHN BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL

SALESIAN COLLEGE PREPARATORY

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## MISSION

St. John Bosco High School is a Salesian Catholic college preparatory school in which young men are accompanied in the spirit of Don Bosco with reason, religion and loving kindness in their formation to be good Christians and honest citizens in the image of Jesus Christ.

## VISION

We strive for excellence in Salesian Catholic male formation through the Salesian Oratory model and philosophy; we are a Home that welcomes, we are a School that educates the heart and mind, we are a Church that nurtures faith, we are a Playground that celebrates life and others. By doing so, we are a school of choice for young men to prepare for college and live the values of good Christians and honest citizens.

## ABOUT

St. John Bosco High School is a private, all-male, Catholic school that was founded by the Salesians of Don Bosco in 1940. The school is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) through the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA). The campus is located in Bellflower, CA, a suburban city in Los Angeles County. Our population includes students from all over Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Our student body comes from diverse communities with varying socio-economic levels. The current enrollment is 797 students, with 150 seniors, 187 juniors, 211 sophomores, and 249 freshmen.





## DEMOGRAPHICS & MORE ABOUT BOSCO

### ADMINISTRATION

Ernest Antonelli  
*Principal*

Derrick Fernando  
*Assistant Principal of  
Academic Affairs*

Jen Schnorr  
*Vice Principal of  
Student Affairs*

Vince Brown  
*Director of Athletics*

Fr. Michael Gergen  
*Director*

Dr. Brian Wickstrom  
*President*

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### COUNSELORS

Basil Totah  
*Lead Counselor*

Melissa Pantoja

Omar Delgado

Alyssa Skipper

Cathy Roohan

Our student body is demographically broken down as follows:

Hispanic– 51.9%  
African American– 12.41%  
Caucasian– 9.87%  
Asian– 10.25%  
Pacific Islander– 4.81%  
Native American– .89%  
Other/Unclassified– 9.87%

Approximately 94% of our graduates from the class of 2023 entered higher education after graduating, with 76% of the class going directly to a 4-year college or university.

In addition to strong academics, Bosco offers students competitive, award-winning groups such as Academic Decathlon, esports, and robotics. We also offer fantastic band and theater programs. Leadership opportunities are available through ASB, Student Ambassadors, and Youth Ministry. Students are often involved in a variety of clubs, in addition to these activities, and have 30+ to choose from.

Students are also very involved in community service, and work hard to participate in blood, food, and toy drives, amongst other outside service, throughout the school year.

St. John Bosco High School has a stellar athletic reputation. We offer 13 CIF sports, along with 3 club sports. Roughly 80% of our students participate in a sport, and compete at the highest level as part of the Trinity League.



## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Religion– 40 Credits
- History– 30 Credits
- English– 40 Credits
- Math– 30 Credits
- Science– 30 Credits
- World Language– 20 Credits
- Visual and Performing Arts– 10 Credits
- Physical Education– 10 Credits
- Health– 5 Credits
- Electives– 45 Credits

Total Needed for Graduation: 260 Credits

Students must complete a Senior Exit Interview, which assesses a resume and interview skills.

Students attend a required yearly grade-level retreat.

## GRADING AND GPAS

**Grading Scale:** Grades and GPA points are awarded on a semester system.

- A: 90-100%, 4 grade points
- B: 80-89%, 3 grade points
- C: 70-79%, 2 grade points
- D: 60-69%, 1 grade point
- F: 0-59%, 0 grade points

1 extra GPA point is awarded to all honors and AP courses, as well as college courses taken.

Note: See page 4 for 2020-21 information related to COVID-19.

### **Class of 2024 GPAs**

While we do not rank our students, the following is a breakdown of GPAs in the current senior class of 150 students, based on weighted overall GPA.

- 4.0 & Above: 29 students
- 3.75-3.99: 27 students
- 3.5-3.74: 20 students
- 3.0-3.49: 34 students
- 2.99 & Below: 39 students

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

### ***Highlights from the Class of 2023:***

Arizona State University-Tempe  
Auburn University  
Baylor University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Chapman University  
Clemson University  
Colgate University  
Columbia University  
Dartmouth College  
Drexel University  
Emory University  
Florida State University  
Fordham University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gonzaga University  
Howard University  
Indiana University-Bloomington  
Iowa State University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Michigan State University  
Morehouse College  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Occidental College  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Purdue University  
Rice University  
St. John's University-New York  
St. Joseph's University - New York  
Stanford University  
Syracuse University  
Texas A & M University  
Christian University  
Texas Tech University  
The University of Alabama  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Tulane University of Louisiana  
United States Air Force Academy  
University of Arizona  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Georgia  
University of Kansas  
University of Kentucky  
University of Louisville  
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor  
University of Minnesota  
University of Mississippi  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
University of Southern California  
University of Utah  
University of Washington  
Vanderbilt University  
Vanguard University  
Villanova University  
Xavier University  
Yale University

All UC Campuses & 22 CSU Campuses





## AP/HONORS COURSES

### 23 AP Courses:

AP Art History  
 AP Biology  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP Chinese  
 AP Environmental Science  
 AP Physics 1  
 AP Physics 2  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Calculus BC  
 AP Statistics  
 AP Computer Science A  
 AP Computer Science Principles  
 AP English Language  
 AP English Literature  
 AP European History  
 AP Human Geography  
 AP Macroeconomics  
 AP Psychology  
 AP Spanish Language & Culture  
 AP Spanish Literature & Culture  
 AP United States Gov & Politics  
 AP United States History  
 AP World History

### AP Data From 2023:

30 AP Scholars  
 10 AP Scholars with Honor  
 11 AP Scholars with Distinction  
 38.4% of the graduating class passed at least one AP exam

### 14 Honors Courses:

Algebra 2/Trig Honors  
 Anatomy & Physiology Honors  
 Biology Honors  
 Cell & Molecular Biology Honors  
 Chemistry Honors  
 Composition/World Lit 1 Honors  
 Composition/World Lit 2 Honors  
 Geometry Honors  
 Latin Honors  
 Marine Science Honors  
 Precalculus Honors  
 Spanish 3 Honors  
 Spanish 4 Honors

## TESTING

### SAT 2022-2023 (32 Total Tests):

	SJB	CA	National
<b>Composite</b>	1101	1083	1028
<b>Math</b>	537	536	508
<b>ERW</b>	564	546	520

### ACT 2022-2023 (19 Total Tests):

	SJB	CA	National
<b>Composite</b>	21.7	25.7	19.5
<b>English</b>	20.9	25.8	18.6
<b>Mathematics</b>	20.3	24.9	19.0
<b>Reading</b>	22.7	26.5	20.1
<b>Science</b>	22.5	25.1	19.6

## SJB GLOBAL

St. John Bosco High School launched a new, innovative online learning program in the summer of 2022: SJB Global. This program offers courses for remediation and advancement for students. Courses are rigorous, and offer the same content and concepts as our in-person courses. Each course offers a teacher who holds office hours and provides valuable feedback. These courses are taught asynchronously, providing students with great flexibility.

## 2020-2021 QUARTER SYSTEM

Traditionally, St. John Bosco High School has been a semester-system school. During the 2020-2021 school year, we worked to create a new master schedule that would allow students to focus on fewer subjects at a time, given that at least a portion of the school year would be completed remotely. Also, the schedule allowed for less interaction with students in an attempt to slow the spread of the virus. As a result, students were on a quarter system. All students were given either 7 or 8 courses, and took their courses as follows:

Quarter 1– Periods 1-4, semester 1 content  
 Quarter 2– Periods 5-8, semester 1 content  
 Quarter 3– Periods 1-4, semester 2 content  
 Quarter 4– Periods 5-8, semester 2 content

While the courses were run within the quarter system, grades are reflected on the transcript as semester 1 and semester 2, only, and students still earned the normal 5 credits per semester for each course. This system was discontinued after the 2020-2021 school year.



## ACADEMIC PATHWAY PROGRAMS



Students can choose to apply to one of six academic pathways in which they will participate in advanced level coursework over four years. These programs are highly competitive and academically rigorous.

### Biomedical

Designed for students who excel in mathematics and natural sciences and are interested in the fields of biology or medicine. Clinical knowledge gained through a professional Biomedical Scholar Internship during senior year.

### Computer Science

Based on the nationally recognized "Project STEM" curriculum from Amazon Future Engineers, students learn a broad range of topics including coding, artificial intelligence, cyber security and app development. Students participate in an internship with the St. John Bosco High School Technology Team during their senior year.

### Engineering

Students who graduate from the Engineering Pathway are prepared to enter college to continue studying engineering and related fields, as well as pursue careers in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. Many students in the Engineering Pathway participate and compete on St. John Bosco High School's award-winning Robotics Team.

### Entrepreneurship

This Ivy League inspired pathway was designed in collaboration with the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania for students interested in creating and leading business ventures. Students have the opportunity to participate in the Project ECHO competition through UCLA.

### Film and Media Arts

A professional industry preparation program designed to prepare students for collegiate film school. Through a project-based approach, students will learn the art of storytelling, production, design, directing, cinematography, animation, editing and the business of the media industry.

### Sports Medicine

Designed for students with an interest in athletic training, physical therapy, kinesiology, nutrition, orthopedics and other sports medicine-related fields. The pathway includes practical, hands-on application. Students are presented internship opportunities with practice and game coverages at St. John Bosco High School as well as their choice of physical therapy/chiropractic clinics, medical offices or hospitals.

