# ST. JOHN BOSCO High School

SALESIAN COLLEGE PREPARATORY

# **NEW PARENT ORIENTATION**

2024-2025



# **WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!**

On behalf of the entire St. John Bosco High School community, we want to again congratulate you on your son's acceptance and welcome you into the Bosco family.

Transitioning to high school can be a big change for you and your son. We know that you will have many questions. This booklet was designed to help you navigate those. There are many additional resources and people here to help ensure a smooth transition. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us anytime!

# Inside this booklet, you will find:

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Follow us on social media for all the latest news & happenings around campus and in our school community.









# **IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO**

MAIN OFFICE: (562) 920-1734



Fr. Mel Trinidad, SDB President



Fr. Mike Gergen, SDB
Director



Ernest Antonelli
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### **ADMINISTRATION CONTACTS:**

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### **DEPARTMENT CONTACTS:**

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Athletic Training (sports injuries & rehabilitation) | (562) 920-1734 ext. 219

Campus Store (spirit wear & uniforms) | (562) 920-1734 ext. 263

Counseling (course scheduling, college info, wellness) | (562) 920-1734 ext. 268

Registrar (transcripts, change of residence or contact info) | (562) 920-1734 ext. 509

Tuition & Billing | (562) 920-1734 ext. 200



# THE SJB COUNSELING TEAM

The St. John Bosco High School Counseling Team is dedicated to the care and development of each of our students in 3 main areas: Academic Success, College & Career Readiness, and Mental Wellness. Freshman students will be assigned a counselor at the beginning of the school year and will stay with that counselor all four years. In order to provide the individual support in each of these areas that our students need, the Counseling Department offers additional resources like the STEP program and CPLA counseling.

# The Team:

Basil Totah, Lead Counselor | btotah@bosco.org
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CPLA (Counseling Partners of Los Angeles) counselors are a team of highly committed and compassionate therapists who provide additional counseling services at our school. They can be reached at (562) 920-1734 ext. 295.

Counseling Department Office Hours are M-F, 7:30am-3:30pm. For in-person or virtual meetings with parents, please call or email your son's counselor.



Lead Counselor, Basil Totah



# **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2024**

8/1: New Parent Orientation

8/5 - 8/6: Freshmen/New Student Orientation

8/7: All Student Orientation & Picture Day

8/8: First Day of Classes, Semester 1 Begins

8/19: SJB Global Online Classes Begin (Semester 1/Quarter 1)

8/23: Make-up Picture Day

8/27: Back-to-School Night for Parents

8/30: Back-to-School Dance

9/2: No School (Labor Day)

9/3: Academic Awards Ceremony (for Spring 2024)

9/25: Senior Luau

9/27: Freshmen BBQ at SJHS

### **OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2024**

10/7: College Fair

10/10 - 10/11: SJB Global Finals (Quarter 1 Classes)

10/11: Homecoming Football Game

10/13: Homecoming Dance

10/14: No School (Homecoming Holiday) 10/14: SJB Global Quarter 2 Classes Begin 10/25: Junior Retreat (No School 9th, 10th, 12th)

10/25: Junior Picnic at SJHS

10/29: New Parent Counselor Night

11/11: No School (Veteran's Day)

11/25 - 11/29: No School (Thanksgiving Break)

### **DECEMBER 2024 & JANUARY 2025**

12/12 - 12/13: SJB Global Finals (Semester 1/Quarter 2 Classes)

12/16 - 12/19: Semester 1 Finals

12/20 - 1/6: No School (Christmas Break)

1/7: Classes Resume, Semester 2 Begins

1/13: SJB Global Online Classes Begin (Semester 2/Quarter 3)

1/20: No School (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/21: Senior Parent Meeting

1/31: Homecoming Basketball Game

### **FEBRUARY & MARCH 2025**

2/1: Winter Formal Dance

2/7: Freshmen Retreat (No School 10th,11th, 12th)

2/11: Academic Awards Ceremony (for Fall 2024)

2/17: No School (Presidents Day)

2/18: Sophomore Parent Information Night

2/21: Sophomore Lock-In at SJHS

3/1: Senior Pancake Breakfast

3/6 - 3/7: SJB Global Finals (Quarter 3 Classes)

3/10: SJB Global Quarter 4 Classes Begin

3/14: Sophomore Retreat (No School 9th, 11th, 12th)

3/25: Junior Parent College Info Night

3/26: Career Day (No Classes)

3/31: No School (Cesar Chavez Day)

### **APRIL & MAY 2025**

4/3: Senior Sunset at SJHS

4/16: Senior Interviews (No School 9th, 10th, 11th)

4/17 - 4/25: No School (Easter Break))

5/2: Senior Retreat & Farewell

5/3: Senior Prom

5/15 - 5/16: SJB Global Finals (Semester 2/Quarter 4 Classes)

5/16: Grad Nite for Seniors

5/19 - 5/22: Final Exams

5/23: Junior Ring Ceremony, Baccalaureate Mass & Awards

5/24: Class of 2025 Graduation

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE - CHECK SCHOOL CALENDAR AT WWW.BOSCO.ORG/CALENDAR VISIT WWW.BOSCO.ORG/SJBGLOBAL FOR MORE INFO ABOUT ONLINE CLASSES

# **BELL SCHEDULES**

# 024-2025

# Mondays - White

8:00am - 8:50am	Block 1
8:56am - 9:41am	Block 2
9:47am - 10:32am	Block 3
10:32am - 10:47am	<b>BREAK</b>
10:52am - 11:37am	Block 4
11:42am - 12:27pm	Block 5
12:27pm - 12:59pm	LUNCH
1:04pm - 1:49pm	Block 6
1:55pm - 2:40pm	Block 7

# Tuesdays & Thursdays - Blue

8:00am - 9:25am	Block 1
9:30am - 10:50am	Block 2
10:50am - 11:05am	BREAK
11:10am - 12:30pm	Block 3
12:30pm - 1:00pm	LUNCH
1:05pm - 2:25pm	Block 4

# Wednesdays - Gold (Late Start)

9:00am - 10:25am	Block 1
10:25am - 11:05am	ACA SUPPOR
11:05am - 11:20am	BREAK
11:25am - 12:45pm	Block 2
12:45pm - 1:15pm	LUNCH
1:20pm - 2:40pm	Block 3

ACA SUPPORT = ACADEMIC SUPPORT

# <u>Fridays - Gold 1, Gold 2, Gold 3</u> <u>or Early Dismissal</u>

### Gold 1

8:00am - 9:25am	Block 1
9:25am - 10:25am	COMM TIME
10:25am - 10:40am	BREAK
10:45am - 12:05pm	Block 2
12:05pm - 12:40pm	LUNCH
12:45pm - 2:05pm	Block 3

COMM TIME = COMMUNITY TIME

### Gold 2

8:00am - 9:25am	Block 1
9:25am - 9:40am	BREAK
9:45am - 11:05am	Block 2
11:05am - 12:05pm	COMM TIME
12:05pm - 12:40pm	LUNCH
12:45pm - 2:05pm	Block 3

COMM TIME = COMMUNITY TIME

# Gold 3

8:00am - 9:25am	Block 1
9:25am - 9:40am	BREAK
9:45am - 11:05am	Block 2
11:05am - 11:40pm	LUNCH
11:45am - 1:05pm	Block 3
1:05pm - 2:05pm	COMM TIME

COMM TIME = COMMUNITY TIME

## Gold (Early Dismissal)

8:00am - 9:25am	Block 1
9:25am - 9:40am	BREAK
9:45am - 11:05am	Block 2
11:05am - 11:40am	LUNCH
11:45am - 1:05pm	Block 3

BOSCO.ORG/CALENDAR



Don't worry! The bell schedule for the week will always be included in the "Week Ahead" newsletter you will receive via email and text every Sunday.



# ATTENDANCE & UNIFORM POLICIES

<u>Reporting an Absence:</u> Email attendance@bosco.org the following information PRIOR to the start of school. If absence is unreported, you'll receive a notification that your son is "unverified."

- Student name & ID number
- Date of & reason for absence
- Your name & relationship to student

Reporting a Late Arrival: Email attendance@bosco.org the following information:

- Student name & ID number
- Date of & reason for late arrival
- Student's estimated time of arrival to school
- Your name & relationship to student

<u>Requesting Early Dismissal:</u> Email attendance@bosco.org the following information PRIOR to the start of school. If adequate notice is not received, a wait time can be anticipated.

- Student name & ID number
- Date of & reason for early dismissal
- · Your name & relationship to student

We highly recommend reviewing your son's attendance on a regular basis via Powerschool.



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### **Tardy Outcomes Per Semester:**

Tardy Counts 1 & 2 = Warning

Tardy Counts 3 & 4 = Lunch Clean-Up and/or After-School Campus Beautification

Tardy Counts 5 & 6 = Saturday School

Tardy Counts 7 & Up = Saturday School and/or 1 Day Suspension

### Questions? Who to Contact:

Tardy Counts 1-4: Mr. Powers (jpowers@bosco.org) or Mr. Williams (mwilliams@bosco.org) Tardy Counts 5 or More: Mrs. Limatola (llimatola@bosco.org)

### How to Update an Unverified Absence:

Email attendance@bosco.org the following info.

- · Student name & ID number
- Date of & reason for absence
- · Your name & relationship to student

# Parents/Guardians:

- Please remind students about the importance of being on time to class.
- Visit PowerSchool to view tardy counts & unverified absences.
- If you need assistance with PowerSchool, please contact Mrs. Gina Logsdon (glogsdon@bosco.org).

Download this uniform & grooming guide and visit our online Campus Store at:

**BOSCO.ORG/SHOP** 



# **BOSCO.ORG/MAP**



# **LUNCH SERVICE**

Lunch can be ordered online at bosco.org/lunch. Orders will be picked up at the SJB Canteen which is located on the far side of the Visual and Performing Arts Building (400 Building), near the track.

**BOSCO.ORG/LUNCH** 



# **HOW TO GET INVOLVED AT BOSCO**

At Bosco, there is a path for everyone! Here are some helpful links to help you and your son get started.

**Student Life** 

bosco.org/studentlife

**Student Clubs & Organizations** 

bosco.org/clubs

**Music Program** 

bosco.org/music

**Theater Program** 

bosco.org/theater

**Athletics** 

bosco.org/athletics

**Robotics** 

bosco.org/robotics

**Academic Pathways** 

bosco.org/pathways

**Youth Ministry** 

bosco.org/ministry

**Parent Association** 

bosco.org/PA

**Margheritas Guild Mothers Group** 

bosco.org/margheritasguild









# **INCOMING FAMILY FAQ**

# When is the first day of school?

The first day of the 2024-2025 school year at St. John Bosco High School is August 5th, which is when New Student Orientation will begin.

August 5-6: New Student Orientation August 7: All Student Orientation August 8: First Day of Classes

# What do you bring on the first day of orientation?

Bring your device!

# When do I receive my class schedule?

Class schedules will be available through PowerSchool before school begins. You will receive your syllabus, which includes any required supplies and textbooks, on the first day of class.

# Where can I find textbook information?

We utilize both digital and traditional textbooks, depending on the course. Information and instructions on how to access textbooks will be provided on the first day of class.

# What is my student ID number?

All students received their student ID number during course selection. If you do not know what your student ID number is, please reach out to our Registrar, Gina Logsdon, at glogsdon@bosco.org.

# Does the school provide transportation for students commuting from different cities?

Yes! Learn more about Bosco Transit at bosco.org/transit.

# What electronic device should I purchase for class?

We have a "Bring Your Own Device" approach to technology. Not only is this consistent with the tech approach in higher education, but it also allows students to select devices that they are comfortable with at a price point that each family has discretion over. At a minimum, students will need the following:

- A web browser
- Word processing (compatible with Microsoft Word)
- Presentation (analogous to Microsoft PowerPoint)
- Spreadsheet (compatible with Microsoft Excel)

Additionally, please note that there are computer specifications that must be adhered to for Engineering Pathway students. Download the specifications at www.bosco.org/engineering. There are also specific calculator requirements for certain math and science classes. Please refer to the class syllabus for those details.

# What is the service hour program?

Our service hour program for parents was designed to provide parents the opportunity to become involved in various school activities. Volunteer hours are tracked using the Track It Forward app. All hours must be logged using this platform in order to count toward your service hour requirement. You will receive an invitation from Track It Forward with instructions to setup your profile.

# **INCOMING FAMILY FAQ**

# How many service hours do I need to complete?

Each freshman family is required to volunteer 30 hours of service. Each year thereafter, the requirement is also 30 hours. Learn more about our service hour program at bosco.org/service.

# What is the dress code for students?

All students are required to wear a uniform, which can be purchased in our Campus Store online or in-person. Visit bosco.org/shop for our Uniform & Grooming Guide and a link to our online shop.

# How can I contact my son during the school day?

Families are able to contact students via Google Chat or they may call the Main Office at (562) 920-1734.

## Are there activities before and after school?

Yes! There is always a place where students can be before and after school whether they're hanging out, doing homework or participating in a club or sport. Here are some of the typical places students hang out and some of the activities typically going on:

- Learning Commons Hours: M-TH,
   7:30am-8am and 3pm-4pm
- Oratory Hours: M-F, 6:30am-7:45am and 2:40pm-5pm
- Athletics Hours: Practices typically take place from 3pm-6pm
- Music Program Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays from 3pm-5pm
- Theater Program Hours: 3pm-5:30pm
- Robotics Hours: January-April, M-F 3pm-6pm and Saturdays from 9am-4pm

# What is the cell phone policy for students?

Cell phones are not an acceptable learning device and will not be permitted to be audible or visible during class.

# What are the requirements for participation in Athletics?

Student-athletes must maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher, their behavior must be in good standing and their family's tuition commitment must be in good standing. If you are planning on playing a sport anytime during the 2024-2025 school year, you must complete the online medical clearance process beginning on June 1. Instructions can be found at bosco.org/athleticsreg.

# *How do I contact the Athletic Department?*

Vince Brown, Athletic Director (562) 920-1734 ext. 250 vbrown@bosco.org

Jon Hall, Associate Athletic Director (562) 920-1734 ext. 227 jhall@bosco.org

Jeanne Pantuso, Athletics Assistant (562) 920-1734 ext. 249 jpantuso@bosco.org

Melody Mohebbi, Head Athletic Trainer (562) 920-1734 ext. 219 mmohebbi@bosco.org



# **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

To receive a diploma from St. John Bosco High School, a student must have:

- 1. A history of good character and citizenship
- 2. Participation in a grade level retreat during each year
- 3. Successful completion of the Senior Exit Interview
- 4. Satisfaction of all subject matter requirements

# Subject Matter Graduation Requirements (260 Credits):

40 Credits Theology

40 Credit English

30 Credit Mathematics

30 Credits Science (Biology, Chemistry, 1 additional)

30 Credits Social Science (World History, US History, Civics/Econ

OR Civics/Financial Lit OR AP Government)

20 Credits World Language (2 years of the same language)

10 Credits Visual and Performing Arts

**10 Credits Physical Education** 

5 Credits Health

**5 Credits Financial Literacy** 

**40 Credits Electives** 

NOTE: All F's must be remediated by the end of the summer

for a student to matriculate in their subject matter graduation requirement sequence. C's or higher are required in the second semester of all Mathematics and World Languages courses to move on to the next level the following year.

# A-G College Admission Entrance Requirements:

These are the minimum high school courses required to be eligible to apply to the University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) systems. UC campuses require that you complete 11 of these requirements prior to the beginning of senior year. Each course must be passed with a grade of C or higher.

A. History/Social Studies (2 years): 1 year of World History and 1 year of US History or 1 semester of US History and 1 semester of US Government/Civics

B. English (4 years)

C. Mathematics (3 years, 4 recommended): Algebra 1, Geometry (required) and Algebra 2 at minimum

D. Science (2 years, 3 recommended): At least 2 from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, other Science

E. World Language (2 years, 3 recommended)

F. Visual and Performing Arts (1 year)

G. College Preparatory Elective (1 year): This can be a separate approved elective, or extra courses from the above categories





# SJB GLOBAL ONLINE LEARNING

# Learning Options to Fit the Needs of Every Student

SJB Global is our innovative online learning option. Whether you're online full-time, on campus full-time or somewhere in between, there is a path for everyone at St. John Bosco. Online classes run asynchronously there is no specific time when the student has to meet with the teacher and other students. There is a live teacher, however, who keeps an office hour every day there is a lesson, so if the student needs help, they can email or call their teacher during that time. Students will receive personalized feedback from the teacher on their assignments and receive a grade report once a week.



# **Health Course Requirement**

Health is required to be taken freshman year and must be completed online during the summer (before or after freshman year) or during the school year. The class runs for 8 weeks and has 4 lessons per week. Tuition for Health during summer 2024 is \$500. If Health is taken during the school year as one of the 7 classes of a student's full load, there is no fee. If it is taken in addition to 7 classes, then a fee exists.

How to Take Health Online Freshman Year:





# **ACADEMIC PATHWAYS**

Through our Academic Pathways, students may choose a specific area of interest in which they will participate in advanced level coursework and project-based learning experiences over four years.

### **Biomedical**

Designed for students who excel in mathematics and natural sciences and are interested in the fields of biology or medicine. In addition to intensive classroom instruction in advanced mathematics, health sciences, physical sciences and chemical and biological sciences, students gain clinical knowledge by working with professionals in hospitals. Students also conduct research and attend lectures provided by physicians, research scientists and medical professionals.

# **Computer Science**

Based on the nationally recognized "Project STEM" curriculum from Amazon Future Engineers, this pathway allows students to become creators, not just consumers, of the technology that surrounds them. Computer Science students enjoy an advanced coding curriculum and collaborative projects, in turn gaining problemsolving, critical and creative thinking, and communication skills. Students learn a broad range of topics including coding, artificial intelligence, cyber security and app development.

# **Engineering**

The Engineering Pathway offers an innovative STEM curriculum to its students. Students learn and apply the design process, develop collaboration and communication skills, and hone their critical-thinking and problem-solving abilities. 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. The innovative four year interdisciplinary program prepares students for collegiate business degree programs. Students learn analytical thinking, decision making, and logical reasoning while researching current business trends and the skills and techniques necessary to launch and manage successful business ventures. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the Project ECHO business plan competition.

### Film & Media Arts

The Film and Media Arts Pathway is a professional industry preparation program designed to prepare students for collegiate film school. The coursework's emphasis is on creative storytelling while also infusing the importance of social responsibility in the Pathway's curriculum, message and mission. 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

The Sports Medicine Pathway is 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 in addition to studying nutrition, injury prevention and evaluation, therapeutic rehabilitation, and on-field first aid and emergency situation management. Students are presented internship opportunities with practice and game coverages at St. John Bosco High School as well as their choice of physical therapy or chiropractic clinics, medical offices or hospitals.

# **ACADEMIC PATHWAY COURSES**

### **Biomedical**

9th Grade: Intro to Health Science Technology /

**Medical Ethics** 

10th Grade: Cell & Molecular Biology Honors11th Grade: Anatomy & Physiology Honors12th Grade: Medical Genetics / Biomedical

Scholar Internship

# **Computer Science**

9th Grade: Computer Science Essentials 10th Grade: AP Computer Science Principles

11th Grade: AP Computer Science A

12th Grade: Computer Science Capstone / IT

Internship

# **Engineering**

9th Grade: Intro to Engineering Design 10th Grade: Principles of Engineering 11th Grade: Applied Engineering Honors 12th Grade: Engineering Capstone

# Entrepreneurship

9th Grade: Wharton's Intro to Entrepreneurship / Project ECHO 10th Grade: Social Entrepreneurship /

**Project ECHO** 

11th Grade: Small Business Management /

**Advertising & Promotion** 

12th Grade: Financial Literacy / Business

**Ethics** 

### **REOUIRMENTS:**

- High School Placement Test Results
- Writing or Portfolio Sample
- · Teacher/Principal Recommendation
- Interview

### Film & Media Arts

9th Grade: Screenwriting

10th Grade: Production & Design11th Grade: Directing & Producing12th Grade: Film & Media Arts Capstone

# **Sports Medicine**

9th Grade: Intro to Kinesiology / Sports

**Nutrition & Performance** 

10th Grade: Intro to Sports Medicine /

Musculoskeletal Anatomy

11th Grade: Upper/Lower Body Injury

**Evaluation and Rehabilitation** 

12th Grade: Advanced Sports Medicine



Applications for Academic Pathways are included in the Bosco Admissions Application.

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