BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAMILY GUIDE

2026-2027



Welcome home, Braves!

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Our School Leaders

A Message From Principal Antonelli



Hello Bosco Family!

On behalf of the leadership team here at Bosco, I want to welcome you to the 2026-2027 school year. We're truly grateful you're here.

A new school year always brings lots of excitement. New friendships will be formed, new challenges will be embraced, and countless moments, both big and small, will shape our students in ways they may not yet realize.

Our faculty and staff are excited to walk alongside your family this year. We believe that education is strongest when school and home work together, and we're grateful for the trust you've placed in us to help guide your son along his academic, spiritual, and personal journey.

This guide is designed to make the start of the year a little easier. Inside you'll find the information and resources that will help you stay connected throughout the year. We look forward to all that God has in store for our community this year and to the privilege of watching your son continue to grow into the young man he is called to become during his time here.

God Bless,

Mr. Ernest Antonelli
Principal



Fr. Mel Trinidad, SDB
Director of School



Ernest Antonelli
Principal



Nathan Corkhill
Assisstant Principal of Academic Affairs



Sergio Esparza
Assistant Principal of Student Affairs

Learn about the Salesians of Don Bosco and our mission on our website at BOSCO.ORG/SDB.



INSTAGRAM

FACEBOOK

WEBSITE

Where to Find What You Need

Every Sunday at 11am you and your son will receive "The Week Ahead" where you'll find all the most important and time-sensitive reminders for the upcoming week. It will always include the following and more:

- A link to pre-order lunch
- A link to parent service hour opportunities
- The bell schedule for the week
- The schedule for Varsity athletics competitions
- Information about upcoming student and community events

Parents will also receive a text message reminder to read The Week Ahead email. If you are not receiving these emails and/or texts, please reach out to news@bosco.org to be added to the list of recipients.

We also encourage you to utilize our website where lots of helpful information is available, and to follow us on our official school social media channels.

Who to Contact

MAIN OFFICE: (562) 920-1734

ATTENDANCE: (562) 920-1734 ext. 224

Director of School	Fr. Mel Trinidad, SDB	mtrinidad@bosco.org
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Asst Principal of Student Affairs	Mr. Sergio Esparza	sesparza@bosco.org
Coordinator of Youth Ministry	Dr. Francesca Po	fpo@bosco.org
Dean of Students	Mr. Jeff Powers	jpowers@bosco.org
Director of Athletics	Mr. Vince Brown	vbrown@bosco.org
Director of SJB Global Online	Mrs. Diane Gihring	dgihring@bosco.org
Lead Counselor	Mr. Basil Totah	btotah@bosco.org

Athletics Department | jpantuso@bosco.org (562) 920-1734 ext. 249
Attendance Office | attendance@bosco.org (562) 920-1734 ext. 224
International Students | mnash@bosco.org (562) 920-1734 ext. 251
Registrar | glogsdon@bosco.org (562) 920-1734 ext. 509
Sports Medicine | mmohebbi@bosco.org (562) 920-1734 ext. 219
Student Activities | dellison@bosco.org (562) 920-1734 ext. 596
Tuition & Billing | sjbaccounts@bosco.org (562) 920-1734 ext. 200

Find all contact information for Bosco faculty and staff on our website at BOSCO.ORG/DIRECTORY.

CAMPUS STORE: *The Campus Store is open M-F, 7:30am-3pm and can be reached at (562) 920-1734 ext. 263*

COUNSELING: *Contact information for each counselor can be found on the next page. Visit bosco.org/counseling to learn more.*

REGISTRAR: *Please report change of address or contact information to our Registrar, Ms. Gina Logsdon, at glogsdon@bosco.org.*

TUITION AND BILLING: SJBAccounts@bosco.org

Counseling

Academic , College & Social-Emotional Counseling

Our 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.

Counselor Contact Information:

Basil Totah (Lead Counselor) | btotah@bosco.org (562) 920-1734 ext. 281
Omar Delgado | odelgado@bosco.org (562) 920-1734 ext. 287
Bro. Reegan Ledet | rledet@bosco.org (562) 920-1734 ext. 216
Bridget Nagarajan | bnagarajan@bosco.org (562) 920-1734 ext. 268
Cathy Roohan | croohan@bosco.org (562) 920-1734 ext. 261



More information about counseling can be found on our website at BOSCO.ORG/COUNSELING

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.

Student Life

ACADEMIC DECATHLON
If you're interested in joining our Academic Decathlon Team which competes in the World Scholars Cup, reach out to Mr. Nathan Corkhill at ncorkhill@bosco.org.

ATHLETICS
If you're wondering when tryouts are for one of our CIF or club sports, make sure you're following them on Instagram for the latest news, and reach out to the Head Coach for more information.

BAND
If you're interested in joining the marching band, or one of our other Bosco Bands, reach out to Mr. V at rvillanueva.org.

CAMPUS MINISTRY
If you'd like to get involved with Campus Ministry and help with class retreats, school Masses, and more, you can reach out to Dr. Po at fpo@bosco.org or stop by the Campus Ministry Office in Room 238 (third floor of the main building).

CLUBS & HONOR SOCIETIES
There will be a Club Carnival during the school day on Wednesday, August 26, where you can learn about all of our student clubs and organizations at Bosco. If you want to start a new club, reach out to Mr. Esparza at sesparza@bosco.org. All you need is at least 1 other student and a faculty moderator!

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY
Do you have a camera? If you're intested in photography or videography for school and/or athletics social media, contact Ms. Nash at mnash@bosco.org.

ROBOTICS
Reach out to Mr. Wippler at wwippler@bosco.org for more information about joining our Robotics Team!

THEATER
Reach out to Mr. Lang at mlang@bosco.org for more information about our theater program, and follow @boscotheater on Instagram for updates about auditions.

Activities & Events

There's always something happening at Bosco! August is packed with opportunities to get involved. Check out the upcoming events below, then visit BOSCO.ORG/STUDENTLIFE for the complete calendar of events for your grade level.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 (4PM-9PM)

BROTHERHOOD & SISTERHOOD EVENT: BONFIRE AT BOLSA CHICA BEACH WITH SAINT JOSEPH SISTERS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 (KICKOFF 7PM)

BOSCO FOOTBALL SEASON OPENER WATCH PARTY IN THE QUAD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 (TAILGATE 6PM; KICKOFF 7PM; DANCE AFTER)

STUDENT TAILGATE BEFORE THE BOSCO FOOTBALL HOME OPENER
WELCOME DANCE IN THE GYM AFTER THE GAME



THE TRIBE STUDENT SECTION IS THE PLACE TO BE ON FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING FOOTBALL SEASON!

Ways for Parents to Get Involved

Parent Service Hours

Through our Parent Service Hour Program, you'll not only support school events and initiatives, but also form lasting friendships and memories with other families. Whether you're helping at an event, donating goods, or working quietly behind the scenes, every effort you give strengthens the family spirit that makes Bosco so special. Learn more about our Parent Service Hour requirements on our website at BOSCO.ORG/SERVICEHOURS.

Community Events

Whether we're cheering on our student-athletes, applauding the arts, or coming together to support our students and programs, every event reflects the spirit of the Bosco family: showing up for one another, celebrating each other's successes, and building community along the way. Visit our website at BOSCO.ORG/EVENTS to see what's going on around campus!

Parent Association and Margheritas Guild

Every Bosco parent is welcome to be a part of our Parent Association, and all mothers, mother-figures, grandmothers, aunts and sisters are invited to join the Margheritas Guild. Both groups offer opportunities to make a lasting impact at Bosco while creating friendships along the way.

Learn more on our website at BOSCO.ORG/PA and BOSCO.ORG/MARGHERITASGUILD

First Week of School

MONDAY, AUGUST 10: New Student Orientation & Picture Day
9:00am - 1:30pm (lunch will be provided)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11:
All Student Orientation & Returning Student Picture Day

Freshmen: 9:00am - 12:10pm
Sophomores: 7:30am - 12:15pm
Juniors: 8:30am - 12:00pm
Seniors: 9:00am - 1:00pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12: First Day of Classes
Periods 1-7; 8:00am - 2:45pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13: Blue Bell Schedule
Periods 1-4; 8:00am - 2:25pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14: Gold Bell Schedule w/ Early Dismissal
Periods 5-7; 8:00am - 1:05pm

DRESS CODE

Monday (New Student Orientation): Formal uniform for pictures

Tuesday (New students): T-shirt given out on Monday & uniform bottoms
Tuesday (Returning students grades 10-11): Formal uniform for pictures
Tuesday (Seniors): Suit/tux for portraits; regular uniform if student already took portrait on 8/7

Wednesday-Friday (All students): Regular uniform

Unsure about formal vs regular uniforms? You can find our Uniform & Grooming Guide on our website at BOSCO.ORG/SHOP.

Mark Your Calendars

SEMESTER 1

Friday, August 7
International Student Welcome

Monday, August 10
New Student Orientation &
Picture Day

Tuesday, August 11
All Student Orientation
Picture Day for Returning Students

Wednesday, August 12
First Day of Classes

Tuesday, August 25
Back-to-School Night

Monday, September 7
No School: Labor Day

Monday, September 21
No School: Pupil-Free Day

Monday, October 5
No School: Homecoming Holiday

Friday, October 23
Junior Retreat
(No School for 9th, 10th, 12th)

Monday, October 26
No School: Pupil-Free Day

Wednesday, November 11
No School: Veterans Day

Monday, November 23 - Friday, November 27
No School: Thanksgiving Break

Monday, December 14 - Thursday, December 17
Semester 1 Final Exams

SEMESTER 2

Friday, December 18 - Tuesday, January 5
No School: Christmas Break

Wednesday, January 6
Semester 2 Begins

Monday, January 18
No School: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Friday, February 5
Freshman Retreat
(No School for 10th, 11th, 12th)

Monday, February 15
No School: President's Day

Friday, March 19
Sophomore Retreat
(No School for 9th, 11th, 12th)

Friday, March 12
No School: Pupil-Free Day

Wednesday, March 24
Senior Exit Interviews
(No School for 9th, 10th, 11th)

Thursday, March 25 - Friday, April 2
No School: Easter Break

Monday, May 17 - Thursday, May 20
Final Exams

Thursday, May 20
Class of 2027 Baccalaureate
Mass & Awards

Friday, May 21
Class of 2027 Graduation Ceremony

Dates are subject to change. Visit our website at BOSCO.ORG/CALENDAR or scan the QR code for the most up-to-date calendar.

Bell Schedules



We'll put the week's schedule in "The Week Ahead" Sunday newsletter for you each week!

Attendance Policy

If your student is absent, please follow these steps:

1. Call the Attendance Office the morning of the absence at (562) 920-1734 ext. 224 or email attendance@bosco.org.

2. Submit documentation to the Attendance Office via email (attendance@bosco.org) or in person. Include the student's name, grade, absence date(s), reason, parent signature or name/email, and phone number.

Within 24 hours: Submit documentation to the Attendance Office to avoid an Attendance Violation.
Within 5 business days of the first day of the absence: If you haven't submitted documentation yet, you must do so within this window in order for the school to determine whether the absence was excused. Please note that submitting documentation does not guarantee that the absence will be excused.

If documentation is not received within 5 business days, the absence will be permanently recorded as unexcused.

Medical Note Policy: If a student is absent more than 3 consecutive school days for a medical reason, a note from a board-certified physician is required before they can return to class. The note doesn't need to include a diagnosis, but it must state that the absence was for medical reasons, show clear start/end dates, and be signed (physically or electronically) by the physician or Physician Assistant (PA).

Note: Once a student reaches 3 unverified absences cumulatively, a doctor's note will be required for any future absence, regardless of length or reason. If the absence is not medically related, a prearranged absence form is required instead.

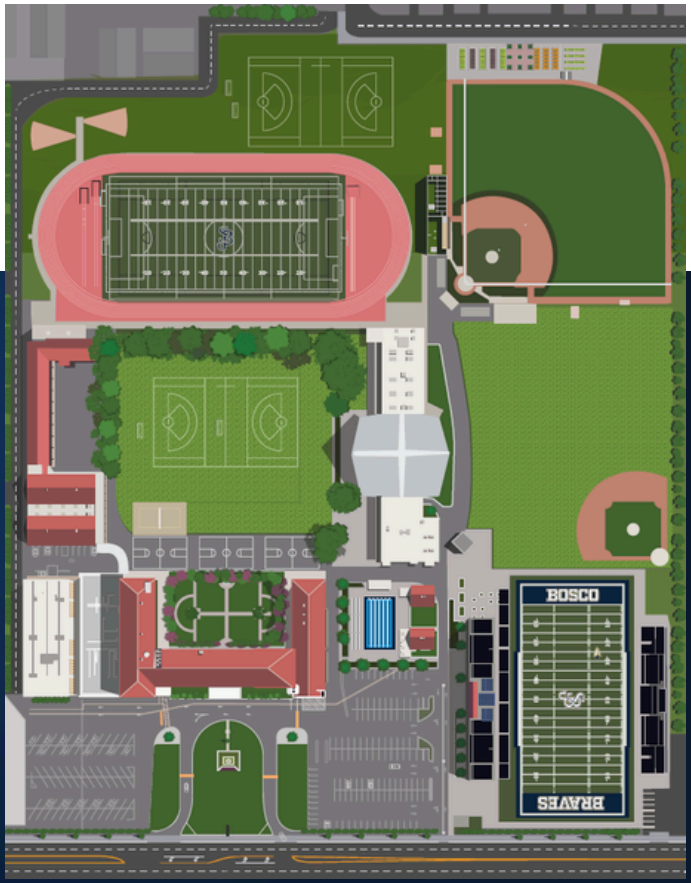


Finding Your Way

We call our main school building the "200 building." This is where all classrooms that begin with the number 2 are located.

On the left of the main building is our Math, Science, and Engineering building (or, the "300 building"). This is where all classrooms that begin with the number 3 are located.

The building that's out past the theater is our Visual and Performing Arts building (or "400 building"). This is where all classrooms that begin with the number 4 are located.



Download a campus map on our website at BOSCO.ORG/MAP or scan the QR code.

A Few Reminders



Student Parking Permits

Student Parking Permits are free for 2026–2027, but are required for every vehicle. Please review the new policies and apply by August 14, 2026 (scan the QR code). Students will be emailed when their permit is ready for pickup at Mr. Esparza's office. Questions? Contact Mr. Esparza at sesparza@bosco.org.



Lunch Service

Lunch information can be found on our website at BOSCO.ORG/LUNCH. Orders may be placed in advance online and will be picked up at the Bosco Cafe which is located on the far side of the Visual and Performing Arts Building (400 Building), near the track.



Visitor Check-In Process

A reminder that our campus is a closed campus during school hours. No one may enter without a visible SJB visitor badge. Please review this quick check-in process:

- Report directly to the lobby upon arrival. Ring the buzzer, then head to the front office receptionist.
- State the purpose of your visit & present a valid government-issued photo ID at the kiosk to receive your badge. Wear your badge visibly at all times during school hours. Anyone found on campus without a badge will be asked to report to the front office to check in, or will be asked to leave and escorted off school grounds.
- If you have a meeting with someone, please wait in the lobby and a staff member will walk you over to the meeting's location.
- Before leaving campus, return to the front desk kiosk to check out and return your badge.

Online Classes

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.

Learn more about SJB Global Online Classes on our website at BOSCO.ORG/SJBGLOBAL.



Academic Support & Peer Tutoring

Every student has dedicated time built into the school day to succeed. During Academic Support Periods on Wednesdays, students can meet with teachers for extra help, ask questions, make up exams, collaborate on group projects, or simply use the time to study and stay on top of their assignments. Peer tutors will also be available for students who would benefit from additional support from a fellow Brave. It's one of the many ways Bosco provides support without extending the school day.

Your counselor is an important partner throughout your Bosco journey. From planning your courses and ensuring you're on track for graduation to navigating academic challenges and setting goals for the future, counselors are here to help. If you're struggling in a class, have questions about your schedule, or simply need guidance, don't wait. Reach out to your counselor early so they can connect you with the resources and support you need to succeed.

Uniforms & Grooming

CAMPUS STORE OPEN
M-F, 7:30AM-3PM



Daily Uniform: SJB polo shirts (available in white, navy & gray) or any official SJB branded polo shirt sold by the Campus Store should be worn daily.



Daily Uniform & Formal Dress: SJB embroidered uniform pants & shorts (khaki or navy) should be worn daily. For formal dress days, only pants are permitted, no shorts. †



Daily Uniform: Official outerwear sold through the Campus Store or issued/sold by a school program such as a club, organization or athletic team may be worn daily.



Formal Dress: White Oxford shirt (short sleeve or long sleeve) required on formal dress days. †



Formal Dress: Optional SJB embroidered sweater or sweater vest can be worn on formal dress days. Other outerwear is not permitted on formal dress days. †



Accessories: Official SJB embroidered tie required for formal dress days. Official SJB hats/beanies may only be worn outdoors only. One stud earing per ear is allowed. †



Shoes: Dress shoes for formal dress days can be any dress shoe or nice tennis shoe. Shoes for formal and regular days must be shoes only (no crocs, slides, sandals, boots etc.) Any color shoes and socks permitted. †



Grooming: Hair must be of a natural color & styled in a neat/clean presentation. Long hair must be pulled back so face is visible. Facial hair must be kept in neat/clean presentation.

† *Denotes professional/formal Mass attire*

Course Materials, Devices & Technology



What to bring for orientation and the first day of classes:
New students should bring a device with them for Orientation on Monday and Tuesday. For classes Wednesday through Friday, everyone should bring their devices as well as something to write with.

Approved devices for class:
Students should have a laptop or tablet of their choosing. Cell phones are not approved learning devices and should be put away during class. More information about devices can be found on our website at BOSCO.ORG/DEVICES.

Where to find a list of books and supplies needed for classes:
Class syllabi and any required course materials will be discussed in class on Wednesday, August 12th.

Technology:
Students will be assigned a Bosco email address and should be checking their inbox regularly for important information. Additionally, they will access to the following technology:

- Schoology: Learning management system (LMS) that acts as a digital hub where teachers will distribute assignments, post grades, and communicate with students and parents.
- PowerSchool: Student Information System (SIS) used to manage student records, grades, attendance, schedules, and registration.
- Naviance: College, career, and life readiness software platform used to connect academic achievement with post-graduation goals, helping students explore career interests, research colleges, track college application tasks, and manage transcripts or recommendation letters.

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. Completion of minimum 80 hours of service (incoming 9th and 10th graders only)
4. Successful completion of the Senior Exit Interview
5. Satisfaction of all subject matter requirements

Subject Matter 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





YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

When is the first day of school?

The first day of the 2026-2027 school year at St. John Bosco High School is August 10th, which is when New Student Orientation will begin.

August 10-11: Orientation
August 12: First Day of Classes

What do you bring & wear on the first day of orientation?

Bring your device! Wear your formal uniform because we will be taking yearbook/ID photos.

When do I receive my class schedule?

New students will receive their class schedules on Monday, August 10th, at New Student Orientation. Returning students will receive their schedules via email prior to the start of classes.

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 parent service hour program?

The Bosco Bingo program is a long-standing fundraiser, and its proceeds are essential in supporting school operations. All freshman families are expected to complete their service hours by working five Saturday evenings at Bingo. All grades 10-12 families must complete 30 hours of general service per year (per student) and must track hours using Track It Forward. Learn more about our Parent Service Hour requirements on our website at BOSCO.ORG/SERVICEHOURS.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

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 school?

Families are able to contact students via Google Chat or they may call the Main Office at (562) 920-1734. Students are able to use their cell phones during breaks and lunch.

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 devices 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 2026-2027 school year, you must complete the athletic clearance process. 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



More questions? Reach out to us at news@bosco.org and we'll be happy to direct your question to the appropriate department.