

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPECTING A BOSCO TECH FRESHMAN

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

*This guide is intended to be a resource for new families planning to attend Bosco Tech and contains information for parents about events, traditions, and other expectations for your freshman year. This reference guide was written by parents, for parents entering the Bosco Tech community. We firmly believe that an informed parent supports a strong community and encourages engagement, which then benefits our students in countless ways. Our intention is to provide a guide of helpful information for your family's transition to high school. As Bosco continues to evolve, this information will be updated. If you have a suggestion for something that should be added, please contact **Mrs. Cathy Rivera** (CRivera@boscotech.edu). Welcome to Bosco Tech!*



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Pick-up/ Drop-off

Students may be dropped off and picked up in the large, fenced parking lot by Resurrection Church on San Gabriel Blvd. (Northwest corner of the campus) or in the South Parking lot off of Arroyo Dr. Please do not drop your child off in the Administration Parking lot in front of the school because of the hazard of students crossing the lot from the city bus drop off.

- **Carpool** - If you want to be put on a carpool list, please contact the receptionist at 626-940-2000 to get a sign-up form. Once you submit the form, you will receive an email link with the published list. Finding a family to carpool with in your area will save you time and gasoline, and may provide an opportunity for your child to make a friend enroute to school.

Daily Class Schedule

Most students take 7-8 individual classes per semester. Bosco Tech uses a 'Block Schedule' which means that each day there are 4 classes, each 85 minutes long, and it takes two days to go through a student's entire schedule. These two days are referred to as A- and B-days. A-day will have periods A1, A2, A3, and A4; similarly B-days will have periods B1, B2, B3, and B4. Every Tuesday and Thursday is an A-day, while every Wednesday and Friday is a B-day. Mondays alternate between being A- or B-days. Special schedules are followed for school days that include an assembly, liturgy, or other events. All [Bell Schedules](#) can be found on the school's website.

Class Assignments

Regular and Honors Classes - Your child took assessment tests to determine freshman placement in English, World History, Biology and Math. For English, Biology and History, the assessment will result in placement in either College Preparatory or Honors classes. The Math assessment will determine one of three things for the Fall semester - if the student needs additional support in the summer before taking Integrated Math 1; if the student will take Integrated Math 1 without additional support; or, if the student should take an additional assessment to qualify for a higher math class.

Tech Selection

Near the end of the first semester, freshmen choose the technology they wish to pursue during their high school career at Bosco Tech. Prior to this day, Bosco offers several programs and opportunities to help you and your child make the best choice of technology major. Because students will remain in this tech for the next three and a half years, parent involvement is crucial in this decision-making process.

- **Freshman Summer Program (FSP)** is required for all freshmen. This two-week program allows students to experience all six technologies offered at Bosco Tech by spending a few days in each of them. Check the school's online calendar for July to find the exact dates. At the conclusion of the FSP, students will choose the three technologies that they wish to focus on and rotate through during their first semester technology classes.
- **Fall Semester Technology Rotations** are the next step. After making their top three selections at the end of FSP, your child will spend five to six weeks in each of these technology programs during the first semester of their freshman year. These courses are designed to acquaint your child with significant details of each tech major, facilitating the final choice to be made in December. For freshmen, the "tech period" is the first class block of every day (both A and B days). Please start discussing your child's choice of tech as each rotation ends.
- **Freshmen Parent Tech Information Session Meetings** also occur during the fall semester. Sometime near the middle of each rotation, there will be a mandatory Technology Information Session (TIS) meeting for parents. These presentations will give you detailed information about that particular tech,

including what education majors and career paths may relate to it. Parents must attend each Technology Information Session (TIS) in order for the student to be eligible to select that particular major on Tech Selection Day.

- **Tech Selection Day** is held close to the end of the first semester, usually on the second Saturday in December. The specific time you will be on campus will vary, but plan on spending at least 45 minutes there. Students will receive letters with their meeting time in the school days prior to Tech Selection. The meeting time is determined by GPA; those with a higher GPA will be invited to meet earlier and will thus have a better chance of getting their first choice of technology. In order to select a tech, the student and at least one parent/guardian must be present. The student must be in formal attire. Tech selections are not guaranteed to students as there is a maximum number of seats in each technology.

Service Hours

Both parents and students are required to do volunteer service hours. For students, these are called “Christian Service Hours” to reflect the educational component of this work. Both types of hours can be started or even completed in the summer.

- **Students** are required to do a minimum of 25 Christian Service Hours each year. Some opportunities for service hours are posted in our daily email, but they can be earned in a variety of ways. Hours do not need to be at or for DBTI and can be completed as a service for a club, school, church, or other organization. All projects must be approved by Mr. Rudy Herrera (rherrera@boscotech.edu or 626-940-2087) and they must be followed by a brief reflection on the Christian Service Hour Log, which is used to track and report hours. This document is sent to students in September via email.
- **Parents** are required to complete 30 hours of service at the school. These service hours are divided into Bingo and Other hours, which are tracked separately. All records of parent service hours are maintained by the receptionist desk (626-940-2000).
 - **Bingo** (minimum 15 hours): Look for the email from Mr. Anthony Castaneda with a link to *Signup Genius* for Bingo hours. He will have a parent informational meeting during the Summer outlining the work involved in assisting with Bingo.
 - **Other** (15 hours): Parents will have lots of opportunities to earn service hours throughout the year.

Parent Council

Parent Council is a group of dedicated parents who host events, provide information, sell tech wear, spirit wear, family wear and fundraise. Our group meets year-round on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to attend any of our meetings, please check your email for the next meeting announcement. We are always looking for new parents to join us. This is a fantastic way to meet other parents, organize events, find out what is going on, and stay connected to the school.. Parent Council also offers many opportunities to earn parent service hours through our different fundraising activities and events.

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College Counseling

- **Create your College Board** account as soon as possible to be used later when reviewing PSAT scores. The freshmen counselor will go over this process.
- **Freshmen College Information** – Bosco Tech is committed to your Child’s collegiate career and offers these large-group meetings twice a year to help parents and students understand and prepare for the PSAT, SAT, and ACT tests, as well as college applications and finding scholarship opportunities.

- **College Fair** – This huge event happens on the campus during the fall semester, usually in early October. Students have the chance to meet representatives of colleges and universities from across the country, with so many in attendance, the event fills both Tech Hall and the school gym.
- **Weekday College Fairs** are held regularly during lunch and students are free to stop by and gather information. These are smaller fairs with two or three colleges on campus.
- **Raise Me / SCOIR** these are amazing new tools available to Bosco Tech students. Their academic counselor will review how to use each of these and provide links. Raise Me can help your child qualify for micro scholarships during his high school career. SCOIR (pronounced like “score”) is a database that helps to track grades and activities during high school so the college application process is simplified when the student is a senior. Both tools are powerful resources during your child’s educational path.

Extracurricular Activities

Bosco Tech offers over 30 athletic sports, clubs and extracurricular activities designed to make your child’s time in high school a fun and well rounded experience. You can find more information on these at <https://www.boscotech.edu/student-life/clubs-organizations>.

- **Bosco Tech Music Program** consists of three different bands throughout the school year - Marching (fall), Symphonic (late Fall to Winter break) and Jazz Bands (Spring Semester). This is an afterschool activity, with practice taking place after school two days per week. Band activities include performances at football and basketball games, local schools, Open House, and other special events. Look for updates on the schedule for days and times. Band Boosters are parents of band members who meet to plan the schedule, fundraisers, performances and other band business.
- **Band Camp** is a one-week program (typically the week before school starts) which allows the boys to try out their musical skills. Look for more information on dates and times. This is a great opportunity for your child to get connected to other students before school starts. If your child is new to playing an instrument, this is a fantastic way to try it out.
- **Sports** are an important part of the high school experience. Bosco has [several sports teams](#), with some sports even having summer leagues and events. The summer programs are a great way for your child to meet other students and see if they are interested in playing on a team.

Each team will have the following: tryouts, practices, games, and boosters. Please look for detailed information and announcements about these in the school’s daily email. Game tickets for all sports are purchased through an app called GoFan.

- **Robotics** is an afterschool activity to build a robot for regional FRC competitions. Preparatory meetings start in the fall and each year’s challenge is published in early January. From January through March, the team works intensively to solve all of the mechanical, electrical, pneumatic, and programming components of the challenge. The team participates in regional competitions in March. Look for announcements about meetings and sign ups.

Other Extracurricular Activities – There are multiple clubs, student leadership groups, honor societies, and professional organizations available for students to become more involved in student life and to better prepare their college resumes.

SUMMER EVENTS

New Family Orientation – This gathering occurs usually in March or April prior to your child’s start and is an opportunity for freshmen parents to meet Bosco Tech’s Administration. This parent and son/daughter meeting covers school resources, administration and details a few of the upcoming events. There is ample opportunity to ask questions and the orientation slide show is shared with all parents afterwards.

Summer Athletics – 4 to 5 weeks – Several different optional sports classes are offered to students for a fee. Because these are classes, there are no tryouts. Be on the lookout for announcements and informational meetings or check the summer sports website at <https://www.boscotech.edu/summerprograms/athletics>

Summer School – The school offers two summer school programs for freshmen: Freshman Summer Program and Introductory Algebra.

- The Freshman Summer Program (FSP) is mandatory for all incoming freshmen. It occurs during the last two weeks of summer school, typically from mid- to late- July. Check the school's online calendar for exact dates. The first day of FSP is an orientation. For further information, see the section on Tech Selection.
- Introductory Algebra - This is an optional 5-week course designed to better prepare boys for the rigors of high school math. Based on assessment tests taken in the Spring, the school will recommend this course for some students. Refer to the [summer school website](#) if interested.

Freshmen Retreat – Attending the annual retreat is a requirement for graduation. The Freshman Retreat occurs on a Friday, overnight, into Saturday during the Summer, usually in mid-July. The boys will share in team-building exercises on Friday afternoon and sleep on the campus with parent volunteers chaperoning. Then on Saturday, the boys will participate in additional retreat activities, concluding with a Catholic Mass at Huntington Beach. Specific activities may vary from year to year. Parents can attend a closing ceremony in the gym late Saturday afternoon. This is also a volunteer opportunity for freshmen parents who want a headstart on service hours and an opportunity to meet other parents.

Access to Digital Systems – On the first day of FSP, students are given access to our digital systems: G Suite (a Google Account), WiFi, and FACTS. On the first day, students get help logging onto these systems, both from school computers and their personal devices.

- **G Suite Login** – Every student is assigned a Bosco Tech email account, which includes access to Gmail, Google Drive and [Google Classroom](#). Students use Google Classroom to keep current on homework and test dates. Parents can also get an invitation as a guardian to view assignments.
- **WiFi** – Each student receives a WiFi account that allows them to connect up to 3 devices simultaneously. Families can save a lot by using this service instead of a cell phone data plan.
- **FACTS** – This is the school's main database for contact information, finances (including tuition, fees, and financial aid), schedules, and grades. Information stored here is accessible through the [Parent Portal](#) of FACTS or through <https://dbti-ca.client.renweb.com/pwr/>. Log on often to keep informed to see your child's progress.

Used Book Sale is a Parent Council sponsored event that occurs in early July, where parents buy and sell books, without paying full price through online suppliers. Before the sale, the school will distribute course lists for the upcoming school year, as well as a list of books for all courses. Families are responsible for cross referencing the book list against your child's course list to determine which books are needed. Also, be sure to check prices from different websites so you know each book's fair value. If the textbooks your child needs are not available during the used book sale, then search online for the remaining ones - just make sure to match the ISBN from the booklist to purchase the correct editions.

On Campus Uniform Sale – The school's uniform company will come to the Bosco Tech campus on a few select days during summer. Bring your child to try on the clothes to ensure a good fit. You may or may not want to buy a tie as one will be presented to your child during the Tie Ceremony. Formal attire is required for days when there is Mass, but any tie can be worn until the freshmen receive their class tie at the Tie Ceremony in November. Freshmen will also need to buy gym clothes for the PE component of the Healthy Living course. Freshmen do PE 2-3 days per week. He may need additional PE clothes for after school sports. The Parent Council will be on hand on these days to answer questions and to offer sales of Tech spirit wear.

Merchandise, Tech Wear & Spirit Wear can be purchased throughout the year through the Parent Council. Look for announcements for when various gear will be available at events or contact Mrs. Cathy Rivera at CRivera@boscotech.edu. Some of our athletic boosters also have merchandise that can be purchased; please contact the Athletic Director, Mr. Ricardo Gonzalez at RGonzalez@boscotech.edu.

Important Summer Dates to Remember for 2025–

- **Summer School** - Monday, June 22 through Friday, July 24, 2026
- **Used Book and Uniform Sale** - Friday, June 26 (2 pm - 6 pm) and Saturday, June 27 (9 am - 1 pm)
- **Freshman Summer Program (FSP)** - Monday, July 13 through Friday, July 24, 2026
- **The First Day of Fall Semester** - Monday, August 17, 2026

FALL SEMESTER EVENTS

First Day of School is mid-August. Check the online school [calendar](#) for the exact date.

Cafeteria offers healthy, delicious meals and snacks for a low price. Students can either bring a sacked lunch from home or buy lunch at school. The cafeteria has breakfast items available beginning at 7:00 AM and stops selling at about 3:30 PM.

Back to School Night is an informative night that offers a chance to meet your child's teachers. Be aware, it is a long night with lots of walking and lots of information, including course content and expectations. The night begins with a brief Parent Council general meeting in Tech Hall (usually around 6:00 PM) followed by short sessions in each of your child's classes as you walk through his schedule. You may want to ask your child to walk you to their classes. Some food items are sold by the Parent Council, Band or various Athletic Boosters.

Grade Reports

- Progress Reports and Report cards are electronically distributed 4 times per semester. A link is emailed to parents and students and is active for 14 days, so be sure to print or screenshot a copy.
- Parents and students can view current grades any time using your [FACTS login](#) (click on the 'Student & Parent Hub' drop down on the school's [website](#)).

Parent Social BBQ – This parent-only evening event occurs early in the fall semester. This casual outdoor event with music, food and drink affords a GREAT opportunity to mingle with other parents from all grades. This is one of the first events to either volunteer or attend to really enjoy the Bosco parent community. This event is hosted by the Parent Council.

Mother & Daughter Tea – Mothers, daughters, grandmothers, aunts and godmothers share a Mass together in the chapel followed by a lovely tea, either in Tech Hall or outside on the lawn, at this Parent Council fundraiser. Wear your fanciest hat because there will be a contest in addition to raffles!

Winter Holiday Boutique - This event is sponsored by the parent council in December and open to all school families and outside communities. Various craft and food vendors are invited to sell a variety of gift giving items for Christmas. Santa is onsite to take family photos along with two pet adoption organizations. There is Live entertainment to enjoy that includes music and dancers and the boy scouts who host a craft table for the kids. The Parent Council sells their merchandise, which includes the new technology items for all students, but a special day for all freshman students to stop by and purchase their new tech merchandise after they are done with the Tech Selection Day.

Freshman Tie Ceremony is a special tradition for the freshmen and parents. In this weekend morning event, the freshmen are welcomed officially into the Bosco community and are presented with their class tie. A parent or adult assists the young man to put on the tie.

Open House – occurs typically in early November and is the major event to show Bosco to prospective students and families. Of course, current families are also welcome to come see their child in action. All Technology buildings and many classrooms are open to tour. Despite being a Sunday, this is a required school day for all students in grades 10-12, as they show off their tech, work as ambassadors, play in the marching band, or host one of the informational tables. This is often the same day as the Freshman Tie Ceremony, but not at the same time (Tie ceremony is in the morning and Open House begins at noon).

Parent/Teacher Conferences (PTC) are held for one or two days in October. Since the pandemic, the format (in-person vs. online; appointment vs. walk-in) has varied, but it always gives parents the opportunity to discuss current grades, progress, concerns, or other topics. Meetings with each teacher are typically 5 - 10 minutes long

Outside of PTC days, teachers are widely available for additional meetings, phone calls, or other conversations. Just initiate the process with an email.

School Dances – Bosco Tech hosts evenings of music, lights, food and fun. We invite young people from other schools to enjoy dancing either under stars or in the school's auditorium (Tech Hall). These are organized by student government (ASB) and [Mr. Rudy Herrera](#), Director of Student Activities.

Salesian Spirit Games – Twice yearly, once in Fall and Spring, the regular schedule gets interrupted by a day that includes a student-body liturgy, followed by field games with Technology vs Technology! These friendly rivalries end with winners being announced for best athletic performance and best showing of Salesian Spirit; the two winning technologies each receive a trophy.

Tech Support – This is a free, after school academic intervention program which is assigned by the school due to low marks on a progress report. It also gives students very good access to teachers for extra tutoring, even if they are not required to attend Tech Support.

There are also several other opportunities for your child to get extra support in all subjects. The student can sign up for office hours with teachers, come to the library after school, or access additional free on-line tutoring resources provided by outside agencies. The counseling department sends out links to these resources multiple times per year.

Freshmen Counseling Appointment – You will be contacted by the freshmen academic counselor regarding scheduling an appointment to meet either virtually or in person to discuss your child's progress and goals. The counselor will help guide you and your child in selecting the right path to college and beyond.

Final Exams are during mid-December (Fall) and late-May/early June (Spring). Students are dismissed at noon on those days.

Holiday Breaks – typically, Bosco Tech takes the entire week off for Thanksgiving and at least two weeks for Christmas. There may be either an extended one-week Easter break or separate one-week Spring breaks plus an extended Easter Weekend, depending on the calendar placement of Easter Sunday. Additional single-day holidays can be viewed on the general [calendar](#).

SPRING SEMESTER EVENTS

Feast of St. John Bosco – is a celebration of the life of the school's patron saint. This is a fun-filled day with special events, assemblies, a student-body liturgy and inter-Technology games. Breakfast hosted by the parent council and barbeque hosted by the alumni association.

Counselor Meetings – with students and parents, these evening events allow time for the school's academic counselors to go over how to interpret PSAT test scores and to share recommendations for preparing your child for college applications.

St. Patrick's Celebration Event – this is a fun adult evening with food, entertainment, and silent auctions. This is a major fundraiser for the school and is organized by the Development Department, with significant help by Staff and parent volunteers.

Father, Son and Daughter Breakfast – A full breakfast bar, plus games and time spent with your son or daughter. This is hosted by the Parent Council.

Mother-Son and Daughter Event – An evening with a meal, dancing, and games with your child, hosted by the Football Boosters.