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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday, August 12, 2016

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

I'm happy to report that not *everyone*, forgot *everything* over the summer! I had a 2nd grader come up to me early Tuesday morning as he was off to meet his new teacher to remind me that "our *real* signs are missing". It took a

second even for me to cop on to his description, but even he remembered why we are here each day...to fulfil our mission statement of creating a student who is R.E.A.L.: Responsible Christian Leader, Effective communicator, An Independent Thinker, and Life-Long Learner. It sums up our purpose and how we strive to engage not only our own students, but their families throughout the entire community. However, even I forgot to put out the large flag signs in the drive through lane to help remind everyone else....problem solved.

As we slip back into the swing of things, on behalf of our entire staff, we wish to give a big thank you to all of you for your patience during construction, the initial day drop-off and pick-up slows, learning new classroom procedures, initial problems with our newly changed website, and slipping back into homework. Your understanding is very much appreciated as are all of the good wishes and prayers we have received and heard about on the curb each morning and afternoon.

The beginning of the year is always a bit hectic with the kick off of events like our first school Mass and Bingo Night, but all of the out-pouring of support from volunteers helps to get us all back into the excitement of a new school year. Thank you for loving our community, sharing your gifts, talents, time and your biggest treasures with us each day. Staying positive will always help put the "bumps in the road" into perspective. Your support means the world and your positivity is infectious in your children.

All the best for a great year!

God Bless,

Preston Colao

Principal

School Notes

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Important Dates

Friday, August 12

Bingo Night

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Gym

Saturday, August 13

1st Mass in St. Bernadette Church

5:00 p.m.

Monday, August 15

Parent iPad sessions

8:00 a.m. **and** 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 17

Rosary - Ramada 8:05 a.m.

Safe Environment Training

3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

8th grade Mission Retreat info.

night

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Curriculum Night 6th-8th grades

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Bingo Night



Join us in the gymnasium for a fun night of reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones! Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for bring your own dinner followed at 5:45 p.m. with some fantastic bingo games called by our wonderful teachers and staff. Tables will be set up for you to eat and play at.

There will be prizes, raffles and bottled water for sale. Proceeds will go to our SJXXIII Student Leadership Group. All students must be accompanied by a parent and all students must remain inside the gymnasium for the entire event.

We look forward to seeing you!

Middle School Parents



Please join Dr. Karl Ochsner in the Parish Center to review our middle school iPad program.

He will have two sessions that will contain the same information.

Monday Morning from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and again Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Feel free to bring your iPad or iPhone. (not necessary)

Learn about Schoology, Ascend SMS and ZuluDesk Parent.

Dr. Ochsner looks forward to seeing you there!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



“How can I get involved this year? What can I do to make a difference in this community and in my child’s life?”

[Click here for survey](#)

Our VPO (Volunteer Parent Organization) committee volunteers are composed of parents just like you.

What are our immediate needs?

Crossing Guards! Please prayerfully consider this option, and fill out our on-line form to have our committee chair, Susie Pataq share more info.

Room Parents! Please take the time to fill out the on-line survey if you would like to be considered as a room parent for your child’s class. We would like to have room parents in place in the children’s classrooms by Friday, August 26th. Requests will be taken through Friday, August 19th, with an **administrative** team making the final decision on room parent placement.

Ways of Worship



Weekly Rosary

Please join our Ways of Worship Volunteers in the Ramada EVERY Wednesday from 8:05 to 8:30 before school mass to pray the Rosary. This is a wonderful way to make pause in your week and time for reflection and the grace of our Blessed Mother. Everyone is invited, ALL are welcome. Invite a friend and bring your little ones!

Spirit of Service



The Spirit of Service committee is comprised of parent volunteers organizing service opportunities that exist in our local community for children and their parents to contribute their time and efforts acting as the Hands and Feet of Christ as a R.E.A.L. Catholic community while building relationships and participating in active Catholic Stewardship. Throughout the school year, we will post these service opportunities on our website under "About Saint John XXIII". Currently we have new dates posted for Miracle League and a new opportunity for Feed My Starving Children is on its way! Please check our website regularly. If you have a service project or connection that is near and dear to your heart, please do not hesitate to let us know about it and we can get them on our schedule! We can ALL be the hands and feet of Christ!

Faith in Action



2nd Grade Faith in Action Project

School Supplies Drive September 6-9

While you are out doing your back to school supply shopping, please consider picking up a few extra items to contribute to our 2nd grade school supply drive taking place September 8-11! Last year our drive was a huge success. It enabled our awesome 2nd grade to meet the needs of other Diocesan schools.

Please help us this year by being the hands and feet of Christ!

Student Leadership



The first week back at Saint John has been a major success! Seeing old friends, new friends, teachers, and staff has been such an exciting experience. Our first mass brought us all together as we walk our faith journey together as a community. We would like to reflect on how far this school has come, and how we are off to a great start of this year!

Gianna Sciortino and Catherine Andrus

HSPT Tutoring

HSPT TUTORING
Offered at
SAINT JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Jason Catanese



Jason Catanese will be tutoring our 8th grade students for the HSPT exam on our SJXXIII school campus! For the past five years, Jason has worked with seventh & eighth grade students from across the valley, helping them to prepare for the HSPT exam, interview, and essays for Catholic High Schools in Phoenix. Jason worked as the HSPT teacher at Brophy this past summer, helping more students to work towards their goals to being admitted to a Catholic High School.

There will be 8 instructional sessions that would be 2 hours in length on Thursday afternoons, 3:15p.m. - 5:15 p.m., on our school campus, starting September 15th and ending January 12th. Also included are testing sessions that would consist of students taking HSPT practice tests to simulate a real testing environment to get kids ready for testing day. The fee for the class is \$561.00

ENROLL ONLINE at: www.saintjohnxxiii.org
Go to Parents Tab. Drop down to EXTENDED DAY.
Click on +Enrichment Class Offerings
Online Enrichment/Extended Day form

Saint John Pride!



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displaying this stylish and safe emblem on your car.

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Complete with automotive grade foam tape adhesive backing - safe
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Cost is only \$15.00 and profits will directly benefit the school.

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Cub Scouts



Cub Scout Pack 818 at St. Bernadette is having their first pack
meeting on Monday, August 15, 2016, 5:30 pm, rooms 5 & 6 (east
side) in the church hall. Boys in grades K-5 are eligible and those
who are in grades

6-8 may join the Boy Scout Troop 818 at the church. Those who
cannot make it may email the pack at info@pack818scottsdale.com
for additional information and to express interest. Requests for the
Troop will be forward to the Scoutmaster. The pack website is

<http://pack818scottsdale.com>. Those who are already scouts may wear their full scout uniforms to school on pack meeting days.

A Note from the Athletic Director



Please register your child for school athletics on our website. The sign up deadline is September 1st, but PLEASE register early. Practices will be starting before the deadline date. Athletes are expected to have completed a sports physical, student-parent contract and registration before practice. Fall sports include flag football, volleyball and cross country. Register here:

<https://docs.google.com/a/popejohnxxiii.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScM1LFCRQSNfpC-BviBAYhHN1ZN-n1u8a6bIi4H2iPZ-LwyZA/viewform>

Brett Caradonna
Athletic Director

St. Joan of Arc preschool



Time is running out...

St Joan of Arc preschool still has 1 FT scholarship available and our classes are filling up. Call (602)867-9179 now to schedule a tour of our faith based, Reggio inspired preschool. See how our educated teachers, small sized classrooms, and authentic

relationships instill a life-long love of learning in our children. Classes resume September 6th

SCRIP



Fry's Community Rewards Program

Remember to re-enroll in the Fry's Community Rewards Program for 2016-2017.

How do I re-enroll? Beginning August 1, 2016

*Go to <https://www.FrysCommunityRewards.com>

*Under Select Your Organization: Select: Blessed Pope John XXIII.

*If you have registered correctly, you should now see Blessed Pope John XXIII

listed under 'Community Rewards' on your Account Summary page and on your purchase receipts.

Please read the Friday Newsletter for any Scrip updates and when your Quarterly Fry's Summaries are available to print.

Scrip Sales Hours

Monday - Thursday

7:30 - 8:15

2:30 - 3:15

Friday

7:30 - 8:15

12:15 - 1:00

Nurse Notes



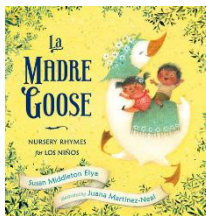
Dear New and Returning Parents,

Please look in the Student Handbook for our school's Wellness Policy that follows the Arizona Department of Education and Diocesan School Wellness Policies. The link between nutrition and learning is well documented in order for children to achieve their full academic, physical, and emotional potential and well being. When your child has a birthday that you want to celebrate with the class, snacks must have minimal sugar, so please no cupcakes, brownies, cookies, candy or any sweets with high sugar content. In addition, to provide a safe environment for all our students who have known or new onset of food allergies, all snacks need to be store-bought and packaged with an ingredient label.

Thank you for working together with us!

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN
School Nurse

“La Madre Goose” - Book Release Event



Classic Mother Goose rhymes get a Latino twist in this cozy collection. From young Juan Ramón sitting in el rincón to three little gatitos who lost their mitoncitos, readers will be delighted to see familiar characters in vibrant, luminous scenes brimming with fanciful details.

La Madre Goose will make a playful multicultural addition to every modern bookshelf.

Book Release Event this Saturday, August 13th, 2016 at 10 am at Changing Hands Bookstore Tempe. Changing Hands is located at 6428 S McClintock Dr, Tempe, AZ 8528.

More info here:

<http://www.changinghands.com/event/august2016/juana-martinez-neal-la-madre-goose>

Parish Corner





Mark your calendars now, pick out your Sunday best, invite your friends and family because the big beautiful doors to our new Church will be opening at a special mass and reception for the community on

Saturday, August 13th
at 5:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend.

Attention 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades: You are invited to join us for our next Middle School Experience. It includes a live band, food, and a water balloon war. You do not want to miss the event.

Friday, August 26th: 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Cost: \$20/youth or \$90/youth for the school year.

The 2016-2017 Calendar: <http://goo.gl/FfwZAn>.

To register online go to: <http://goo.gl/BRyfKs>

Questions Contact Jeremy Stafford at 480-905-4437 or jstafford@saintbernadette.com

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