



PRIDE

Obedientia Et Pax

Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday, August 26, 2016

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Classrooms are full throttle now and kids still seem happy...not too bad for week 3. I was talking with a group of kids the other day at lunch and asked them the famous question all of you ask each

day....you know, "What did you learn at school today?" After the cricket noise subsided, and a few "nothing" got blurted out, I rephrased it to the more likely to get a response question of, "tell me one thing you did in class this morning." The group immediately wanted to share stories about the paragraphs they were writing on an assortment of topics; their favorite being "If my teacher was out, who would I like to be the substitute?" Sure, I got the usual expected responses: Lebron James, Pope Francis, the President, Kim Kardashian, some pop singer I don't really remember the name of, etc. However, one response intrigued me. A girl told me she wanted her uncle to be her sub. Since it wasn't the usual famous person response, I asked her why and got a response I wasn't ready for from such a small innocent child.

She explained how her uncle died before she was ever born and she only knows about him through the family's stories, but she felt like she knew him and that he could offer so much to her class. Her description of him was like she had lived a lifetime by his side, but what was most striking was when she said that the life he lived would be an inspiration to her classmates. Not as a superstar, but simply as a man who worked as a veterinarian, loved everyone around him (especially his family) and would do anything for them. She told me she could never ask for a better mentor than that and how great it would be to share that with her friends

The lives we live now, will impact generations to come and the words we share with our kids, will last in their memory more than we will

ever know. Good, bad, angry, sad, indifferent, excited; our kids pick up on everything...hopefully they are learning their most lasting lesson of what is important from our lives and words.

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

School Notes

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Important Dates

Wednesday, August 31
Rosary - Parish Center 8:05

Monday, September 5
Labor Day School Closed

September 6-9
School Supply Drive

Wednesday, September 7
Rosary - Parish Center 8:05

September 7-21
ITBS Testing

Student Leadership



Last week, Mrs. Jasinski showed why she is the perfect leader for the Student Leadership Program, and true Christian Leader herself. When she mistakenly gave another student credit for an article that I was a part of writing in the Friday Newsletter, she not only went out of her way to correct the mistake, but wasted no time apologizing to me and making sure that I was okay. She demonstrated that she truly cares about doing the right thing and showed that she cares about my feelings. Mrs. Jasinski showed what a true leader she is by doing what my dad calls "taking ownership" of the problem and didn't hesitate to fix it right away. As for all of us as Student Leaders of Saint John XXIII, we are more than blessed to have Mrs. Jasinski as an example and for showing us how to be the best leaders that we can be!

I hope that you don't feel uncomfortable putting in this paragraph that praises you, but it's true, and I feel strongly that it be posted - I hope that you will do it. We could not have an amazing Student Leadership Team without you!!! 😊

Thank you and God Bless,

Isabella Luebkin❁

Crossing Guard



Are you a morning person? Do you have a little time to share with St. John XXIII School once a week, or even once every other week? Then we would love to hear from you! Our Crossing Guard Committee is in need of a few more caring souls to help our students and parents safely cross our busy drive through. You don't have to "police" our streets, just be visible and cognizant of traffic patterns.

Contact Susie Pataq at susanpataq@gmail.com for more information.

Last Call for Lost and Found



Please stop by the Lost and Found cart to find your missing shoes, clothes, water bottles, lunchboxes, etc. Any items not claimed by Friday, September 2nd, will be discarded or donated to the Spirit Store. Please remember to write your child's name on all personal items. (Clothing and all other items)

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 6-9! 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!

HSPT Tutoring

Online Enrichment/Extended Day form

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

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. The class size is limited to 16 students.

Thursday afternoons, 3:15p.m. - 5:15 p.m., on our school campus.

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.

RUN WITH PRIDE



Our before school running club starts next week! No sign-up required... All are welcome! We meet most Monday and Thursday mornings at the gate at 7:15 a.m., and run from 7:20-7:40. You can earn cool prizes and get in shape at the same time. Please bring an extra pair of shoes since the field can be wet!

Quarter 1 Schedule:

August – 29

September- 1, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 and 29

October- 3 and 6

Awards- October 21st at Courtyard Prayer

Any questions can be directed towards Michele Richardson or Joan Sirven.

Happy Running!

Joan Sirven, R.N., B.S.N., N.C.S.N.

School Nurse

A Note from the Athletic Director



Parents,

Practices are starting up next week for school sports. All players need to get a sports physical before participation.

8th grade football tryouts will begin Monday, August 29th. 8th grade football must be registered to play by Sunday, August 28th.

Please contact athletic director Brett Caradonna (bcaradonna@saintjohnxxiii.org) for any questions regarding athletics.

SCRIP



Remember to re-enroll in the Fry's Community Rewards Program

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3,

Simple as Do, Re, Mi,

A, B, C, 1, 2, 3,

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.

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 Parents,

Vision Screening Opportunity

Our annual Hearing and Vision Screening Day is October 13, 2016. If you feel your child is having any vision or hearing difficulties before then, please schedule a professional eye exam or hearing evaluation. For those of you who are eligible, you can receive a no-cost comprehensive eye exam through VSP Mobile Eyes: www.globaleyeshofhope.com on August 31 and Sept 1, 2016 at 9am-5pm at St. Vincent de Paul, 420 W. Watkins Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85003.

Epipens

For those of you who have children with food allergies and need to fill/refill Epipen prescriptions, Mylan is significantly reducing

out-of-pocket expenses by 50% or at no cost if eligible.

<http://newsroom.mylan.com/2016-08-25-Mylan-Taking-Immediate-Action-to-Further-Enhance-Access-to-EpiPen-Epinephrine-Injection-USP-Auto-Injector> **and** <https://www.epipen.com/copay-offer>

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN
School Nurse

Parish Corner



The online Registration for Water Wars is closed but you register at the door. Please bring your permission slip.

<http://www.saintbernadette.com/sb->

<content/uploads/2016/08/Water-Wars.pdf>

Questions – Contact Jeremy Stafford at 480-905-4437

Everyone is Invited! Parish XLT (Exalt)



Music | Message | Messiah

Sunday, September 11

6:00pm - 8:10pm

Keynote: Joel Stepanek

Music 3 More Band



Joel Stepanek is a National Speaker and loved by the St. Bernadette teens. He spoke at the Steubenville West Conference and kept the attention of 1,800 teens!

To Register go to: <http://www.goo.gl/tMZLOJ>

Cost: Free



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