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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday, August 5, 2016

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

To say things have been busy throughout the summer would be an understatement. In fact, some of the projects are still developing even as we are set to start this coming week.

Among some of the changes either all ready to go or completing in the next few weeks:

- A NEW CHURCH! The first mass for our new church building will be Saturday night August 13. Our first school mass in the new space will be August 17....we invite all of you to please join us in the new, amazing, holy space.
- A LUNCH ROOM! With our new church building opening soon, beginning August 15th, we will now have a new, indoor lunch room in the parish hall. We still need to update the space and purchase some new fixtures, furniture, and kitchen equipment, but to be inside for the hot months will be a true blessing for our kids.
- A true STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Lab is now up and ready to go! Complete with a variety of multi-media technologies from a full green screen and filmmaking equipment to 3D printers and coding computers; now not only will the 6th-8th graders have access to the classroom during their STEM class, but all classes will have the opportunity to sign-up and use the space with their teachers.
- MORE PARKING! With the opening of the new church, we have added additional parking for those parents who want to park for pick-up and drop-off and walk their students on to campus. Check out the new drive-through /parking map sent in the Friday email on July 29.
- A newly re-keyed campus. In our continued effort to keep the campus safe, we have taken on the expense of re-keying the campus to ensure that the gates and doors are all functioning properly and verify who has keys to get on and off campus. Additionally, we have re-numbered all of our doors to meet our emergency/crisis plan. Teachers will still be decorating their doors with their class name for easy locating, but now

our firefighters and police will have better direction when they are on campus.

- New carpets! Finally, the older, torn-up carpets throughout the administration building have been replaced for the 1st time in 17 years. After the installers finished laughing at how brittle the old carpet was, they did a great job updating a space that sees hundreds of people each day.
- New iPads for ALL students 5th-8th grades and now 1:1 iPads for all students in the school! Thanks to the support of so many through our annual dinner auction, we were able to upgrade all of our 5th-8th iPads and expand our in-class iPad program to all of the students in the school.
- All of our K-3 students will now enjoy the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program throughout the school year in permanent spaces as the program continues to grow and impact our kids especially in their sacrament prep.
- Updated website and app! The newly updated website homepage provides easier to access features for our current families and now has a MOBILE VERSION for those of us who use our phones or pads to get quick info on the school. Many of these changes are also reflected on our app as well which can be found in the Apple App store or the Google store. We invite you to check it out at www.saintjohnxxiii.org, but remember to click your refresh button on your browser to view the most up to date version.
- New computers and iPads for the library! Our student yearbook staff as well as those needing to research for class or do online homework in extended day homework helpers will now be able to work on a variety of platforms to complete their projects and work.

- Check out the new custom pavers in our courtyard. A big thank you to all of those families who bought a brick to help support our school and students as well as to Sarah Ellis for all of her hard work in making this happen.

All of this is certainly exciting news, but nothing to rest on as we continue to move into another year at Saint John XXIII. I thank all of you for your support and look forward to sharing additional news with you as we move through the upcoming months and as other developments with our plans begin to take shape.

We are opening this year, yet again, at almost total capacity and wait lists in over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the grades all thanks to the laudable work of our teachers, dedication of our students and the help of our parents who have made it a point of sharing their experiences at Saint John with friends to help grow our community. Thank you all for the heartfelt recommendations. We could not be more in your debt.

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

School Notes

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Important Dates

Tuesday, August 9th

Orientation
(see Below)

Wednesday, August 10th

First Full Day
Mass at 8:30

Ways of Worship Rosary
8:00 Ramada

Wednesday, August 10th

Safe Environment Training
4:00-7:00 (Parish Center Rooms 5 & 6)

Thursday, August 11th

Safe Environment Training
9:30-12:30 (Parish Hall)

Friday, August 12

Bingo Night
5:00-7:00
Gym



Orientation

Tuesday, August 9

Uniforms are NOT mandatory on Orientation Day and

Ice-Cream will be served throughout the day!

Please bring a piece of recess equipment (jump ropes, hula hoops, basketballs, volleyballs, soccer balls, footballs, frisbees, etc) that your child would enjoy using at school recess time!

Kindergarten

You will be receiving an introduction e-mail from your kindergarten teacher during the week of August 1.

Grades K- 4

In order to allow more quality classroom time with your child's teacher and to avoid any parking issues, we are asking families to please come to the Orientation anytime during the time periods listed below based on your child's last name.

A - E	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
F - L	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
M - R	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
S - Z	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8

BOTH students and parents need to attend a special iPad training sessions. Students/Parents should report to the student's homeroom class during the time indicated above, according to the student's last name. The following will be covered at the orientation:

- Meeting the Teacher
- Desk Assignment

- Signing iPad contract which includes authorizing the \$250.00 non-refundable iPad fee to be charged to your FACTS account (Contract must be signed by both Student and Parent/Guardian)
- Receiving iPad/case

If you have a conflict with a session time, please e-mail Bonnie Brillas, at bbrillas@saintjohnxxiii.org stating the session you would like to attend.

Drive Through Map



Please [click here](#) for drive-through procedure.

BINGO



Join us as we kick off the new school year!
Enjoy a great night of fun at our
6th Annual Bingo Night!

Date: Friday, August 12, 2016

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Games begin at 6:00 p.m.)

Location: Saint John XXIII Gymnasium

- Bring a simple dinner meal (pizza, Subway etc.)

- Dinnertime will be from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- PRIZES for all BINGO Game winners
- Our Student Leaders will be selling water for \$1.00

School Lunches



Kings catering has opened up the site to order the school lunches. Please [click here](#) to log onto the site.

When setting up your child's account just list the grade not the class.

Thank you!

A Note from the Athletic Director



School sports are right around the corner! If your child is participating they must be going into grades 5-8 and need the following completed- registered online (school website), sports physical, student athletes and parents contract. Check the website for all forms (registration).

We are currently looking for volunteer coaches for 5th grade volleyball and 6th grade football. Please contact AD Brett Caradonna

(bcaradonna@saintjohnxxiii.org) if you have interest in volunteering.

Mr.Caradonna is looking for a parent volunteer to help with organizing uniforms for PRIDE Athletics. For more info please contact

bcaradonna@saintjohnxxiii.org.

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!

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

Wednesday, August 10th & Thursday, August 11th

7:30 – 8:15

2:30 – 3:15

Friday, August 12th

7:30 – 8:15

12:15 – 1:00

Nurse Notes



Dear Parents,

Whether you are a new parent or a returning parent, please let me know if your child has any health concerns such as food allergies, asthma, cardiac conditions, diabetes, seizures disorders, anxiety, migraines, depression, heat intolerance and/or any other health conditions in order to provide your child a safe and healthy school year.

If you have a child entering Kindergarten or 6th grade and haven't had your child's immunizations updated, please do so before the first day of school as Arizona law requires your child have proof of all required immunizations or a valid exemption in order to attend the first day of school.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

I look forward to see you all!

Thank you.

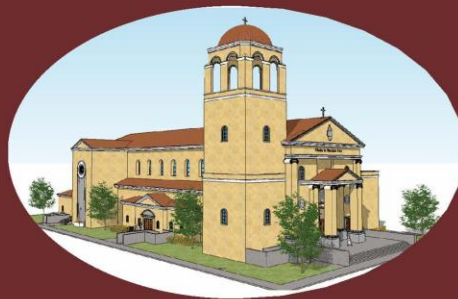
Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN

School Nurse

Parish Corner



Saint Bernadette
Roman Catholic Parish



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.



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