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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday, July 29, 2016

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

While it has been a wonderfully restful and productive summer at Saint John XXIII, we have truly been missing the students each day as we edge closer to opening. On August 5 our faculty will take the day to retreat and reflect on our mission as educators as well as to refocus on the important vocation we undertake. In the meantime, I wanted to take this opportunity to share my

excitement in the new faces and some of the changes we are welcoming to our community and ask for your prayers as we begin a new school year.

Please join me in welcoming some new and wonderful staff to our community as well as some returning staff to new roles:

- Jennette Zander comes to us from Our Lady of Joy Preschool to serve as one of our new kindergarten teachers. She has Bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona focusing on special education and will be a wonderful addition to our kinder team for the coming year, with her own child starting at St. John's as well. She brings with her tremendous experience in dealing with students just like ours and will be a perfect fit for our program.
- Anthony Orlando, who many of you know from last year when he served in 5th grade with Mrs. Kusbel, becomes our 2nd alumni teacher on campus as a recent graduate from Northern Arizona University. Anthony was an amazing resource last year in 5th grade providing help to students in all subject areas, especially math, where his true love lies. He, along with Mrs. Kusbel will make for a great 5th grade team this year.
- Lucia LeBeau will be joining us to lead our middle school Spanish program for the coming year. She comes to us from St. Mary's High School where she has spent time instructing Diocesan high school students in the next level of Spanish, including numerous native speakers, so she will be more than prepared for getting our students to the next level.
- Middle school will see a change overall with some familiar faces taking new roles as we launch a 6th-8th grade rotating middle school to better assist teachers with growing students in their respective subject areas

over three years and preparing them for high school with a rotating teacher model like they will see in secondary school. Students will rotate through their subjects and teachers in the following areas: Social Studies with Mrs. Patti Ahern, Language Arts with Mrs. Smith, Math with Mr. Mitchelson, Religion with Mrs. Medhus, Science with Mrs. Heintz, Science / Technology / Engineering / Math (STEM) with Dr. Ochsner, and Spanish with Mrs. LeBeau.

As they settle in over the coming days, secure in their mission to educate our young learners in Christ's lessons and the mission of the Church, please keep them and their work in your prayers and feel free to reach out to them; they are always looking for dedicated volunteers to help.

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

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Important Dates

School office hours (Monday - Thursday)

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 9th

Orientation

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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

Save the date...



Get your GAME on Saint John....it's BINGO NIGHT!!

Friday August 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 in the gym. Bring a simple meal for your family and enjoy re-connecting with your Saint John XXIII Catholic School Community as well as to meet and welcome our new families. This is a fantastic way to kick off another great school year! Watch for further details and we'll see you there!

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!

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!

Spirit Store



Spirit Store Hours

August 2nd through August 5th - Spirit Store will be open 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

August 10th we will resume regular store hours...
Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

As always you can order anytime from the Saint John website as well. Any questions can be directed to mrichardson@saintjohnxxiii.org. Thank you!

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





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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