



# PRIDE

*Obedientia Et Pax*

**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday, September 9, 2016**

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

There's a great line in the movie *Jaws* when Roy Scheider sees the shark up close and tells the captain of the boat that goes to chase down the shark, "You're gonna need a bigger boat." That same scene unfolded here this morning as volunteer staff from St. Joan of Arc food pantry came by to collect the food from all of our

community with two huge SUV's and a giant trailer. A few trips later, the pantry was looking better than ever.

Thank you all for your help! So many of you mentioned to me that it seems like such a foreign idea to have a food pantry this far north and this close to us at St. Joan of Arc, but I can tell you first hand that poverty and need hits everywhere; even here. Over the past 6 years of serving here, even some of our own families have had such a need and that same food pantry has assisted them. Today was just an opportunity to pay it forward. Whether they were the students who brought in a bunch of cans, or the ones who worked hard sorting before class, or the 2<sup>nd</sup> grader who handed me \$1 from their piggy bank hoping it would help...everyone stepped up today and served our community.

We couldn't have prearranged a more perfect date for our 1<sup>st</sup> PRIDE Day for students to come together with their pride families for the first time this year. I know we'll get a count on our collection soon and I'll be sure to share it with all of you once I do. Thank you all again.

God Bless,  
Preston Colao  
Principal

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## School Notes

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### Important Dates

Wednesday, September 14

**Rosary - Parish Center 8:05**

September 12-21

**ITBS Testing**

Friday, September 16

**QTR. 1 Progress Reports Posted**

Monday, September 19

**Volunteer Parent Organization (VPO)**

Meeting 8:15 a.m. Rooms 5 & 6

Friday, September 23

State of the School Talk

8:15 a.m. Rooms 5 & 6

## Volunteer Parent Organization (VPO)



*Save the Date!*

### **Volunteer Parent Organization (VPO)**

Please join us on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

For the **FIRST VPO** meeting of the 2016-2017 school year!

Meet the current **VPO** Committee Chairs and learn more information about the event's or areas you are interested in sharing your time and talents with our community!

Every hour you contribute is a much needed gift.

Date: 9/19/16

Time: 8:15

Location, Rm 5-6

*See you there!*

## Hot Lunch Program



Lunch orders for the upcoming week must be purchased by Saturday. Checks are made payable to Kings Catering.

## Student Leadership



Today was a great Pride Day!! This year, our Pride Days will focus on how we can deepen our relationship with Christ through prayer. Just like a friend, when we communicate and share, we become even better friends. It is the same way with Christ. The more we come to him and share what is on our hearts, the deeper our relationship becomes. Please ask your student about Pride Day! Thank you Pride Day Planning Committee and Student Leaders!

## Ways of Worship



### Day of Prayer for Injustice

Today, as we took a moment at courtyard prayer to step outside of ourselves, we acknowledged that it is hard to ignore the fact that in our world today, there is injustice. In light of recent incidents of violence and racial tension in communities across the United States, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has invited faith communities across the country to unite in a Day of Prayer today. In observance of this call, we, as a faith community of Saint John XXIII would like to share the prayer from the [UCCSB](#).  
Peace be with all

## Our Faith in Action



Last week, Saint Joan of Arc food pantry was perilously low and are in dire need of food to help stock the shelves for our friends and neighbors. To help meet the need, Student Leadership and the Helping Hands committee held a Free dress for the Food Pantry which took place today. On behalf of Saint Joan of Arc and our entire Saint John XXIII Catholic School Community, we thank you. You have made a difference today that will touch the lives of those who truly needed us. As a gracious and generous community, we have fed the hungry today with over 60 boxes of food. Thank you and God Bless

On behalf of our 2nd grade, we want to thank all of you for donating to our school supplies drive this week! We are so happy that we collected so many amazing items that our friends at other Diocesan schools will appreciate. Thank you for helping us BE the Hands and Feet of Christ!

## SCRIP



We are excited to announce we have a new Scrip Sales Coordinator. Please stop by the Scrip Cart and welcome Mrs. Pegge Gentry.

Saint John XXIII families can purchase Scrip and have your FACTS account billed! FACTS payments will be withdrawn three business days following the date of sale.

Scrip Sales Hours:  
Monday-Thursday  
7:30 – 8:15  
2:30 – 3:15

Friday  
7:30 – 8:15  
12:15 – 1:00



It's Box Top and Labels for Education clipping time! Help our school reach our goal of collecting 15,000 Box Tops. Just by clipping Box Tops and sending them into school, we earn cash. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products. Turn in your Box Tops to your homeroom teacher.

## Nurse Notes



Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your donations of disinfecting wipes and great smelling hand soap. All are coming in handy! Your children are great handwashers!

Handwashing is the best defense against spreading germs and illnesses!

If anyone has any new or unused boys and girls underwear size 6 or 8 or any white socks these would be most appreciated by those who need them unexpectedly at school for life's "little accidents."

Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN  
School Nurse

## Parish Corner



Pirate Night

Attention 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades: Ahoy Matey! Pirate Night is coming!

You are invited to join us for our next Middle School Experience: Pirate Night.

It includes a live band, food and Pirate Games. (Pirate Ball)

You do not want to miss the event.

Friday, September 16: 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Cost: \$20/youth

A list of event go to: <http://goo.gl/FfwZAn>

To register online go to: <http://goo.gl/9bfqwy>

Questions Contact Jeremy Stafford at 480-905-4437

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Everyone is invited to XLT this Sunday.



# Everyone is Invited!



**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Joel Stepanek**

"Joel Stepanek is a dynamic young man who is able to bring the Gospel to life for people of all ages. I have consistently left his preaching feeling inspired and energized to live my faith with a new passion."  
-- Fr Parks

**Sunday, September 11**  
**6:00pm - 8:10pm**  
**Free Dinner**

To rsvp go to: <http://www.goo.gl/tMZL0J>



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