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**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday, October 21, 2016**

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

I'm frequently asked by parents for my insights on social media. I've heard every question from, "should I get my kid a phone at their age" to "what social media should I let my kids use". Just like any other parent, I have my personal views on the topic, but whenever I find something meaningful for parents, I try and get the word out to all of you so that you can be more informed when serving as your

child's primary educators. Below is a link to a TED Talk by a middle school student (14 at the time she gives this talk and 1 year after she had already launched her app) that informs viewers on the pitfalls of social media as well as some insights on the application she created to help kids make better choices with social media postings, texting, and emails. The app is free and the research supporting it is impressive. I hope you take a moment to consider the content as well as the app for your home devices.

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkzwHuf6C2U>

App:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/rethink-stop-cyberbullying/id1035161775?mt=8>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rethink.app.rethinkkeyboard&hl=en>

God Bless,  
Preston Colao  
Principal

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Rosary - Parish Center 8:05

Friday, October 28

Extended Day Ends at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, October 28

Harvest Festival 6:00 - 9:00

Tuesday, November 1

All Saints Mass 10:00

## [Harvest Festival](#)



Please [click here](#) to register for Harvest Festival.

## [Used Book Sale](#)



**What is it?**

A great way to recycle books and raise money for our library at the same time!

**When is it?**

**Collection:** October 31- November 4    **Sale:** November 7-11

**How it works:**

Send in your used books of all genres and age groups! Families can shop from the collected books for \$1 each the week of November 7-11.

If you have any questions please contact Laura McCoy at [lr\\_benner@hotmail.com](mailto:lr_benner@hotmail.com) or 602-478-9313. Thank you!

[Cake Walk](#)



HARVEST FESTIVAL CAKE WALK

Fourth grade is asking for donations of cakes, pies, cookies, cupcakes, donuts, brownies, sweet breads, etc.

We need 300 baked "platters."

These donations can be dropped off beginning Thursday, October 27th, after school and all day Friday.

Thank you!

The 4th grade

Please note:

Store Bought "Goodies" Only

[Veterans Day](#)



Veterans Day is a very special celebration across the country and here at Saint John XXIII. Please join us in making our Veterans Day Ceremony special by helping us identify active and retired military members (family & friends) within our community that we can extend an invitation for a special Morning Prayer and Flag Ceremony. Send names and mailing information to [yschipansky@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:yschipansky@saintjohnxxiii.org) and we will be certain they are made aware of our sincere appreciation and respect! All members of our community are invited, so be sure to put Friday, November 11, 2016 on your calendar!

## [Athletics](#)



Now is the time to sign your kids up for winter sports! The sports include boy's basketball, softball and soccer. Soccer will be broken down to 4 teams: 5/6 boys, 5/6 girls, 7/8 girls and 7/8 boys. The registration deadline is November 1st. [Please register here](#)

Brett Caradonna  
Athletic Director

## [Spirit Store](#)



The Spirit Store is now fully stocked for all your winter needs. Come by and see our new sweatshirts, or pick up some long sleeve shirts for those cold mornings. Everything is available online as well.

## [Mother Son Team Bowling 2016](#)



Let's get rolling!

Are you ready for a fun evening of Bowling? Please join Saint John XXIII moms and their sons on Friday evening, November 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for an enjoyable night of bowling, pizza and memories.

SAVE THE DATE now so you can join in this fun community event!

Turn in your registration form today!

[Registration forms click here](#)

## [Faith in Action](#)



#### 4th Grade Faith IN Action Sock Drive

Our awesome 4th grade will be collecting socks for Shoebox Ministries all next week including at Harvest Festival. Shoebox was founded in 1988 with a specific goal of meeting the personal hygiene needs of the homeless and working poor. Please help us by donating new mens socks which will be used in hygiene boxes at Christmas time. Thank you in advance and God Bless!

### 8th Grade & Student Leadership



#### Collecting Water donations for Harvest Festival

Hello Everyone! As you know, Harvest Festival is just around the corner and we will have some very thirsty guests and volunteers! We are accepting bottled water donations to be used at our Saint John XXIII Harvest Festival! If you are able to help out by generously donating a case or 2 of water, we will thankfully accept it in the front office. Thank you in advance!

### Catholic Education Arizona

## Catholic Education ARIZONA

Help us build brighter futures for our children by redirecting your Arizona State Tax Liability to CATHOLIC EDUCATION ARIZONA (CEA). Then, prepare to be amazed by the unlimited potential of our Catholic School students. Give now or learn more about Tax Credits

[WWW.saintjohnxxiii.org](http://WWW.saintjohnxxiii.org) or

[WWW.CATHOLICEDUCATIONARIZONA.ORG](http://WWW.CATHOLICEDUCATIONARIZONA.ORG)

Designate: Saint John XXIII 201

Thank you for making a difference and for helping our children receive a quality Catholic education. We are so grateful for your support.

## SCRIP



Trick or Treaters will be ringing your doorbell, sooner than you know.  
Be prepared.

We carry cards for Target, Walmart, Fry's, Safeway and many other retailers, so you can stock up on Halloween treats and costumes. You can purchase SCRIP cards from us using, check, cash or your FACTS account.

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



### **Influenza--It's Time to Get the Flu Vaccine for Your Children and Family!**

Getting a flu shot can improve your chance of not catching the flu as well as protect others with weak immune systems who are not able to have a vaccine for medical reasons. Current flu vaccines are to prevent many strains of influenza. For more information :

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2016-2017.htm>

Thank you.

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN

## Notre Dame Open House



*Join the fun!*

**NOTRE DAME™**  
Preparatory High School

**NOTRE DAME PREP  
OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016  
10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All are welcome!

**WE ARE NDP**  
[NDPSAINTS.ORG/VISIT](http://NDPSAINTS.ORG/VISIT)

**NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL**  
9701 E. BELL ROAD, SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260 | 480-634-8200

## Parish Corner



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 2016 Arizona Rosary Celebration is Sunday, October 23rd from 2-4:15PM at the Phoenix Convention Center in Halls F&G, with the Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, presiding. Reverend Ignatius

Mazanowski, F.H.S. is the guest speaker for this annual celebration. Altar Servers from St. John XXIII and St. Bernadette are encouraged to attend with their families.

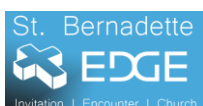
Beginning at 11AM, Altar Servers will arrive and sign in at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, at 400 W. Monroe. Altar Servers will be joined by a Diocesan representative for a Pizza lunch. After lunch, they will process to the Convention Center for the celebration. At its' conclusion, they will parade back to the Diocesan Pastoral Center for pick up by parents.

All servers are asked to bring their own cassock and surplice. Once you register to attend, we will make arrangements for you to check out a cassock and surplice for the event. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Penny Cunningham in the Parish Volunteer Office: 480-905-0221 or [volunteers@saintbernadette.com](mailto:volunteers@saintbernadette.com)

St. Bernadette Schedules Training for New EMs and Ushers

If you'd like to become a Eucharistic Minister and serve at St. John XXIII school masses, or if you are a St. Bernadette Parishioner and want to join this important liturgical ministry, please RSVP to [volunteers@saintbernadette.com](mailto:volunteers@saintbernadette.com). Training is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26 from 6-8:30PM at St. Bernadette church.

Usher Training for St. Bernadette Parishioners is scheduled for Monday, November 7th from 6-7PM in the church. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please email: [volunteers@saintbernadette.com](mailto:volunteers@saintbernadette.com)



Dear Parents and Youth,

I am excited to offer the EDGE Retreat this year. It is a favorite experience for the Middle School Youth and I am expecting to sell out, so, I recommend reserving your spot today. Retreats are a great investment in the spiritual lives of your children. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

God Bless,  
Jeremy Stafford

PS. Your child does not need to be enrolled in EDGE to attend.

#### Quotes from the Youth

" My favorite experiences at this Retreat were all the games, zip lining, game room and especially learning about God."

-6th Grader

"My favorite experience was the zip line. You learned to trust the people after the first go and it got to be purely fun and games after. I have grown closer to Jesus by Adoration time. The Middle Schools should attend this Retreat because there's a lot to do, people to meet, fun to have and in the end you're one step closer to God."

-7th Grade

#### EDGE RETREAT:

Friday, January 13th - Sunday, January 15th

Location: Prescott Pines

Total Cost: \$225/ Youth

(\$50 deposit due by 10/30/16)

(Remainder of \$175 due by 12/15/16)



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