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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday, November 23, 2016

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Every year we conduct our annual Thanksgiving food drive and Turkey Tuesday to benefit some less fortunate members of our community. This year's goal was 200 turkeys; we received 203 thanks to all of you and your tremendous generosity. Perhaps the greater story is what will happen with those turkeys and canned food!

Our collections goes to three locations: the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry and dinner service at St. Joan of Arc Parish, to less fortunate families in our own parish community for both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and to the James Walton House for homeless veteran meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The difference we make is tremendous and the stories of our success are truly moving.

Thank you for all you do for our kids, our community, those less fortunate, and those in need of our mercy. Also, we thank you for the gift our grandparents and greatfriends who were able to be part of our family today. May God bless you all during the Thanksgiving weekend. We are truly thankful to be part of this community.

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

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[Saint John XXIII 6th grade Marketplace](#)



Hours will be from 7:15am to 8:00am & 11:30am to 12:30pm
Students will also be able to visit the marketplace with their classrooms.
Friday December 2, 2016

The Saint John Marketplace project is set up to help our 6th grade students BE the hands and feet of Christ by partnering with Catholic Chairites to meet the needs of over 25 Valley organizations. By purchasing their handmade craft items as Christmas gifts for others or simply an item you would like for yourself, you will be helping our students to provide much needed items for those who are homeless or struggle to make ends meet. Items will range from \$1 to \$10. We hope to see you there and we thank you for your support!

Spirit of Service



Help a Family in need at Christmas Time!

Tis the Season of sharing and reflecting God's great love!! The community of Saint John XXIII will be working in conjunction with Saint Matthews Catholic School to provide a wonderful Christmas for a family who would not otherwise be so blessed. If you would like to sponsor a family by providing a Christmas meal and gifts, please contact Principal Gina McGowan at Saint Matthews School directly at [602-254-0611](tel:602-254-0611) or Patti Jasinski at [480-905-0939](tel:480-905-0939) for more information. Thank you and God Bless!

Ways of Worship



Advent Wreath Blessing



Monday November 28th at 8:15am in the Courtyard

We invite our entire Saint John to join us and to bring your own Advent wreath to be blessed! Everyone is invited and ALL are welcome!

5th Grade Retreat



Thursday December 1, 2016
Blessed Sacrament Parish
Parent drop off at 8:15 and Parent pick up at 2:30
Details on your teacher pages!

Reconciliation



Grades 3-8
December 5-7 during school hours

We will once again be offering our students the opportunity to participate in reconciliation during the dates listed above. This is a wonderful way to go into the season of Advent and we are so blessed to be able to share this opportunity with our students.

Faith in Action



7th Grade Toy Drive
December 5th - 9th!

Our 7th grade Faith in Action project this year will be the Christmas Childrens Toy Drive which will be taking place December 5th -9th ! During this time, we will be collecting unwrapped Christmas toys. The toys collected will be given to Saint Vincent de Paul to be used in their dining halls for their annual Christmas party. Toys will also be taken to Catholic Charities programs and last but not least, toys will also be shared with local Saint Vincent chapters

in parishes within our own community. Thank you in advance and God Bless!

Christmas Card Contest



Thank you to all of the Saint John XXIII students who entered a drawing in the Annual Christmas Card Art Contest. We received many unique and creative drawings. Congratulations to all of you for your time and sharing your talent. The first-, second- and third-place winner will be announced next week at the Friday courtyard prayer. The artwork winning first place will be used on this year's official Saint John XXIII Christmas card.

Annual Appeal 2016-2017

Growing in Abundant Grace

Our appeal letter this year has asked that EACH family participate and no matter the amount, every gift counts. Our goal is to have **100% of our families PARTICIPATE!** Your gift during this annual appeal, will help Saint John continue to provide our students with tools that will help them achieve their dreams and serve God's people in amazing new ways. Please take a moment to contribute

to our Annual Appeal. Thank you for your support.

<http://saintjohnxxiii.org/annual-appeal/>

Please designate Saint John XXIII (201)

[Help our school win \\$5,000!!!](#)



**By just attending the Grand Canyon University Basketball game on
Friday, November 25, 2016.**

G.C.U. Mens' Basketball Game vs. Coppin State

7:00 p.m.

Tickets are Free

Reserve you tickets on-line at gcu.edu/catholicnight

Select: Group Affiliation: CCSC/Catholic Schools Night- Nov. 25, 7pm

Enter Group Name: Saint John XXIII Catholic School

**The top 2 elementary schools (Small and Large) with the most attendance at
the game can win \$5,000 each for the highest attendance, and \$5,000 each
for the 2nd highest attendance.**

**In order for SJXXIII to receive credit you must attend the game and list
SJXXIII as the Group Name when you order tickets.**

GO PRIDE!

[Athletic Pictures](#)



Tuesday, November 29th is team picture day for softball and basketball. All athletes are expected to bring their own uniform. Pictures will start approximately 10:00 a.m.

Brett Caradonna

[Annual 2016 Christmas Concert!](#)



When?: Friday December 9th, 2016 at 6:00PM in the Gym.

Doors open at 5:30PM

Who?: Each grade level, Kindergarten through 5th grade, will perform 2 songs to celebrate Christmas!

Student Attendance is Mandatory. Email Miss Looker for conflicts

tlooker@saintjohnxxiii.org

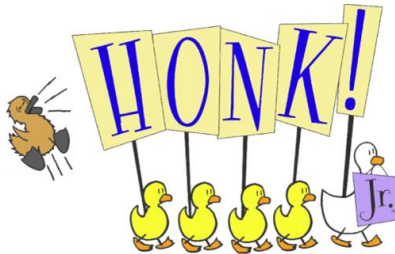
Students need to be in homeroom classrooms by 5:30PM

What should they wear?

see Music website: www.saintjohnmusic.weebly.com

[Actors and Singers Needed!](#)

St. John XXIII Catholic School Drama Department Presents:



AUDITIONS:

Monday, December 5th and Tuesday, December 6th

Information and Forms on Ms. Looker's Website.

<http://saintjohnmusic.weebly.com/audition-info--forms.html>

Kindergarten and 1st Graders can participate without auditioning. Audition forms to Ms. Deye by Tuesday, December 6th.

Catholic Education Arizona



As a member of the Saint John XXIII Community, you have a special and unique opportunity to help a student at our school, Saint John XXIII. Best of all, there is no "out of pocket" cost to give the gift of a Catholic education to a child who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford to attend a Catholic school. Instead of paying the government, you can direct your money to Catholic Education Arizona (CEA) to support our school. Your gift will last a lifetime in the world of one of our students. Thank you for your support.

Contribute today. Visit www.catholiceducationarizona.org

<http://saintjohnxxiii.org/cea-tax-credit/>

Please designate our school Saint John XXIII Catholic School (201)

SCRIP



Only 32 days until Christmas!!

We have gift cards for over 70 retailers to help make your Christmas shopping easier. Stop by the SCRIP cart to purchase your gift cards and help support our school. It won't cost you any more than what you were going to spend!

If you own a business and plan on purchasing gifts for your employees, please consider purchasing SCRIP cards. Email Pegge Gentry, at pgentry@saintjohnxxii.org to place a large order. Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!

Scrip Sales Hours:

Monday-Thursday

7:30 – 8:15

2:30 – 3:15

Friday

7:30 – 8:15

[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

[Parish Corner](#)



Women's Bible Study

First Corinthians

Wednesday, January 11--March 22

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Conference Room

Contact: Carla Kruk 602-881-7727

Ephesians

Alternating Thursdays, January 19--May 4

9:15 AM to 11:15 AM Conference Room

Contact: Nita Kaminski 480-245-6588

The Mass

Thursday, January 12--February 9

6:45 PM to 8:45 PM Parish Center, Room 6

Contact: Dawn Morano 480-435-4959

Lectio--Evangelization Study by Dr. Healy

Thursday, February 16--April 27

6:45 PM to 8:45 PM Parish Center, Room 6

Contact: Dawn Morano 480-435-4959



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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