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**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday, November 4, 2016**

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

I'm sure you all lived the story again this year...from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. you watched your kids in pure bliss tearing through Harvest Fest with reckless abandonment. Candy, bouncies, sugar, games, sweets, music, ice cream, dancing, confectionaries, the cake walk....seeing the pattern? If you were lucky, you probably made it to the corner of 60<sup>th</sup> and Bell or Greenway before

the "crash" occurred and snoring began; the sounds of another successful Harvest Festival!

I need to thank all of you for making Harvest Festival 2016 such a success! Your support made the night another memorable event for our kids. Whether you came as a family, helped with the planning, served at a booth, or cleaned-up in the wake of destruction, your help is very much appreciated. Every year, our Volunteer Parent Organization does such a wonderful job of making the night what so many of you have told me is your child's favorite event of the entire year. As much as none of this happens without all of you, I do need to especially thank Harvest Festival Chair Jackie Bonillas, Co-Chairs Julie Stafford and Stacey Graninger, our School Advisory Board volunteers and VPO Treasurer Colleen Maruster.

God Bless,  
Preston Colao  
Principal

P.S. Please keep our 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys in your prayers today as they play for the CYAA Flag Football Championship after a rain out yesterday. The game is scheduled for today at 2:30pm @ OLPH-Scottsdale. May they stay healthy through the match and continue to find strength in God as they represent our school. Also please keep their coach, Dan Murphy, and perhaps more fittingly his wife Libby in your prayers, that they both keep their sanity through one last nail-biting match this year.

# School Notes

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## Important Dates

November 7 - 11

Used Book Sale

Fall Conferences

Dismissals 11:50 - 12:00 - 12:10

Wednesday, November 9

Rosary - Parish Center 8:05

Friday, November 11

Veteran's Day Ceremony

8:30 Courtyard

Friday, November 11

Veteran's Spirit Shirt Day

Red, White, Blue or Camo

Saturday, November 12

Open House

10:00 - 12:00

## [Open House](#)



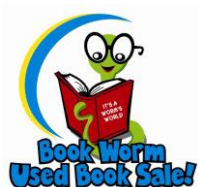
We are having our Open House on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00a.m.-  
12:00p.m.

We would love to have more families like you join our school community!

Please spread the word to families and friends about this event.

We look forward to meeting with them!

## Used Book Sale



Please remember that our annual Used Book Sale begins on Monday! Every book is \$1 and all funds received go to buy new library books for our students. Please support us by donating any books you may have or shopping before or after your Parent/Teacher Conference.

## Hot Lunch



Don't forget to place your snack orders for next week....

[Click here to get started](#)

## 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!**

## Veterans Day



We are looking forward to our Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. All Boy Scouts are welcome to wear their uniforms to school that day. If you are a Veteran and can join us, please know how delighted we would be. Please join us in the school courtyard at 8:15, in uniform if possible. We hope to see lots of our parents there to share in this special occasion.

## Grandparent/Great Friends



Grandparents/Great Friends Day will be held this year on Wednesday, November 23rd. We look forward to sharing our Saint John community with

loved ones as we celebrate Mass and the spirit of Thanksgiving. Our students invite their Grandparents or other loved ones to join them in a day of Thanksgiving, beginning with Mass. Guests and their student will be seated together in the church. Guests will have the opportunity for some light refreshments in the Ramada after Mass. They will then be directed over to the school to visit the students' classrooms to see how our children spend their days and perhaps participate in an activity that the teachers have prepared. We ask you to RSVP for your guests by November 16<sup>th</sup> so we can accommodate all who wish to attend. [Please click here to RSVP.](#)

**NO RSVP forms will be sent home. ALL RSVP's must be completed online.**

In the coming days, please look for an email to include a Timeline of Events. Thank you all so much for your help and support in making this day a success! And have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Mary Stevens HSA Chair, Grandparents/Great Friends Day

## [Pride Athletics](#)



Next Friday come out and support our Saint John XXIII Cross Country Team at the CYAA Cross Country Championships-Friday November 11th at Granada Park- The first race starts at 2:15. Please check this link for details and GO PRIDE!!

<https://sites.google.com/site/cyaacrosscountry/>

## [Enrichment Classes](#)



Register Now for SESSION TWO! Our 2nd session of the school year. Session 2 starts the week of NOV. 14th and runs until FEBRUARY 10th! Many classes have a maximum amount of students, so please register as soon as possible.

Description of all classes on the website....

To register, go to our school website: [www.saintjohnxxiii.org](http://www.saintjohnxxiii.org), go to PARENTS tab, Click on Extended Day, then drop down to

+Enrichment Class Offerings

Click on --->Online Enrichment/Extended Day form

The following are the Enrichment Class Offerings:

MONDAYS: Chess Emporium

TUESDAYS: Young Rembrandts, Golf

WEDNESDAYS: Bricks4Kidz, As You Wish Pottery

THURSDAYS: Athletes In Training, Beg.Guitar:Level 1

FRIDAYS: Cheerleading, Crazy Cool Science & Guitar:Rock & Pop

## [Attention All Artists!](#)



Saint John XXIII wishes to announce a Christmas Card Art Drawing Contest. This year all students are invited to join in the Christmas Card drawing competition.

The artwork winning first place will be used on this year's official Saint John XXIII Christmas card.

Please [click here](#) for Rules and Guidelines

## [Athletics](#)



Please sign your child up to play soccer this winter. Tournaments will be held for 5/6th and 7/8th grades. Boys and girls will each have their own division. Please email Mr. Caradonna if you have questions. Registration deadline will be November 15th.

[Click here to register](#)

Brett Caradonna  
Athletic Director

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



Let's get rolling! There is still time to reserve your Alley!!  
SAVE THE DATE now so you can join in this fun community event!  
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.

Turn in your registration form today!

[Registration forms click here](#)



## Faith in Action



To help the families at local parishes as well as St. Vincent's pantries and headquarters, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Saint John XXIII School will be organizing a Thanksgiving Food Drive for their 5<sup>th</sup> grade Faith in Action Project. Students will be accepting food donations beginning Monday November 16, 2015 through Tuesday November 24, 2015 at drop off. A suggested food donation list has been provided by your last name initial.

**A-B** Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables. Canned Yams

**C-D** Box Mashed Potatoes or small bag of Fresh Potatoes

**E-F** Man n Cheese

**G-H** Stove Top Stuffing

**I-J** Canned Cranberries

**K-L** Canned/Jar Gravy

**M-N** Beans, Rice and Dry Pasta

**O-P** Fresh Rolls (12 rolls per bag)

**Q-R and 5th Grade Classes Pumpkin Pies**

**S** 100% Fruit Juice

**T-U** Peanut Butter

**V-Z** Aluminum Pan

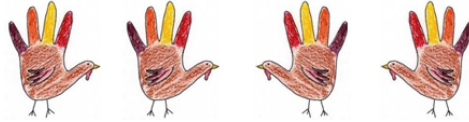
**Anyone and Everyone!--- FROZEN TURKEYS**

**Please bring fresh vegetables, rolls and frozen turkeys ONLY on  
TURKEY Tuesday, November 24, 2015.**

**We have limited storage and apace for these items.**

**Other items to consider:** Hamburger Helper, Cereal, Canned Beans, Crackers, Canned Soup, Canned or Jar Pasta Sauce, Jelly/Jam and Tuna.

**Thank you and many Blessings for all your help and 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 or Patti Jasinski at 480-905-0939 for more information. Thank you and God Bless!

## Ways of Worship



4th Grade Blessing

Join us Wednesday at the end of school mass for a blessing of the 4th grade for being the Hands and Feet of Christ by collecting socks for Shoebox Ministries to serve the homeless! Everyone is invited...ALL are welcome!

## Student Leadership



We were recently contacted by a local Middle School teacher in regards to a need they are faced with for their students. This middle school enrollment is about 600 students. We were told that a majority of them qualify for services and also serve a large population of refugees, many of which families are just getting by. On their campus, they keep a clothing closet to assist these students with clothing.

The Helping Hands Committee of Student Leadership organized a Middle School Clothing donation this past week. Middle school students donated and collected several large bags of clothing as a response. Thank you Student Leadership and Middle school students, for BEING the hands and feet of Christ!

## 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



Congratulations Saint John XXIII Catholic School!

Our school collected over 14,000 BoxTops.

The class BoxTop Winners are

1B and 4A

Thank you for all of your support!!

Please keep clipping Box Tops for the February 2017 collection. Help your class to win a party, bring in your Box Tops.

**Scrip Sales Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**2:30 – 3:15**

**Friday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**12:15 – 1:00**

[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**

The graphic is a promotional poster for an open house. On the left, a cheerleader in a purple and gold uniform is jumping with her arms raised, holding gold pom-poms. The text "Join the fun!" is written in a stylized font above her. On the right, the school's name "NOTRE DAME™ Preparatory High School" is displayed, followed by "NOTRE DAME PREP OPEN HOUSE" in large, bold letters. Below this, the date and time "Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m." are listed. A line of text says "All are welcome!". At the bottom, it says "WE ARE NDP" and "NDPSAINTS.ORG/VISIT". A dark purple banner at the very bottom contains the school's address and phone number: "NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL 9701 E. BELL ROAD, SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260 | 480-634-8200".

**Join the fun!**

**NOTRE DAME™**  
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**NOTRE DAME PREP  
OPEN HOUSE**

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

All are welcome!

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## Parish Corner



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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