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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday, November 11, 2016

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Veteran's Day is one of the most important and special days on campus each year and this year was no exception. Led by our Master of Ceremonies and parent, retired Lieutenant Colonel Mike Dugan, our kids also heard from Bugler Vernon West, retired Four Star General Mike Dugan, veteran and now our Deacon Al

Homiski who blessed our soldiers, and Dr. Christine Verchot veteran and coordinator of Walton House in Phoenix where we have done volunteer service over the past few years to help homeless veterans find jobs and get back out on their own.

Many of our students were also treated to visits in their classrooms by veterans from a variety of years of service and got to hear their stories first hand. Once again, I am humbled by the service of these women and men and the joy with which they come here each year to share their stories and love for our country. I echo their sentiments repeated so much throughout the day, "God Bless America".

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal



Students watching our Flag being raised



Students showing off their hero art work

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Important Dates

Saturday, November 12

Open House
10:00 - 12:00

Nov. 14 - 22

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Wednesday, November 16

Rosary - Parish Center 8:05
Progress Reports Posted

Friday, November 18

Mother Son Bowling

Tuesday, November 22

Turkey Tuesday
Food Blessing courtyard at 8:15

Wednesday, November 23

Grandparent/Great Friends Day

Open House



We are having our Open House tomorrow, Saturday, November 12th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.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!

[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 your 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!

[Thank you!](#)



Happy Veterans Day. Today we honor those who have so bravely served. Saint John XXIII Community thank you for making a difference. Thank you to all who came and help make this year's Ceremony so special. We were honored with representatives from every branch of the military. The students were amazing and made sure each of our guests knew of their appreciation and love. Thank you to all the service men and women for serving our country. A Special Thank you to our guest speaker General Michael Dugan, Dr. Christine Verchot Executive Director of the James Walton Home, Project Veteran's Pride, Sergeant First Class U.S. Army (retired) Bugler Vernon West to our SJXXIII School Choir and the Webelos Boy Scouts of Pack 818. God Bless you and God Bless America.

Two First Place Winners from SJXXIII



Thank you to all of the students who participated and entered in the Diocesan Rosary Sunday Poster Drawing Contest. Thank you also to Mrs. Miller for her encouragement.

This year the theme was Corporal Works of Mercy and the drawing needed to include an image of Our Lady of Mercy. There were 2,500 entries and only 24 First Place winners were selected by grade.

Congratulations to Elle Aister from the 7th grade and Mary Schneider from 4th grade. They are both are First place Winners and are scheduled to attend a special luncheon with Bishop Olmsted. Copies of their drawings are on displayed in the school office.

Congratulations Elle and Mary!



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 16th 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

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

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, 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](#)



Congratulation to our 8th grade flag football team. They were the winners of the CYAA Championship by defeating St.Thomas the Apostle. What a terrific season!

Please sign up for the first ever CYAA soccer tournament. We still need players for 5/6 boys and girls and 7/8 girls. The tournament will be held from February 4-11th. [Register here:](#)

Brett Caradonna
Athletic Director

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[Faith in Action](#)



To help the families at local parishes as well as St. Vincent's pantries and headquarters, the 5th grade classes at Saint John XXIII School will be organizing a Thanksgiving Food Drive for their 5th grade Faith in Action Project. Students will be accepting food donations beginning Monday November 14th through Tuesday November 22nd 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 - Mac 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 all 5th grades students - 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 22nd.

Our goal is 200 turkeys!

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](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



Blessed Sacrament

Thursday December 1, 2016

Parent drop off at 8:15am and pick up at 2:30pm

Please see the parent information email that was sent out this week.

Catholic Education Arizona

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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 or 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.

Used Book Sale News



We just completed our most successful book sale ever! A huge thank you to all who donated or purchased books for our sale. All proceeds will go to purchasing new library books for all the students to use now and through the coming years. Thank you again !

SCRIP



Thanksgiving is just around the corner!!
We carry Safeway, Fry's, Whole Foods, Walmart, Target, and many others for
your grocery needs.

Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!

Stop by and see us. Gobble! Gobble! Gobble!

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

[Xavier](#)

In Quest of the Jewish Mary: The Mother of Jesus in History, Theology, and Spirituality

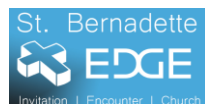
Wednesday, November 16, 2016 | Lecture and Discussion

Presenter: Sr. Mary Christine Athans, BVM, Ph.D.

Location & Time: Virginia G. Piper Performing Arts Center, Grubb Lecture Hall,
Xavier College Preparatory

RSVP to ezapata@xcp.org or call 602-240-3187

[Parish Corner](#)



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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