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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday, November 18, 2016

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Thank you all so much for the generosity with our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for St. Vincent De Paul's local St. Joan of Arc Food Bank. We have already gotten so much, but we still need more! Canned goods, potatoes, pumpkin pies, stuffing, mac and cheese, peanut butter, turkey pans, pasta, beans and on Tuesday....FROZEN TURKEYS!

We are trying to make this our best holiday collection ever with a huge showing on Tuesday morning and a goal of 200 turkeys. This event has grown profoundly in the last 5 years going from under 25 to just over 175 turkeys collected last year. 200 turkeys is a very attainable number for us and will go incredibly far in helping our neighbors at St. Joan of Arc's Food Bank. I would ask that you prayerfully consider this request over the weekend as you begin purchases for your own family celebrations. We have and will make a difference in the lives of thousands this holiday season and you can help us further our mission as a Catholic school. Thanks for all you do.

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

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Important Dates

Friday, November 18

Mother Son Bowling

Nov. 21 - 22

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Tuesday, November 22

TURKEY TUESDAY (bring in your frozen turkey)

Food Blessing 8:15 Courtyard

- [Annual 2016 Christmas Concert!](#) Wednesday, November 23
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- Wednesday, November 23
Dismissal
11:50 - 12:00 - 12:10
- November 24-25
School Closed
- Monday, November 28
Advent Wreath Blessing 8:15

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!



[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!

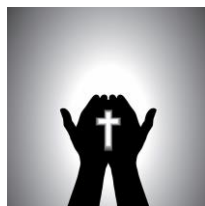
Spirit of Service



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.

Student Leadership



Pride Day



Today was our November Pride Day. The theme for this year is "Prayer". In keeping with our theme, our student leaders taught their Pride group about prayers of Thanksgiving and what it means to "Pray without Ceasing". We call on our Lord in bad times, but we must always remember to call on him in good times too! It is through God and his grace that we celebrate. So as you go into your Thanksgiving meal...maybe ask you child to lead the prayer this year!

[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!

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

Attention All Artists!



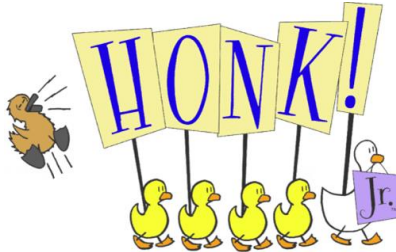
Saint John XXIII wishes to announce a Christmas Card Art Drawing Contest. This year all students are invited to join in the Christmas Card drawing competition.

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

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.

Cross Country and Soccer



Congratulations to all of our cross country runners who participated last Friday at Granada Park. Terrific effort by all!



The registration deadline for soccer will be moved to November 22nd. We have roster spots available for all grade levels 5-8 boys and girls. Please register here

Brett Caradonna

Catholic Education Arizona



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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





Black Friday and Cyber Monday are almost here!!

We carry Amazon for those on line Shoppers, and plenty of Visa, Target, Walmart, Kohls, JCPenny, Macy's for those Black Friday deals.

So, stop by the SCRIP cart and help support our school. It won't cost you any more than what you were going to spend!

Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!

Scrip Sales Hours:

Monday-Tuesday

7:30 – 8:15

2:30 – 3:15

Wednesday

7:30 – 8:15

11:45 – 12:30

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



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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