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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday, December 23, 2016

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

On behalf of the entire staff and faculty of our community, thank you all for the amazing generosity in the gifts you bestowed on us this Christmas season. We are all privileged and honored to serve our kids and work together with you in educating our little one's preparing them to direct our future. We wish you all the best this Christmas season and our prayers for continued health in the New

Year.

I also must implore your help once more, this time for the entirety of our community. As you've heard in the past few weeks, and will continue to hear leading in to the New Year, we need all of our parents and their families to redirect their Arizona taxes to St. John XXIII through Catholic Education Arizona. This costs you NOTHING as it will be returned to you by the state of Arizona after you file your taxes and it goes DIRECTLY to tuition costs for our families. The website is:

<https://secure.catholiceducationarizona.org/donate>

Your help is instrumental in continuing our growth towards achieving a tuition free school, which is becoming more possible each year as we are now the ONLY valley school in the Diocese who is not only meeting their financial need, but exceeding it! Thanks again for your support.

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

[Please click on our Angel for a message....](#)



School Notes

Hello! I hope you are enjoying a restful break! I want to express my gratitude for the donations to the St. John XXIII Staff Christmas fund. How wonderful that our teachers, aides, and staff benefited from the giving spirit of our community! Thank you for your contribution! Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Deidra Gilligan

School Advisory Board

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A Catholic Education should be affordable for every child through a simple state income tax credit at no cost to you. You will be funding scholarships and keeping your tax dollars in our Catholic faith. Take the Credit and redirect your taxes to benefit

Saint John XXIII (201) by taking part in the CEA Tax Credit Program. This is truly a no cost opportunity that greatly benefits our school through tuition assistance.

FAQS:

What is the deadline to contribute to the tuition tax credit?

You can make your contribution any time up until April 15th of each year. Please be mindful that in order to receive **both** your dollar-for-dollar state credit and federal deduction in the same tax year, you must **make your contribution by December 31st. If you participate after December 31st, your federal deduction will roll forward to the following tax year.** The physical or online contribution form will walk you through the very simple process.

Who is eligible to take the tax credit?

If you are an Arizona taxpayer, you are eligible to receive a **dollar-for-dollar tax credit** when you redirect your state tax dollars to Saint John XXIII (201) students through the tuition tax credit. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and employers are encouraged to participate.

How do I determine what my tax liability is?

Review your state tax return from last year and take a look at line 51 on your AZ140. That is where you will see your actual tax liability listed. If your income has not changed drastically, this will give you an idea of your state tax liability you can expect for the current year. You may also want to check with your tax

advisor.

Where do I get the tax forms needed to claim the credit?

The department of revenue will post Arizona Forms 301, 323 and 328 in the fall leading up to tax season. The forms are also built into most online filing system as well as most CPA's software. Make sure to reference or provide to your tax preparer the receipt received by Catholic Education Arizona in January.

[HTTP://SAINTJOHNXXIII.ORG/CEA-TAX-CREDIT/](http://saintjohnxxiii.org/cea-tax-credit/)

[www.CEAZ.ORG](http://www.ceaaz.org)

Designate: Saint John XXIII (201)

[Annual Appeal 2016-2017](#)



Please consider making an end of year donation to our Annual Appeal. No matter the amount, EVERY gift counts! Your participation will make the difference and help us do even more wonderful things here at St. John XXIII Catholic School. A special thanks to those who have already given. Your gifts are greatly appreciated!

Visit <http://saintjohnxxiii.org/annual-appeal/> for more information or to make a gift securely on-line.

**God, our Father,
Creator of all good things
in the world and within our school community
We thank you for the gift of this day,
for our families and friends
and for this safe place for our children to learn and grow.
We ask You to bless the Community of
Saint John XXIII Catholic School.
Through Your Holy Spirit, guide us as we continue to
grow in faith and love; open our hearts to the mission
and purpose of our school's Annual Appeal.**

**Strengthen our resolve dear Lord
to be like Your Son and
to give of ourselves.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

[KINDERGARTEN!!!](#)



Applications for the 2017-2018 school year can be found on the website www.saintjohnxxiii.org or by stopping by the office. The applications for kindergarten will be accepted through January 13th.

[Speak up Survey](#)



Project Tomorrow gives a free survey to our schools that coordinate what students, teachers, administrators are feeling about technology in the classroom. Even though this is a national survey, we can use the data to see what our community feels and match it to national and statewide results.

We hope you can take a few moments to take the survey. (To be truthful...it will take more than a few moments...but it does give rich data). To take the survey please follow these steps.

1. Click Here for the [SpeakUp survey](#)
2. Click on parents
3. Enter Zip: 85254
4. Select Saint John XXIII Catholic School Scottsdale, AZ 85254

5. Click your Grade Level
6. Secret Word is saintjohn
7. Take Survey

Take your time and be thorough. This gives the opportunity to match teacher, parent,

Dr. Karl Ochsner
Director of Technology / STEM Educator
Saint John XXIII Catholic School
480-905-0939 Ext. 312
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SCRIP



Merry Christmas!

Enjoy your Christmas break! SCRIP will be available for those last minute purchases during the break at the following times.

Scrip Sales Hours:

Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2017

9:00 – 11:00



\$5.00 Harkins 2017 Loyalty Cup Vouchers and \$10 Harkins Theatres Gift Cards are available. Purchase a Harkins Loyalty Cup Voucher for your favorite movie goer!

Enjoy \$1.50 soft drinks every time you bring your Loyalty Cup to the movies through the end of 2017.

Loyalty Cups are available for a limited time while supplies last!
Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!

Parish Corner



The St. Bernadette Culture of Life Committee has a limited supply of their 2016 Christmas ornament for sale in the church office for \$10. Continue/start your family tradition or share with family and friends. Proceeds are used for committee projects during the year. Your continued support to the culture of life is greatly appreciated.

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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