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**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday, December 9, 2016**

Dear St. John XXIII Community,

There are always days where we hope and pray that we are making a difference in our kid's lives by having them at Catholic school. I had one of those moments when one of our staff came to me to ask if I could watch her class for a moment while she stepped out. The kids were busy cutting and pasting Christmas art projects at their tables, the small girl next to the staff

member began to quietly sing *The First Noel*. Before the 1<sup>st</sup> verse was complete, the entire table of little ones were singing quietly along with her, never looking up from their work or making eye contact with their peers. As if a scene from a movie, by the time the teacher returned, the entire class was concluding their 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the song, all still working away on their projects, never even noticing their teacher had returned.

That's not happening anywhere else, but our Catholic Schools. Thank you all for entrusting your wonderful angels to us throughout the entire year. We love them all like our own and wish them and all of you a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year! (Doesn't that sound more fitting than the "Happy Holidays" we find ourselves saying to so many people out in public?)

God Bless,

Preston Colao

Principal

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### Important Dates

Friday, December 9

**Christmas Concert 6:00 p.m.**

Monday, December 12

**Toy Drive**

Friday, December 16

**Cookies for Staff**

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Red and Green Accessory Day

Friday, December 16

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

No Extended Day



**Tis the Season! Sweet Treats for Staff!**

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> in the morning**

**Please bring your Sweet Treats to share with our hardworking staff! Drop off items to the office Friday morning...Christmas helpers will also be on hand to help with treats in the drive thru line! Let's send our staff off to Christmas break with some goodies to share with their families! Thank you!**

## Spirit of Service



As we prepare to finish off the year, we want to thank all who have participated in our many Spirit of Service events that we have had. When we return from break, we look forward to bringing you many more service opportunities and adding in new ones too!!

**Help us fill our spots!!**

**Feed My Starving Children**

Friday December 16, 2016

Time: 1:00 to 3:00

Join Code: 916986

Organizer: Michelle Bucci

Address: 11345 S. Alma School Road, Mesa, AZ 85210

140 spots allocated to JUST St. John XXIII families!

<http://saintjohnxxiii.org/spirit-of-service/>

## Red and Green Accessory Day

Friday December 16th

Pay \$1.00 and you can wear your school appropriate red and green accessories

### **All donations will go to Feed My Starving Children**

With God's help and your support, FMSC strives to eliminate starvation in children throughout the world.

## Ways of Worship



Live Nativity

We hope you will enjoy the students portrayal of the Nativity as you enter the concert this evening! It has been very exciting to put this together for your enjoyment!

## Student Leadership



A huge thank you to all our student leaders who are signed up to help out at tonight's Christmas Concert!! Great job and many thanks!

## [Faith in Action](#)



7th Grade Toy Drive ...EXTENDED to Monday!

Our 7th grade Faith in Action project this year is the Christmas Childrens Toy Drive which are extending until next Monday. If you haven't had a chance to shop for a special toy for a special child, there is still time to donate! .We are collecting unwrapped Christmas toys which will be given to Saint Vincent de Paul to be used here in our own gym for their annual Christmas party. Toys will also be taken to Saint Matthews School.

## [Scholastic Book Fair](#)



Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped at our Scholastic Book Fair. We could not have had such a successful Fair without all of you! A special HUGE thank you to Laura McCoy for her amazing skills in decorating and marketing our Pirate themed fair! Thank you all!

## [Annual Appeal 2016-2017](#)



Thank you to those who have already made their tax deductible donation to benefit SJXXIII this year through our Annual Appeal; Growing in Abundant Grace. Your gift to the Annual Appeal is the most direct way you can make an impact on the lives of students at Saint John XXIII Catholic School. It has and will continue to make a difference. If you haven't had a chance to make a donation yet, please take a moment to contribute. The end of the year is a perfect opportunity to give a meaningful gift and obtain a tax deduction. Extra contribution forms are in the office or visit the website for more information [please click here](#).

No matter the amount, EVERY gift counts!

## [Catholic Education Arizona](#)

take credit for  
our children...



...they are a blessing.

**Take the Credit and redirect your taxes to benefit St. 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. Visit the school [website link](#) and click on the CEA angel to take part. Deadline is April 15, 2017 but if you re-direct your taxes by December 31, 2016 you can take the state tax credit AND the federal deduction for this year too!**

## [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,

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**[SCRIP](#)**



Christmas is just around the corner!!

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](mailto:pgentry@saintjohnxxii.org) to place a large order.



\$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!

**Scrip Sales Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**2:30 – 3:15**

**Friday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**12:15 – 1:00**

[Nurse Notes](#)





Dear Parents,

Please take a moment to read/watch this news story as a reminder of why we all go out of your way to prevent an unforeseen severe food allergy reaction of any of our precious students.

Family warns of dangers of nut allergies

<http://www.abc15.com/news/local-family-warns-of-dangers-of-nut-allergies-after-11-year-old-dies>

Thank you for being mindful during the holiday season and throughout the school year of the dangers of food allergies.

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN  
School Nurse

## [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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