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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday, January 6, 2017

Dear St. John XXIII Community,

I wanted to share a difficult story this week with all of you with the New Year upon us about a young boy my family met in the past year. Last March 20, 2016, Hollis Doherty was a normal 7 year old with a headache, nausea, and weakness one night. In the days that followed, he was diagnosed with Diffused Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG)...big words my wife understood, but I needed translated to a tumor

on his brain stem. Less than a year later with countless nights in the hospital, trips out of the country for experimental treatments, and loads of prayers; Hollis passed away early this week forever changing the lives of hundreds he touched. In a little over half a year, his family has changed forever.

This past Sunday, New Year's Day, I found myself again in Mass praying for the same thing I pray for each New Year; continued health for not only my own family, but all of those families and individuals who are part of my life. Health is far too often something we take for granted, but something that so profoundly impacts us once we encounter difficulties with it that we are overwhelmed by it. Perhaps this year is a great opportunity to look past the day to day frustrations of homework, assignments, projects, where our kids will go the high school/college, what they will do for a living, if others like them, if they are behaving well, etc. and just focus on how much we love having them in our lives and enjoying them as the gifts they are to us. It won't be easy to do that every day, but there's always the string around the finger option to help remind us!

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

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Wednesday, January 11

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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.

Faith IN Action



January's Faith IN Action project will be for Foster Care in conjunction with Catholic Charities. As a community we will be asking all of our families and students to make 1 no-sew fleece blanket that can be donated during Catholic

Schools Week the last week in January. Many times, children in foster care have very few personal items they can carry with them from place to place and a blanket is something they can call their own and keep. Details and instructions will be out next week!

Spirit of Service



We had a very busy schedule last semester and are in the process of adding our events that will bring us to the end of the school year! One to be on the lookout for is Hopefest 2017. This is a great family friendly, worthwhile and impactful event that serves thousands of our valleys homeless and needy with free services at Chase Field in April. We will also continue with many of the same organizations we have served with. If you have any ideas or connections to a new group you would like to see us add, please contact Patti Jasinski at pjasinski@popejohnxxiii.org

Ways of Worship



World Rosary

Friday January 27th

We will once again be lead in prayer by our students as we pray a Rosary for our world. Our students will be invited to volunteer to be part of this event by saying part of a Hail Mary or Our Father in a language other than English. Please contact Patti Jasinski if your child speaks another language and would like to volunteer! pjasinski@popejohnxxiii.org

[Marketplace Super Saturday](#)



Saint John XXIII Courtyard

9:00am to 12:00

Saturday January 6th

6th Grade Marketplace Super Saturday

Next Saturday our 6th grade will be meeting in the Saint John Courtyard to meet with the organizations they raised their funds for with proceeds from the marketplace that was held in early December. Our students raised about \$10,000.00 combined!!! Students took the money and purchased much needed items for nearly 25 organizations that are supported by Catholic Charities. We are so proud of them and their efforts and appreciate the support of parents and our entire Saint John community!!

[CEA](#)



There is still time!

Thank you to all who took advantage of the Arizona Private School Tax Credit and designated Saint John XXIII Catholic School prior to Dec. 31, 2016. If you haven't yet utilized this amazing tax credit there is still time! Contributions can be made on-line at

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

Designate Saint John XXIII 201 so your tax dollars benefit students at

Saint John XXIII Catholic School. Please consider taking the tax credit and investing in our children's future.

Contributions can be made until April 15, 2017.

Thank you again for making a difference!

**take credit for
our children...**



...they are a blessing.

[Annual Appeal 2016-2017](#)



Please consider making a donation to our Annual Appeal. No matter the amount, EVERY gift counts! We are at 35% participation and 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.

Saint John XXIII Is a 501(c) 3 and all donations to our school can be deducted on your taxes. We ask you to consult with your tax advisor to receive the

maximum benefit from your generosity.

Father/Daughter Dance



Save The Date!

Saint John XXIII Dads

Join us for the Father Daughter Dance!

Remember to place Friday, February 10, 2017 on your calendar and plan to join us for what will certainly be a night to cherish.

Details and registration will be forthcoming.

Athletics



Parents,

Spring sports is right around the corner! Please sign your child up for baseball (boys) and basketball (girls). [Click to register](#)

Brett Caradonna

Athletic Director

Nurse Notes



Students have been experiencing flu like symptoms, viral infections, strep throat, and viral colds, coughs and even pneumonia. If your child has a high fever for 3 days, flu-like symptoms, too tired to drink fluids or eat, or difficulty breathing or cannot stop coughing, please take your child for medical evaluation immediately.

Flu symptoms include: extreme fatigue, high fever, headache, muscle aches, loss of appetite, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. Influenza symptoms are similar to the common cold yet **the flu comes on quickly and is more physically draining.**

Thank you for teaching your family to **wash hands frequently, cover their mouth when coughing or sneezing and for disinfecting commonly touched surfaces.**

For most children the best care is to stay home, rest and drink plenty of fluids.

Thank you,

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN

[SCRIP](#)



Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!

Stop by the SCRIP cart before or after school or email Pegge Gentry, at

pgentry@saintjohnxxii.org with any questions.

Help support our school by purchasing SCRIP. It does not cost you any more than what you were going to spend!

We have AMC, Harkins, and multiple restaurant gift cards. So, take a break after the holidays and enjoy a movie and dinner.

Welcome back! Happy New Year!

Scrip Sales Hours:

Monday-Thursday

7:30 – 8:15

2:30 – 3:15

Friday

7:30 – 8:15

12:15 – 1:00

[Parish Corner](#)



CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

Local K of C to Sponsor Youth Free Throw Championship – January 29, 2017

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Sunday morning January 29 from 8:000 – 10:30 at St John XXIII Gymnasium (Mailliard Hall).

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions.

International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the

event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact: Conrad Franks 602-396-6751

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 1.8 million members in 15,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated over 70 million volunteer hours and \$170 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, culture of life, families and youth.

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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