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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday, January 13, 2017

Dear St. John XXIII Community,

So we're 13 days into the New Year...how's the New Year's resolution holding up so far? I read recently that the top three resolutions made by people are money related/spending issues (24%), weight loss (32%), and self-improvement; i.e. education, quitting smoking, exercising, etc., (44%). However, statistics show only about 9.2% of people report that they

fully succeeded with those resolutions at the end of the year.

Pretty dismal news, but a perfect opportunity to remind our kids that their own journey through school won't be easy. There'll be stumbles along the way, adversity to face, and goals to keep focused on for the long run. Without goals, and especially without failure, there can be no success. It's easy to get down on ourselves or justify when we set that weight loss goal then plough through a piece of rogue cheesecake left lying around the fridge, but we rebound and do our best to try and keep improving. That's exactly what we need to do with our kids; remind them along the way to keep their eye on the goal and keep improving, even when they fail. Effectively, we are the very large string tied around their finger for the year, or the extremely large cricket with white wings on their shoulder (I might have mixed up a couple stories there, but you get the gist). How about as a resolution for the New Year, we just try to keep improving ourselves and not feel as defeated when we fail?

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

School Notes

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Important Dates

Monday, January 16
School Closed (MLK, Jr. Day)

Wednesday, January 18
Rosary - Parish Center 8:05

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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 20th.

Used Uniform Sale



We will be having a used uniform sale next Wednesday (1/18) from 7:30-8:30 in the gym. The Spirit Store will be open and the used uniform tubs will be

out, open, and available for browsing.

Field Day is coming...



We will be tie dying our shirts for field day soon! Students in 1st-5th grades should bring in their **100% COTTON** t-shirt (no tank tops) by **Tuesday, January 17th**. They will be rubber banding during that week's art class. All other students should bring their shirts by Monday, 1/23. All shirts should be in a **Ziploc type bag** with the name clearly written in sharpie marker on the SHIRT. Those who would like to start rubber banding at home, you can look up "How to tie dye" on YouTube for several great ideas on how to design with rubber bands.

Teachers, staff, and volunteers wear hope green shirts in memory of Nicky Mailliard. If you would like to have your shirt tie dyed, please bring your **rubber banded**, labeled t-shirt to the office the week of 1/23, and the volunteers will be happy to dye it for you.

There will be washing instructions sent home with the dyed shirt.

Faith IN Action



January Community Wide Project

Our Faith IN Action Project for January is a community wide project that will serve children in Foster Care here in our Valley. We are asking everyone here to make a no-sew fleece blanket. Many times, children in foster care are removed from their home at a moments notice and can only take what will fit in a small bag. These blankets are easy for these children to take from place to place and serve as an item of comfort during these tough transitions. [Please click on the link](#) for instructions on how to make your no-sew blanket and turn in your blanket during Catholic Schools week at the end of the month. Thank you and God bless!!

Ways of Worship



World Rosary

Friday January 27th

Courtyard 12:00

Our World needs our prayers!!

Does your student speak a 2nd language? If so, we would love for them to share it with our community by helping to lead our World Rosary! Please see the sign up genius link to sign up. The only thing I ask is that you make time to practice with them at home so that they are comfortable on the day of the Rosary. Please click on the link to sign up and help us celebrate our diversity and God's love for everyone everywhere! Thank you and God Bless

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4DAAA92CA7FF2-world>

[Catholic Schools Week 2017](#)



Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service

This year, Catholic Schools Week will take place January 29th through February 4th. We will kick off our celebration on Friday January 27th with a student lead World Rosary as we pray as a community for our brothers and

sisters in Christ who risk their lives to spread the Gospel of our Lord. The Theme for this year is, "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service." This theme and logo are used for a 3 year period of which last year was the first year. The theme encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of Catholic education. Not only are schools communities themselves, they're part of larger communities of home, church, city, and nation. Faith, knowledge, and service are integral components of a Catholic education and the measures by which any Catholic school can be judged.

Please see next Fridays email and check teacher pages for all the great things we have planned for our students, parents, faculty, staff and 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.

Run with Pride

Run With Pride will resume on Monday, Jan 23rd.

All are welcome! Come meet at the gate at 7:15a.m.

Bring an extra pair of shoes since the field may be wet.

The running dates for the 3rd Quarter are:

1/23, 1/26, 1/30, 2/2, 2/6, 2/9, 2/13, 2/16, 2/23, 2/27, 3/2, 3/6, 3/9.

Awards will be on March 17th.

Thank you!

Michele Richardson and Joan Sirven

Athletics



Registration is now open for girl's basketball and baseball sign ups. Please register here

Brett Caradonna

Athletic Director

Nurse Notes



Arizona Dept. of Health Services "Shoo the Flu" New Years Resolution for all of us it to keep your child home with **extreme fatigue, fever >100, 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.**

Please watch "Shoo the Floo"!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Td-CLz_kpRU&authuser=0

Thank you,

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN

SCRIP



Going to the movies? We now have Harkins 2017 loyalty cups available for only \$5 each. Help support our school by purchasing SCRIP. It does not cost you any more than what you were going to spend! Stop by the SCRIP cart before or after school or email Pegge Gentry, at pgentry@saintjohnxxii.org with any questions.

Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!

Scrip Sales Hours:

Tuesday-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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