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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday, February 10, 2017

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

For an impromptu idea to collect hand-knotted blankets during Catholic Schools Week for foster kids with Catholic Charities, we did an amazing job! Delivering nearly 300 blankets this week brought tears to the eyes of those people at Catholic Charities who knew first-hand how those blankets will affect the lives of the children in their system.

There were some touching stories here too that need to be shared. Like the 1st graders with Mrs. Herrera who created one large class blanket made up of a single individual square from each student knotted together to form one large blanket. Mrs. Herrera did let me know that this idea sounds easier on the box in the store than it is in reality with a class of 1st graders. As I went in last week to thank them for their hard work and the greeter met me at the door and saw me holding the blanket, she was quick to remind me, "Oh, our blanket! You know that took us over 2 weeks to finish?" "Yeah, but it will be with someone special for the rest of their lives" I told her. God bless you all for what you do not only for our kids, but those in need as well. Have a great long weekend.

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal



School Notes

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Important Dates

Monday, Feb 20

School Closed

Wednesday, Feb 22

Rosary

Cry Room--Church

Tuesday, Feb 28

Spring Athletic Pictures

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday

Mass -- 10:00

KINDERGARTEN!!!



Applications for the 2017-2018 school year can be found on the website www.saintjohnxxiii.org or by stopping by the office.

CEA Scholarship Applications



Catholic Education Arizona Scholarship Applications for the 2017-18 school year are now open. Deadline for applications is April 18. Parents/legal guardians need to go to www.fairapp.com to apply.

School Code: 700

School Password: cea700

Enrichment Classes



Online Registration NOW Open for ENRICHMENT CLASSES!!!

Register Now for SESSION THREE! Our LAST session of the school year.

Session 3 starts the week of FEB. 21st and runs until MAY 12th!

Many classes have a maximum amount of students,
so please register as soon as possible.

Description of all classes on the website....

To register, go to our school website: www.saintjohnxxiii.org, go to PARENTS
tab, Click on Extended Day, then drop down to
+Enrichment Class Offerings

Click on --->Online Enrichment/Extended Day form

The following are the Enrichment Class Offerings for Session THREE:

MONDAYS: Chess Emporium

NEW! Codakid - Minecraft (grades 2-5)

TUESDAYS: Drama / Young Rembrandts

NEW! Codakid - Javascript App Development (grades 6-8)

WEDNESDAYS: Bricks4Kidz

THURSDAYS: Athletes In Training / Beg.Guitar:Level 1

FRIDAYS: Cheerleading / Crazy Cool Science / Guitar:Rock & Pop

~~~For description of classes, please visit our website.

Fliers available in the school office.

## [Faith IN Action](#)



Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders are preparing to start their 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Saint John Project in conjunction with Catholic Charities. They are currently discerning the projects

and organizations they will be partnering with. This project will provide outreach, materials and items to help those in need throughout our Valley. Please pray for them on their service journey.

### **3rd Grade Toiletry Drive**

**March 14-17**

Our 3rd grade will be ministering to the homeless of our Valley through Shoebox Ministries by holding a toiletry drive. Please help them by donating shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap and items as such. Travel sizes are great but all toiletry items are appreciated!

Thank you and God Bless

## [Spirit of Service](#)



Please check out our Spirit of Service webpage for new opportunities to help in our community. We have recently added a new organization called Harvest Compassion. They are located on Tatum and Thunderbird and are a food pantry and food box resource locally. All ages are welcome to participate in this service with adult supervision. We also have links set up for Andre

House and Phoenix Rescue Mission!

## [Ways of Worship](#)



### **8th Grade Mission Trip**

#### **San Diego, California**

#### **"Serving God Is Our Greatest Adventure!"**

Please keep our 8th graders in your prayers as they prepare to embark on their Mission Trip and Retreat. Our students will BE the Hands and Feet of Christ as they serve the homeless, the hungry and the needy at various organization throughout downtown San Diego. Their evenings will be spent in spiritual retreat which will be led by local youth ministers of the San Diego diocese. We are looking forward to an amazing week of spirit and service with this great group of students!

## [Student Leadership](#)



This week our Student Leaders visited Saint Matthews in Phoenix to deliver supplies and to meet with their 8th graders. We also had the opportunity to attend Mass with them as well! Before we left, our leaders had a chance to play soccer and tag with the younger friends they made. It was a great morning and our leaders did a great job representing Saint John XXIII!

## CEA



**Deadline is April 15, 2017!**

Take the Credit and redirect your taxes to benefit Saint John XXIII by taking part in the CEA Tax Credit Program. Visit <http://saintjohnxxiii.org/cea-tax-credit/> or [WWW.CEAZ.ORG](http://WWW.CEAZ.ORG) **Designate SJXXIII 201**

Please know, that your Tax Credit contribution will make a difference in the lives of students in our SJXXIII Community. All funding raised through the tuition tax credit provides assistance to St. John XXIII families who qualify



based on financial need. If funds are left over after need is met, it is shared with those who apply. So, direct your taxes to St. John XXIII and apply too!

## **GIVE A GIFT THAT LASTS A LIFETIME, A CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

- NO NET COST TO YOU
- SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS
- DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR  
TAX CREDIT

## [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:**

**2/23, 2/27, 3/2, 3/6, 3/9.**

**Awards will be on March 17th.**

**Thank you!**

**Michele Richardson and Joan Sirven**

## [Nurse Notes](#)



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of you who helped with Jump Rope for Heart during PE classes this week to celebrate February as Heart Awareness Month and the importance of healthy nutrition and 60 minutes of active play per day. Voluntary donations to the American Heart Association to help raise money for research, education, and treatment for children with heart defects and heart disease can be made through March 1, 2017. The student who raises the most in each class will get to pick a PE activity in a future PE class!

Thank you!

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN

School Nurse

[SCRIP](#)



**Don't forget we have \$50.00 Visa's with no activation fee! So stop by and pick up a few to use on your next Costco shopping trip or anywhere Visa is accepted.**

**Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!  
For questions Stop by the SCRIP cart before or after school or email Pegge Gentry, at [pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org) with any questions.**

**Scrip Sales Hours:  
Tuesday-Thursday**

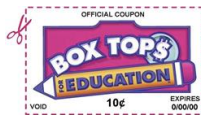
**7:30 – 8:15**

**2:30 – 3:15**

**Friday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**12:15 – 1:00**



**It's Box Top clipping time!**

**Help our school reach our goal of collecting 15,000 Box Tops. Just by clipping Box Tops and sending them into school, we earn cash. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products. Turn in your Box Tops to your homeroom teacher by February 24th.**

[Parish Corner](#)



Nun Run Saturday, March 4, 2017

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY! AN EVENT FOR EVERYONE! AT ANY SKILL LEVEL!

The Poor Clares are happy to host this event, now in its 8th year and running!

With distances of 10km run, 5km run/walk, and 1 mile there is something for everyone. We want to participate as a parish! When registering for the Nun Run via Active, be sure to check the box that asks if you would like your registration to count for Parish Pride.

<http://www.ave.com/tempe-az/running/distance-running-races/the-nun-run-presented-by-catholic-cemeteries-and-funeral-homes-2017>



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