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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

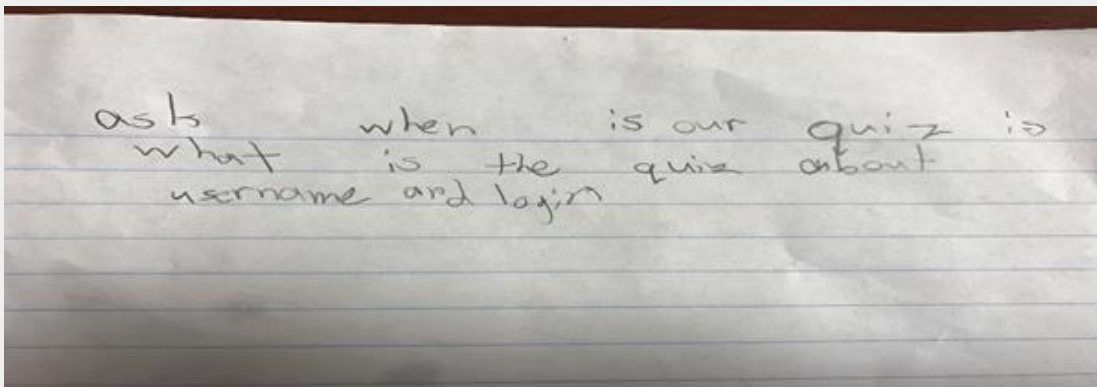
Friday, February 24, 2017

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

It's not easy being a parent! Making sure the kids are fed and housed won't really cut it with so much commitment in our lives and over-scheduling of our calendars. We hear all the stories about how after a full day of school there's homework, dance, sports, church activities, volunteering, family visits, studying, figuring out the iPad, play dates, dinner, hygiene, emergencies in the

house, projects, pets, and even sleep...eventually. It's natural to want our kids to do all of the things we did growing up, PLUS all the things we wished we would have done. We often joke with parents when we hear their kids' schedules that we're happy with our "boring" life.

All of these things lend to our kids picking up the same over-scheduling tendencies; evidenced by the letter we found left on the curb one morning:



Even our teachers are not exempt as they worry about how they will cover all of the content in a school year. With them it's easier; for long-term growth and success, it's usually better to have the kids understand 50% of the material at a 100% level than cover 100% of the textbook and have the kids only retain or understand 50% of the material.

Maybe that's a concept to pray about for our regularly scheduled lives?

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

School Notes

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Important Dates

Tuesday, Feb 28

Spring Athletic Pictures

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday

Mass -- 10:00

March 6-9

8th grade Mission trip

March 10 and 13

School Closed

KINDERGARTEN!!!



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

Annual School Fundraiser



LET'S MAKE IT A FULL HOUSE!

Please join us March 25th 2017 as SJXXIII presents Lasting Legacies. Go to www.charityauction.bid/SJXXIII to register, buy tickets and learn more about the Lucky night! The evening will include Casino Tables, Musical Guest, Live Auction, Cocktails and a Strolling Dinner.



[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

Faith IN Action



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!

Lenten Reconciliation

We will be providing our students in grades 3-8 the opportunity for Reconciliation through their classrooms during school hours March 20, 21 and

23. What a gift!!!

CEA



CEA TAX CREDIT.

Deadline is April 15, 2017!

Before you sign off or push submit on those taxes...take a moment and be certain you are taking advantage of this incredible tax credit that benefits our school ...and you!

Visit <http://saintjohnxxiii.org/cea-tax-credit/> or 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, please take part in the CEA Tax Credit Program and redirect your taxes to Saint John XXIII 201 and apply too!

Run With Pride



The running dates for the 3rd Quarter are:

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

Awards will be on March 17th.

Thank you!

Michele Richardson and Joan Sirven

Nurse Notes



February is Heart Awareness Month and our students participated in Jump Rope for Heart last week as a reminder of the importance of healthy nutrition and 60 minutes of active play per day. Thank you for your voluntary donations to the American Heart Association to help raise money for research, education, and treatment for children with heart defects and heart disease which 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!

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN

School Nurse

SCRIP



Need a Birthday gift for those afterschool parties. We have Toys R' Us, Target, iTunes, Bath & Body Works, and many more. So, stop by and save some time and support our school.

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 with any questions.

Scrip Sales Hours:

Monday-Thursday

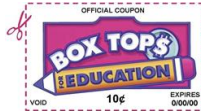
7:30 – 8:15

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 27th.

[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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