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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday, March 24, 2017

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

This Saturday is our annual dinner auction to support the students of St. John XXIII. You've probably heard me say it or read it from me before, but our tuition does NOT cover the actual cost to educate our students at St. John XXIII. We rely on community involvement with the auction and Annual Appeal as our ONLY two fundraisers each year to bridge the gap and keep tuition

affordable for our families. With over 25% of our families receiving financial aid to even remain at St. John's, we need EVERYONE's help to keep our school thriving.

Saturday night's event would not be possible without the help of so many members of our community, of which we are truly grateful for their love and for their contributions. Although I will never be able to fully express my gratitude for these women, I need to at least start by thanking the three women without whom this event would not be happening: Sarah Ellis, Mary Piontek and Christine Cafferelli. Their leadership from picking the venue, to finding sponsors, to booking vendors to obtaining auction items has been a Godsend for our community and kids. This event would not happen without them and I will never be able to thank them fully no matter how hard I try.

I hope to see all of you there as we try to sell out our event with less than 10 tickets left as I write this. Thank you ALL for supporting our event whether you're attending, or you purchased some of the student projects over the past few weeks or through your individual donation of items and volunteering of your time. This event has absolutely been a community driven success.

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

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- Saturday, March 25**
Lasting Legacies Auction
- March 27-April 7
Poetry Contest
- March 30 & 31
School Play
6:00 p.m. Gym
- Wednesday, April 12
Noon Dismissal
No Extended Day

Honk Jr.



Please join us next Thursday, March 30th and Friday, March 31st at 6pm in the gym. No tickets are needed. Just come ready to laugh and enjoy a wonderful show. This is about the story of the Ugly Duckling. Along the way, the audience will also meet a very silly bullfrog, very strict geese, and beautiful swans. There just might be a surprise at the end. You're guaranteed to have a great time.

Poetry Contest

POETRY

The 2017 Poetry Contest will be held March 27th through April 7th. St. John, let's see what kind of poets you are! This is a fun contest for students to write a poem and maybe win as each **classroom** has a winner!

Please see attached rules and entry forms. Please do not write student names on the poem, only the entry form.

One winner per **class** will be chosen and will receive a \$10 gift certificate toward any item at the May book fair! All entries are due back to the library by April 7th. We are looking forward to reading all the poems! We could use a few more parent judges. Judging involves taking home a packet of poems (20-30) and scoring them based on a rubric. If you have any questions or if you would like to help please contact Laura McCoy at lr_benner@hotmail.com

[Click here for rules](#)

[Click here for entry form](#)

[Calling All Middle School Artists](#)



The St. John XXIII Art Department is extending an invitation for you to share your artistic talent in the upcoming May Art Walk. Every student will have the opportunity to proudly share their favorite, professionally framed art piece on May 5th. Oh, please tell your parents there is no obligation to purchase the framed artwork. Please see Mrs. Bucci or Mrs. Miller for official details!!

[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

[Ways of Worship](#)



[Rosary](#)

Please join our volunteer Ways of Worship parents to pray the Rosary EVERY Wednesday at 8:00 in the cry room of the Church. Everyone is invited, ALL are welcome. Please bring your little ones with you as well! God loves the prayers of our sweet children!

[2nd Grade Spiritual Retreat](#)

2nd Grade Retreat

Tuesday March 28th

Please keep our wonderful 2nd grade in your prayers as the "Follow in the Footsteps of Jesus" next week on their spiritual retreat. May all of our 2nd grade grow in relationship with our Savior as they learn about ways we can share God's love with all those around us.

[Spirit of Service](#)



The Spirit of Service committee is comprised of parent volunteers organizing service opportunities that exist in our local community for children and their parents to contribute their time and efforts acting as the Hands and Feet of Christ as a R.E.A.L. Catholic community while building relationships and participating in active Catholic Stewardship.

Please checkout [Spirit of Service on our webpage!](#)

Growing in Abundant Grace

[Annual Appeal](#)



Our goal is 100% participation. We are currently at 40% participation. Your help will make the difference and help us do even more wonderful things here at Saint John XXIII Catholic School. No matter the amount, every gift counts. Thank you for your continued support.



[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](#)



Our before school running club starts up for 4th Quarter on **Mon. 3/27th** . No sign-up required... All are welcome! We meet most Monday and Thursday mornings at the gate at 7:15 a.m., and run from 7:20-7:40. You can earn cool prizes and get in shape at the same time. Please bring an extra pair of shoes since the field can be wet!

Quarter 4 Schedule:

3/27, 3/30, 4/3, 4/6, 4/10, 4/24, 4/27, 5/1, 5/8, 5/11

Awards- May 19th

Any questions can be directed towards Michele Richardson or Joan Sirven.

Happy Running!

[Nurse Notes](#)



Dear Parents,

Spring is here and so are seasonal allergy symptoms. Numerous students have been experiencing itchy, puffy, tearing eyes, congestion, runny noses, sore throats and coughs. If your child usually takes an antihistamine during Spring please remember to administer daily before school for your child's comfort and ability to focus at school. .

Five Myths About Spring Allergies:

<http://www.allergyasthmanetwork.org/myths-about-spring-allergies/>

If your child has these symptoms for the first time, please consult with your pediatrician or an allergy doctor for suggested treatment.

Thank you.

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN

School Nurse

SCRIP



Are you interested in earning a rebate off of your tuition?

Purchase SCRIP. This last SCRIP year we had multiple families earn over a \$500 rebate off of their tuition.

St. John XXIII Catholic School purchases gift cards (SCRIP) at a discount that you then purchase for face value. The difference is profit for St. John XXIII. The first \$150 in SCRIP profits from purchases a family makes will be directed to the school. After that, the profits will be split: 50% will go to the school and 50% will go towards your tuition rebate. The Scrip Rebate Year runs from Feb.

1 through Jan. 31.

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

[Parish Corner](#)



We welcome Deacon Harold Burke Sivers to our community this week! We are thrilled to have him join us for our Lenten Mission "You Were Made for Greatness".

If you haven't already made plans to join us this week you're not too late!

Please call the parish office 480-905-0221 or visit the website

www.saintbernadette.com for further details and to let us know you plan on coming. ALL are welcome and we hope you'll take part.

Refreshments will be served and there is no cost to attend although a free will offering will be collected for Deacon Harold. We know this is a wonderful addition to the Lenten season and an important time in our Church...Please make time and join us.



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