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**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday, August 11, 2017**

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Welcome back and thank you all for a great week. Your patience with the transition back, drive-through and changes for all the kids with new teachers is very much appreciated and I was pleasantly surprised by how many of you commented on how smooth the first week went. The beginning of the year is always a bit hectic with the kick off of events like our first school Mass and

Bingo Night tonight, but all of the out-pouring of support from volunteers helps to get us all back into the excitement of a new school year. Thank you for loving our community, sharing your gifts, talents, time and your biggest treasures with us each day. Staying positive will always help put the “bumps in the road” into perspective. Your support means the world and your positivity is infectious in your children.

On a separate note I owe one of our new teachers, Sophia Drzewiecki, as well as a couple of our parents an apology. In the Friday email last week, during a momentary lapse in thought, consumed by the always present University of Arizona/Arizona State University rivalry of this great state, I stated that Sophia was a graduate the University of Indiana. Both Indiana University and University of Illinois fans came to her side to correct me in my error. I’ll do better in the future to properly address our mid-west brethren and their alma maters.

All the best for a wonderful year. St. John XXIII, prayer for us!

God Bless,  
Preston Colao  
Principal

## School Notes

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Monday, August 14  
 Parent iPad Training  
 8:00 a.m. & 3:30  
 STEM Lab

Tuesday, August 15  
 Assumption of Mary  
 Mass 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 16

- Safe Environment Training  
 Library 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- 8th Grade Mission Trip Meeting 5:15 p.m. Rm C207
- Curriculum Night
- Grades 6-8 6:00 - 7:00

## Welcome Back Event



B-13. I-25. N-31. G-48. O-56.

It's that time! Bring your family, a light dinner and your competitive spirit and join us this Friday, August 11th for some BINGO!

Doors open at 5 p.m. if you want to arrive early to eat dinner and catch up with your friends. Bingo will begin at 6 p.m. with St. John teachers and staff calling the games., with the evening wrapping up at 7. Will it be the adults or the kids who are the most focused this year? Can't wait to watch the action!

## Faith in Action



School Supply Drive

September 5th through the 8th

Help our school friends at Saint Matthews Catholic School in Downtown

Phoenix start the school year off right with new school supplies! While you are out and about, please consider picking up the following items ONLY: crayons, scissors, colored pencils, regular pencils, erasers, glue sticks, rulers, paints, composition notebooks (not spirals) and backpacks. This drive is sponsored by 2nd grade and they will be assembling school kits to be delivered to Saint Matthews students.

Luke 3:11

He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two tunics should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise."

## 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 our Spirit of Service link on the website for new service opportunities with Harvest Compassion Center located on Tatum and Thunderbird. This is a great way to serve as a family...all school age children are welcome! See the sign up genius link to sign up!

## Volunteer Opportunities

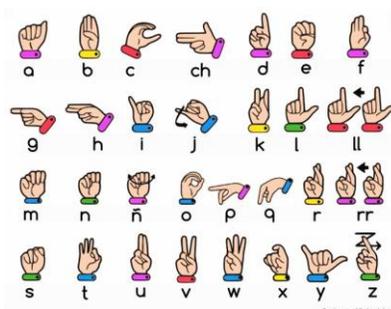


Get a head start on becoming involved next year. To obtain more information on the many volunteer opportunities here at St. John, click the link below.

Someone from the committee will reach out to you to explain more about what the need is.

[Please click here for survey](#)

## [New!! American Sign Language Club](#)



Do you want to learn to talk with your hands? Sign up for our American Sign Language club led by Mrs. Zander and Miss Houck every Thursday starting August 31st. ASL is much more than simply waving your hands in the air. It uses facial expressions, and both body and hand movements when conveying information. In this class you will be learning the alphabet, basic everyday conversational signs, religious signs, prayers, songs and more! For more details and to register, please visit the school website.

## [Choir](#)



All students interested in choir, please meet with Mr. Ramos in his classroom after school on August the 17<sup>th</sup>. Please be prepared to sing something no longer than 30 seconds. Choir rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays from 3PM to 4Pm in the church choir loft. Rehearsals will begin on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August and the choir will sing their first Mass on Wednesday September the 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Hello Pride Families!



Fall sports is just around the corner! We will be holding tryouts for girls volleyball and boys football for 5th-8th grades. Please note the tryout dates below:

**Monday, August 28th: Day ONE Tryout for 7th and 8th graders**

**Tuesday, August 29th: Day TWO Tryout for 7th and 8th graders**

**Wednesday, August 30th: Day ONE Tryout for 5th and 6th graders**

**Thursday, August 31st: Day TWO Tryout for 5th and 6th graders**

**\*\*\*All tryouts will begin at 3:30 PM. Football tryouts will be at Jackrabbit Park, and volleyball tryouts will be held in the gym.**

**PLEASE NOTE, TRYOUT SIGN UPS AND REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH AT 3:30 PM. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR ATHLETICS! You can register ONLINE at: <http://saintjohnxxiii.org/athletics/athletics-registration/>.**

Please contact Coach Preach or Coach Nelson with any questions! We are looking forward to a fun and successful season!

## SCRIP



Welcome Back! Our SCRIP hours are back to normal, so stop by the SCRIP cart to pick up some SCRIP cards for those Back to School needs. Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!

For questions email Pegge Gentry, at [pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org).

**Scrip Sales Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**2:30 – 3:15**

**Friday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**12:15 – 1:00**

**Catholic Education Arizona**



The **final deadline, for the 2017-2018 school year, Catholic Education Arizona scholarship application is August 17, 2017.** The application needs to be completed online and all required tax documentation needs to be uploaded/mailed/faxed **to FAIR by August 17, 2017.** Any student seeking financial aid and/or scholarship assistance must complete this application. A new application must be completed for each school year.



Applications must be completed online at:

[www.fairapp.com](http://www.fairapp.com)

School Code: 700

School Password: cea700

## Nurse Notes



### **Dear Parents,**

Whether you are a new parent or a returning parent, please let me know if your child has any food allergies, asthma, cardiac conditions, diabetes, seizures, anxiety, migraines, depression, heat intolerance and/or any other health concerns in order to provide your child a safe and healthy school year.

If you have a child entering Kindergarten or 6th grade and haven't had your child's immunizations updated, please do so before the first day of school as Arizona law requires your child have proof of all required immunizations or a valid exemption in order to attend the first day of school.

I look forward to seeing you all!

Thank you.

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN

## Parish Corner



Register Now for

St. Bernadette Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We offer sessions for children ages 3 through 12. Level One is designed for children aged 3-Kindergarten. Level Two is designed for children in first through fifth grades;

and, Level Three is designed for children in fourth and fifth grades.

Classes begin August 30th. Details regarding class days, times, and the parent meeting will be given to you upon your registration.

If your child is a student in 2nd or 3rd grade at St. John XXIII Catholic School, information on sacrament registration will be communicated through your child's teacher. For more information, please contact Nohemi Williams at 480/905-4432.

**St. Bernadette EDGE**

EDGE Program & Events (for Middle School) This year you can sign one permission slip and pay one fee to cover all of the Socials, Service Events, and EDGE Night supplies. In addition, any girl who registers will receive a free ticket to the Leah Darrow Talk (a Former Top Model and national speaker). To register your middle school-aged children for EDGE, Please go

to: <https://saintbernadette.weshareonline.org/edgeregistration>.



I Scream, You Scream: We All Scream for ICE CREAM!

FREE ICECREAM will be served by the Knights in the Parish Center after the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, August 19th . Bring your family, beat the heat, and savor the sensation of this cool treat!

## **Altar Server Training Moved to August 26**

St. Bernadette is offering Altar Server Training on Saturday, August 26th from 9:30 am -12:45 PM, with a pizza lunch included. This is the first step necessary for children to become Altar Servers. All children of registered St. Bernadette parishioners, who are in the 4th grade and have received First

Eucharist and Confirmation, are eligible to attend this training. Children whose parents are NOT registered at St. Bernadette, but who are Altar Servers at another parish, can train to become Altar Servers for St. John XXIII school masses only. A special training will be held in September during school hours for these children. For more information, please contact Penny Cunningham at 480/905-4429.



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