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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday, August 18, 2017

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Remember when we grew up poking pinholes in boxes to watch shadows of an eclipse in our own school courtyard? I certainly do; along with remembering the nuns that told us if we looked directly at the sun during an eclipse that our eyes would burn and melt out of our skull. The conversation that day at lunch was awesome as we remembered “that” scene from *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and

thought: “That won’t be me. I’m going to listen to sister!”

On Monday, August 21st our students will have the unique opportunity to view the solar eclipse that happens every few years, just like we did when we were in school. In Arizona, we will only be able to view a partial solar eclipse, which starts at 9:13 a.m. The best viewing opportunity for our students and staff will be at 10:33 a.m., and the eclipse will end at noon. Teachers have planned different opportunities unique to their classroom and level they teach and they have posted those activities on their websites.

To ensure the safety of our students and staff members who will be outside viewing the eclipse, we will be following the instructions of our Diocesan Insurance provider, which are also detailed by NASA on their website’s safety regulations for viewing. Parents will be given the opportunity to opt-out their children from viewing the eclipse if the teacher has planned an outdoor activity. This opt-out email should go directly to your child’s teacher. For students whose parents choose to opt-out of outdoor viewing activities, teachers will provide an alternative learning activity about the eclipse. Some students may be provided with the opportunity to also view the eclipse from their classroom through [NASA’s online broadcast](#) and will have access to interactive web content.

Have a great weekend.

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

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- **Picture Day**
- **Parent iPad Training**
8:00 a.m. STEM Lab

Wednesday, August 16

- **WoW Rosary Cry Room in the Church 8:05**
- **Mass 8:30**
- **Safe Environment Training**
Rms 5 & 6 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- **Curriculum Night for Grades K-5 6:00**

Picture Day



Monday August 21st is picture day!

Students should wear their school uniform.

Please remember to have your child bring in the order form!

Safe Environment



Important:

If you have taken your 3 hour Safe Environment Foundation training and are wanting to complete your Face to Face Interview, [Please click here to schedule a time.](#)

[Thank You!](#)



A big thank you to our community for our first community event of the year. BINGO was well attended, and we loved seeing everyone play games and socialize. Our Student Leaders deserve to be recognized for their enthusiasm and support throughout the evening. What a great group of young men and women. Keep an eye out for future events, and we'll see you there!

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!

[Ways of Worship](#)



First Grade retreat will be taking place on Thursday September 21st! Be on the lookout for more information. If you are the parent of a 1st grader and would like to volunteer to help, please contact Patti Jasinski at pjasinski@popejohnxxiii.org. Many Thanks and God Bless!

***Save the Date!**

Moms Morning Retreat

Thursday September 28th

8:30am to 10:30am

We will begin our time together by attending Mass at 8:30. The morning will end at 10:30.

Join us as we look for inspiration and encouragement in Mary's example as a generous, all giving mother. Everyone is invited...ALL are welcome!

Student Leadership



This was a great week for Student Leadership! All of our committees have had their first meetings and are in the process of making plans for the school year! Students will be reaching out to our teachers, students, families and community for ways to answer God's call for us to serve! Its going to be a great year for leadership and we have a fantastic group of students to follow! Next week, Helping Hands will be making cards for "Feeding

Matters"..a non profit organization that helps families with children who are struggling with feeding issues due to being developmentally disabled. They will also be starting our on campus recycle program back up again! Go Leadership PRIDE!

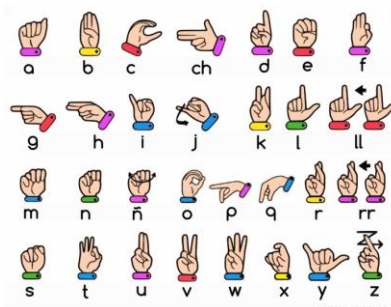
Volunteer Opportunities



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.



ENRICHMENT CLASSES!!!

Online Registration NOW Open for ENRICHMENT CLASSES!!!

Register Now for SESSION **ONE!** Our **First** session of the school year.

Session ONE starts the week of AUG. 28 and runs until NOV 17!

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 **ONE**:

MONDAYS: **Chess Emporium**

TUESDAYS: **Drama / NEW! Codakid-Minecraft (gr. 1-4)**

WEDNESDAYS: **Bricks4Kidz / Young Rembrandts**

THURSDAYS: **NEW! i9 Sports / HSPT Tutoring (grades 7-8)**

FRIDAYS: **Cheerleading / Crazy Cool Science**

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

**** Flyers available in the school office.**

[Athletics](#)



Hello Pride Families!

Fall sports is just over a week away! 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 be 3:30-5:00 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!

A special message from Coach Preach:

ALL 5-8 grade students! Coach Preach will be holding a **FREE volleyball skills clinic next Friday, August 25th from 2:00-3:30 PM in the gym.** The clinic will be open to both **BOYS and GIRLS** wanting to learn volleyball skills, or "tune up" for tryouts.

All you need to do is drop-in for the clinic, no sign-up necessary! Please

contact Coach Preach for any questions.

[RUN WITH PRIDE!!](#)

Our before school running club starts September 5th!

No sign-up required... Students from all grades are welcome to come any or all of the dates below! We will meet on Tuesday 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 1 Schedule:

September- 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28

October- 3, 5, 10, 12

Awards- October 20th at Courtyard Prayer

Any questions can be directed towards Kristen Peach or Joan Sirven.

Happy Running!

[SCRIP](#)



Fry's Community Rewards Program

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3,

Simple as Do, Re, Mi,

A, B, C, 1, 2, 3,

If you shop at Fry's please link your card to St. John XXIII, and our school will benefit. If you are already enrolled no need to re-enroll.

*Go to: <https://www.FrysCommunityRewards.com>

*Under Select Your Organization: Select: Blessed Pope John XXIII.

For questions email Pegge Gentry, at 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

School Code: 700

School Password: cea700

[Nurse Notes](#)



Dear New and Returning Parents,

Our school follows the Diocesan School Wellness Policy. When your child has a birthday that you want to celebrate with the class, please ask your teacher what is appropriate. Snacks must have minimal sugar, so please no cupcakes, brownies, cookies, candy or any sweets with high sugar content.

In addition, due to the diverse multitude of children with food allergies all snacks need to be store-bought and packaged with an ingredient label. Creative non-food celebrations such as new pencils, erasers or anything you find in the party section of the store are just as fun.

Thank you for working together with us!

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN

School Nurse

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



You are invited to join us for Water Wars

August 25th: 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Pizza, Games, Friends and Water Games

Band: Mary Castner Band

Keynote Speaker: Beth Davis (Blessed is She Ministry)

Membership Levels: Annual \$135/ Semester \$75/ Onetime Event: \$20

You will get wet.

To Register go to:

<https://saintbernadette-re.formstack.com/forms/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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