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**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday, August 4, 2017**

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

While it has been a wonderfully restful and productive summer at Saint John XXIII, we have truly been missing the students each day as we edge closer to opening. Today our faculty took the day to retreat and reflect on our mission as educators as well as to refocus on the important vocation we undertake. In the meantime, I wanted to take this opportunity to share my excitement in the

new faces and some of the changes we are welcoming to our community and ask for your prayers as we begin a new school year.

Please join me in welcoming some new and wonderful staff to our community as well as some returning staff to new roles:

- Victoria Anania comes to us from South Bend, Indiana where she taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School. She has Bachelor's degree from the Holy Cross College in Notre Dame, Indiana and will be a wonderful addition to our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team for the coming year. She brings with her great experience in Catholic schools and will be a perfect fit for our program.
- We are very lucky to also announce the addition of Kristen Butler as our new Director of Community Development. Kristen is a parent of two boys here at St. John's and has served in the past as the school's HSA president for two years. A graduate of St. Mary of the Woods College in Indiana, Kristen has a BA in journalism and has worked in sales, marketing, and event planning over the years, bringing with her a wealth of talents that will directly benefit our community. Those of you that know her know how much of a friendly person she is and how much she loves our school.
- Sophia Drzewiecki is a recent graduate of the University of Indiana with a BA in early childhood education. She has served most recently at Notre Dame Catholic School in Michigan City, IN teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and will be a great addition to our second grade team here.
- Elisabeth Jenkins will become part of our 4<sup>th</sup> grade team as Mrs. Johnson moves to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to replace Mrs. Marshall in her retirement. Elisabeth joins us from Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Tucson where she taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Prior to that, Elisabeth spent ten

years teaching for Flowing Wells School District in Tucson. A graduate of the University of Arizona, College of Education, Elisabeth brings with her a vast amount of experience and has been working with Mrs. Hiland all summer in preparation for the first day of school.

- Taylor Nelson also joins our PE department as a teacher and boys' Athletic Director. A graduate from Grand Canyon University with both his BA and MA degrees, Taylor most recently worked at Desert Heights Prep teaching K-8 P.E., but also still serves as the Varsity Hockey coach for Brophy Prep.
- Kristen Preach comes to us from St. Thomas the Apostle in Phoenix where she was girls' A.D. as well as a computer and P.E. teacher. Prior to that position, she worked at St. Jerome's in Phoenix as their P.E. teacher. She will teach P.E. and serve as the director of girls' athletics. Kristen is a graduate of Xavier Prep and Grand Canyon University where she earned a M.A. in Education and played volleyball as an undergraduate.
- Eric Ramos joins us as our new music teacher and Director of Sacred Music for the parish. Eric comes to us from most recently Peoria School District where he has been teaching general music education to grades K-5 and prior to that from Tucson, where he was Director of Music at Saint Gianna and taught music at Immaculate Heart Catholic High School. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and is wrapping up a Masters' degree in Education/Administration and another in Music. He is an accomplished organist and has trained as an opera voice. He has 10+ years' experience teaching in Catholic schools and directing Church choirs.

As we settle in over the coming days, secure in their mission to educate our

young learners in Christ's lessons and the mission of the Church, please keep all of the staff and their work in your prayers and feel free to reach out to them; they are always looking for dedicated volunteers to help.

God Bless,  
Preston Colao  
Principal

## School Notes

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### Important Dates

#### **Monday, August 7**

Orientation (See Below)

Wednesday, August 9

Ways of Worship Rosary 8:00 a.m.

Cry Room-Church

Thursday, August 10

Safe Environment Training 9:30 a.m.

Rooms 5 & 6 Parish Center

Friday, August 11

Bingo 5:00

Gym

## Orientation



Orientation

Monday, August 7

Uniforms are NOT mandatory on Orientation Day and Ice-Cream will be served throughout the day!

Please bring a piece of recess equipment (jump ropes, hula hoops, basketballs, volleyballs, soccer balls, footballs, frisbees, etc) that your child would enjoy using at school recess time!

### **Kindergarten**

You will be receiving an introduction e-mail from your kindergarten teacher during the week of July 31st.

### **Grades K- 4**

In order to allow more quality classroom time with your child's teacher and to avoid any parking issues, we are asking families to please come to the Orientation anytime during the time periods listed below based on your child's last name.

A - E	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
F - L	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
M - R	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
S - Z	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### **Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8**

**BOTH students and parents need to attend together.** Students/Parents should report to the student's first period class during the time indicated above, according to the student's last name.

First period classes will be posted in the courtyard.

The following will be covered at the orientation:

Meeting the Teacher

Desk Assignment

Signing iPad contract which includes authorizing the \$250.00 non-refundable iPad fee to be charged to your FACTS account (Contract must be signed by both Student and Parent/Guardian)

Receiving iPad/case

If you have a conflict with a session time, please e-mail Bonnie Brillas, at [bbrillas@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:bbrillas@saintjohnxxiii.org) stating the session you would like to attend.

[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](#)

## 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**

## 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



Wanna be an Altar Server?

St. Bernadette Altar Server Training Scheduled for August 19th

Foundation training for new Altar Servers is scheduled on Saturday, August 19th 9:15—1:30 pm. The training covers the basics of the liturgy, the role of the Altar Server in the Mass, and includes Safe Environment Training as required by the Diocese of Phoenix. After completion of Foundation training, the new Altar Servers receive more on-the-job training during a three-month shadow program.

St. Bernadette has one of the largest and most successful Altar Server programs in the Diocese, with nearly 120 children serving at parish and school masses.

Children wishing to become Altar Servers must meet the following criteria:

- Be in 3rd grade or higher

- Have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation
- Their family must be registered at St. Bernadette; OR, the child must be a student at St. John XXIII School

Anyone interested in attending the training must register by contacting Penny Cunningham at 480/905-4429 or via email at: [volunteers@saintbernadette.com](mailto:volunteers@saintbernadette.com)



## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

### **SUMMER CLASSES AT ST. BERNADETTE**

Please consider joining one of our upcoming classes. We'd love to have you!

Contact us to enroll and for book ordering information.

Wednesday Mornings beginning August 16. 20 Sessions 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Contact: Carla Kruk 602-881-7727

### **EPHESIANS** by Jeff Cavins

Tuesday Mornings beginning September 12. 8 Sessions 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Contact: Susan Cefalu 602-350-9107



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