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**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Monday, July 31, 2017**

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

To say things have been busy throughout the summer would be an understatement. In fact, some of the projects are still developing even as we are set to this week.

Among some of the changes either all ready to go or completing in the next few weeks:

- ALL NEW LUNCH ROOM TABLES! Last year we had the amazing addition of an indoor lunch room for the students. This year, thanks to the hard work of our dinner auction committee as well as the generosity of our community, we have purchased all new lunch room tables. The old ones will be permanently moved back outside for other events and the kids will get much sturdier and safer new tables for the cafeteria/hall space.
- A SAFER COURTYARD – we have spent much of the summer either chopping out uneven concrete or grinding it down so that we have a trip-free surface for our kids.
- A NEW SHADE STRUCTURE – with the repairs to the concrete and the removal of the two trees that caused so much damage to the courtyard, we have extended our shade structure to help protect our kids during courtyard prayer and assemblies outside.
- AN ENTIRELY OVERHAULED CAMPUSWIDE WI-FI SYSTEM – The entire Wi-Fi system on the campus has been replaced to improve Wi-Fi reception, and speed for the now over 700 devices in use on campus at any point in the day. The \$250,000 project will update all of our wireless points and provide new servers to handle the load and stress we put on it as kids move throughout the campus to different classes and all want to perform down and up loads throughout their day.
- NEW AIR CONDITIONERS – As we have been doing each year, we replaced a handful more of the 20+ year old air conditioners with new models to improve efficient and dependability

- A REPAINTED AND REFINISHED GYM FLOOR – They got the color right THIS time to match our navy blue school color and have resurfaced the space for the coming athletic year
- NEW PLAYGROUND STENCILS – Thanks to our class of 2017, a variety of new playground games have been stenciled throughout the campus for our little ones to enjoy for years to come.
- A SAFER FENCE ON THE FIELD – we have added and amended fencing to the west side of the field to provide a much safer and far more secure campus for our kids as well as to improve access for fire and police departments through their main gate.
- NEW STUDENT ASSESSMENTS – The Diocese has extended their contract with ITBS for the coming year which will include our usual assessment in September along with a move of that test as well to a spring time testing moving forward. To have a second data piece, more meaningful to parents and to help address our accreditation goal to improve science performance in our students, we are also contracting with the MAPS assessment to replace the ACT/Aspire. The assessment will provide far more useful tools to parents and teacher to better support our students' grow. More details on the test will follow in the coming months.

All of this is certainly exciting news, but nothing to rest on as we continue to move into another year at Saint John XXIII. I thank all of you for your support and look forward to sharing additional news with you as we move through the upcoming months and as other developments with our plans begin to take shape.

We are opening this year, yet again, at almost total capacity and wait lists in over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the grades all thanks to the laudable work of our teachers, dedication of our students and the help of our parents who have made it a point of sharing their experiences at Saint John with friends to help grow our community. Thank you all for the heartfelt recommendations. We could not be more in your debt.

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. 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.

## [2017-2018 Calendar](#)



Please [click here](#) for a copy of the school calendar for next year.

## 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](#)





## SCRIP Summer Hours

SCRIP will be available during the summer, so stop by and pick up some SCRIP cards for those summer pool party 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 JULY Sales Hours:**

**SCRIP will be available the week of July 17 and July 24**

**Tuesday's & Thursday's**

**9:00 – 11:00**

**\*Please note that SCRIP will not be available the first 2 weeks of July.**

## [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

School Nurse

## [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

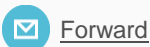
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