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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday September 15, 2017

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

I truly do not know where to begin this week. Thank you all for the wonderful prayers, support, kindness, and understanding in this tragedy for our community. We have a long road ahead of grief and a hole that will never be filled losing our Good Shepherd so quickly and unexpectedly.

Those of you that knew Fr. Pete, knew how much he loved the kids and the community and wanted nothing but the best for everyone. His vision for this parish and school were unparalleled and his generosity was legendary. Although it's nearly impossible to not feel devastated by his loss, we must try to find solace in the promise of everlasting life that Fr. Pete now enjoys. So often these past few days we have found ourselves in the office and on campus remembering the shared stories of Fr. Pete using those memories to move forward.

If you never heard it, Fr. Pete had one of the most infectious, out-loud laughs you'll ever in your life hear. His love for the Red Sox and Rams was paralleled only by his joy in giving me a hard time about the Yankees and his cravings for French Silk pie from Village Inn. He was always overjoyed when he saw the little ones on campus and was never more proud then when he spoke to so many of our students over the years who asked him about their own discernment of religious life. He loved sharing his photography exploits almost as much as he loved talking about new tech or movies. He was a dedicated son and nephew, taking his aunt to Bed Bath and Beyond on almost every day he had off and being there for his dad whenever he was needed. To say we will miss him will never be enough!

Details on the visitation, funeral and interment are below. Because of the events, we will be having a shortened day next Thursday, September 21 and we will be closed on Friday, September 22. All of the information regarding this, as well as athletic changes and campus access is below.

Please continue to keep Fr. Pete and his family in your prayers. May eternal rest be granted to him and may God's eternal light shine upon him.

**God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal**

The visitation for Fr. Pete will take place at St. Bernadette Roman Catholic Church on Thursday, September 21, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. with a Vigil/Rosary at 7:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at Saint Bernadette on Friday, September 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. A reception in celebration of Fr. Rossa's life will immediately follow. The Rite of Committal will take place on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at National Cemetery. Please meet at 9:45 a.m. at Hansen Mortuary if you would like to be part of the motorcade procession.

Saint John XXIII will close early on Thursday, September 21st. We will have a 1:00--1:10--1:20 dismissal. We will be closed on Friday, September 22nd.

Thank you.

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- Wednesday, Sept. 20
- **School Mass cancelled due to Priest Convocation**
- Thursday, Sept. 21
- **1st grade retreat**
 - **Dismissal 1:00-1:10-1:20**
- Friday, Sept. 22
- **School Closed**

[Resources for parents](#)

This has been a very difficult week for all of us here in our Saint John XXIII school community as we mourn the loss of our beloved pastor and spiritual leader, Father Peter Rossa. With services planned for next week, we anticipate yet another challenging time.

[Attached please find a resource](#) that families may refer to when preparing our children for next week's upcoming events.

Know that we are here to help you in anyway we can, whether it be for you or your child. As a community, we can support each other on this journey.

Mary Hepsen, M.Ed., M.S.Ed.

Certified School Psychologist

Volunteer Parent Meeting

**TOGETHER WE CAN
DO SO MUCH MORE.**

The meeting you have been waiting for is finally here! All of our St. John event chairs will be on hand, Monday, Sept. 18th at 8:15 in Rooms 5 & 6 to share details about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Are you curious as to what Harvest Fest is all about? Have you never heard of Staff Luncheons? Let us educate you. We only have one meeting a semester to make best use of your time, so you don't want to miss this one!

RenWeb



Thank you to all the families that have confirmed their information in our RenWeb database. For those that have not...Please do so ASAP. This is the system that we use for an emergency alert as well as the information for the school

directory. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie in the office or

bbrillas@saintjohnxxiii.org

Athletics



Hello Pride Families! We just completed our first week of C.Y.A.A. competition! Here are the results from our St. John XXIII athletic teams:

8th Grade: No games this week but plays their first game on Wednesday next week vs All Saints

7th Grade:

vs Christ Lutheran-Won

vs St. Theresa-Lost

6th Grade:

vs St. Thomas-Won

vs St. Simon and Jude-Won

5th Grade:

Vs St. Thomas-Won

vs St. Thomas-Lost

8th Grade Vball:

vs. St. Francis 7/8 - WON

vs. St. Francis 8th- lost

7th Grade Vball:

vs. St. Thomas the Apostle-WON

vs. Christ Lutheran- WON

6th Grade Vball:

vs. Annunciation- WON

vs. St. Thomas the Apostle- lost

vs. St. Francis- lost

5th Grade Vball:

vs. Mt. Carmel- WON

vs. Christ Lutheran- WON

Come out and support our athletes! You can find an updated schedule through the school calendar as well as the PE teacher website.

Go Pride!

[Spirit of Service](#)



Are you looking for service hours?? Check on our website under Spirit of Service and take a look at our upcoming ways to serve with other Saint John families! Opportunities are posted for Harvest Compassion Center, Miracle League and Saint Vincent de Paul. If you have an organization that you like to volunteer at, let us know! We'd love to add it to our list of opportunities!

Ways of Worship



Mom's Morning with "Momnipotent"

Thursday September 28th. We will begin with Mass at 8:30 followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

Your non-school age little ones are welcome. Please click on the link for a preview of what "Momnipotence" is and see the sign up genius if you are interested in attending. We will excitedly to be in touch...

<https://youtu.be/TG-cHdZHqL4>

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4DAAA92CA7FF2-moms>

First Grade Spiritual Retreat

"Healing Little Hurts"

Thursday September 21

8:00am to 12:00pm

Please contact Patti Jasinski with questions or to volunteer!

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- 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



We have AJ's/Bashas reloadable gift cards. Purchase a reloadable AJ's/Bashas gift card for \$10 from the SCRIP table. AJ's/Bashas stores will donate 6% of what you spend on your grocery purchases to St. John XXIII Catholic School. Simply reload your card at the cashier/customer service prior to making your purchases.

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

Nurse Notes



Dear Parents,

As you know, we have numerous students with severe food allergies. For their safety and the safety of their siblings and friends in carpool who may have food allergies, our students are not to eat any snack at dismissal, in the holding room, or in the parking lot . It is our responsibility as a community to keep our students safe as they are dismissed for home or carpool and not put anyone at risk for having a severe food allergy reaction in the car ride home warranting a trip to the ER.

Here is a great 2 minute video from NIH about "Understanding Food Allergies".
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKVjKC3u9hk&sns=emom/watch?v=AKVjKC3u9hk&sns=em>

Thank you for keeping our students safe.

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN

Parish Corner



Attention 5th, 7th & 8th Graders:

You are invited to help out with creating gift baskets for the St. Bernadette Homebound on Tuesday (9/12) or Wednesday (9/13) See Sign up Genius for more information.

Tuesday, 6:30pm – 8:20pm

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4fada722a2f49-thinking1>

Wednesday, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4fada722a2f49-thinking2>

All Families are invited to join us for XLT on September 24th:

Includes free Dinner, great music and dynamic speaker. The 1st one in September 24th with Fr. John Parks.

Here is a Fr. Parks Youtube video: <https://youtu.be/LixacwABDY>

6:15pm – 8:15pm

Begins in the Ramada

Click here to RSVP <https://saintbernadette-re.formstack.com/forms/xlt>



Parish XLT
UNFINISHED
Music | Message | Messiah

LIFE TEEN EDGE

Sunday, September 24th
6:15pm - 8:15pm.
Includes Free Dinner
Keynote: Fr. John Parks, Vicar of Evangelization
Music | Message | Message



Sunday, November 5th
6:15pm - 8:15pm.
Includes Free Dinner
Keynote: Jason Evert, Chasity Project
Music | Message | Message



Sunday, February 25th
6:15pm - 8:15pm.
Includes Free Dinner
Keynote: Joel Stephanek, Life Teen
Music | Message | Message



For more information: <http://news.saintbernadette.com/xlt>
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