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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Thursday October 12, 2017

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

This week's email letter will be coming directly to you as a separate email. The letter contains very important information about our school and tuition which we would ask all of you to read.

Thanks for your support and enjoy the break!

God Bless

Preston Colao

Principal

School Notes

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Important Dates

Friday, October 13

School Closed

Monday 16 and Tuesday 17

School Closed

Wednesday, Oct. 18

WoW Rosary Cry Room 8:05

Mass 8:30

Thursday, Oct. 19

QTR. 1 Report Cards Posted

Friday, Oct. 20

Crazy Sock and Crazy Shoe Day

Last Chance



We hope to have our school directory available on RenWeb next week!!!

This is your final opportunity to review information that will be published....For example, if you want your address hidden.

Please tell your friends!!!

If you have any difficulty logging on, PLEASE contact Bonnie Brillas

bbrillas@saintjohnxxiii.org

Uniforms



Sweat shirts are now available to purchase. Order forms are available on our website.

[Please click here...](#) Delivery will be in approximately 3 weeks.

Long sleeve polos are in stock and available to purchase.

Harvest Fest



Thank you to all who submitted Pumpkin Pictures for Harvest Fest. Winners will be announced at next week's courtyard prayer!

Crazy Sock & Crazy Shoe Day



Principal for a Day, Miss Willis, has declared that Friday, October 20th shall be Crazy Sock & Crazy Shoe Day. She kindly asks for a donation of \$1.00, with proceeds being donated to all hurricane victims.

Veterans Day Ceremony



We invite all current and retired military personnel to attend a very special ceremony honoring your service to our country. Please join us on **Friday, November 10th** with a reception at 7:30 a.m, and school wide ceremony at 8:30 a.m. Kindly RSVP to kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org or call (480)905-0939 so we may better prepare. [Click HERE](#) for event details.

Faith in Action



4th Grade Sock Drive

October 18-26

Help our 4th graders be the hands of Christ as they host a sock drive to benefit Shoebox Ministries. This organization coordinates the collection and distribution of toiletry items and socks for people experiencing homelessness and others who need but cannot afford hygiene items. Simple acts such as this, contribute to helping those in need, maintain their basic human dignity. Our students are asking for donations of mens socks in particular. When you are out and about, pick up a pack of socks for our awesome 4th graders and their sock drive! **Students will be curbside beginning Wednesday.** Thank you and God Bless!

Water donations for Harvest Festival

Calling ALL families of 8th graders and student leaders!

Please bring in a case or 2 of water for Harvest Festival! 8th grade and Student Leadership is in charge of food and beverage. Funds raised go

towards this year and next year's 8th grade Mission Trip and helps to keep our costs down for this amazing experience! Please leave donations in the front office and write your name on the case..Many Thanks to everyone!!!

October is Respect Life Month!

Friday October 27th

Buck-an-Orange and Black accessory Day!!

October is annually observed as Respect Life Month in Catholic Churches across our nation. This provides a wonderful opportunity for all of us to teach children and youth the truth about the dignity of the human person. Human life is under constant attack in our culture today; from the moment of conception to natural death. Life is threatened because we no longer understand what it means to be human, and what our humanity calls forth from us in our responsibility to care for other persons. John Paul II in his encyclical the Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae, EV) tells us that "For the Christian, it is an absolute imperative to respect, love and promote the life of every brother and sister, in accordance with the requirements of God's bountiful love in Jesus Christ." n. 77

Please join us by observing Respect Life Month and by participating on **Friday October 27th** (Harvest Festival Day) and wearing Orange and Black accessories as our Pride Day Buck-an-Orange and Black accessory day! For the

donation of \$1.00, we can once again BE the hands and feet of Christ. Our goal for our 600 students...\$600.00! All donations will go to support HOPEMOBILE. The HOPEMOBILE provides pro-life healthcare services throughout Maricopa County.

Thank you in advance and God Bless!

Spirit of Service



Feed My Starving Children

Join our Saint John XXIII food-packing event at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). You're essential in helping get nutritious meals to starving kids worldwide. What a great way to serve others as a community!! All school age children and families welcome. What a great way to kick off our Thanksgiving season! Hope to see you there!

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22ND

3:30 TO 5:30

[Please click here](#)

Ways of Worship



Mom's Morning #2

"The Power of Purpose"

The feminine strength of self-knowledge

Thursday November 2, 2017

8:00am to 11:00

We invite you to join us for session 2 of "Momnipotent". No worries if you missed our first one...jump in anytime. Please feel free to bring a friend! Everyone is invited and all are welcome. We will be exploring the dignity, power and strength inherent in the role of "mother" and the many ways we are called to live out this role in our lives. Please see the sign up genius and we hope to see you there!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4DAAA92CA7FF2-momnipotent1>

[Community Corner](#)



Stronger Together

Did you catch the news? Our Annual Appeal has officially launched! Your child will have brought home a letter from Mr. Colao this week, and check your mailbox for your official Pledge Card for the SJ Annual Appeal.

If you were reading closely, you might have caught the surprise that we will be putting all of our focus on the Annual Appeal this year. There WILL be an adults only event in Spring to celebrate our community's achievements, but it won't be fundraiser driven. We can't wait to share more about that in the coming weeks.

We encourage you to keep an eye on THIS AREA, because next week, we will be sharing a surprise for Annual Appeal donors. HINT... highly coveted.

See you next week!

[Christmas Card Art Contest](#)



St. John is pleased to announce that the annual Christmas Card Contest is officially open! We invite current students to create an original work of religious themed art, with the winning piece being used for the school's Christmas card. Lower grades will have the opportunity to work on their piece in art class, while upper grades can create on their own time. Deadline is TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST. Please click [HERE](#) for all the rules and further details. We cannot wait to see your masterpieces!

[RUN WITH PRIDE!!](#)



RUN WITH PRIDE

1st Quarter Runner Awards- October 20th at Courtyard Prayer!

Our before school running club starts again on October 24th. 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 2 Schedule:

October- 24, 26, 31

Nov. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 28, 30

Dec. 5, 7

Awards Dec. 15th- at Courtyard Prayer

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

Happy Running!

SCRIP



Trick or Treaters will be ringing your doorbell, sooner than you know.

Be prepared.

We carry cards for Target, Walmart, Fry's, Safeway and many other retailers, so you can stock up on Halloween treats. You can purchase SCRIP cards from us using, check, cash or your FACTS account.

Just a reminder, if you have a Bashas/AJ's card with a balance, to use it at least once every 12 months to avoid a \$2 per month dormancy fee.

Scrip Sales Hours:

Wednesday - Friday

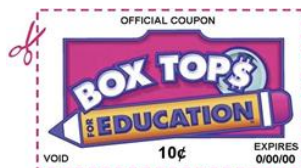
7:30 – 8:15

2:30 – 3:15

Friday

7:30 – 8:15

12:15 – 1:00



It's Box Top clipping time!

Help our school reach our goal of collecting 15,000 Box Tops. Just by clipping Box Tops and sending them into school, we earn cash. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products. Turn in your Box Tops to your homeroom teacher by October 20.

[Nurse Notes](#)



Influenza--It's Time to Get the Flu Vaccine for Your Children and Family!

Getting a flu shot can improve your chance of not catching the flu as well as protect others with weak immune systems who are not able to have a vaccine for medical reasons. Current flu vaccines prevent many strains of influenza that are prevalent Fall through Spring. For more info. go

to: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

Thank you.

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN

Parish Corner



This weekend is the Annual Parish Stewardship Fair! The theme of this year's Fair is to "Open your heart to one new ministry." The Fair is open after every mass in the Parish Hall and all are welcome. Stop by for a glass of wine during Evening Hospitality on Saturday or Sunday night; or, come to the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after Sunday morning masses. Be sure to join us for this fun and informative event.

*Thank
you* 

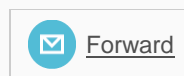
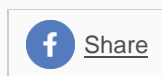
Dear Friends,

In my heart there are many things I want to share with you. I want to tell you that you are loved and that you have touched my heart with your care and compassion. I wish to say that in all my years on this earth I have never witnessed such selfless acts of goodness as I have seen the last few weeks. I want to say that I too, like you, miss our dear pastor Fr. Pete, but find comfort

in the knowledge he lives in Christ. I want you to know that the kind texts, emails, handwritten cards and letters that have accompanied hugs, prayers and food...all have meant the world to not only me, but to the staff, the Rossa family and the community itself. I wish there was a way to share with you adequately that your faith has been a source of strength and inspiration that mere words will not do justice. I want you to know that in the midst of this sadness and difficulty I have been also overwhelmed by the sense of great gratitude for the abundant blessings this beautiful St. Bernadette Community is in my life.

Thank you just doesn't seem enough to convey all that is in my heart and yet, it is what I say to each of you. You are beautiful and special and always in my prayers. Thank you for everything.

Deacon Al



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