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**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday October 20, 2017**

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

To say our days are busy is probably an understatement for parents, especially if you have multiple kids. Homework, sports, dance, scouts, activities, volunteering, parish commitments, wedding in eating somewhere; the list never seems to end. The coming weeks for us are no different.

We have been trying to provide more opportunities for families to spend time together in the community and the next few weeks is chock full of some of those events. Next week brings playoffs for 7 & 8 grade volleyball and football, Tuesday night's Protecting Our Children in the Digital Age presentation for parents and middle schoolers, Harvest Festival for the entire family Friday night; all of which is followed closely in the coming weeks by: a second Mom's retreat, a parish Edge Middle School Neon Dance, Fall conferences, a Veteran's Day Ceremony, Mother/Son Outing, the Thanksgiving food drive, our annual Open House for new families, and Grandparent/Great-friend Day. Quite the line-up!

We have links below for you to register for some of these events.

Hopefully you can schedule in some time for these events in between all of the other commitments and your second jobs as the family's unpaid Uber service.

God Bless,  
Preston Colao  
Principal

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Other links will be in future Friday emails.

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### Important Dates

Tuesday, Oct. 24

**Protecting Their  
Innocence in a Digital World**  
Parish Hall 5:30-7:30

Wednesday, Oct. 25

WoW Rosary Cry Room 8:05  
Mass 8:30

Friday, Oct. 27

EXTENDED DAY ENDS AT 5:00  
HARVEST FESTIVAL 6:00

Thursday, Nov. 2

Momnipotent Retreat  
(see below in Ways of Worship)

Nov. 6-10

Dismissal 11:50--12:00--12:10  
Fall Conferences  
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## Harvest Fest



Saint John Families! Don't forget next Friday is our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Festival. Please make sure to turn in your registration form by next Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup>. Wristbands and vouchers will be sent home on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> with your oldest child. We still need volunteers! Please make sure you check your teacher's webpage for the sign up genius or click below. Thank you again and we are excited for a fulfilled evening!

[Please click here to register](#)

Harvest Festival Committee: Jackie Gherna -- Angela Zufall -- Katherina Messina

## Harvest Festival Cake Walk



Calling all Saint John families! The Cake Walk is one of the most popular events at the Harvest Festival and we need your help! Please bring in donations of

store bought baked goods next week on Thursday and Friday. We love cakes, cookies, brownies, breads, and cupcakes!!! Volunteers will be collecting the items at drop off on Thursday and Friday, or they can be dropped off in the school office.

Thank you in advance, your 4<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom moms!

### **Schoolwide Sign Up Genius: Volunteers Needed**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/ Harvest Volunteers>

Sign Up Genius by Grade and Classroom:

K1: Cordier <http://www.signupgenius.com/ K1> 2C: Deye <http://www.signupgenius.com/ 2C>

K2: Mrs. Zander <http://www.signupgenius.com/ K2> 3A: Wetter <http://www.signupgenius.com/ 3A>

K3: Carlson <http://www.signupgenius.com/K3> 3B: Anania <http://www.signupgenius.com/ 3B>

1A: Herrera <http://www.signupgenius.com/ 1A> 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: <http://www.signupgenius.com/ 4 A & 4 B>

1B: Hack <http://www.signupgenius.com/ 1B> 5A: Beckwith <http://www.signupgenius.com/ 5A>

1C: Danaher <http://www.signupgenius.com/1C> 5B: Kusbel <http://www.signupgenius.com/ 5B>

2A: Drzewiecki 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

[http://www.signupgenius.com/ 2A](http://www.signupgenius.com/2A)

[http://www.signupgenius.com/ 6th Grade](http://www.signupgenius.com/6thGrade)

2B: Johnson

7<sup>th</sup> Grade:

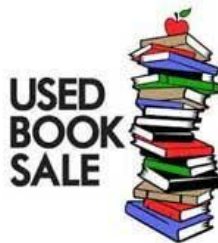
<http://www.signupgenius.com/2B>

[http://www.signupgenius.com/ 7th Grade](http://www.signupgenius.com/7thGrade)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

[http://www.signupgenius.com/ 8th Grade](http://www.signupgenius.com/8thGrade)

## ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE



**Hoping to clear some space on your shelves? Have books that another family or friend might enjoy? Looking for something to spark the interest of the little readers in your family?**

**The Saint John XXIII Used Book Sale is just around the corner! You can participate by donating to and shopping at the Used Book Sale. Proceeds from the sale will directly support our school library.**

**What: Annual Saint John XXIII Used Book Sale**

**When: November 6 - 10**

**Where: School Courtyard (in front of the library)**

**Donations of used books for all ages are welcome and will be accepted in the office or library beginning October 30.**

**\*Please make sure books are in gently used condition and the content is appropriate for our school campus.**

**Questions? Contact Mrs. Houck in the library or Sarah Kyle**

at [sarahmkyle@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahmkyle@yahoo.com).

## [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](mailto:kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org) or call (480)905-0939 so we may better prepare. [Click HERE](#) for event details.**

## [Mother/Son Outing](#)



**Calling all moms! Who is up for a night with their best guy(s)? Mark your calendars for Friday, November 17th and grab some friends because we are going miniature golfing and more at this year's Mother/Son Outing. This all-inclusive event in a wide-open space will be sure to tire everyone out by the end of the evening. [Please return your Registration Form to the office by 11/10](#) to reserve your date night space at CrackerJax!**

## 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 next week.** 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**

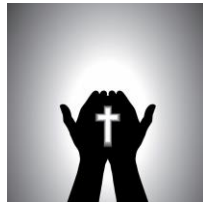
**Join our Saint John XXIII food-packing event at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). You're essential in helping get nutritious meals to starving kids worldwide. What a great way to serve others as a community!! All school age children and families welcome. What a great way to kick off our Thanksgiving 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 notice that we have one Reserved Parking space still open? And are you wondering how the much coveted Reserved Parking spaces will be filled for the 2018-19 school year with no Auction? We are going to have on-line blind auctions for these items and more in the coming weeks for those folks who are planning on donating to the Annual Appeal!**

**Start paying closer attention to school emails on Wednesdays. Details for acquiring parking spots, front row concert seats and more will be laid out then. Contact [kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org) or Call Kristen (480)905-0939 if you can't stand the suspense.**

## [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!**

## [Sports Update](#)



**Pride Families,**

**We would like to thank you all for your support of our fall athletic teams. Our boys football teams and girls volleyball teams for both 7th and 8th grade will be competing in the C.Y.A.A. tournament beginning Monday, October 23rd. We have attached tournament brackets for your reference!**

[7th Grade 2017 Volleyball 14 Team Double Elimination Bracket](#)

[Large School Volleyball 13 Team Double Elimination Bracket 2017](#)

[Football Revised 8th Grade Fall Tournament bracket \(1\)](#)

[Football Tournament Bracket and Info 2017-2018](#)

**We also are announcing that winter sports practices for girls softball and boys basketball will begin Monday, November 6th and end Thursday, November 9th. Coach Preach is looking for softball coaches for ALL GRADES (5-8). Coach Nelson is looking for coaches for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Please let coaches know if you are interested in coaching this year.**

**GO PRIDE!**

**[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



### **Rosary Sunday Celebration**

Sunday is the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual celebration in Phoenix of Rosary Sunday. Parishes from around the diocese will be represented by their Altar Servers and families at the event, which will be held at the Phoenix Convention Center, from 2pm – 4:15 pm. Several Altar Servers from St. Bernadette will take part in this year's celebration.

### **Baby Bottle Drive Ending**

If you picked up a baby bottle during our annual Baby Bottle Drive, which benefits First Way Pregnancy Center this year, please return it with your donation before or after mass this weekend. You may also return filled bottles to the Parish Office during regular business hours Monday-Friday.

### **Ministry Fair Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who participated in or helped with last weekend's Stewardship Ministry Fair! We truly appreciate you sharing your time and talent with the parish.

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



To RSVP goto: <http://news.saintbernadette.com/xlt>

Save the Date: Neon Dance: Friday, November 3,  
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