



# PRIDE

*Obedientia Et Pax*

**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday October 6, 2017**



It's typically around March that we sit down to start planning Harvest Festival. We meet with Mr. Colao to go over the calendar, a few details on items that may or may not need to be changed. Even though I've been a part of Harvest Festival since Diego was in kindergarten (he's now in 7<sup>th</sup> grade) it still requires a lot of hard work *and* teamwork. We work hard to make the evening a huge success for our students, parents, staff, and administrators. But how do we measure the success of Harvest Festival? Let me tell you how we know it, it's the smiles, laughter, and oh's and ah's of the children. It's seeing the kids dance the evening away to the tunes of the DJ. It's watching families sit and share a pizza. Parents telling me that their child had the best night EVER! Moms telling me that they have enough cakes from the cake walk to open their own bakery. But in the back of my mind I always wonder, did we fulfill the other reasons we have Harvest Festival? Did we help the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that are going on their mission trip? Did student leadership earn money to help them with projects or events? Well, let me share what Harvest Festival accomplished last year due to its success and support from all of you. Mrs. Jasinski was able to send 20 students from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to a leadership workshop at Norte Dame High School. We were also able to help a few 8<sup>th</sup> grade families that struggled with some financial hardship. Parents didn't think that their child would be able to go on the mission trip. Well, we were overwhelmed with emotion when Mr. Colao told us that those students received funding and were able to go on the mission trip with their classmates. So this year myself and my new committee chairs, Angela and Kathy are super excited about the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Festival. To be a part of such an amazing community is truly a blessing! Harvest Festival is our community event that welcomes all students, families, and staff to a fun filled evening! So mark your calendar for Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 6pm to 9pm. We will transform the campus into a fun night of games, booths, bouncies, photo booth, music, dancing, dinner, and our always popular cake walk! We will also showcase the winners of the pumpkin contest that our kids create. Please make sure you preregister your family. See below for information regarding registration and volunteer opportunities.

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[Please click here to register](#)

Harvest Festival Committee

Jackie Gherna

Angela Zufall

Katherina Messina

Schoolwide Sign Up Genius: Volunteers Needed

[http://www.signupgenius.com/Harvest Volunteers](http://www.signupgenius.com/Harvest_Volunteers)

Sign Up Genius by Grade and Classroom:

K1: Cordier

[http://www.signupgenius.com/ K1](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

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

6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/ 6th Grade>

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)

## School Notes

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### Important Dates

Monday, Oct. 9

Hearing & Vision Screening

Wednesday, Oct. 11

WoW Rosary Cry Room 8:05

Mass 8:30

Athletic Pictures

Thursday, Oct. 12

QTR. 1 Ends

Friday, October 12

School Closed

Monday 16 and Tuesday 17

School Closed

### 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.**

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

[bbrillas@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:bbrillas@saintjohnxxiii.org)

## Athletics



Fall Sports Pictures will be taken during school on Wednesday, October 11th.

Please send your athlete to school with his/her uniform. They will change into them for individual and team photos. You will be given the option to order at a later date.

## Harvest Fest Pumpkin Contest



The pumpkins are coming! Do you love Harvest Fest? Then why not put your creative talents to the test by designing a one-of-a-kind pumpkin to be displayed the night of Harvest Fest for all to see?

Pumpkin sheets are available [HERE](#) if your child would like to participate.

Grades 1-5 are working on their creations in Art Class, but Kinder, and grades 6-8 can pick up a pumpkin sheet in the office or print off a 2-sided copy and submit their entry by TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH. A winner from each class will be announced at Courtyard prayer on the 20th. The winners will then take their paper image and re-create it onto a foam pumpkin. [HERE](#) are the official contest rules. May the best pumpkin win!

## [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! 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



We want to extend a HUGE thank you to the youth from NET Ministry for once again bringing the word of Christ to our Saint John students this past week. We had some great feedback and look forward to seeing them again next year for our 2018 Middle School retreats! Thank you also to Mount Claret retreat center for hosting us. Such a beautiful place to be and reflect. We also want to thank Father Felt, Father Ed and Deacon Al for celebrating Mass with us! Peace and Prayers to our Middle Schoolers, that they continue to follow in

the footsteps of Jesus.

## Community Corner



Stronger Together

**We have some exciting news brewing here in the Community Development Office. Keep an eye out here, in your mailboxes and your child's backpacks for the launch and refresh of an annual friend.**



### **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!

## Special Proclamation



Our Principal for a Day, Miss Willis, has declared that Friday, October 20th is **CRAZY SOCK and FREE SHOE day**. She requests that all participants bring in \$1.00 or more with donations going to Catholic Relief Services for all recent hurricane victims. Thanks for this fun day and sharing your giving heart with us, Jasmine!

## 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:**

**October- 10, 12**

**Awards- October 20th at Courtyard Prayer**

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

**Happy Running!**

## SCRIP



**Heading out to the movies this weekend?? Be sure to stop by the SCRIP cart for your Harkins and AMC gift cards. Remember Harkins \$25 gift cards come with a free popcorn.**

**See you in the balcony!!**

**Scrip Sales Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**2:30 – 3:15**



**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.

## Nurse Notes



Dear Parents,

Monday, October 9, 2017 is our annual Hearing and Vision Screening Day for our Kindergartners, 1st, 2nd, 6th, and new students per Arizona Department of Health Service guidelines. This screening is to identify any potential hearing or vision difficulties and to notify parents to suggest further evaluation by the child's primary health care provider and/or a hearing or vision specialist.

Please let me know if you do not wish your child to be screened or if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you very much.

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN

School Nurse

## Parish Corner



Saint Bernadette  
Roman Catholic Parish



## The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

A Blessing of the Animals will be held on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the Ramada. Please bring your furry, feathered, and friendly pets to receive this special blessing.

All pets must be on a leash or contained.



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