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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday September 29, 2017

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

In discussions with parents, even ones outside our school community, I'm frequently asked about how we can protect kids in the digital world they have grown up in these days. I always tell parents that they need to speak to their

kids directly about technology and the potential dangers. Someone spoke to us about alcohol, drugs or dating and we have that information from our past to use with our kids, but none of this technology existed when we were kids, so we are the first generation that needs to have “the talk” with our kids about technology. Usually, parents tell me they would be happy to have the talk, but don’t understand what they need to talk about because their kids know more than them about technology. However, the real issue isn’t the technology, it’s the moral lessons that kids need to apply to the use of technology.

The truth is that kids WANT to talk to you about their questions with technology, but they are afraid that if they tell you what they saw or got sent on their device you’ll take it away. You know, that you would be delighted if they just came to you when they saw something wrong and you would even praise them. Yet this disconnect in communication is the true issue!

To help, we have found a speaker from the Southwest Family Advocacy Center, who with the support of the Avondale Police Department, is coming to our campus to educate our parents AND middle school students on this topic. Chris Panneton will be here on the evening of October 24th presenting his talk titled “Protecting Their Innocence in a Digital World”. All parents K-8 are invited and middle school students in grades 6-8 are welcome to attend as well. Students younger than 6th grade will not be allowed in to the presentation. While the presentation will be a true wake-up call and instill some amazing tools on parents to use in protecting their children, please be warned that some of the materials presented will be graphic in nature and be drawn from a variety of real-life examples from law-enforcement and existing case files.

Chris will split his talk in to three sections:

1. App categories to be wary of for parents and students (with multiple examples)
2. Arizona laws and how they affect our children
3. Resources for parents on starting conversations, exploring the digital world with their kids and warning signs of issues

An Evite will be sent out in the coming week and will remain linked in the Friday emails through October 20. I encourage all of you to RSVP and attend.

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal



My name is Jasmine Willis. I am in 1B, and I am your Principal for a Day! We will have a crazy sock AND crazy shoe day on Friday, October 20th. Please bring in at least \$1.00 for each item you wear to help the hurricane victims. Please be as generous as you can.

[Please click on this for a word from Miss Willis](#)

Thank You!

Have a great weekend!

School Notes

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Important Dates

Monday, Oct. 2

- 6th Grade NET Retreat

Tuesday, Oct. 3

- 7th Grade NET Retreat

Wednesday, Oct. 4

- 8th Grade NET Retreat
- WoW Rosary Cry Room in the Church 8:05
- Mass 8:30

Thursday, Oct. 5

- Lifetouch Picture Retakes

[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



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.

Sports Update



Pride Families,

Here is the results from our athletics teams this week:

8th Grade Volleyball:

6th Grade Volleyball:

WON against Annunciation

WON against All Saint

Record:4-2

8th Grade Football:

WON against Saint Francis
Xavier

WON against OLPH Scottsdale

Record: 2-1

7th Grade Volleyball:

Lost to Ss. Simon and Jude

WON against St. Mary Basha

Record: 5-2

7th Grade Football:

Lost to St. Theresa

WON against Ss. Simon and
Jude

Record: 4-2

Lost 2 close games to Christ
Lutheran

Record: 1-5

6th Grade Football:

WON against Christ Lutheran

WON against St. Thomas the
Apostle

Record: 5-1

5th Grade Volleyball:

Lost to Christ Lutheran

WON against Our Lady of Mount
Carmel

Record 3-2

5th Grade Football:

Lost to St. Thomas the Apostle

Record: 3-2

Please don't forget to check the school calendar for this season's games! We

love to have our community come out and support our student-athletes!

[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!

Thank you in advance and God Bless!

Spirit of Service



Feed My Starving Children

Friday December 22, 2017

1:00 to 3:00

Please check out Spirit of Service on our website and sign up to 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 for the Advent Season!! Hope to see you there!

[Please click here](#)

Ways of Worship



Middle School Retreats

Please pray for our middle school students! Next week they will be on retreat. NET ministries will be leading them on their spiritual journey as they focus on the love of our Lord, HIS presence in their lives and HIS strength for their walk. Middle school...you are in our hearts and prayers!!

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- 3, 5, 10, 12

Awards- October 20th at Courtyard Prayer

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

Happy Running!

SCRIP



**It's Fall...there is a chill in the air!
(well...it is under a 100 degrees)**



Pumpkin lattes are back at Starbucks. Stop by the SCRIP cart to pick up a gift card. We have \$10 and \$25 Starbucks cards.

Scrip Sales Hours:

Monday-Thursday

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.

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



Thank You. On behalf of the family and friends of Father Pete Rossa and the Parish/School Staff, we wish to extend a heartfelt *Thank You* to everyone who supported us through prayers, cards, flowers, mass intentions and donations of food and time.

Fr. Pete touched many people's lives, and it was overwhelming to see so many honoring him, his life, and his legacy of faith. Nearly three thousand people attended the various services including the Visitation, Vigil, Rosary, Funeral Mass and Committal. More than 200 people helped with the Funeral Reception by donating food and/or their time allowing us to serve more than 500 participants.

We appreciate the outpouring of love, support, and understanding we received at this difficult time. We are grateful and blessed to be part of this faith-filled and caring community. Let us never forget how much he loved us.



NET MINISTRIES

Attention 6th, 7th & 8th Graders

Net Ministries Follow up
Dinner | Open Gym | XLT

Wednesday, October 4th 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: St. John XXIII Gym

Cost: FREE!

6th, 7th & 8th graders are invited to join us for an amazing night. Net Ministries will return to join us for Dinner, open Gym and a Middle School XLT. We will begin with dinner. Then Net Ministries will hang out at the Gym (Volleyball and Basketball will be set up) Then we continue the celebration with a Middle School XLT. Mary Castner will lead us in Worship, Andrew Starbuck will deliver an inspiring keynote and Deacon Al will lead us in an Adoration procession to the church. This is an amazing event which is not to be missed

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