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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday November 10, 2017

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Veteran's Day is one of the most important and special days on campus each year and this year was no exception. I'm always taken aback by how many veterans thank me each year for having school and showing our kids the importance of this day, when really I'm the one who is truly thankful to them for their service. Led by our Master of Ceremonies and former parent, retired

Lieutenant Colonel Mike Dugan, our kids experienced the flag raising ceremony by Boy Scout Pack 818, sang the anthem along with our student choir, and heard from retired Air Force Major General Roger Binder about how to properly thank our veterans all year long. Many of our students were also treated to visits in their classrooms by veterans from a variety of years of service and got to hear their stories first hand. Once again, I am humbled by the service of these women and men and the joy with which they come here each year to share their stories and love for our country. I echo their sentiments repeated so much throughout the day, "God Bless America".

Today, I also must thank another person for their service. I would ask that you all keep our nurse, Joan Sirven in your prayers as she leaves us after serving the past 7 years as our full-time nurse. Her love for our kids is contagious and we have been lucky to have her as part of this community for the past 12 years overall. We are happy to welcome our new RN Bianca Nalder, who many of you had a chance to meet over the past two days as she shadowed Joan in the office; ready to take over on Monday. Please stop by and say hello to Bianca if you're on campus.

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

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Nov. 6-10

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Open House



Please help us advertise our Open House!

If you live on a well-travelled street,

please consider putting a lawn sign in your yard.

Just stop by the office and ask for one.

[Veterans Day](#)



Thank you to all of our military veterans and guests who shared your morning with us. It was a great honor to have you participate in our Veterans Day Ceremony. A special thank you to Lt. Col. Mike Dugan, Major General Roger Binder and the Webelos Pack 818. Thank you for your service, and God Bless You! [Please click here](#)

[Grandparents Day Help Needed!](#)



We are in need of parents to help us out the morning of Grandparents Day on Wednesday, November 22nd. Our registration table is in the MOST need of

volunteers. Please sign up or contact Mary Stevens
(marystevens2121@gmail.com) with questions. We are so very grateful for
you! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054aafac2fa7ff2-grandparents>

Grandparents/Great Friends Day



Grandparents/Great Friends Day will be held on Wednesday, November 22nd. We look forward to sharing our Saint John community with loved ones as we celebrate Mass and the spirit of Thanksgiving.

We are sensitive to the fact that some of our students have lost their grandparents or their grandparents are unable to attend this event. If there is another special adult in your child's life, please feel free to invite this person to attend.

Students invite their Grandparents or other loved ones to join them in a day of thanksgiving beginning with Mass. Guests and their student will be seated together in the church at which after guests will have the opportunity for some light refreshments in the parish hall. Guests will then be directed over to the school to visit the students' classrooms to see how our children spend their days. We ask you to RSVP for your guests by November 17th online [RSVP here](#) so we can accommodate all who wish to attend.

NO RSVP forms will be sent home. ALL RSVP's must be completed online. In the coming days, please look for an email to include a Timeline of Events. Thank you all so much for your help and support in making this day a success! And have a blessed Thanksgiving.

**Mary Stevens: Grandparents/Great Friends Day Event Chair
and
Kelly Dorethy Co-Chair**

[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.](#) We are extending the registration date to Tuesday, November 14th! Please return your registration form in to the office so you don't miss out on this fun evening.

[Father/Daughter Dance Planning](#)



Do you have a creative side? Are you crafty? Do you love to plan events? Then we are looking for YOU! We are in need of a few good moms to help co-chair or help with February's Father/Daughter Dance. We have one returning mom who "knows the ropes," but she'd love some help pulling all the details together for an event that is beloved by many. As you know, it takes many hands in this big village! Please email Kristen at kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org to volunteer.

[CEA](#)



Take the Credit and redirect your taxes to benefit St. John XXIII (201) by taking part in the CEA Tax Credit Program. This is truly a no cost opportunity that greatly benefits our school through tuition assistance. Visit the school website (<http://saintjohnxxiii.org/cea-tax-credit/>) and click on the CEA Angel to take part. Deadline is April 15, 2018, but if you re-direct your taxes by December 31, 2017, you can take the state tax credit AND the federal deduction for this year too!

[Faith in Action](#)



"Can the Uniform"

NEXT FRIDAY, IN ADDITION to our 5th grade food drive, we will be having a

"Can the Uniform" day on Friday November 17th. In honor of Principals appreciation day we are asking EVERYONE who would like to participate, to bring in 10 EXTRA non-perishable food items to donate to the food drive in exchange for free dress! When you arrive to school next Friday, we will be in the courtyard to collect your donation and to give you a free dress voucher in exchange that you can hand in to your teacher! This extra donation of food will be used to provide much needed items that will complete food boxes at Saint Joan Arc!

Please help your child to make sure that they adhere to the attached Free Dress Guidelines

Thank you in advance and God Bless!!



To help the families at local parishes as well as St. Vincent's pantries and headquarters, the 5th grade classes at Saint John XXIII School will be organizing a Thanksgiving Food Drive for their 5th grade Faith in Action Project. Students will be accepting food donations beginning Monday November 13th through Tuesday November 21st at drop off. A suggested food donation list has been provided by your last name initial.

A-B - Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables. Canned Yams

C-D - Box Mashed Potatoes or small bag of Fresh Potatoes

E-F - Mac n Cheese
G-H - Stove Top Stuffing
I-J - Canned Cranberries
K-L - Canned/Jar Gravy
M-N - Beans, Rice and Dry Pasta
O-P - Fresh Rolls (12 rolls per bag)
Q-R **and all** 5th grades students - Pumpkin Pies
S - 100% Fruit Juice
T-U - Peanut Butter
V-Z - Aluminum Pan

Anyone and Everyone!--- FROZEN TURKEYS

Please bring fresh vegetables, rolls and frozen turkeys **ONLY on
TURKEY Tuesday, November 21st.**

Our goal is 200 turkeys!

**Other items to consider: Hamburger Helper, Cereal, Canned Beans, Crackers,
Canned Soup, Canned or Jar Pasta Sauce, Jelly/Jam and Tuna.**

Thank you and many Blessings for all your help and support!

[Community Corner](#)



Stronger Together

As we hurtle headlong into the holiday season, we invite you to take a quick pause and think how YOU can make a meaningful impact with a gift towards your child's education and school environment. Your financial gift to the Annual Appeal does indeed make a huge impact beyond your tuition dollars. Those tuition dollars are very tightly budgeted with little room for "extras" or "surprises" that arise during the school year. Hence the need for the Annual

Appeal to take care of the surprises (like a cafeteria refrigerator breaking down) or upgrades (like iPads) or needs (better campus security). We truly are excellent stewards of your money, but there is always a need beyond our carefully planned expectations.

The Annual Appeal "Stronger Together" campaign runs the entire school year, and we happily accept any and all gifts at any time. But if you are thinking about a tax donation before the end of the year, NOW is the time to give. Please thoughtfully consider your tax deductible gift before December 31st. We are so very grateful for you!

[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 congratulate our 7th grade volleyball team on taking 2nd place in the C.Y.A.A. tournament! Thank you to our coaches for dedicating their time, and to our wonderful parents and students for their support. Great job girls!

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:

Nov. 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](#)



Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!

We also carry Visa cards that you can use at Costco for that delicious pumpkin
pie!

We carry Safeway, Fry's, Whole Foods, Walmart, Target, and many others for
your grocery needs.

Gobble! Gobble! Gobble! Thanksgiving is just around the corner!!

Scrip Sales Hours:

Monday-Thursday

7:30 – 8:15

2:30 – 3:15

Friday

7:30 – 8:15

12:15 – 1:00

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



JOIN US!

Parish Advent Mission December 10th & 11th

The community of Saint Bernadette invites you to join us for the upcoming Parish Advent Mission with Chris Muglia. Chris is a speaker, singer/songwriter, husband of 22 years, and father of five whose extraordinary vocal talent and passion for communicating an honest faith-based message inspires all who hear him. Please join Chris as he makes a special appearance at Saint Bernadette Catholic Church during our Advent Mission. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there.



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