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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday November 17, 2017

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Thank you all so much for the generosity with our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for St. Vincent DePaul's local St. Joan of Arc Food Bank. Today's collection for Principal's Appreciation day, could not have made me feel more appreciated! We have already gotten so much, but we still need more! Canned goods, potatoes, pumpkin pies, stuffing, mac and cheese,

peanut butter, turkey pans, pasta, beans and on Tuesday....TURKEYS!

We are trying to make this our best holiday collection ever with a huge showing on Tuesday morning and a goal of 200 turkeys. This event has grown profoundly in the last 6 years going from under 25 to just over 200 turkeys collected last year. 200 turkeys may sound like a bunch, but the need for our local food bank is there and then some and how help goes a long way in supporting our neighbors at St. Joan of Arc's Food Bank. I would ask that you prayerfully consider this request over the weekend as you begin purchases for your own family celebrations. We have and will make a difference in the lives of thousands this holiday season and you can help us further our mission as a Catholic school. Thanks for all you do.

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

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Important Dates

Monday, Nov. 20

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Tuesday, Nov. 21

**Turkey Tuesday Drop off
Food Blessing**

Wednesday, Nov. 22

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Grandparent/Great Friends Day
Mass 8:30
Dismissal 11:50-12:00-12:10
No Extended Day

Nov. 23 & 24

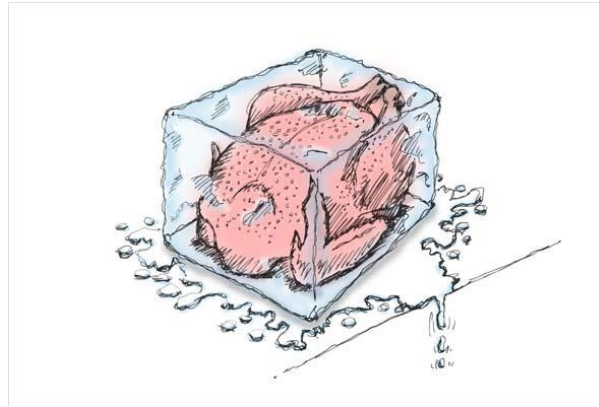
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Open House



We hope to see your family and friends tomorrow!

Turkey Tuesday

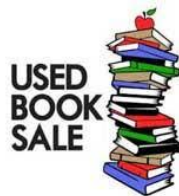


TURKEY Tuesday, November 21st.

Our goal is 200 **FROZEN** turkeys!

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

Used Book Sale



Our Used Book Sale was a great success this year - Thank you to everyone who donated books and shopped! The library will use all funds to purchase new books for our collections. The remaining books will be donated to a wonderful charity for families who are unable to purchase books for their children. A big thank you also to Sarah Kyle for her great organizational skills in coordinating the sale!

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**

Adopt-A- Family for Christmas



We are once again partnering with Saint Matthews Catholic School in Phoenix to help bring Christmas to their school community families that may not otherwise have a Christmas. If you would like to adopt one of their families and have the option to meet and personally give them the items you have, please contact Theresa at Saint Matthews school to arrange. Her number is 602-254-0611 and tell her you are with the Saint John XXIII school community!

God Bless!

Student Leadership



A huge thank you to Bourgade Catholic High School Student Council for coming out to Saint John today to facilitate a leadership and team building event for our Student Leadership Team!!!! Thank you for a fun afternoon event!

ENRICHMENT CLASSES!!!



Online Registration NOW

**Register Now for SESSION TWO! Our 2nd session of the school year.
Session 2 STARTS the week of NOV. 20th and runs until FEBRUARY 23rd!**

**Many classes have a maximum amount of students,
so please register as soon as possible.**

Description of all classes on the website....

To register, go to our school website: www.saintjohnxxiii.org, go to PARENTS tab, Click on Extended Day, then drop down to Enrichment Class Offerings

Click on --->Online Enrichment/Extended Day form

The following are the Enrichment Class Offerings:

MONDAYS: Chess Emporium / Golf Squad (NEW Company!)

TUESDAYS: CodaKid / NEW! Tennis Academy with Seth Korey

WEDNESDAYS: Bricks4Kidz / Young Rembrandts

THURSDAYS: ASL Club (Sign Language) / i9 Sports

FRIDAYS: Cheerleading / Crazy Cool Science /

Preach Volleyball Performance

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

Catholic Education
ARIZONA

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](#)



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](#)



Reminder that the deadline to turn in artwork for the contest is TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST. 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. Please click [HERE](#) for specific requirements.

[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. 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](#)



Black Friday and Cyber Monday are almost here!!

We carry Amazon for those on line Shoppers, and plenty of Visa, Target,

Walmart, Kohls, JCPenny, and Macy's for those Black Friday deals.

So, stop by the SCRIP cart and help support our school. It won't cost you any

more than what you were going to spend!

Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!

Scrip Sales Hours:

Monday-Tuesday

7:30 – 8:15

2:30 – 3:15

Wednesday

7:30 – 8:15

11:45 – 12:15

[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.

Bianca Nalder

School Nurse

[Parish Corner](#)



Please see message below from Melissa Graziano, Director of Children's Catechesis

I pray that this letter finds you and your family doing well! I am writing this letter because my heart has grown heavy. Over the course of the RE year, I have become aware that only 3-4 children out of a group of 15-17 are attending Mass and Holy Days regularly. I would like to share with you some information in regard to our faith and our continual growth in God's grace. Celebrating Mass is and should be the most important thing we do as Catholic Christians. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. The Mass takes approximately one hour a week, yet it fills our souls with grace for a long time. We may be doing many things throughout the week, we may be very busy, but let's ask ourselves, Is Jesus, in the form of the Eucharist, important to me? If Mass is optional when you're busy, does this also mean your relationship with Jesus is of lower importance than the other obligations and

commitments that you have?

Life is indeed complicated-especially when you have kids- but that doesn't mean that God should fall to the second or third place.... The beauty and power of the Eucharist relies on the fact that Christ is waiting for us at each Mass. The Eucharist is food for our journey, food for our soul. It is in celebrating Mass that we experience God's life, love, and forgiveness. The most important thing for any Catholic is participating at Mass at least once a week.

We know we can never retire from being a mother or a father. This "job" never really ends. You will continue to teach your children, to give them suggestions and ideas, no matter how old your children get. Good parenting also requires that you care for the soul of your children, to help get them to heaven. As long as your children are in your "nest" and you are living out the promises to God when you baptized them, Mass should not be optional. Nobody can replace your role as a father or mother and nobody can do what you are doing. Children learn from our example: if Mass is important to me, Mass will be important for my children as well.

It is my sincerest prayer that you, as parents, will consider my plea to come and participate in the Sunday Mass weekly. Be a part of your family of faith! Our loving God is waiting for all of us to gather around the altar, to receive Him; Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, to be nourished spiritually and to

go out and proclaim the Good News.

Teach your children in the way they should go, and when they get old, they will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Here is a short little video from Fr. Michael Schmitz about what it truly means to be an active, practicing Catholic.

[Active Catholic](#)

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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