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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday November 3, 2017

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

I'm sure you all lived the story again this year...from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. you watched your kids in pure bliss tearing through Harvest Fest with reckless abandonment. Candy, bouncies, sugar, games, sweets, music, ice cream, dancing, confectionaries, the cake walk....seeing the pattern? If you were lucky, you probably made it to the corner of 60th and Bell or Greenway before

the “crash” occurred and snoring began; the sounds of another successful Harvest Festival!

I need to thank all of you for making Harvest Festival 2017 such a success! The many volunteers all night and all of your support in attending made the night another memorable event for our kids. Whether you came as a family, helped with the planning, served at a booth, or cleaned-up in the wake of destruction, your help is very much appreciated. Every year, our Volunteer Parent Organization does such a wonderful job of making the night what so many of you have told me is your child’s favorite event of the entire year. As much as none of this happens without all of you, I do need to especially thank Harvest Festival Chair Jackie Bonillas, Co-Chairs Angela Zufall and Katherina Messina as well as our School Advisory Board volunteers.

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

P.S. Please keep our 7th grade girls in your prayers today as they play for the CYAA Volleyball Championship. The semi-final game is scheduled for today at 3:45pm @ St. Theresa’s with the final immediately following a win in the semi’s. May they stay healthy through the match and continue to find strength in God as they represent our school.

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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.

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Important Info - Parents Please Read...

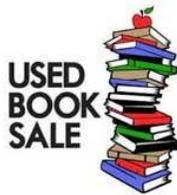


No Enrichment Classes will be held during

Parent/Teacher Conference Week

November 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10th

Used Book Sale



All books are just \$1 and proceeds from the sale will directly support our school library. Be sure to stop by throughout the day or on your way to or from conferences!

What: Annual Saint John XXIII Used Book Sale

When: November 6 - 9

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

Lost and Found



LOST

Please help us locate an adult sized, straw, QuickSilver brand hat that was lost from one of our pumpkins on Friday night. This hat was on loan from a family member and we would really like to return it to the owner. Check your belongings from Harvest Fest night, and please drop it back in the office if you have it. Thank you!

FOUND

We have several items in our Lost & Found area. (end of the courtyard) SJ sweatshirts, lunchbags and even a few items from the night of Harvest Fest. If you are missing an item, please check it out!

Children have also left items after their PE class, please check there as well.

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 or call (480)905-0939 so we may better prepare. Click HERE for event details.

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 to the office by 11/10 to reserve your date night space at CrackerJax!

[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

Since November is a time of thanksgiving, we want to start the month by sharing our gratitude. We have such an amazing community, and are grateful for each of you. The turnout for Harvest Fest in attendance, volunteering and of giving when a need was shared, was truly appreciated.

Our Annual Appeal started out with a bang as many of you have already found it in your hearts to donate early. (We had a fun parking spot giveaway that helped our bottom line tremendously!)

We thank those who continue to share excellent ways to bond and grow our community. While you may not see immediate results, please know we hear you and are continuing towards positive and effective additions in our community.

Thank you for sharing your students with us, and being a part of the St. John community. And hang on... we are heading into a busy, but fun couple of months!

[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



Hello Parents,

Due to Parent/Teacher conferences next week and our gym being used for other events, basketball tryouts/practices have been moved to the following week. The schedule for tryouts/practices is listed below. If you have any questions please free to contact our Boys Athletic Director Taylor Nelson at tnelson@popejohnxxiii.

Monday November 13th:
5th Grade: 3:30pm-4:30pm
6th Grade: 4:30pm-5:30pm

Wednesday November 15th:
6th Grade: 3:30pm- 4:30pm
5th Grade: 4:30pm- 5:30pm

Tuesday November 14th:
7th Grade: 3:45pm-4:45pm
8th Grade: 4:45pm-5:45pm

Thursday November 16th:
8th Grade: 3:45pm-4:45pm
7th Grade: 4:45pm-5:45pm

RUN WITH PRIDE!!



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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. 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



Congratulations Saint John XXIII Catholic School!

Our school collected over 11,000 Box Tops.

The class Box Top Winners are

K1 and 4A

Thank you for all of your support!!

Please continue to support the school by clipping Box Tops for the February 2018 collection. Help your class to win a party, bring in your Box Tops!

Scrip Sales Hours:

Monday-Friday

7:30 – 8:15

11:45 – 12:30

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



Dear Students of Saint John XXIII,

Thank you so very much for your wonderful letters and prayers for Fr. Peter. We have read each and every one and hold you close in our hearts.

Fr. Peter loved you all very much and would want you to know he is in heaven with Jesus and Mary His Most Blessed Mother.

We pray for you and thank you again for helping us in our sorrow.

God Bless You,

The Rossa and Meola Families



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