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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday December 1, 2017

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Christmas arrived early to St. John's today...or at least the Christmas spirit of peace, hope, charity and love. To all of you who came out to support, encourage and buy from our 6th graders at their marketplace today, and to all

of those 6th grade parents who stood by their students on this mission, THANK YOU!

So many creative ideas by our kids, but the real success of this marketplace came in the work that led up to it. Each 6th grader spent the semester researching organizations throughout the valley who they will use today's profits to purchase items to benefit. So many of you commented on the posters and how you were compelled to purchase not off of the item, but the cause!

Bicycles for refugee kids, English lessons for immigrants, food and education for unaccompanied minors in foster care, domestic violence shelters, permanent housing for low income families, tents for homeless veterans, birth mother support projects, adoption resources, water containers for transients, veterinary care for homeless pets, prom dresses for those that can't afford them, sports equipment for foster homes

These are just SOME of the causes that were supported today! Our kids will remember today for a lifetime, but the items they will purchase with your support will change lives now.

Advent and our preparation for Christ has begun a bit early here as all of you served as His hands and feet today...thank you!

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

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Important Dates

Monday, Dec. 4

Advent Wreath Blessing 8:15

Dec. 4 - 7

**Coffee and CEA Q & A
(courtyard)**

Wednesday, Dec. 6

Feast pf St. Nicholas

Thursday, Dec. 7

5th Grade Retreat

Friday, Dec. 8

Mass 10:00

Dec. 11 - 15

Christmas Toy Drive

[Safe Environment](#)



A gentle Safe Environment reminder:

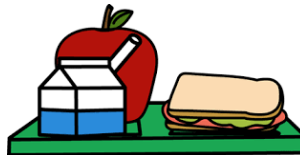
The Sign Up Genius for the Face to Face interviews has been active since the start of September, but will expire mid-December. There are still many opportunities to do your interviews before our schedule ends and we begin focusing on new student screenings at the start of the new year. Opportunities for interviews will not be readily available here at school after mid-December.

If you have taken your Foundation Training Class, please sign up for your interview so that you will be able to volunteer this school year.

Thank You!

**Mary Hepsen, M.Ed., M.S.Ed.
Certified School Psychologist**

School Lunch



Please don't forget that Monday begins a new month for lunches. Please remember to order this weekend!

[Please click here to order.](#)

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!

Spirit of Service AND Faith IN Action



Christmas Project with Saint Matthews School

Help a family in need at Christmas Time!

Tis the Season of sharing and reflecting on God's great love!! The community of Saint John XXIII will be working with Saint Matthews Catholic

School in Phoenix to help bring their school families a wonderful Christmas! Here's how you can help!

1 - Toy Drive sponsored by 8th grade: Donate to our Toy drive December 11th- 15th. Please bring an unwrapped toy...something you might like to receive under your own tree. All toy drive donations will go to Saint Matthews School for their Christmas Party!

2 - Sponsor-a-family! If you would like to sponsor a family, meet them and deliver gifts and a meal to them, please call Theresa at Saint Matthews School at 602-254-0611 or call Patti Jasinski at 480-905-0939

Thank you for helping us ALL be the hands and feet of Christ!!

[Spirit of Service](#)



Feed My Starving Children
Saint John XXIII Community packing event
Sign up soon...spots go quickly!
Hope to see you there!
Friday December 22, 2017

1:00 to 3:00

[Please click here](#)

Ways of Worship

Advent Wreath Blessing

Monday December 4, 2017



Join us on Monday December 4th in our Courtyard at 7:55 for the Blessing of the Advent Wreaths. Please bring your own family's wreath if you would like! Everyone is invited and ALL are welcome!

Fifth Grade Retreat



Thursday December 7th

Please see your teacher pages for more information or contact Patti Jasinski

pjasinski@popejohnxxiii.org

Reconciliation

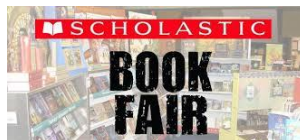


Grades 3-8

December 4-5

We will once again be offering our students the opportunity to participate in Reconciliation for the Advent Season...what a blessing!

[Coming Soon: Scholastic Book Fair](#)



The Scholastic Book Fair is heading our way! Students, staff and families are invited and encouraged to visit the school library between December 12-15 for all the fun! There are so many books for every kind of kid. Adventure,

sci-fi, best-selling, and even "laugh-out-loud" stories. See below for more details:

What: Scholastic Book Fair

When: December 12 - December 15

Tuesday - Thursday 7:30 AM - 3:15 PM

Friday 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM

and

5:00 PM through the end of the school Christmas Concert

Where: Saint John XXIII Library

Scholastic will provide an excellent selection of books for children of all ages, so, please, stop by and check it out!

Our teachers will also have Wish Lists for the classrooms, so consider buying a book for your child's class, or teacher! The proceeds from the Scholastic Book Fair will go towards purchasing new products for the library. We can't wait to see you there!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Sarah Kyle at sarahmkyle@yahoo.com

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

Coffee & CEA Chat



Parents, join us in the courtyard next week (Monday-Friday), as we will be serving coffee and answering your questions about CEA. Park and walk your kiddos to class, then grab a cup of coffee and stick around to visit for a few minutes in the mornnig. We would love to get our CEA participation up, and to do that, our community just needs a little education on what CEA is all about. See you next week!

Lost & Found



Is your child missing a shoe, a lunchbox, a sweatshirt (or 2?) Then please help our Found Items make their way back to you! We have a LARGE amount of items that need a home, so please make your way onto campus and check our Lost & Found area by the Library. Items not picked up by the end of December will be donated. Thank you for your help!

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!

Community Corner



Stronger Together

We are in our most favorite (and BUSY) month of the year! December is full of parties, shopping, decorating, and of course, the most important thing... preparing for Baby Jesus' arrival.

We'd love to invite you to slow down and enjoy a little community gathering the morning of **Friday, December 15th**. We will be hosting a *Cocoa & Coffee Bar* with all the fixin's. Please bring your little ones, grab a friend, and

help us remember the "Reason for the Season" as we take a minute to breathe and be amongst friends.



[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:

Dec. 5, 7

Awards Dec. 15th- at Courtyard Prayer

Any questions can be directed towards Kristen Peach.

Happy Running!

[SCRIP](#)



Only 23 days until Christmas!!

We have gift cards for over 70 retailers to help make your Christmas shopping easier. Stop by the SCRIP cart to purchase your gift cards and help support our school. It won't cost you any more than what you were going to spend!

If you own a business and plan on purchasing gifts for your employees, please consider purchasing SCRIP cards. Email Pegge Gentry, at pgentry@saintjohnxxii.org to place a large order.

Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!

Scrip Sales Hours:

Monday-Thursday

7:30 – 8:15

2:30 – 3:15

Friday

7:30 – 8:15

12:15 – 1:00

Nurse Notes



December 3-9 is National Hand-Washing Awareness Week!

Keeping hands clean is one of the most best ways keep from getting sick and help fight diseases that can spread. The CDC recommends washing hands a certain way to avoid getting sick and spreading germs.

1. Wet your hands with warm water and apply soap
2. Lather hands, between fingers, and under fingernails
3. Scrub hands for **at least** 20 seconds. You can set a timer or try singing the "Happy Birthday" song, twice.
3. Rinse hands with warm, clean, running water
4. Dry with a clean towel or allow to air dry.

For more information on hand washing, please visit www.cdc.gov/handwashing

Teaching proper technique to young kids early on can instill a lifelong habit.

Bianca Nalder, RN, BSN

School Nurse

[Parish Corner](#)



Saint Bernadette
Roman Catholic Parish

The Annual Parish Christmas Angel Tree Project

*Because of how the calendar falls, this year our
Christmas Angels will be early.*

Angels to be distributed on November 25th & 26th.

We need:

- Individuals, families, or groups to help coordinate the distribution of angels and the collection of gifts at one of these weekend masses: Weekends of November 25th & 26th and December 2nd & 3rd. Volunteers need to arrive 20 minutes before mass and stay for about 15 minutes after mass.
Sign-up Genius Volunteer link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4aa8af0-stbernadette2>
- Individuals & families to take one angel or several angels on the weekends of November 18/19 or 25/26. Buy the gift on the angel and return that gift to the Parish no later than December 4th.
- All gifts must be unwrapped when turned in. Monetary donations are welcomed and funds are used solely to help administer or buy gifts for this program.
- People to purchase a bike for the bike raffle. Bikes are on special Angel tags.
- Individuals to assist with Christmas Party at St. Bernadette's on Saturday, December 9th from 9:30 AM—1:30 PM. Set up will be one hour before the event and clean up one hour after. Volunteer Sign-Up genius link above in first bullet point.

The gifts will be distributed through an Angel Tree Party hosted here in our Parish Center on Saturday, December 9th. The event will include a Pancake Breakfast, gingerbread house and craft stations, a game center, a live Nativity with a petting zoo, a Holiday Bounce House, Santa's Toy shop, and bike raffles.

Each child will be given a special Nativity-themed stocking with stuffers and be allowed to choose one gift. Most gifts on our tree can be purchased for less than \$25. Several new bicycles are also on the tree. These can be purchased for between \$50 & \$100.



New this Year: Virtual Angel program - Go online to our Sign-Up Genius Angel Tree page and pick an angel or two, purchase the gift you signed up for, and bring it to the Church no later than Monday, December 4th. The Sign-Up Genius is live. Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4aa8af0-stbernadette3>

Please consider supporting this worthwhile project by purchasing a gift or gifts, buying a bike and/or helping out at the event.

Contact Shirley Smalley at 480-905-0434 at ssmalley@saintbernadette.com

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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