



# PRIDE

*Obedientia Et Pax*

**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday December 15, 2017**

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Most of us tend to have the same routine, day in and day out. Wake the kids up in the morning, get them dressed, feed them breakfast, make sure they have their homework or their iPads in their backpack, pop a snack in to tide them over until lunch, drop off at school, go to work or run our daily errands, and then head back to school to pick up the kids. We may shuffle them back

and forth to sports activities, voice lessons, tutoring, dance or karate, and then head back home for dinner, homework and bed. Then we wake up and do it all over again the next day. Our little routine keeps us usually close to home, with the same people day in and day out. Sometimes we may lose sight that it is a bigger world outside of our day to day lives.

Today was a day when some of our students stepped outside of their “bubble” and their normal routine to deliver toys to students who live somewhat of a different life than we do.

Our loving and generous community gave in such a big way this week, that we were able to deliver TRUCKS full of toys to St. Matthews Catholic School in downtown Phoenix this morning! We were welcomed warmly by students and staff who helped us unload the vans and then invited us into a classroom for a small look into their day. Visiting St. Matthews helped our 8th grade students see first hand how incredibly blessed we are to be at such a nice school, and to have the many opportunities we have. It was humbling to see, that in spite of the challenges the students of St. Matthews face, they share the same hopes, dreams and desires that we do. Our students made connections, had some fun and came back to school with full hearts from their visit.

Please know, that because of all of you, there will be many happy and excited children at Christmas time at St. Matthews. Like the parents of the St. Matthews students, we are so very blessed to have the choice to send our children to a Catholic school and be surrounded by a community who shares the same values. Thank you again for your loving and generous selves.



Blessings,  
Patti Jasinski and Kristen Butler

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### Important Dates

Wednesday, Dec. 20

**WoW Rosary 8:05 Cry Room**  
**Mass 8:30**

Thursday, Dec. 21

**Sweet Treats for Staff**

Friday, Dec. 22

**Red and Green Accessory Day**  
**Dismissal 11:150 - 12:00 -**  
**12:10**

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**NO EXTENDED DAY**

Monday, January 8

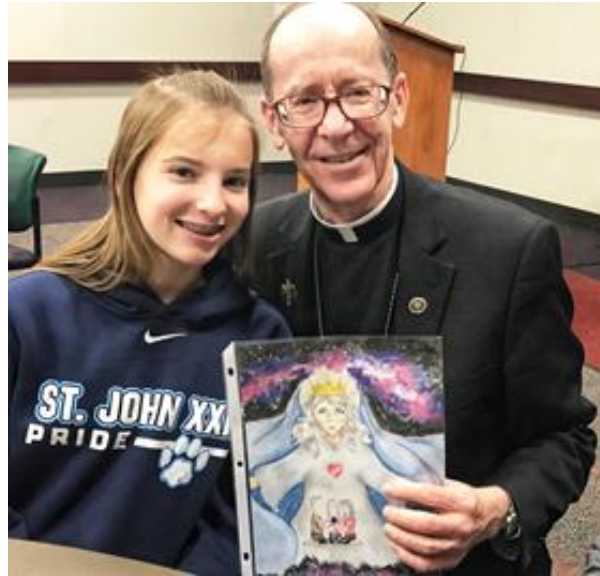
**School resumes**

## [CEA Weekend at St. Bernadette](#)



If you are a member of St. Bernadette, please have your child wear a school uniform to mass this weekend. We will be having special announcements during all Masses about Catholic Education Arizona (CEA) and how the St. Bernadette parish can help St. John students with their Catholic Education. We have PRIDE in Catholic Education and want to share it with our entire community! Also, please stop by the CEA table outside of Mass to show your support, pass out fliers, or share your WHY. Why is Catholic Education for you? Thank you, and we'll see you this weekend!

## [Rosary Contest](#)



Congratulations to Elle Aister as her artwork was 1 of 24 pieces chosen from 3,000 entrants within the Phoenix Diocese for the annual Rosary Poster Contest, for the 2nd year in a row! She was able to meet with Bishop Olmsted and have lunch with him and the other winners. We are SO very proud of this talented student!

## [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!

[Cookies for Staff](#)

**St. John XXIII Annual**  
**Staff Appreciation**  
**Sweet Treats**

**'Tis the Season! Sweet Treats for Staff!**  
**Thursday, December 21st am**

Please bring your Sweet Treats to share with our  
hardworking staff!

Drop off items to the office Thursday  
morning...Christmas helpers will also be on hand to  
help with treats in the drive thru line.

Let's send our staff off to Christmas break with some  
goodies to share with their families!

Thank you and have a Merry and Blessed Christmas!



[SpeakUp America](http://SpeakUp America)





**Did you know:**

54% of 3-5 grade Students at Saint John XXIII email their teacher with questions while only 15% do nationally.

57% of 3-5 grade students at Saint John look up school or class information compared with 26% nationally.

100% of 6-8 students use a tablet in class compared to 20% nationally.

75% of Saint John parents believe that being able to track student academic progress over time online is important compared to 62% nationally.

87% of Saint John Teachers are trained for Google apps compared to 66% nationally.

How do we know this detailed information? We have a free technology survey called **Project Tomorrow: SpeakUp America**. This survey helps us triangulate our student, teacher, parent, and administrators ideas about technology and STEM. We then can compare our data with schools in the state and nationally. We share this information with our school board and helps us measure our accreditation goals.



The survey is open until the end of December. Here is how to take the survey:

Click the [Project Tomorrow Speak Up Link](#)

Select Parent Survey in the drop down box **below** *"take the Student survey"*

Select search by 85254

Select Saint John XXIII

if it asks for a Secret word it is: saintjohn (You may not get this step)

Then Complete the survey.

It is long, but the data is rich. Thank you in advance!

## [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!

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!

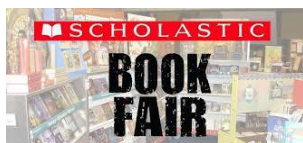
Hope to see you there!

Friday December 22, 2017

1:00 to 3:00

[Please click here](#)

## Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair continues through this evenings Christmas Concert.

Today, Friday 5:00 PM through the end of the school Christmas Concert

Where: Saint John XXIII Library

## ENRICHMENT CLASSES!!!



### Online Registration NOW

Register Now for **SESSION TWO!** Our 2nd session of the school year.

Session 2 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](http://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**

## Christmas Concert



Our K-5th graders will be putting us all in the Christmas Spirit on Friday, December 15th at the Christmas Concert. The program begins at 6 p.m., but look to your teacher's websites for specific classroom arrival times. Gym doors open at 5:30 p.m. for seating.

## CEA Informational Night



We will be having a tax professional and CEA experts on hand to share their knowledge with you on Monday, December 18th at 5 p.m. in the Library. Let us help you clear up any questions or misconceptions you may have. Come alone or with a spouse - just come in and talk it out with us! We will begin at 5 p.m., but feel free to drop in anytime before 6. Can't make it on the 18th? Contact Kristen Butler and we will set up a phone call or time to meet face to face. [kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org)

## 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 | A R I Z O N A

**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 do ask a lot of the St. John community. We ask a lot, but you GIVE a lot.

You send toy donations for less fortunate school children, you donate cookies

to our hardworking teachers and staff who may not have spare time to bake for themselves, you donate your time to classroom parties and activities, and you GIVE monetarily to our Annual Appeal. We know December may not work out in your family budget for extra financial giving, so for those who have been able to do so, we send you a big Thank You! And another Thank You to those families who have found a little extra in their budget to donate to our Annual Fund earlier in 2017. As a reminder, you do still have until December 31st if you would like to receive credit for 2017 taxes. And if donating to the Annual Appeal is on your "to do" list for 2018, we look forward to receiving your gift in the new year. Your giving hearts are what makes our community special. Thank you for that.

## SCRIP



Christmas is approaching fast!!

Help support our school by purchasing SCRIP cards. It won't cost you any more than what you were going to spend! We have numerous gift cards to help make your Christmas shopping easier. With all your busy shopping treat

yourself to dinner, we have cards from In & Out, Panera, and Chili's to PF  
Changs and Fox restaurants.

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](mailto:pgentry@saintjohnxxii.org) to place a large order.



\$6.00 Harkins 2018 Loyalty Cup Vouchers and \$10 Harkins Theatres Gift Cards  
are available. Purchase a Harkins Loyalty Cup Voucher for your favorite movie  
goer!

Enjoy \$1.50 soft drinks every time you bring your Loyalty Cup to the movies  
through the end of 2018.

Loyalty Cups are available for a limited time while supplies last!

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**

**11:30 – 12:15**

## Nurse Notes



Now that winter may be upon us, it's time now, more than ever, to be vigilant of the signs and symptoms of winter illnesses. One of the most common winter illnesses among children is strep throat.

Strep throat is most common in school age children. Between 4 and 6 out of every 20 children with a sore throat have strep throat. Common symptoms of strep throat include a sore throat that starts very quickly, red and swollen tonsils, swollen lymph nodes in the front of the neck, and painful and/or difficulty swallowing.

If strep throat is suspected it is best to take your child into the doctor, where they can perform a test to determine if antibiotics are necessary. If antibiotics are needed, your child may return to school after being on the antibiotics for a

minimum of 24 hours.

For more information regarding strep throat and any other common winter illnesses, please visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

Bianca Nalder, RN, BSN

School Nurse

## Parish Corner



Saint Bernadette  
Roman Catholic Parish

EDGE RETREAT:

January 12<sup>th</sup> – January 14<sup>th</sup>



Location: UCYC – Prescott

3 Days – 2 Nights:

**Guest Priest: Rev Scott Sperry, Chaplain Bourgade High School**

To register go to: <https://saintbernadette-re.formstack.com/forms/edgeretreat>

EDGE service Projects: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Sign up to serve at St. Vincent Depaul:

[News.saintbernadette.com/stvincent](http://News.saintbernadette.com/stvincent)

Attention 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls: Special Guest: Leah Darrow

Save the Date:



The flyer is for a Youth Mission event. At the top, it features the St. Bernadette logo, 'LIFE TEEN' with the tagline 'Connect | Empower | Serve', and 'EDGE' with the tagline 'Serious | Humane | Joyful'. The main title is 'Youth Mission' with the quote 'To proclaim liberty to captives, to release to the prisoners.' and 'Isaiah 61: 1'. The event is titled 'From Top Model to Role Model' and is scheduled for Sunday, January 21, 2018, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm for High School Youth & Young Adults. A photo of Leah Darrow is shown on the left. Below this, the second event is 'The Other Side of Beauty' on Monday, January 22, 2018, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, for Middle School girls, High School Girls, and College Girls. A book cover for 'The Other Side of Beauty' by Leah Darrow is shown on the right. Both events include the note 'Parents are invited to attend with their children.' At the bottom, a black box contains the text 'More info: news.saintbernadette.com/Leah'.

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## Culture of Life Ornament Sale



Need a last-minute gift for a teacher, co-worker, or friend? The St. Bernadette Culture of Life Committee is selling its annual keepsake ornaments for \$10 in the Parish Office. The ornament is ceramic and comes in a gift box. Proceeds from the sale of ornaments helps support activities and agencies which support life at all stages.



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