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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday December 22, 2017

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

On behalf of the entire staff and faculty of our community, thank you all for the amazing generosity in the gifts you bestowed on us this Christmas season. We are all privileged and honored to serve our kids and work together with you in educating our little one's preparing them to direct our future. We wish you all the best this Christmas season and our prayers for continued health in the New

Year.

I also must implore your help once more, this time for the entirety of our community. As you've heard in the past few weeks, and will continue to hear leading in to the New Year, we need all of our parents and their families to redirect their Arizona taxes to St. John XXIII through Catholic Education Arizona. This costs you NOTHING as it will be returned to you by the state of Arizona after you file your taxes and it goes DIRECTLY to tuition costs for our families. The website is:

<https://secure.catholiceducationarizona.org/donate>

Your help is instrumental in continuing our growth towards achieving a tuition free school, which is becoming more possible each year as we are now the ONLY valley school in the Diocese who is not only meeting their financial need, but exceeding it! Thanks again for your support.

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

Please click on our Angel for a message....



School Notes

I want to express my gratitude for the donations to the St. John XXIII Staff Christmas fund. How wonderful that our teachers, aides, and staff benefited from the giving spirit of our community! Thank you for your contribution! Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Andrew Helfert

President

School Advisory Board

School Notes

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Important Dates

Wednesday, Jan. 10

WoW Rosary 8:05 Cry Room
Mass 8:30

Monday, January 15

School closed - MLK Jr. Day

Wednesday, Jan. 17

WoW Rosary 8:05 Cry Room
Mass 8:30

Kindergarten!



Applications for the 2018-2019 school year can be found on the website www.saintjohnxxiii.org or by stopping by the office. The applications for kindergarten will be accepted through January 12th.

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!

FAQs on CEA



A Catholic Education should be affordable for every child through a simple state income tax credit at no cost to you. You will be funding scholarships and keeping your tax dollars in our Catholic faith. Take the Credit and redirect your taxes to benefit

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FAQS:

What is the deadline to contribute to the tuition tax credit?

You can make your contribution any time up until April 15th of each year.

Please be mindful that in order to receive both your dollar-for-dollar state credit and federal deduction in the same tax year, you must make your contribution by December 31st. If you participate after December 31st, your federal deduction will roll forward to the following tax year. The physical or online

contribution form will walk you through the very simple process.

Who is eligible to take the tax credit?

If you are an Arizona taxpayer, you are eligible to receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit when you redirect your state tax dollars to Saint John XXIII (201) students through the tuition tax credit. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and employers are encouraged to participate.

How do I determine what my tax liability is?

Review your state tax return from last year and take a look at line 51 on your AZ140. That is where you will see your actual tax liability listed. If your income has not changed drastically, this will give you an idea of your state tax liability you can expect for the current year. You may also want to check with your tax advisor.

Where do I get the tax forms needed to claim the credit?

The department of revenue will post Arizona Forms 301, 323 and 328 in the fall leading up to tax season. The forms are also built into most online filing system as well as most CPA's software. Make sure to reference or provide to your tax preparer the receipt received by Catholic Education Arizona in January.

[HTTP://SAINTJOHNXXIII.ORG/CEA-TAX-CREDIT/](http://saintjohnxxiii.org/cea-tax-credit/)

[www.CEAZ.ORG](http://www.ceaaz.org)

Designate: Saint John XXIII (201)

Annual Appeal



Stronger Together

You still have time to give a gift to St. John's "Stronger Together" Annual Appeal and receive a 2017 tax deduction! Additionally, any gifts made in December of \$300-\$599 will receive a personalized Lasting Legacy 4"x 8" brick, and any gifts of \$600 or more will receive a personalized Lasting Legacy 8"x 8" brick. Don't let the opportunity for these bricks, which will be placed in the St. John courtyard, pass you by.

Ways of Worship



"M omnipotent" A Morning for Moms and the Vocation of Motherhood

Thursday January 25th 8:00am to 10:30am

We will meet in the Chapel, then head to Mass and back to the Chapel for refreshments, our DVD and small group discussions. Topic will be "**Free to be YOU**". I hope you will join us...please bring a friend! I have included a sign up genius if you are interested. Signing up does not commit you but it will enable me to send you the reading material prior to our meeting! Here is the original trailer and the link to the genius.

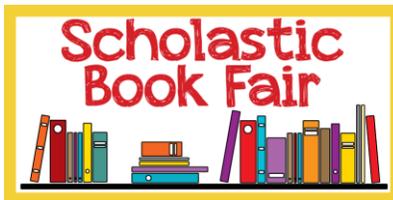
Merry Christmas and God Bless,

Patti Jasinski and the WOW Team Volunteers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmlIO3mBFVU>

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4daaa92ca7ff2-momnipotent2>

Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic book fair was a tremendous success this year! Thank you to everyone who supported our library. A big thank you to all the parents who

helped with set up, crowd control, book straightening and most of all helping the students! The biggest thank you must go to Sarah Kyle who was amazingly patient and a tireless help in making this fair happen!

Christmas Concert



Last week's concert was just beautiful! Thank you to Mr. Ramos, Mrs. Herrera and Mrs. Hack for helping our students get ready for this festive evening.

Thank you to our VPO Concerts Chair, Jen Biancardi and her decorating crew for making the stage POP! And thank you to Mrs. Jasinski and our Student Leaders for their Nativity Story. What a way to get us all in the Christmas spirit!

Staff Sweet Treats



We are sweetly overwhelmed! Our hearts (and tummies) are SO full from your generosity. The cookies that came in for us to take home to our families to enjoy over Christmas Break were so very welcomed. What fun it was to choose our favorites!

And in the days leading up to our break, we have been absolutely spoiled by many of you bringing in candy, cakes, donuts and other treats. We absolutely appreciate how much you care for our teachers and staff. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas Break!

[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!

SCRIP



Merry Christmas!

Enjoy your Christmas break! SCRIP will be available during the break at the following times.

Scrip Sales Hours:

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017

9:00 – 11:00

Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018

9:00 – 11:00

RUN WITH PRIDE!!



Our before school running club starts again January 9th!

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 3 Schedule:

January 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25,30

February 1, 6, 8, 13, 15

February 23rd - Awards

Any questions can be directed towards Kristen Peach.

Happy Running!

[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

Bianca Nalder, RN, BSN

School Nurse

[Parish Corner](#)



St. Bernadette Christmas Mass Times



Sunday, December 24th: 5 pm in the church (children's mass); 5:15 in Parish Hall; 8 & 11 pm in the church.

Monday, December 25th: 8 & 10 am in the church.

Have a Blessed Christmas!

Please note: St. Bernadette Parish Office will close at noon December 26-29th. The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God celebrated on Jan. 1st is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WINTER CLASS AT ST. BERNADETTE



Please consider joining our upcoming class beginning February 14, 2018.

We'd love to have you!

Contact us to enroll and for book ordering information.

FOLLOW ME: MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

By Dr. Edward Sri

Contact: Carla Kruk, facilitator

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OR:

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EDGE RETREAT:

January 12th – January 14th



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: 6th – 8th Grade:

Sign up to serve at St. Vincent Depaul:

[News.saintbernadette.com/stvincent](https://news.saintbernadette.com/stvincent)

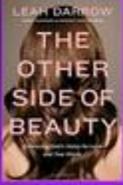
Attention 6th – 8th Grade Girls: Special Guest: Leah Darrow

Save the Date:

St. Bernadette LIFE TEEN St. Bernadette EDGE
"To proclaim liberty to captives, to release to the prisoners."
Isaiah 61: 1

 From Top Model to Role Model
Sunday, January 21, 2018
7:00pm - 9:00pm
High School Youth & Young Adults
Parents are invited to attend with their children.

The Other Side of Beauty
Monday, January 22, 2018
7:00pm - 8:30pm
Middle School girls | High School Girls | College Girls
Parents are invited to attend with their children.



More info: news.saintbernadette.com/Leah

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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