



# PRIDE

*Obedientia Et Pax*

**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday December 8, 2017**

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Next week is a big week for us with the beginning of our annual toy drive. I'm not sure that everyone knows what happens with the toys we collect, but I think it's important to share how much of a difference we are making.

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Every one of the toys collected this year will be going to St. Matthew's Catholic School in Phoenix. St. Matthew's is a Diocesan elementary quite different than ours. With under 200 students, the school is small and made up of Hispanic, bilingual students from south Phoenix whose parents are relying on tuition assistance to pay for school. Along with grants, parish subsidies, and help from outside donors, they are making a difference in a community that desperately needs the light a Catholic school brings.

Many of the students at St. Matthews have told teachers that Santa doesn't love them because he never comes to their house each year despite what they hear about him. The teachers there go in to their own pockets to provide whatever gifts they can for students so that the hope and love each Christmas season brings can be felt by those kids. Our toy collection this year will go to a storage facility for the teachers of St. Matthews to come to and "shop" for each of their students so that they will all get something for Christmas.

We hope you can all prayerfully find it in your heart to help this season with our collection as the meaning of those gifts is far larger than you could ever imagine. Any of our student leaders who have delivered there in the past can tell you how much of a difference we are making with a small token of love in a season where we fill our own houses with joy, hope and good tidings.

God Bless,  
Preston Colao  
Principal

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# School Notes

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## Important Dates

Dec. 11 - 15

**Christmas Toy Drive**

Dec. 12 - 15

**Scholastic Book Fair**

Wednesday, Dec. 13

**WoW Rosary 8:05 Cry**

**Room**

**Mass 8:30**

Friday, Dec. 15

**Christmas Concert 6:00**

**[Adopt-A- Family for Christmas](#)**

## Adopt-a-Family



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!



[Beauty and the Beast Jr.](#)



Thank you to everyone who auditioned for Beauty and the Beast Jr. Your talent is truly wonderful. Just a reminder that everyone who auditioned will be a part of the production. The full cast list will be posted on Ms. Deye's website on Sunday, December 10th.

## [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!

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](#)

## Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair is next week! Students, staff and families are invited and encouraged to visit the school library between December 12-15 for all the fun.

\*We are still looking for a few volunteers to help at the Book Fair. For more information please contact Sarah Kyle at [sarahmkyle@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahmkyle@yahoo.com)

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

## **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 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**

**Awards Dec. 15th- at Courtyard Prayer**

**Any questions can be directed towards Kristen Peach.**

**Happy Running!**

## **SCRIP**



Christmas is just around the corner!!

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](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**

**12:15 – 1:00**

[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](#)



**Mark Your Calendar!**

**St. Bernadette Advent Events**

# ADVENT PARISH MISSION ST BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## CHRIS MUGLIA

Chris Muglia is a Catholic speaker, singer/songwriter, and personal development coach. His music is sung worldwide in multiple languages, and his engaging speaking style appeals to people of all ages leaving them both inspired and motivated to serve and love in heroic ways.

As a husband of 22 years and a father of 5 children, Chris offers a unique perspective on the ups and downs of marriage and family. Through his appearances at large Catholic conferences and events, he has become known as a dynamic presenter who gives his audiences practical tools to discover more joy and happiness in everyday life.

"A Beautiful Testimony For  
The Value of Life"

Irma Arvizo, Albuquerque, NM

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Teresa Stone, Denver, Colorado

"An Exceptional  
Musician and Storyteller"

Fr. Gregory Schlarb, Scottsdale, AZ

"Very Inspirational and Moving"

Steven Mandarino, Phoenix, AZ



**2 NIGHT PARISH MISSION**  
**DATE: DECEMBER 10-11**  
**TIME: 7:00 PM**  
**COST: FREE WILL OFFERING**

Family Friendly Event  
All Are Welcome!

LEARN MORE ABOUT CHRIS AND HIS MINISTRY AT:  
[WWW.WHOSCHRIS.COM](http://WWW.WHOSCHRIS.COM)



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