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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday January 19, 2018

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Do you where the Atchafalaya Basin, El Yunque Forest or Sayan Mountains are located? How about what islands the Seikan Tunnel connects? Our kids do! How about how to spell ichthyosaurus or coquelicot? They can do that too! In the past week, I had the honor of helping to moderate both our National Spelling Bee and our National Geography Bee qualifiers on

campus. These were some of the questions our finalist students had to study for in preparing.

At the end of last week we awarded Sophia Molitor the spelling bee championship for the school and today we gave a champion medal to Matthew Roche for the National Geographic Geography Bee. Both will go on to represent our school at the next level and we wish them the best. All of the participants in both events however need to be noted for how well they carried themselves with grace and poise and how committed they were to studying outside of their normal school and life commitments. We are very blessed to have such amazing students and supportive parents

A big thank you goes out to all of the participants in both events as well as their parents who helped them prepared. Have a great weekend.

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

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Jan. 28 - Feb 3

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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 26th.

Enrichment Class



We are interested in finding out if our community would like to have music (band) instruction offered as an after school enrichment class. If you are interested, please email

bbrillas@saintjohnxxiii.org

Please write Band Enrichment as the subject for the email. In the body of the email please include the child's name, grade and what instrument they have. Please let us know if they have already had instruction or if this is brand new to them. Again, they will need to provide the instrument.

Thank you!

[Geography Bee Winner](#)



What a fun and challenging morning we had as 10 Middle School students competed in the National Geographic Geography Bee . CONGRATULATIONS to 8th grader, Matthew Roche, as our school's winner! 7th grader, Isabella

Medina is our runner-up, and 8th grader, Ella Hoffman, rounds out the field in 3rd place. These students made it to the school's finals after competing against 200 other participants. Matthew will advance to the next round of competition, and we wish him the best of luck!

Field Day



Field Day is coming!! Our fun-filled day of friendly student competition is Friday, Feb 2, 2018. We will need parents to assist the day of Field Day, as well as with shirt tie dyeing the week of January 22-26. SignUp Geniuses were sent out. Thanks so much for your time and help!!

Please feel free to contact Karin DeChant with any questions.

karindechant@hotmail.com

Catholic Schools Week



Catholic Schools Week is on the horizon!!

What is Catholic Schools week you ask??

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2018 is **January 28 - February 3**. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2018 is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. You chose Catholic School for many reasons..now let's CELEBRATE them!

[Please click on this link](#) to see all the fun activities we have in store for our students and our community!

[Free Dress Coupon](#) to be used on Monday January 29th IF you wore your uniform to Mass on 1/27 OR 1/28

**Sign up genius to pass out bookmarks after Saint Bernadette Mass
1/27 and 1/28**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4DAAA92CA7FF2-handout>

[Student Leadership](#)



Applications for 2018-2019 Student Leadership team are available in the front office. Deadline to submit is January 25th!! Come be a part of this great team of Servant Leaders who contribute to help make our community AWESOME!! If you have any questions, students are welcome to contact Mrs. Jasinski directly.

Spirit of Service



Are you looking for a rewarding, at home volunteer position? We are currently looking for someone to act as a liaison for our Spirit of Service Committee. This person would help with scheduling volunteer opportunities with our already existing organizations as well as finding new opportunities for us to share. Time commitment is minimal but the reward is great! Please contact Patti Jasinski if you are interested in helping out!

Ways of Worship



The kick-off to our Saint John XXIII celebration of Catholic Schools week will take place NEXT Friday January 26th with our World Rosary. This is a beautiful Rosary that celebrates diversity and acknowledges the sacrifices of our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world. Sacrifices that are made in order to express their faith...a freedom we are blessed to have. We will begin at 11:40 in the courtyard. We would like to invite our students to participate by wearing the following shirt colors to school that day. If you do not have the color, please do not feel that you need to go out and buy something. God loves our prayers more than our shirt color:~)!

Kinder and 1st...Yellow

2nd and 3rd...White

4th and 5th...Green

6th and 7th...Red

8th...Blue

"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.

**God Bless,
Patti Jasinski and the WOW Team Vonunteers**

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

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

Stronger Together



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Catholic School's Week is just around the corner! Our St. John community will celebrate the upcoming week with different daily activities focused on our Parish, Community, Students, Nation, Vocations, and Faculty, Staff and Volunteers. This week is also a good time to reflect on WHY we choose Catholic education. WHY do we choose to be a part of the St. John community? And what can we contribute to our community using our God given strengths, talents and gifts? We have an amazing family here, and we cannot wait to celebrate our choice of Catholic Education and how it has enriched all of our lives!

SCRIP



Don't just think of SCRIP at Christmas time. We have the gift cards you need year round. Whether you need last minute gifts, dinner and a movie or for weekly grocery shopping...We have it all!!

Remember, it does not cost you any more than what you were going to spend!

You can also use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!

For questions Stop by the SCRIP cart before or after school or email Pegge

Gentry, at pgentry@saintjohnxxii.org with any questions.

Scrip Sales Hours:

Monday-Thursday

7:30 – 8:15

2:30 – 3:15

Friday

7:30 – 8:15

12:15 – 1:00

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 23, 25,30

February 1, 6, 8, 13, 15

February 23rd - Awards

Any questions can be directed towards Kristen Preach.

Happy Running!

[Nurse Notes](#)



Dear Parents,

Our school follows the Diocesan School Wellness Policy. When your child has a birthday that you want to celebrate with the class, please ask your teacher what is appropriate. Snacks must have minimal sugar, 20g or less, so please no cupcakes, brownies, cookies, candy or any sweets with high sugar content. In

addition, due to the diverse multitude of children with food allergies all snacks need to be store-bought and packaged with an ingredient label. Please bring the snack to the school office to be approved. Creative non-food celebrations such as new pencils, erasers or anything you find in the party section of the store are just as fun.

Thank you for working together with us!

Bianca Nalder, RN, BSN

School Nurse

[Parish Corner](#)



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast: Join Us this Sunday, January 21st, after all morning masses for yummy pancakes, sausage and eggs. Price for individuals is \$5; the price for families is \$15.

Youth Mission on Sunday, Jan. 21 and Monday, Jan. 22: Leah Darrow, former America's Top Model contestant will be speaking about her new book, *The Other Side of Beauty: Embracing God's Vision for Love and True Worth*, to all

youth on Sunday night; and, to girls and moms only on Monday night. Do you feel like you're never good enough? Like you should be living a more Instagram-worthy life? Are you exhausted by the impossible quest for physical beauty but still yearn for the validation of being chosen, valued, and deemed beautiful? Drawing on her experience on America's Next Top Model and her work as a fashion model, Leah Darrow exposes the lies we are told about our worth being tied to our appearance and instead invites us to look again at the real meaning of beauty. She shows how we can reclaim true and lasting beauty—the kind that doesn't depend on self-doubt, exploitation, or comparison—when we reflect God's glory and embrace our value as he made us to be: strong, brave, and free. Only when we learn to see ourselves as God does can we leave behind our culture's definitions and demands and find joy in *The Other Side of Beauty*.



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