



# PRIDE

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**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday January 26, 2018**

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

With the excitement of Catholic School's Week building, and coming off of the great accomplishments of our kids I noted in last week's email, this week has showcased our students yet again for a variety of accomplishments.

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For the first time, our school not only won the Honeywell Aerospace Challenge at ASU, but we swept a variety of awards on the day. Students had to create a scale model and report about an International Logistics Mission to colonize Phobos, a moon of Mars. The primary purpose of the mission being the development of a plan to establish a sustainable base on Phobos with minimal support from Earth for up to 24 astronauts in a 10 year span. As I've often joked before...exactly what we all did in middle school too, right? Our wins included best team name, best mission patch, best team enthusiasm and spirit, and the engineer and astronaut judges' choice for most inhabitable base. The team of Jaron DeMore, Ryan Weller, Alex Heredia, Austin Moran and Lauren Keena won the top prize of the day to move on to the next round of the state completion for an opportunity to win cash prizes and a trip to NASA Space Camp in the summer.

Our middle school STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) classes/program also won an award this week from Grand Canyon University as the Most Innovative STEM Program in the state with a special emphasis on our work with 3D printing and computer aided design in classes. Our project based, multi-disciplinary program has been recognized many times before, but this award was quite unexpected and a huge honor for our Diocese and school.

Finally, and clearly most impressive for our school, was the news this week that EIGHT of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders were awarded Catholic Community Foundation Scholarships to Catholic High Schools from their mission and service work. Ever since we began promoting this program and encouraging service 6

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years ago, we have seen the fruits of our kids' dedication to service and this year having 8 winners ties our own school record as well as the CCF record for the most winners from one school. It also increases the total we have won in the past 6 years alone to over 30. If you know any of the eight winners for this year please congratulate them on how well they have represented our school in their altruistic endeavors. Those winners are: Griffin Fanger, Michael Ferrara, Chase Gehringer, Ella Hoffman, Alicia Jasinski, Trevor Jasinski, Austin Kerr and Declan Quinn.

Thank you for all of your support and have a great weekend.

God Bless,  
Preston Colao  
Principal

Please [click here](#) for a message from our Principal for the Day!!!

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Jan. 28 - Feb 3

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Wednesday, Jan. 31

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

Friday, Feb. 2

**Field Day**

## Kindergarten!



We are continuing to take applications for the 2018-2019 school year. These applications can be found on the website ([Click Here](#)) or by stopping by the office.

## Field Day



Hello Parents.

It's time for Field Day! We have created a spirited day of friendly competition and are looking for parent volunteers to help. Below is the sign-up. Please remember that you must be **Safe Environment** certified to volunteer. Looking forward to a fun-filled event!

We are in need of parents helping with game stations!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4eaead2babfe3-field1>

Please feel free to contact Karin DeChant with any questions.

[karindechant@hotmail.com](mailto:karindechant@hotmail.com)

**Last chance for volunteer shirts to be tie dyed for field day is Monday at drop off! Please turn in shirts to the box in the front office.**

## Father/Daughter Dance



Attention all Daddys and their Daughters...

Put on your dancing shoes, find your most festive Hawaiian attire and get ready to dance the night away! It is time for the Daddy/Daughter Dance, coming to the St. John Gym on **Friday, February 9th from 6-8 p.m.**

Make a night of it and grab dinner before or dessert after, and come onto

campus after hours for a good time! [Please see our flyer](#) with all the pertinent details including attire (Hawaiian) and some of the evening's activities. [SIGN UP HERE](#) to register.

Any questions? Please contact Kristen in the Development

Office: [kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org)

**MAHALO** and see you there!

## [CEA](#)



### **There is still time!**

Contributions can be made on-line at: [www.ceaz.org](http://www.ceaz.org) or at

<http://saintjohnxxiii.org/cea-tax-credit/> **Designate Saint John XXIII**

**Catholic School** so your tax dollars benefit our students here at St. John.

Please consider taking the tax credit and investing in our children's future.

Contributions can be made until **April 17, 2018**. Thank you again for making a difference!

## [Annual Appeal](#)



We had a great first semester of giving to our Annual Appeal, and we thank you so much. But now the real work begins! We need to reach our goal of \$200,000 AND we have a stretch goal of 100% participation. Can the SJ community do it? "YES WE CAN!" If every family donates \$600 to the fund, we will reach our goal. Only 37% of our families have donated, and we can do better than that.

REMINDER that this Annual Appeal is our sole large fundraiser this year... we are taking a break from the Auction this year and asking our SJ community to give directly to the Annual Appeal. Please turn in your mailed pledge cards or donate on-line [HERE](#) before the end of May.

We WILL have a February donor incentive involving Parking Spaces. So if that is important to you, get ready! Our March donors will be looking at VIP seating for concerts, the school play and Christmas Eve mass. Look for an email at the beginning February that will outline all upcoming donor incentives!



## Stronger Together



Stronger Together

Asking for money is never easy. But if you don't ask, then there is 100% chance that the answer is no. We really need your help, and we are asking. We shared information in the Fall that there is a shortfall per student between our operating cost per student vs. the average tuition collected per student. By having an Annual Appeal with a projected goal in mind of \$600 donated per family, we can easily reach our \$200,000 to help in that shortfall. Currently, 138 families have participated with a donation that worked for THEIR family. ***And we thank you so very much!*** But there are still 241 families who have yet to make a pledge. If 241 families pledged \$600, we would bring in \$144,600 RIGHT NOW. If 241 families pledged \$300, we would bring in \$72,300 RIGHT NOW. Can your family contribute one of those numbers? Can we count on you to help our community? We truly are "Stronger Together." Thank you for your consideration, and God Bless.

## 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

## Spirit of Service



Are you looking for a rewarding, at home volunteer position? We are currently looking for someone to act as a liason 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!

## SCRIP



We have \$50.00 and \$100.00 Visa's with no activation fee! So stop by and pick up a few to use on your next Costco shopping trip or anywhere Visa is accepted.

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](mailto: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!!**



**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 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



**Boys and Girls ages 10 -16: This Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> is the St. Bernadette Council of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship from 9 am – 11 am in the gym.**

**Recycle Your Old Glasses with the OneSight program!**

**St. Bernadette is collecting all kinds of prescription glasses and sunglasses during February for OneSight, a program providing glasses for the needy in the U.S. and in developing countries. OneSight is an independent nonprofit committed to eradicating the global vision care crisis in our lifetime—because when we see better, we live better! Place the glasses in a zip-lock bag before donating—NO Glass Cases, please! Broken glasses are also accepted; they will be repaired by Lens Crafters and given to the needy.**

**Thank you!**

**What an amazing two days! We had such a great time with Leah**

**Darrow. She presented to the girls on Monday during class and then again on Monday night. I loved how she challenged the girls to unfriend five people that are unhealthy for them. In addition, she challenged the girls to follow great women. Here is a quote from her (@Leah.Darrow) Instagram post.**

**"Today I challenged my sweet young ladies at St. John XXIII in Scottsdale, AZ to make sure they follow strong, smart, faithful, fun and brave women on Social Media:**

**Here are some my favorite women to follow for inspiration in my faith journey:**

**@lisaanncotter @emwilss @jackiefrancois @skroger @blessedishe\_@sarahswafford18 @leah.darrow**

**Jason Evert who spoke to the 7th and 8th graders on Tuesday morning also had an amazing presentation. If you would like to hear a pre-recorded talk, go to <https://chastityproject.com/qa/love-or-lust/>**

**In addition, his website is: <http://www.chastityproject.com>**



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