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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday February 2, 2018

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

What a great week for our community! While we celebrated the joy of Catholic School all week, the true gift lies within our kids. Having the student leaders alongside me to celebrate Mass with the Bishop this week and a rally at the

capital, thanking our dedicated teachers and tireless volunteers, and seeing the joy in our kids throughout field day helps us all remember why we love our community so much. Nothing spoke more loudly than watching field day wrap up with our kids yelling "God is good...All the time"!

I'll truly never be able to thank Karin DeChant, Jennifer Kelly and Keri Rozansky enough for putting together a great field day and to all of their amazing volunteers who helped today and in the past weeks with tie-dying shirts; they are what makes our community what it is year in and year out.

SO many of you came to me this week and spoke about writing projects your kids were working on at home for Catholic School's Week. I wanted to share one of those below that a teacher gave me because of how much they felt it summed up our community and the feelings of our kids. Have a great weekend and thank you all for supporting Catholic education!

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

Why I Love Catholic Schools

Catholic schools are amazing in so many ways, I don't even know where to start. It's so wonderful to practice our faith in our religion class at Saint John XXIII. We may have to wear uniforms, but that doesn't really matter, we're at school! It's a huge privilege to go here.

Mass is so important for our faith to grow. If you listen, you can learn some valuable lessons. It's even fun to participate! I wish everyone could go

to Mass at least once a week. There are even more fantastic things you can do other than Mass. You can go to the Adoration Chapel and pray to God alone.

Of course, there are lots of people who make this possible for me. My parents encourage me to learn new things at school. They also pay for me, which is a challenge they have completed successfully. My teachers, as well, have a key role in my going here. They teach me everything! They are also super nice!

Those are all the reasons why I love Saint John XXIII and why I go here. I've been going here my entire life and I think it's amazing!

School Notes

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Important Dates

Wednesday, Feb. 7

WoW Rosary 8:05 Cry Room

Mass 8:30

QTR. 3 Progress Report

Posted

Thursday, Feb 8

4th grade retreat

Friday, Feb. 9

Red/White/Pink accessory day

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Father/Daughter Dance

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Ash Wednesday Mass 10:00

CEA Scholarship Applications



Catholic Education Arizona (CEA) Scholarship Applications for the 2018-2019 school year are now open. Deadline for applications is April 17, 2018. Parents will be notified by letter from CEA on or before June 30, 2018.

Parents/legal guardians need to go to www.fairapp.com to apply.

School Code: 700

School Password: cea700

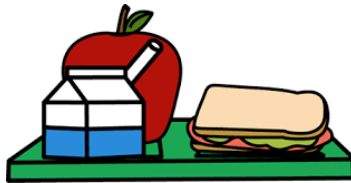
Congratulations!



Congratulations are in order for our nurse, Bianca Nalder. She will be getting married this next week. She will now be Mrs. Grandys.

In saying that, we are in need for a few substitutes. We are still looking for coverage for February 12-15. Please email bbrillas@saintjohnxxiii.org if you would like to help.

Lunch Program



Please remember that we are in a new month for lunches...

Please order ASAP

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

MAHALO and see you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We need a little help from our SJ community! We have a small committee who has put a lot of hard work into creating a wonderful night of fun for the Dads and Daughters of St. John. Our small but mighty crew can't do it all, so please help us out with decorating AND night of assistance on Friday, February 9th. Maybe you are a mom of boys who wants to be around something a little girly for the night; maybe your daughter is heading to the dance with her dad and you want to get an inside view of their evening; or maybe you just have a big heart and a couple hours to help us! Whatever your reason, thank you so much in advance for your help! (As with all St. John events, you must be Safe

Environment certified to volunteer.)

Please click [HERE](#) to sign up for a volunteer space.

Calling All Artists



The annual t-shirt design contest for the musical is here. This year's production is Beauty and the Beast Jr. If you would like to submit a design, please turn it into the office or Ms. Deye's room by Tuesday, February 13th. Please be sure to put your name and class on the back of your design.

CEA



There is still time!

Contributions can be made on-line at: 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



Keep an eye out next week for a special Annual Appeal donation give-away!

Catholic Schools Week



We would like to thank everyone for all your participation in Catholic Schools Week. This year's logo.. "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." encompassed the core products and values that can be found in Catholic

schools across the country. Not only are we here at Saint John XXIII teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, our teachers continue to grow alongside us and alongside you. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make OUR Catholic school work. They are what make OUR Catholic school succeed. So with that, we, the students of Saint John, thank you...Mr. Colao, Mr. Putz, our teachers and staff and our parents...for all you do for us, for all the sacrifices you make for us in order to exercise your right to choose a Catholic school education to help us learn, serve, lead and succeed! God Bless and thank you!

[Get ready for a scary good time!](#)



Did you know that our entire school is about to officially kick-off our Jump Rope/Hoops For Heart with the American Heart Association this year? Yes, that's right! It's time to have some fun and learn about heart health and save

lives.

In just one week, on Friday, February 9th, the American Heart Association will be coming to our campus for our school assembly to help kick off our Jump Rope/Hoops For Heart event. We will learn about the new Scare Squad crew, how the heart works, how exercise can be fun and how raising money can save lives!

Please contact Coach Preach or Coach Nelson with any questions.

Sports Update



Boys Basketball:

Congratulations to all of our boys basketball teams on a great season! A special congratulations to our 8th grade boys on making it to the Final Four of the CYAA Tournament. We are very proud of you!

Spring Sports:

Soccer: Good luck to our 7th/8th grade soccer team this weekend as they start the CYAA Soccer Tournament!

Girls Basketball: Girls Basketball will be starting soon! Sign-ups are in the gym office and online if you are interested.

Go Pride!

SCRIP



For questions Stop by the SCRIP cart before or after school or email Pegge Gentry, at pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org with any questions.

Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!

Need a Birthday gift for those afterschool parties. We have Toys R' Us, Target, Itunes, Bath & Body Works, and many more. So, stop by and save some time and support our school.

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:

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](#)



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.



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