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*Obedientia Et Pax*

**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday February 23, 2018**

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

It was so nice for me to be back on the curb this morning after having been out Wednesday chairing an accreditation for a Catholic school in New Mexico and off campus all day yesterday for a Diocese principals' meeting downtown. Seeing all of the kids always makes me appreciate how much I love our community. So much has developed since we went in to break last

week and so many of you have talked with me about the horrific news of yet another mass shooting on a school campus.

We strive each day to make our school a sanctuary for kids where they can always rely on a location to find peace and not be afraid. Events such as those in Florida however, hit to close to home for all of us and highlight the violence in our world.

It's no secret that we regularly engage the students in fire, lockdown, and emergency response drills, continually assessing their effectiveness. In light of this tragedy and others, we remain committed to monitoring our protocols and procedures closely. Our school safety plan and crisis response plan are reviewed annually by the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Phoenix as well as by the Phoenix Police Department, Sheriff's Department, Homeland Security, and Phoenix Fire Department. We undergo yearly site inspections of the fencing, facilities, doors, locks, perimeter, buildings, classrooms, and our plans by law enforcement officials from the state. They have advised us for years on any concerns they would like to see us address. In every one of those suggestions, they have been carried out within months of the request (changes to the fencing, changes to safety equipment on the playground, additional field fencing, door lock upgrades, security cameras, fire gate installations, amendments to our plans and evacuation protocols, to name a few). While no plan can ever fully insulate us from the brokenness and violence in our society, our plan is predicated on our primary goal of implementing prudential measures to maintain a safe environment while also preserving the inviting and joyful spirit that permeates our campus.

The most effective element of our safety plan is truly the care and concern our teachers and a staff show for each student every day to cultivate our

community. Central to our mission is working tirelessly to ensure that students are known and cared for and providing resources to students and families experiencing difficulty. To this end, please don't hesitate to contact any one of us, or any of your student's teachers if you have questions or concerns.

God Bless,  
Preston Colao  
Principal

## School Notes

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### Important Dates

**Tuesday, Feb 27**

**Spring Athletic Pictures**

**Wednesday, Feb. 28**

**WoW Rosary 8:05 Cry Room**

**Mass 8:30**

**Beauty and the Beast Jr.**

**6:00 -- Gym**

**Thursday, March 1**

**Beauty and the Beast Jr.**

**6:00 -- Gym**

**March 5-8**

**8th Grade Mission Trip**

- Parish Corner

## 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](http://www.fairapp.com) to apply.

School Code: 700

School Password: cea700

## 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



Stronger Together

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Development Office is putting together some fun items to be used as part of our Annual Appeal drive, and we would love the St. John community's help.

Do you have or do you know someone with a cool getaway trip, a unique "experience" (box seats to the big game, front row seats to the hot play or concert, private behind the scenes tours of the best restaurant in town, hotel stays with golf and spa packages, etc.) It takes a village to help with these connections, and if you know someone willing to donate an experience or package, please contact Kristen ([kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org)) with the details.

Thank you so much... we truly are "Stronger Together" as we push through to reach our \$200,000 goal!

## Lenten Faith IN Action Project



More Family Lenten ideas:

1. Plan and Cook a Meatless Meal Together: Great for a Friday. Go simple like mac n' cheese or try something more complicated that looks good to everyone. Explain why we abstain from meat on Fridays of Lent.
2. Almsgiving Activity: Create an almsgiving box and choose a charity to donate to. Save all of your change this season by putting it in your family's box.
3. Fill a Bag to Donate: Declutter your house and make a donation to Goodwill. Toys, clothes, books, housewares, etc. are all fair game. This is part of almsgiving too.

## Spirit of Service



**The Spirit of Service committee is comprised of parent volunteers organizing service opportunities that exist in our local community for children and their parents to contribute their time and efforts acting as the Hands and Feet of**

**Christ as a R.E.A.L. Catholic community while building relationships and participating in active Catholic Stewardship.**

**We are currently putting together service opportunities for March and April at Saint Vincent dePaul, Miracle League, Pueblo Norte Assisted Living Facility and Harvest Compassion as well as a couple of new organizations we are very excited to partner with!**

**Let's ALL be the Hands and Feet of Christ!!**

## Ways of Worship



Please join us on Friday March 23rd in the courtyard as our 8th graders portray living "Stations of the Cross" as seen from the eyes of our beloved Mother Mary. This is a deeply moving and touching re-enactment. We hope you will be able to join us on Friday March 23rd at 11:30 in the courtyard as we reflect more deeply on the Scriptural accounts of Christ's passion.

## Enrichment Registration



**Online Registration NOW Open for**

**ENRICHMENT CLASSES!!!**

**Register Now for SESSION THREE! Our LAST session of the school year.**

**Session 3 STARTS the week of MARCH 5th and runs until MAY 11th!**

**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/Drama**

**THURSDAYS: ASL Club (Sign Language) / i9 Sports**

**FRIDAYS: Cheerleading / Crazy Cool Science / Preach Volleyball Performance**

**[SCRIP](#)**





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

**Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!  
For questions Stop by the SCRIP cart before or after school or email Pegge Gentry, at [pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org) with any questions.**

**Scrip Sales Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday**

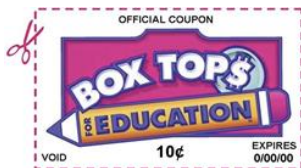
**7:30 – 8:15**

**2:30 – 3:15**

**Friday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**12:15 – 1:00**



**It's Box Top clipping time!**

Help our school reach our goal of collecting 15,000 Box Tops. Just by clipping Box Tops and sending them into school, we earn cash. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products. Turn in your Box Tops to your homeroom teacher by February 26th.

[Nurse Notes](#)



Parents,

Our annual Jump Rope for Heart event is on February 28th. There is no other school and community that has bigger hearts than our community here at Saint John XXIII Catholic School. We have improved the lives of thousands of kids and families living with heart disease- THANK YOU!

We are starting a classroom competition today. The top class who earns the most donations and sends the most e-mails/e-cards will win a playground pack for their classroom(kickballs, basketballs, jump ropes and etc.)! We have until Friday, March 2nd, Ready.... set, go!

49 students have taken the challenge online, and we want to reach 100% of our students to join in and participate.

Please register with your student and take the challenge here: [Saint John XXIII Catholic School](#)

- Click the Sign-Up Button to Join Our Team! Your child will earn a Glow-in-the-dark Scare Squad wristband
- Donate online- your child will earn their first two monsters: Jax and Charger

- Send emails to family and friends asking them to take the challenge too- and they can donate in your child's name.

Make sure to look for the donation envelopes that went home or download our Jump/Hoops app to help your student bring our Scare Squad monsters to life!

Our Jump Rope for Heart celebration is on February 28th

- Raise \$100 ONLINE and earn a Bling Emoji
- Raise \$200 ONLINE and earn a Jax Emoji Pillow
- We have a big goal – If all students raise \$60 each we would achieve our goal
- This year's goal is \$6,500! WE CAN DO IT!

The Top Class wins a special Disco dance party and who knows even more surprises!

Thank you so much! We appreciate all you do!

The Saint John XXIII Catholic PE Team

**LAST CHANCE!!**

If you raise \$100 Online by March 2nd, you can earn a Bling Duck! Also, if you raise \$200 Online you can earn Jax Emoji Pillow! Jax Emoji Pillow and the Bling Duck are at your school right now!

## [Safe Environment Foundation Trainings](#)



**Our diocese is now hosting SET Foundation Training every 1st Wednesday of the month, 9:30 am—11:30 am.**

**Diocesan Pastoral Center (DPC)**

**400 East Monroe Street**

**Phoenix, AZ 85004**

## [Parish Corner](#)



## **XLT with Joel Stephanek** **Everyone is invited!**

**Connect: An XLT Event**

**Sunday, February 25th.**

**Keynote Speaker: Joel Stephanek. (He kept 1,000 high boys attention for an hour) 6:00pm - 6:45pm - Food Trucks are available for you to purchase dinner.**

**6:45pm - 8:15pm: Music (Mary Castner) | Keynote: Joel Stephanek | Adoration.**

**RSVP:** <http://news.saintbernadette.com/connect>

**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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