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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday February 9, 2018

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

As many of you may recall (at least those of you that mocked me in years past), throughout my years here during Lent I have made a variety of sacrifices: committing to do service work with my kids at least once per week for all of Lent, giving up all sweets (the office staff was not impressed with that one), and even the longest Lent ever when I abstained from all meat and

alcohol for the entire duration, even feast days, from Ash Wednesday to Easter. I have made easier decisions in my life.

So many of our kids have shared with me the many sacrifices they are planning this season that have been amazingly inspirational. Many are giving up much of their favorite food items, but some others have made commitments that are not of the usual nature including: giving up all social media, being a better friend, praying the rosary daily, going to weekly adoration on their own time, finding at least 2 hours each week to dedicate to God outside of Mass, and not procrastinating with their school work.

With Ash Wednesday next week and Lent upon us, it gives us all time to reflect on what kind of person we are, what kind of person we want to be, and perhaps most importantly, what kind of person our children see us as. We talk about setting examples and will-power, but those things are just plain difficult. Whether giving up something we love, or crawling out of bed to work-out before the sun comes up, it's not easy to get or stay motivated. When we contemplate giving our lives for someone, or for the future of an entire race, it's almost impossible to wrap our heads around that reality. Yet it has happened and continues to happen as the world constantly grows and fosters saints committed to fighting injustice and remaining faithful. Our children need those role models and need to keep the faith alive that we CAN make a difference and we CAN have control of our own lives.

What are you doing for Lent? We'd love to hear so feel free to drop us a line!

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

School Notes

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Important Dates

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Ash Wednesday Mass 10:00

Feb. 16 - Feb. 20

School Closed

Wednesday, Feb. 21

WoW Rosary 8:05 Cry Room

Mass 8:30

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

[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

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](#)



Stronger Together

We wanted to try something a little different this year for our Annual Appeal - so you didn't lose the fun of an auction's "Buy it Now" option or the anticipation of who is the "Highest Bidder" on blind auctions. Thank you for being open to our ideas! We are going to keep up the momentum next week with another promotion...

Has your Son or Daughter ever wanted to "Rule the School?" Well, look for next week's Annual Appeal email on how to donate to the Annual Appeal so your child can be one of two "Principal's for the Day" in the 2018-19 school

year! Remember, all Annual Appeal donations are 100% deductible.

Student Leadership



I just want to take a moment to recognize our Student Leadership team and to thank them for helping out and leading the way through Catholic Schools Week. It was a busy week and we could not have had such a great week without their help:

- Pride Day committee started us off with a great service themed Pride Day
- Arts and Environment painted all of our signs
- Helping Hands served our teachers breakfast
- Lunchtime Tournaments organized games for K-5
- Campus Ministry attended the Diocesan all schools Mass
- Communications kept us on our toes
- Yearbook was busy taking pictures
- News crew sent out a special CSW edition of Saint John News

Thank you for sharing your time and talent with our Saint John Community!!

Lenten Faith IN Action Project



Lent is a time for us to open our hearts to God's refining grace through prayer, confession, fasting, and almsgiving as we anticipate Holy Week. Lent traditionally lasts forty days, modeled after Christ's forty day fast in the desert, and ends on Good Friday. In the Western Church, Lent officially begins with a reminder of our mortality on Ash Wednesday (this year, falling on February 14th).

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing ideas with our Saint John Community, that will be great ways to experience God's grace and mercy in our own lives and at home with our families:

1. Pick a Service Activity: It can be something small like paying for the person behind you in line at lunch, or do something bigger like visiting a nursing home to chat with residents. Talk about the Corporal Works of Mercy today.

2. Make a Prayer Chain: List 40 intentions or people on 40 slips of paper. Link them together into a chain. Rip one off each morning of Lent and pray for that need.

3. Memorize a Prayer: The Act of Contrition would be a good one for Lent, but if your kids already know it, pick a prayer they are unfamiliar with.

Be on the lookout for OUR Saint John Community upcoming Faith in Action toiletry drive!!

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.

Athletics



Spring sports are beginning next week! Please see the information below for first practices and tryouts:

Girls Basketball:

5th grade: Wednesday, 2/14 from 3:15-5:45 with Coach Palecek

6th grade: Thursday, 2/15 from 3:15-5:15 with Coach Bodinet

7th grade: Monday, 2/12 and Tuesday 2/13 from 3:30-5:00 with Coach

Kapanicas and Coach Brumbaugh

8th grade: Monday, 2/12 and Tuesday 2/13 from 3:30-5:00 with Coach Lord
and Coach Hoffman

Boys Baseball:

6th grade: Monday, 2/12 from 3:30-5:00 PM. Any questions or concerns
contact Coach Gahan at bcgahan@msn.com

7th/8th grade: *Tryouts* Tuesday, 2/13 and Thursday, 2/15 from 3:30-5:00
PM. For more information contact Coach Martin at bebomartin@aol.com

All baseball practices and tryouts will take place at Desert Horizon Park: 16002
N. 56th St. Phoenix, AZ 85254

Please make sure that your child is signed up online, and has his or her
physical turned into the nurse's office before their first practice. You may
contact Coach Preach or Coach Nelson with any questions.

[SCRIP](#)



**Valentine's Day is almost here, instead of sugary sweets why not try a
different treat.**

Stop by the SCRIP cart! We have gift cards for every Valentine from Nordstrom to Macys, Sephora to Ulta, Harkins to AMC, and lots of great local restaurants.

Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!

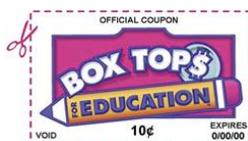
For questions stop by the SCRIP cart before or after school or email Pegge Gentry, at pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org with any questions.

Scrip Sales Hours:

Monday-Thursday

7:30 – 8:15

2:30 – 3:15



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

23rd.

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 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

[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](#)



Upcoming Events for your Entire Family:

A poster for a Lent 2018 event. The top half shows silhouettes of people on a hill with crosses against a sunset sky. The bottom half is purple with a golden monstrance on the left. Text on the right includes the event title, host, invitation, date, time, location, RSVP info, and presider/musician.

Lent 2018 - Journey to the Cross
Family Adoration Prayer Service
Hosted by EDGE
Everyone is invited!

Tuesday, February 20th
7:00pm - 8:00pm
Location: St. Bernadette Church

RSVP not necessary.

Presider: Fr. Scott Sperry
Music by Scott Whited

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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