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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Thursday March 8, 2018

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Every year, our 8th grade students head out to San Diego for their 8th Grade Mission Trip and Retreat. It is only fitting that a Catholic School would have such a trip as this to culminate the hard work with academics, countless hours

of service and faith filled friendships made along the way. It is also the start of their own person journey as they take all that they have learned and go out as Disciples of Christ...to share God's "Good News" with others. This is also the last time that they will truly be "TOGETHER!" Although we hear many things about the trip from parents, nothing compares to what the kids themselves say about this trip and what it means to them.....

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

As I reflect on this past week, I realize that I have not just grown physically and mentally, but I have grown spiritually. The Saint John XXIII Mission Trip put me through all of my emotions. Not only did I laugh, I cried. I have truly been changed. Being able to see just a fraction of the poverty that unfortunately exists in our world is more than enough to open the eyes of anyone. The thousands of pounds of food we packed may have not seemed like much at the time, but it will change many lives. Every person I spoke with helped strengthen my faith, no matter what they might have believed in. They all had different inputs, stories, and experiences on life. I did not just learn from the wisdom and experience of the elderly, I learned from the kids at Our Lady School. The people we served were not the only ones who benefited from this trip.

With all the exciting news us eighth graders received about high school last week, I definitely did not think this past week could top it. Well guess what? It did. This definitely was not the only time I was proved wrong by this trip. I did not think some of the activities we did would be important and even turn out to

much, but yet again, I am proud to admit that I was wrong.

Michael Ferrara and friends

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Important Dates

March 5-8

8th Grade Mission Trip

Wednesday, March 7

WoW Rosary 8:05 Cry Room

Mass 8:30

Thursday, March 8

QTR. 3 Ends

March 9 & 12

School Closed

March 13 - 16

Toiletry Drive

Friday, March 16

**Green and White Accessory
Day**

[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

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!

Poetry Contest



Calling all poets! Get ready to let your creativity shine! The 18th Annual Saint John XXIII Poetry Contest will begin March 15th and runs through March 28th. All students in grades K-8 are eligible to participate. One winner per classroom will be chosen to receive a \$10 gift certificate toward our upcoming Spring Book Fair!

Please see below for rules and entry form. Please do not write student names on the poem, only the entry form.

[Click here for Poetry Rules](#)

[Click here for Poetry entry form](#)

All entries are due back to the library by Wednesday March 28, 2018. Parents, we could use your help! We are looking for parents to help judge the contest. If you have any questions, or are interested in judging, please contact Sarah Kyle at sarahmkyle@yahoo.com.

Annual Appeal



Stronger Together

Parents Night Out "While Kids are Away, Parents will Play" on Saturday, April 21st from 6-10 p.m. We invite all St. John parents to come out for a night of great live music, food trucks, cash bar and "big kid" games. This isn't an auction... just an evening of fellowship and fun. Grab your date, grab a group of friends and come out to get to know your community a bit better! Help us celebrate the school we have chosen for our children. More details to come.

Dine Out, Make \$\$ for SJ!



Does your family like pizza? Interested in trying out a new restaurant in Scottsdale? Then join other St. John families on Tuesday, March 27th anytime between 3-8 p.m. at BLAZE PIZZA at the Promenade (Scottsdale & FLW). **20% of purchases** made during this time will come back to St. John XXIII. [Bring a hard copy of the flyer](#), show it on your phone, mention you are with St. John when you pay, and 20% of your purchase will be donated to the school.

Bach2Rock will DJ to keep up the festive environment, so come on out after school, before practice, or whatever works for your family's schedule. Just come on out and support St. John!

[Shop at AmazonSmile for SJ](#)



We have an exciting partnership between Amazon and St. John where a percentage of every purchase you make on Amazon will come back to Saint John XXIII. This is a super easy way to make money for St. John on items you already are shopping for! Click [HERE](#) for the special AmazonSmile website (or use this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-2351339>). Once you click and approve the request to support Saint John XXIII , there is nothing else to do! (Except maybe share the link with your family and friends!!)

[Green & White Accessory Day](#)



Our Principal for the Day, Will Larrabee, declared that Friday, March 16th will be Green & White Accessory Day. Pile on your most festive green & white (remember, that the 17th is St. Patrick's Day!). Will has a special place in his heart with [Gigi's Playhouse](#) and would like students to donate at least \$1.00 if

they wear accessories next Friday. Please be generous with this wonderful charity!

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!!

Faith in Action



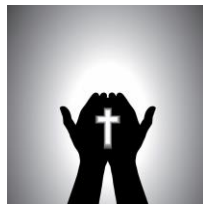
**Saint John XXIII Community
Lenten Season Toiletry Drive**

March 13-16 for Shoebox Ministries

Shoebox Ministries is a local organization that collects items to fill shoeboxes that are then distributed to other agencies that help the homeless population of our valley. Next week, 3rd grade will be curbside to collect such items as shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, deoderant and lotion in both full size and travel size. We REALLY would like EVERYONE to participate for this Lenten Season drive!

Please help us support Shoebox Ministries and our Valley's homeless this Lenten Season and we can ALL be the hands and feet of Christ!

Ways of Worship



March 22. 2018 3rd Grade Retreat

Please contact Patti Jasinski to sign up to volunteer!

Many Parents will be needed to help make this day a success!

Live Stations of the Cross

Friday March 23,2018

11:30 in the Courtyard

Everyone is invited, All are welcome

Please join us as we come together to meditate on the Way of the Cross through the eyes of our Blessed Mother Mary and come away with a greater appreciation for what Christ did for us and a deeper love for HIM and our brothers and sisters.

Enrichment Registration



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, 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 w/ Seth Korey / Drama

WEDNESDAYS: Bricks4Kidz / Young Rembrandts

THURSDAYS: ASL Club (Sign Language) / i9 Sports

FRIDAYS: Cheerleading / Crazy Cool Science / Preach Volleyball Performance

SCRIP



Are you interested in earning a rebate off of your tuition?

Purchase SCRIP.

This last SCRIP year we had multiple families earn over a \$500 rebate off of their tuition.

St. John XXIII Catholic School purchases gift cards (SCRIP) at a discount that you then purchase for face value. The difference is profit for St. John XXIII.

The first \$150 in SCRIP profits from purchases a family makes will be directed to the school. After that, the profits will be split: 50% will go to the school and 50% will go towards your tuition rebate. The Scrip Rebate Year runs from Feb. 1 through Jan. 31.

**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:

Tuesday-Thursday

7:30 – 8:15

2:30 – 3:15

Friday

7:30 – 8:15

12:15 – 1:00

[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](#)



Saint Bernadette
Roman Catholic Parish

**Lenten Journey to the Cross
at St. Bernadette**

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays 3:00 PM

HEALING ROSARY
Fridays 6:30 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays 7 PM

LENTEN MISSION
March 18-20

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE
March 21 6:30 PM

**Also join us Friday evenings for our Fish Fry
Dinners sponsored by the Knights of Columbus!**



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