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**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday August 9, 2018**

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

One week down and so many of you have commented on how great it is to get the kids back in a routine. It was probably most evident Thursday when I stopped by the extended day classroom around 4:15 pm and saw a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader sound asleep with her head in her hand after a huge day. Hopefully, everyone is sleeping better with the earlier wake up times now that the summer has passed.

There was something else I observed Thursday however that made me excited

for the year ahead. As I was outside directing kids in the crosswalk at pick-up, I heard Mrs. Phillips ask one of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, "How about today? Did you make a 2<sup>nd</sup> friend on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day?" The girl responded, "Sure did! Two new friends in two days. This is way easier than I thought it would be. Yesterday was a new kid from out of state, but today was someone that's always been in my class; I just never really talked with them before. This is going to make next year way easier!"

I asked Mrs. Phillips after what the conversation was about and she told me that on orientation day she saw the girl who was bummed because she didn't have any of her "usual" friends in her classes, but she had told Mrs. Phillips that it probably was meant to be. When Mrs. Phillips asked her why, she said that she knew making new friends was an area she struggled with and took her out of her comfort zone. She also knew that in high school, she would have no choice but to figure it out when she might not know anyone on the first day. Her decision for the year: she would make one "new" friend each day and hopefully that would make her better as a classmate and more ready for high school and her future.

We want our kids to love and understand and accept help so that they can grow in ways that they will use forever in making a difference as young Christians. It's very difficult as parents to see our kids struggle and not want to jump in and "fix it" for them. We all forget sometimes just how capable they are of change (much more than us) and how much they are willing to try new challenges if we just assure them that it's the right thing to do and support them in the journey. This is the time in their life for them to explore and fail (First-Attempt-In-Learning), with us here to guide them through difficulty. Don't rush the journey this year wishing June would arrive quickly. Enjoy both the growth and the falls!

God Bless,  
Preston Colao

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### Important Dates

**Friday, August 10**

**Bingo**

**5:00 GYM**

**Monday, August 13**

**8:00 iPad training for Parents**

**3:30 iPad training for Parents**

**STEM LAB**

**Thursday, August 16**

**Safe Environment**

**4:00 - 6:00**

**Mission Trip info. Meeting**

**5:00 - 6:00**

**Curriculum Night**

**Grades 6-8 grade**

**6:00 - 7:00**

**Monday, August 20**

**School Pictures**

### Spirit Store



**The St. John Spirit Store will open for business on Wednesday, August 15th at 7:30 A.M.  
Hours this year are Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 A.M. and Thursday from 2:30-3:30**

**P.M. You are welcome to order on-line at anytime, and when your order comes in, we will give to your child to take home.**

## Ways of Worship



EVERYONE is invited...ALL are welcome!

We will be continuing our Rosary EVERY Wednesday at 8:00am in the cry room of the Church. Please join our Ways of Worship Team as we gather to pray for the needs of others, each other and those closest to our hearts! Please bring your little ones as it is so special for them to see you praying and to pray with you! Never prayed the Rosary?...then this is a GREAT place to start and learn! This powerful prayer will change your prayer life! Please join us!

Interested in joining the Ways of Worship Team?

Contact Patti Jasinski at [pjasinski@popejohnxxiii.org](mailto:pjasinski@popejohnxxiii.org)

We'd love to have YOU as part of the team!

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARD INFORMATION



STUDENTS ENTERING 6TH GRADE - GET STARTED NOW!

STUDENTS ENTERING 8TH GRADE - APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

<http://www.ccfphx.org/christian-service-awards>

Christian Service is defined as acts that stem from a Christ-centered belief in serving the Lord and doing His will. Service is the selfless giving of oneself to benefit others with no expectation of recognition, reward, or acknowledgement.

Recipients of the Christian Service Award display a love and understanding of their Catholic faith and articulate a commitment, not only to performing acts of service, but to living a service focused life.

**The Christian Service Awards are \$8,000 scholarships**

## [Volunteer](#)



**Do you love your kids? Do you love St. John? Do you have time to spare over the year to help out with activities, events and small projects? Then we need YOU!**

**As you know, our school is a very busy place, but our teachers, staff and administrators can't do it all. That's where our wonderful community comes in. Opportunities to serve as a room parent, crossing guard, event helper, kindness spreader, behind the scenes - or in front... we have many needs that can use your time and talent. Please start [HERE](#) to see some campus volunteer opportunities. **Reminder... your Safe Environment Certification [MUST](#) be up to date to serve as a volunteer in a Catholic school.****

**If you have a skill set that you would be willing to donate of your time in a way that isn't**

listed, please contact Kristen Butler in the Community Development Office:  
[kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org) We would love to get you involved in a way that works for YOU  
and your giving hearts.

## St John XXIII Running Club

Hello,

Parents, we are looking forward to another great turnout this year for running club. I am Coach Daugherty and I am excited to lead the St John Running Club this year. A few reminders, Have your child bring a water bottle, tennis shoes, and either school or PE uniforms may be worn.

I look forward to seeing your child at running club!!!

Location: St John Gymnasium

Time: Tuesday and Thursday 7:20-7:50am

Fall Dates: August 21st-December 13th.

Go Pride,  
Coach D

## Athletics



Hello St. John XXIII Families,

I hope you all had a great summer and that you all are well rested and ready for a great school year!

With a new school year comes another year of athletics! We had a great athletics season last year, with a few of our teams even reaching the championship games. We are looking forward to another strong athletics season this year.

As we get ready for a new year to begin, please remember that every student wishing to participate in a sport this year must have a physical completed and turned into the nurse's office before they can play. Please make sure this gets done ASAP to avoid any

conflicts.

If you have any questions regarding athletics, please feel free to reach out to me through email at [tnelson@popejohnxxiii.org](mailto:tnelson@popejohnxxiii.org).

**Go Pride!**

**Taylor Nelson**

## SCRIP



Welcome Back! Our SCRIP hours are back to normal, so stop by the SCRIP cart to pick up some SCRIP cards for those Back to School needs. Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!

For questions email Pegge Gentry, at [pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org).

### **Scrip Sales Hours:**

#### **Monday-Thursday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**2:30 – 3:15**

#### **Friday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**12:15 – 1:00**

## Safe environment



ALL volunteers MUST complete the training yearly BEFORE they can be allowed on campus for various events and as a volunteer. The school is required to verify completion of this training prior to approving volunteer/event visit requests.

Please register for a class on the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix website – Safe Environment Training (SET) page.

[Click here](#) to be directed to the Safe Environment Website. Simply click on the “Register for a Class” link on the homepage and find the class, time, and location that meets your needs. A copy of the Diocesan Policy and Procedures for the Protection of Minors is available for viewing in the front office.

#### Face to Face Interview

As part of the Diocese of Phoenix Safe Environment compliance process, you will need to have a Face to Face Interview with our school’s Safe Environment Coordinator Mary Hepsen or designee following your 2 hour foundation training, Keeping the Promise Alive. Interviews will be held on most Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:15am, 8:45am, and 9:15am from September to December. Please see Sign Up Genius link below for scheduling an appointment. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

[Face to Face Interview sign-up HERE](#)

LOCATION: School Office

Please Note:

Face to Face Interviews will only be held AFTER a participant completes the 2 hour foundation class, Keeping the Promise Alive.

[Parish Corner](#)





**WHY SAVE SEX FOR MARRIAGE? GET STRAIGHT ANSWERS ABOUT DATING, RELATIONSHIPS, AND SEXUAL PURITY.**



Sunday, August 19th:  
6:00pm - 7:00pm - Food Truck  
(Tacos will be available for purchase)  
7:00pm - 8:30pm Presentation (Hall)  
8:30pm - 9:00pm Adoration & Confession (Church)  
Open to 7th Grade - 12th Grade | Youth Adults  
Parents are encouraged to attend;  
Please RSVP:  
<http://news.saintbernadette.com/love-or-lust>



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