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**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday August 24, 2018**

Dear Saint John XXIII Catholic School Community,

I want to extend a HUGE thank you for your recent generosity and quick response to our call from Saint Joan of Arc parish to help with the low stock in their food pantry. This parish is in our neighborhood and right down the street. Our school community provided them with the largest amount of food that their pantry has seen in 2 years. In their words "You are truly living the

gospel to feed the hungry and are an inspiration to all of us at Saint Joan of Arc." WOW! Together, we made an amazing difference! That being said, I'd like to share with you what our students were able to accomplish last year throughout Faith IN Action program (Active Catholic Stewardship)

Kinders: Made placemats for Pueblo Norte (Ongoing) Provided 75 placemats X 6 holidays...endless joy!!

1st: Kindness and love notes (Ongoing) PRICELESS!

2nd: School Supplies Drive for Saint Matthews. Made school kits for 75 students at Saint Matthews and provided supplies to keep art program going for K-3 as well as extra basic items to 2 grade schools...friendship to last a lifetime! This year we will be doing Care Kits to help keep kids healthy!

3rd: Toiletries for Shoebox Ministries. Provided enough supplies to make 175 toiletry kits..

4th: Socks for Shoebox Ministries. Collected over 500 pairs of socks for the homeless

5th: Thanksgiving Food Drive. Provided food boxes for 25 families and over 200 frozen turkeys to Saint Joan of Arc food pantry

6th: Catholic Charities Miracle Projects. Students made over \$6,000.00 with which they purchased items for over 25 organizations through Catholic Charities

7th: Make your own Miracle Event. Students held private events and fundraisers to provide much needed items to over 25 Catholic Charities organizations

8th: Toy Drive provided toys for Saint Matthews students in grades K-5 totaling close to 200 toys

SLT: Water Drive and Gently used supplies. Collected 225 cases of water for SVdP

Student Leadership: Raised over \$7000 for local valley organizations through

special accessory days.

Throughout the school year, you will be hearing from your child, reading in the Friday newsletter and hearing announcements about upcoming drives sponsored by each grade. It may be a "buck-a"- crazy day to support a cause, or maybe a family project that we ask you to undertake with your child where you can teach the gospel through a service project in your own home. Whatever the case may be, whenever the call may come, we thank you in advance for your kindness, patience, understanding and generosity and for your support in helping the students, your children, to BE the hands and feet of Christ!

God Bless!

Patti Jasinski

Coordinator of Campus Ministry Projects and Student Leaders

## School Notes

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### Important Dates

**Thursday, August 30**

**Yogurtini Night**

**2:00 - 8:00**

**Monday, Sept. 3**

**School Closed - Labor Day**

**Sept. 4 - 7**

**Care Kit Drive**

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## Yogurtini



### **Yogurtini gives back to St. John!**

#### **Cool off with some Fro-Yo!**

Head on over to Yogurtini at Scottsdale & Thunderbird Road on Thursday, Aug. 30 between 2-8 p.m. for a tasty treat! 20% of all frozen yogurt sales will go back to St. John. You just need to show the [Saint John/Yogurtini flyer](#) (either a physical copy or an electronic image on your phone) and let them know you want your purchase to go towards St. John's sales. Hope to see you there!

## Found Ring



If you have lost a ring here at school, please stop by the office and describe the

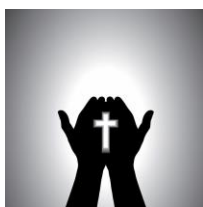
lost ring to Liz or Bonnie. Hopefully we will be able to return the ring to its owner.

## Help Needed



Do you have 30 minutes to give once a week? Then we would love your help! We have a wonderful group of parents who keep our families safe and traffic moving every morning as Crossing Guards. But we still are in need of a couple more people to fill in as subs or take a morning spot on a rotating basis. Seeing the smiling faces of students every morning and waving at this wonderful community as they drive through will fill your "good mood" tank... so please consider volunteering! Contact Sharon C. at [scereska@duffygroup.com](mailto:scereska@duffygroup.com) for more info.

## 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!

## Spirit of Service



Feed My Starving Children SJXXIII Community Packing event  
Wednesday November 21st from 1:00 to 3:00 (We have early release this day for Thanksgiving weekend)

SJXXIII has once again reserved 121 spots for this event – it fills every year so sign up soon!

Everyone ages 3 and up are welcome!

FMSC exists because of volunteers just like you who generously give their time and energy to feed starving children in desperate need around the world. YOU are an essential part of FMSC.

<https://volunteer.fmssc.org/Register/group/ReservationConfirmation.aspx?sid=197670&gid=1490767&num=100&event=0#.W2YYFaRICEe>

## 2nd Grade Faith IN Action



### **Care Kit Supply Drive September 4-7**

Our 2nd Graders will be hosting a "Care Kit Drive" September 4-7th to help out the students at Saint Matthews School in Phoenix. Traditionally, this has always been a school supply drive to help them fill in the gaps for their students with need. This year is different. They are in need of hygiene items that we take for granted that will help to keep their students and teachers healthy this school year. Donation items such as **Kleenex, Clorox wipes or hand sanitizer** will be much appreciated. Also, any items you would find in the nurses at school are also needed. Our 2nd graders will be curbside to help take your donations from September 4-7.

Thank you in advance and God Bless,

2nd Grade

## Christian Service Award



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](#)



Parents,

The St. John XXIII Running Club had a great first week. This is a great opportunity for your child to have fun with their buddies and be heart healthy. Come join us Tuesday/Thursday at 7:10 am in the courtyard then we'll head to the gym from 7:20-7:50 am.

See you there,

Coach D

## Enrichment Classes



**Online Registration NOW Open for ENRICHMENT CLASSES!!!**

Register Now for SESSION **ONE!** Our **First** session of the school year.

**Session ONE starts the week of AUG. 27 and runs until NOV 16!**

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 for Session **ONE**:

**MONDAYS:** Chess Emporium /

NEW! ASL(American Sign Language) Beginner class

**TUESDAYS:** Tennis / Drama

**WEDNESDAYS:** Bricks4Kidz / Young Rembrandts

**THURSDAYS:** i9 Sports

NEW! ASL Club Intermediate class (American Sign Language)

HSPT Tutoring (gr. 7-8)

**FRIDAYS:** Crazy Cool Science

~~~For description of classes, please visit our website.

\*\* Flyers available in the school office.

HSPT TUTORING

Offered at

SAINT JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Jason Catanese

Jason Catanese has a BA from Northwestern University and a MEd from  
Arizona State University.



Jason Catanese has been tutoring our 8th grade students for the HSPT exam on our

SJXXIII school campus for 2 years! Previously, Jason has worked with seventh & eighth grade students from across the valley, helping them to prepare for the HSPT exam, interview, and essays for Catholic High Schools in Phoenix, with many of his former students gaining admission to and ultimately attending Brophy College Preparatory. Jason worked as the HSPT teacher at Brophy for the past three summers, helping more students to work towards their goals to being admitted to a Catholic High School.

8-10 instructional sessions that would be 2-3 hours in length on

**Thursday, 3:15 - 5:15 p.m. Practice Test Days, 3:15 - 6:15 p.m.**  
**On our school campus, starting**  
**September 13th and ending in January.**

Also included are testing sessions that would consist of students taking HSPT practice tests to simulate a real testing environment to get students ready for testing day.

The fee for the class is \$561.00. \*maximum 24 students.

Please register as soon as possible as this is on a first come, first serve basis and a maximum of 24 students.

ENROLL ONLINE at: [www.saintjohnxxiii.org](http://www.saintjohnxxiii.org)

Go to **Parents Tab**. Drop down to EXTENDED DAY.

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## SCRIP



Thank you so much for your support of the Amazon Smile website. We have already been receiving rewards from you support.

### **Enroll in Amazon Smile!**

Go to the **Amazon Smile website** (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!!)

### **SCRIP**

We have Amazon gift cards in \$10, \$25, and \$100 denominations available at the SCRIP cart. So, stop by and pick some up, whether you have college students needing back to school supplies, or just looking for a cute new purse, get you gift cards and help support St. John XXIII Catholic School.

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.



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