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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Thursday October 11, 2018

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Many years back, Bishop Olmsted told me if you want to have a road map for life look no further than the lives of the saints as your inspiration. Today is the feast day of St. John XXIII, our patron. While our kids heard a bunch about him today in classes, I thought I'd give all of you a heads up for any dinner-time quiz

questions they throw your way about St. John XXIII so you seem like know everything about the "Good Pope".

- **Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born in poverty and was proud of it – the 4th of 13 children from an Italian farming family, he said later in life, "I thank God for the grace of poverty to which I vowed fidelity in my youth...which has strengthened me in my resolve never to ask for anything: positions, money, favors – never either for myself or for my relations and friends."**
- **He entered seminary at 12 and left seminary to serve as a medical orderly and chaplain in WWI.**
- **During WWII, as an archbishop serving in Turkey, he helped save the lives of Jews fleeing the holocaust providing them with transit visas and other vital paperwork to allow them to leave Europe.**
- **Both Nikita Khrushchev and President John F. Kennedy claim his personal messages to them calling for peace brought about an end to the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was later nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his involvement.**
- **Many consider him the "original" Pope Francis:**
 - **He was the first pope to visit prisoners at Regina Coeli Prison in Rome, just like Pope Francis.**
 - **He frequently visited the local hospital in Rome, especially every Christmas to console children who were stuck there for the holiday**
 - **He regularly snuck out of the Vatican at night, dressed in his simple priest clerics, to visit the sick throughout the city and go to local parishes where he would talk with parishioners.**

- **On the opening night of the 2nd Vatican Council, he approached the cameras and told parents, "As you return to your homes, give your children a kiss and tell them, 'This is a kiss from the Pope.'"**
- **He was the first pope since 1870 to make pastoral visits to the Rome diocese**
- **He was simple in his preaching's and on how to live in a changing world while staying on the pathway to sainthood with statements like, "Open your heart to God today and we will become saints-in-the-making, humble heroes, champions of God's goodness."**

Hopefully, now you understand why the kids say so loudly each week at courtyard prayers:

St. John XXIII....Pray for us!

**God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal**

School Notes



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SCRIP

Important Dates

Friday, Oct. 12

No School

Monday, Oct. 15

No School

Oct. 17-24

Sock Drive

Thursday, Oct. 18

Report Cards Posted

Friday, Oct. 28

Harvest Festival 6:00--9:00



Benefit Mobile App - You can now buy gift cards through the "Benefit Mobile" app. Benefit Mobile is a free app that allows you to buy gift cards at the time of use (online or immediately as needed) while linking the purchase to the Saint John XXIII Catholic School Scrip program account. Users link their credit card or bank account, and gift card purchases can be for the exact amount. Very easy to use and our school will earn a percentage of each purchase!

1. Download the Benefit Mobile app. It looks like the image above.
2. Create Your Account
3. Search in "Beneficiaries" for Saint John XXIII Catholic School or by using our zip code: 85254
4. Under "Campaigns" choose "General Fund."
5. Link your Bank Account or Credit Card Information, and follow the directions on the app.
6. Once your account has have been activated, start shopping!
7. If your family or friends use the app, let us know their name so we can link their name to your account.
8. If you have questions regarding the app please contact Benefit Mobile directly.

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

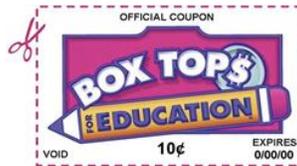
7:30 – 8:15

2:30 – 3:15

Friday

7:30 – 8:15

12:15 – 1:00



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 October 26th. The top class will win a box top party!

[Cake Walk](#)

SJXXIII HARVEST FESTIVAL 2018

CAKE WALK

Hosted by 4A & 4B

We Need Your
Sweet Treats!

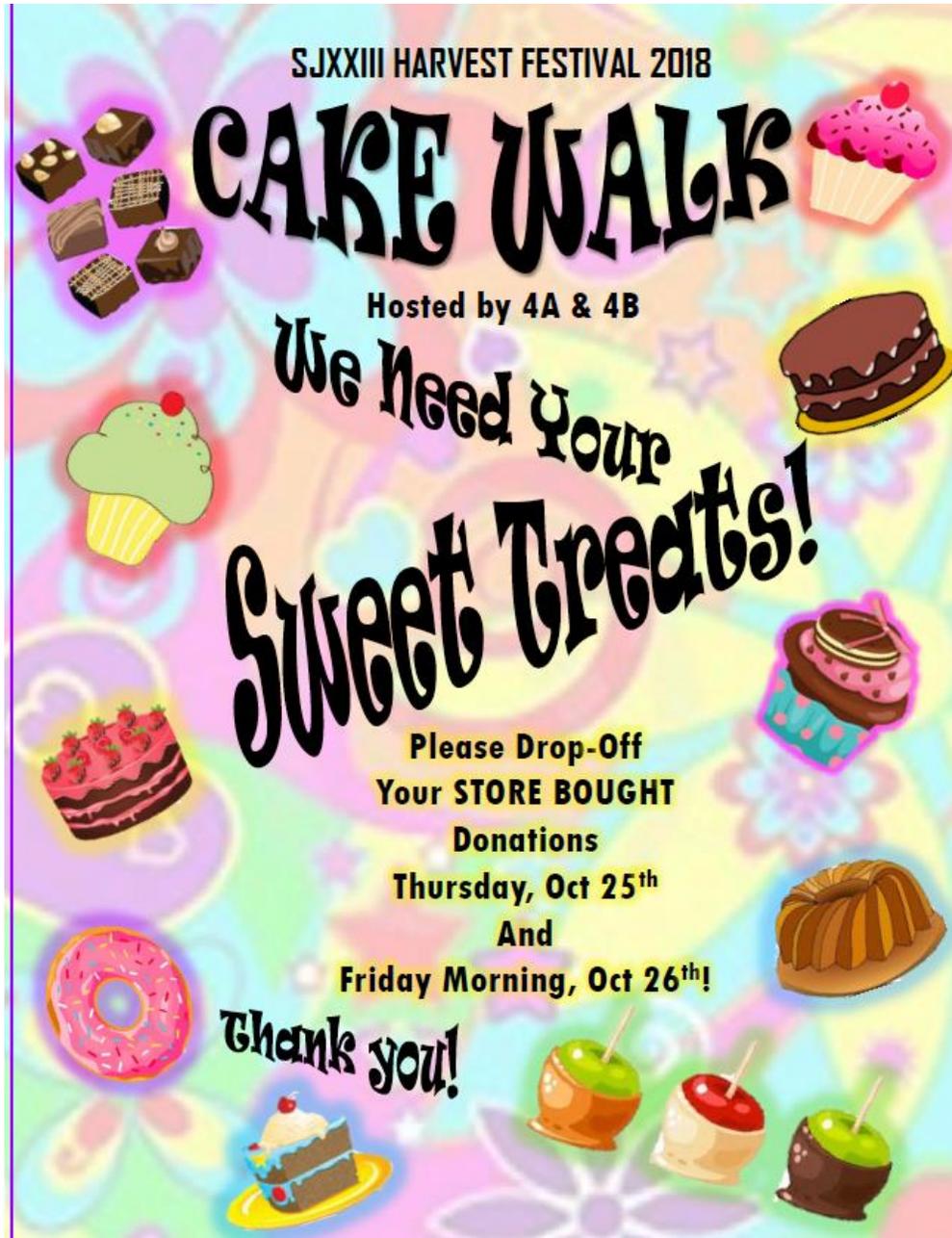
Please Drop-Off
Your **STORE BOUGHT**
Donations

Thursday, Oct 25th

And

Friday Morning, Oct 26th!

Thank you!



[Fall spiritwear](#)



Our new sweatshirt is now available for pre-ordering.

[Please visit our website](#)

20 Years of Blessings



Our 20th Annual Appeal kicked off this week! If you have yet to see a letter come home with your child, please check their backpack. And please keep an eye out in the mail for your pledge card for this year's campaign. We are so very blessed to have had 20 years of Catholic education here at St. John XXIII. Your continued involvement and commitment to this school are what makes our school so great!

Christmas Card Contest



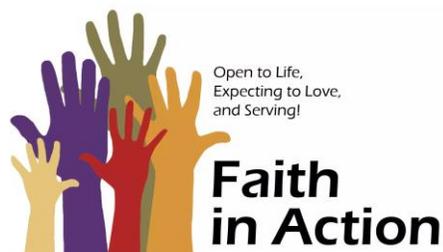
We know it's only October, but we need to get a jump on this year's official St. John XXIII Christmas card! All St. John students from grades Kinder-8th are invited to submit an original piece of religious artwork to the front office. One entry per person please... we have a lot of students who will be submitting, and we want to be fair! Please see [THIS FLYER](#) for more details to be considered. Entries must be submitted by Tuesday, November 20th. The winning submission will be used for this year's official St. John XXIII Christmas card. Good luck!

[Orange You Thankful for Our School?](#)



Our Giving Grace Committee will be passing out **sweet ORANGE treats on Friday, Oct. 19th after school in the Ramada. We would love for you to come by, say hello and grab a treat for your kids (and maybe yourself too!) Park your car and head on over for some fellowship with your local SJ community next Friday!**

[Faith IN Action](#)



4th Grade is hosting a SOCK drive!

October 17-24th

Our awesome 4th grade will be collecting socks for Shoebox Ministries beginning on Wednesday "SOCK"tober 17th! Shoebox was founded in 1988 with a specific goal of meeting the personal hygiene needs of the homeless and working poor. Please help us by donating new mens socks which will be used in hygiene boxes for the homeless at Christmas time. Thank you in advance and God Bless!

[Spirit of Service](#)



Volunteers needed Friday October 13th at Blessed Sacrament for their Parish picnic.

Please go on our Spirit of Service page for details <http://saintjohnxxiii.org/spirit-of-service/>

Donations needed



As you know, Harvest Festival is just around the corner and we will have many thirsty guests on campus! If you are able to donate a case or 2 of refreshing water for us to sell that evening, we would be most appreciative! Proceeds from the water sales will be go towards student leadership group for training and activities. In addition, this funding will help subsidize the 8th grade mission trip for next year. Please drop off your water donation to the front office at your earliest convenience and thank you SO MUCH in advance!

Parish Corner



Greetings in Christ,

Bishop Olmsted has heard from many of you about how the current scandals surrounding the Church have affected you, and now he would like to hear from all of you.

Go to: Fidelity.DPHX.org and take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Bishop Olmsted will review your responses and share the information with his brother Bishops.

We launched this new website in response to the scandal so that we could share with you the systems of accountability that are in place to provide protection and accountability in the Diocese of Phoenix.

Additionally, we want to share with you good resources about current events, as well as ways to find healing through prayer.

Through this new website, Bishop Olmsted is asking all of us to:

Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

Together we must continue to go forth in our mission as disciples of Christ and faithful witnesses of His Gospel — always keeping our eyes fixed on Him.

May God bless you.



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- **Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?**
- **Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?**
- **Would like a daytime class while your kids are at school?**

We would like to offer an opportunity for our St. John parents that are interested in becoming fully Initiated into the Catholic faith with sessions taking place once a week during the school day.

Sessions focus on the teachings of the Catholic Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Vigil. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information please contact Melissa Graziano at 480.905.0221 or email mgraziano@saintbernadette.com

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