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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday October 19, 2018

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

"Do unto others as you would have them do to you." Luke 6:31

I have spent many hours trying to figure out the best way to share this

message and after several iterations I have decided to just be very candid and straightforward. I am frustrated to have to write this letter. Overall, we have an amazing community here at St. John XXIII, this is most evident when we have events where we come together in the service of others like our food drives, or this week's sock drive. We have so many parents that are always positive and work to build our community.

We have a different group of parents who sadly seem to have chosen to routinely not be positive and supportive of our school, teachers, and staff. For example, some parents have set up "private" Facebook pages for their classrooms. Membership is by invitation only and not every parent is invited or allowed to see some postings – first red flag! Parents then post hurtful/hateful comments and pass one sided judgements about staff, teachers, other parents, students and the school on these pages based often solely on what they are hearing from their own child.

We teach all of the KIDS here these lessons about social media, but I think sometimes parents need a reminder:

- NOTHING, ABOSLUTELY NOTHING is private on social media (someone will always share it or snapshotted it and distribute it)
 - Everything you post reflects YOU...your true self and feelings, including whatever personal issues you are dealing with now publicly
 - Everything you post to get your version of a story out or vent your frustrations, is adversely effecting someone else.
 - You can't take it back or hide it once it is out there
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- You have NO idea what is going on in someone else's life when you choose to berate them or post negatively about them. They may be dealing with incredible personal stress that you know nothing about.

To those of you who are reading this thinking, "This is not me, I have never done that", I am going to ask you two questions

1. Have you ever read these posts and shaken your head, but not commented?
2. What have you instructed your child to do if they witness someone else being bullied, picked on, name called, or talked about?

Badmouthing teachers and staff publicly on social media affects those teachers, staff and the reputation of OUR school. OUR school that you are degrading on social media. OUR school that you will list on high school applications, OUR school that you will ask for letters of recommendations from. OUR school that OUR children will graduate from.

We as a community need to be positive about OUR school. If you read negative posts degrading staff, you should speak up to those people doing the postings.... If you don't you are complicit in the behavior and it will continue. Teachers, staff, students and parents are not perfect; if there is a concern or question, reach out to the teacher or staff person directly. We are all accessible via phone and email or make an appointment to come and talk to the teacher. These lessons seem easy, but in the heat of a text message string, feisty email exchange, or urge to comment to a social media posting, sometimes it is easy to disregard the effects.

We all want to build a great community for our kids, or we would not keep our kids here as students (me included). Being negative about the school not only reflects badly on the school, but also on our own choice to send our kids here. This is an urgent request for change and growth, please help be that change.

Luke 6:31 – “Do unto others as you would have them do to you.”

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

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Accessory Day

Buck a Crazy Sock Day

Harvest Festival 6:00--9:00

Thursday, Nov. 1

All Saints Mass 10:00 a.m.

Nov. 5 - 9

Fall Conferences

Dismissal 11:50-12:00-12:10

SCRIP



Trick or Treaters will be ringing your doorbell, sooner than you know. Be prepared.

We carry cards for Target, Walmart, Fry's, Safeway, Visa (you can use at Costco) and many other retailers, so you can stock up on Halloween treats. You can purchase SCRIP cards from us using, check, cash or your FACTS account.



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:

Monday-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!

Harvest Fest Registration Deadline!



As you all know, Harvest Fest is the most well attended community event of the year. That being said, there are many moving parts that require a deadline, so please take note to help yourselves out. [Pre-Registration will close at NOON on Tuesday, 10/23](#). We need to know numbers for our food and have time to count and hand out wristbands and tickets for those who have pre-purchased. If you cannot sign up for the event or food by TUESDAY, you may still attend, but the cost will be \$30 cash at the door.

We will have SOME extra pizza and Chick Fil A sandwiches, but we highly recommend you pre-order if you plan on eating with us the night of the event. Thank you for your attention, [registering HERE](#) now, and letting your friends know who haven't heard that Harvest Fest is NEXT FRIDAY!

[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!



[Harvest Festival Volunteer](#)



School Wide Sign Up:
School Wide Sign Up for Volunteers

K1: Ms. Cordier
K1 Duck Pond

K2: Mrs. Zander
K2 Out House Booth

K3: Mrs. Carlson
K3 Bottle Ring Toss Booth

1A: Mrs. Herrera
1A Bumper Cars

1B: Mrs. Hack
1B Farmyard Bounce House

1C: Miss Danaher
1C Choo Choo Bounce House

2A: Ms. Drzewiecki
2A Lollipop Tree

2B: Mrs. Johnson
2B Fish Bowl Ping Pong

2C: Mrs. Karellas
2C Plinko Booth

3A: Ms. Wetter
3A Flickin Chicken Booth

3B: Mrs. Lord
3B Radical Obstacle

4th Grades Mrs. Hiland & Jenkins:
4th Grade Calk Walk

5A: Mrs. Beckwith
5A Vertical Rush Obstacle

5B: Mrs. Kusbel
Sports Arena

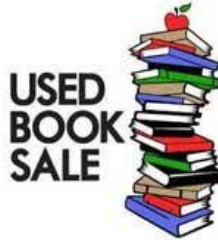
6th Grade:
6th Grade Wipe Out Booth

7th Grade:
7th Grade Face Painting Booth

8th Grade:
8th Grade Harvest Festival Food Booth

Student Leadership Splash for Cash:
Dunk Tank: Splash for Cash

ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE



Hoping to clear some space on your shelves? Have books that another family or friend might enjoy?

The Saint John XXIII Used Book Sale is just around the corner! You can participate by donating to and shopping at our Used Book Sale.

All books are just \$1 and proceeds from the sale will directly support our school library. Be sure to stop by throughout the day or on your way to conferences!

What: Annual Saint John XXIII Used Book Sale

When: November 5-8

Where: School Courtyard

Donations of used books for all ages are welcome and will be accepted in the office, library, or specially labeled bins in the Ramada beginning October 22nd.

***Please make sure books are in gently used condition and the content is appropriate for our school campus.**

Questions? Contact Mrs. Houck in the library, Sarah Kyle

sarahmkyle@yahoo.com or Katie Khoury katiemooney79@gmail.com

[Twenty Years of Blessings](#)



DID YOU KNOW you can make monthly payments towards an Annual Appeal gift through FACTS? It's true! Check the "Recurring Monthly Payments" area on the Annual Appeal donation card with an amount that works for your family, and we'll take care of the rest!

[Catholic Education Arizona \(CEA\)](#)



A CEA tax credit is not the Annual Appeal, and the Annual Appeal has nothing to do with CEA. Keep an eye on this spot to learn more this year!

[Veterans Day Ceremony](#)



Veterans Day is a special celebration both across the country and here at St. John. We will be hosting a special morning prayer and Flag Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 9th at 8:30 a.m. If you are, or know of a current service member or veteran, we invite you and them to join us on campus for this event. Please email kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org with your name and contact info so we may share more details. We look forward to having our veterans and their families join us on campus for a morning dedicated to showing our appreciation and respect.

[Spirit of Service](#)



Saint Vincent De Paul Dining room and Dream Center

Age Guidelines: 9 with an adult / 14 on their own

Friday October 19th from 4-6:30

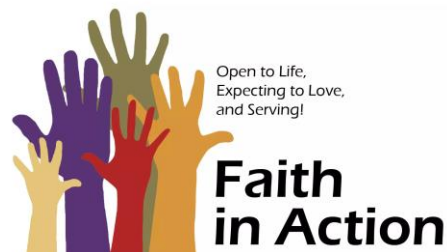
See the sign up genius for details

Contact:

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ldaugherty@popejohnxxiii.org

[Faith IN Action](#)



SOCKtober is Right to Life Month

Next Friday is not only Harvest Fest but also Pride Day AND Buck-A-Crazy

Sock and Orange and Black Accessory Day!!

YES!! \$1 for each gets you the opportunity to wear your craziest socks and orange and black school appropriate accessories. No hats please:) All donations will benefit the Aid to Women Center in Tempe. This organization offers resources and compassionate care for those facing planned and unplanned pregnancies. May we all show by our words and actions that every human life

is cherished and chosen :) Thank you in advance and God Bless!

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!



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