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*Obedientia Et Pax*

**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday September 28, 2018**

**Dear Saint John XXIII Community,**

**I was in a classroom this past week and heard the teacher ask the kids, "When have you seen God working in your life?" It hit home for me at the time because of a story I had just heard from a close friend that I want to share with all of you. My friend Steve is an avid guitar player and collector. In one of his *MANY* "once in a lifetime" finds on**

**Offer Up he found a vintage Martin Guitar in Chandler. He made arrangements and headed down to meet the owner. On his way out the door, his wife asked if he could pick up their 9 year old daughter MJ who was on a playdate and bring her home. As it was in the same direction as he was heading. He didn't want to backtrack home, so he chose to take her with him; truly out of character for him as he knew how boring this would be for her.**

**On the way down, they listened to an obscure classical guitar song called Asturias by Isaac Albéniz. This nearly impossible Spanish, classical guitar song, Steve recalled for his daughter, was the song his dad told him he needed to learn as his first song on the miserable old guitar found in a scrap sale in Mexico that he began on years back. His dad promised that once he learned the song on that old guitar, he would buy him any guitar he wanted (he is still trying to learn it).**

**When Steve arrived in Chandler and met the man in the drive way, MJ popped out of the truck and startled the older man who went over to shake hands with her and say hello. They chatted for a bit then he asked her if the guitar her dad wanted was for her. She told him it was not, but that she wanted to learn one day. He asked if her dad would teach her. "I hope so". He asked her if she got a guitar would she promise to practice every day? "Yes"! Would she promise to always listen to her parents? "Yes"? Would she promise to never do drugs and to walk away from any people she knew were doing the wrong thing? "Yes, of course", she said in reply. The man asked for a moment and went inside his home alone. He arrived out a few minutes later with a small guitar case. Opening it, he revealed an old**

**Mexican guitar that he told her was his daughter's first guitar. She, like her dad, was a concert level guitarist before she died from falling in with the wrong crowd, and overdosing on drugs the night of her high school graduation where she had played that same guitar for her entire school....the song: Asturias by Isaac Albéniz. He gave MJ the guitar, with tears in his eyes, asking her again to honor the promises that she made that day to him. He told her this guitar was NEVER to be sold, but only passed on to those who wanted a life changing gift.**

**Excited, she gave the man a hug and brought the guitar back to her dad's truck. After composing himself, the man settled the sale of the original guitar with Steve and went back into his house quietly. It was in seeing his daughter's eyes when he returned to the truck that Steve recalled a moment, more clear than any other in his life, where he felt God's Divine presence; his wife's request to pick up their daughter as he left, that MJ came with him for the trip, the unexpected gift, the peace of the moment, the 'coincidence' of the guitar's Mexican origin and the significance of the last song played on it.**

**God is always present in our life, we just need to let Him enter our hearts.**

**God Bless,  
Preston Colao  
Principal**

**School Notes**

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## Important Dates

**Oct. 1st, 2nd and 3rd**

**Middle School NET Retreats**

**Thursday, Oct. 4**

- **Picture Retakes**
- **Momnipotent Retreat**  
**8:00-11:00**

**Friday, Oct. 5**

**School Rosary**

**Courtyard 11:40**

**Thursday, Oct. 11**

**Mass 8:30 (day change)**

**QTR. 1 Ends**

## Picture Retakes



**Thursday, October 4th is Picture Retake Day!**

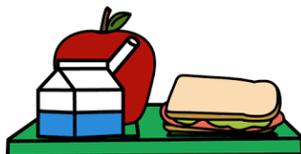
**If your child was absent or if you were unhappy with the original picture,**

**Thursday is your day!**

**If you were unhappy with the original picture, you must return the original packet. If your child was absent, please have them stop by the office on Monday to pick-up an order form.**

**Thank  
you!**

## School Lunch



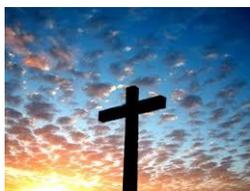
**Monday is a new month for ordering lunches!**

**Please place orders prior to midnight Saturday to be included for the  
first week of October.**

**Don't miss out on Mac and Cheese, Chicken Tenders, Chicken  
Quesadilla and Turkey Sub Sandwich!**

[Click here to order](#)

## Middle School Retreats



**Monday October 1st will be 6th Grade  
Tuesday October 2nd will be 7th Grade  
Wednesday October 3rd will be 8th Grade**

**We are very excited to bring in this group of 12 young adults who are on  
fire for Christ to lead this amazing day. Please keep our Middle  
Schoolers in your prayers that they all grow deeper in Faith and closer in  
their relationship with Christ.**

## Ways of Worship



**Mom's Morning with "Momnipotent"**

**Thursday October 4th 8:00 to 11:00**

**Parish Center**

**We have a super nice group of women who meet to talk about our vocations as mothers, wives and friends. We are working women, we are stay at home moms...your time is precious and valuable and so are you! We begin with attending 8:30 Mass. Our topic will be BALANCE**

**We hope you can take a little time out to join us and do a little "re-charge". I think you will be glad you did! Please click on the links if you are interested and to find out more about "Momnipotent"**

**Non-school age children are welcome!**

**Blessings,**

**Patti Jasinski**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TG-cHdZHqL4&t=34s>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4daaa92ca7ff2-moms2>



**Our Lady of the Rosary - Community Rosary**

**EVERYONE is invited and ALL are welcome!**

**Friday October 5th in our Courtyard at 11:40**

**The word "Rosary" has a very special meaning: "Crown of Roses." Our Lady has been revealed to various people throughout the ages. Every time a Hail Mary is said, a beautiful rose is given to her, and that for every rosary, a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers like Rosary is the rose of all devotions and because of that, the most important.**

**We hope you can join us as we pray our Rosary in celebration of the Glorious Mysteries!**

[Principal for a Day](#)



**Were you the winner of the raffle drawing at last year's spring community event for the Principal of the Day? Then please contact Kristen at [kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org) when you get a moment. Thanks for the help!**

## SCRIP



**October starts on Monday....and you know what that means...Pumpkin lattes are back at Starbucks. Stop by the SCRIP cart to pick up a gift card. We have \$10 and \$25 Starbucks cards.**

### **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.**

## Parish Corner



**Hello everyone!**

**EDGE registration is officially open online! Please follow this link to register your Middle Schoolers (grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>):**

<https://saintbernadette.weshareonline.org/EDGERegistration20182019>

**EDGE Kickoff will be Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Parish Hall in rooms 5 & 6 at 6:30pm.**

**We will be doing the usual fun kickoff things like playing games and eating yummy food. Plus, we'll talk about the upcoming semester and our plans.**

**I can't wait to get started! Hope to see you then!**

**Sammie Carel, Youth Minister**



**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](mailto:mgraziano@saintbernadette.com)**

**Not sure why it has gigantic spacing.... I hope you are able to re-format it. Let me know if you have any issues.**

**Peace!**

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*A Blessing of the Animals*  
Will be held on  
Saturday, October 6th  
11:30 AM in the Ramada

Please bring your furry, feathered, and friendly  
pets to receive this special blessing. All pets  
must be on a leash or contained.

St. Francis of Assisi  
Feast Day October 4th

Illustrations of a dog, a cat, and a bird in a cage.

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