



# PRIDE

*Obedientia Et Pax*

**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday November 16, 2018**

**Dear Saint John XXIII Community,**

**Thank you so much for all of the kind words and well wishes this past Thursday for Principal's Appreciation Day; I did feel truly "appreciated". During the day, one person asked me if I remembered my first day teaching (as if I'm THAT old that I wouldn't...I have another story for another week on that topic). The question made me**

**recall a not so great start to a teaching career that almost ended before it began.**

**I was educated for most of my educational career by the Irish Christian Brothers. A great order whose patron, Blessed Edmund Rice, was a wealthy landowner during the late 1700's and early 1800's in Ireland that lost his wife and handicapped child and realized his money gave him no comfort. He turned to a life of prayer and used all of his money to open orphanages throughout Ireland to teach, house, and feed children living on the street so that they could have a better future. When I decided to go into teaching, serving at a Christian Brother school was a natural fit.**

**I had no student teaching at the time and was just starting my education degree when I began my teaching assignment at an all-boys high school of 600 in the south Bronx (the country's lowest Congressional income district at the time). On my first day, the class of sophomores began to flow in to the room and glare at me with the usual skepticism kids give anyone from which they smell fear. Right before the first bell, the Dean of Students, a hulk of a man who towered over me and shadowed my width with his shoulders arrived at the door to ask me how I was holding up. As I expressed my naïve excitement to him and he nodded in quiet disbelief at my stupidity, I heard an outrageous scream from the room behind me. I turned from the door quickly to find that one student, in a fit of rage, had stabbed another student with a pencil in the arm, which was now sticking out of that student's arm with blood spurting everywhere. With the faint smell of a full-out room uprising wafting through the air and knowing we had no nurse in the school I thought this one might have been a**

**smidge out of my pay grade. I looked back to the Dean for advice and help, my eyes now filled with a stunningly awesome combination of fear and despair. He was gone, already softly and calmly strolling down the hallway away from me. His words, called out over his shoulder as I stared at his back, ring as loudly in my head today as they did 20+ years ago, "Good luck with that. God bless you and welcome!"**

**Over twenty years of serving in Catholic education later, God truly has blessed me and continues to each day. Thank you for entrusting your kids to us and to Catholic education. It DOES make a difference like no other.**

**God Bless,  
Preston Colao  
Principal**

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- Wednesday, Nov. 21**  
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**Mass 8:30**  
**Dismissal**  
**11:50 - 12:00 - 12:10**
- November 22 & 23**  
**School Closed**

## [St. John Open House](#)



**We had a very successful Open House.**

**Thank you for sending us your family and friends!**

## Pride Day



We Are a R.E.A.L. Community 

**Introduced in 2012, our PRIDE days give students the opportunity, to meet once a month in their “PRIDE” (or “family” as they like to refer to it) which is named for a saint. The PRIDE days are guided by Student Leaders and made up of mixed K-8th grade students of every level. During the time, they talk, get to know each other and move towards a goal for the year while instilling the R.E.A.L. values into their lives. The theme of this year’s PRIDE group is CELEBRATION!! Students will talk about different ways we celebrate our faith. Today's lesson was built around the Gospel of our Wednesday school mass...Luke 17:11-19. After Jesus cured 10 lepers, only one returned to give thanks and celebrate by serving our Lord. It fit perfectly into our season of Thanksgiving! All of the lessons reflect our R.E.A.L. student learning expectations: Responsible Christian Leader, Effective Communicator, An Independent Thinker and Life-Long Learner.**

## Grandparents/Great Friends Day

# **GRANDPARENTS DAY**

**Grandparents/Great Friends Day will be held on Wednesday, November 21st. We look forward to sharing our Saint John community with loved ones as we celebrate Mass and the spirit of Thanksgiving.**

**We are sensitive to the fact that some of our students have lost their grandparents or their grandparents are unable to attend this event. If there is another special adult in your child's life, please feel free to invite this person to attend.**

**Students invite their Grandparents or other loved ones to join them in a day of thanksgiving beginning with Mass. Guests and their student will be seated together in the church after which guests will have the opportunity for some light refreshments in the parish hall. Guests will then be directed over to the school to visit the students' classrooms to see how our children spend their days. We ask you to **RSVP for your guests by 10:00 P.M. November 16th online. [RSVP here](#)** so we can accommodate all who wish to attend. **NO RSVP forms will be sent home. ALL RSVPs must be completed online.****

**Thank you all so much for your help and support in making this day a success! And have a blessed Thanksgiving.**

**Vicki Jones and Kelly Dorethy**

**Grandparents/Great Friends Day Event Chairs**

## [Christmas Card Contest](#)



**Reminder! Our student Christmas card contest deadline is Tuesday, November 20th. We haven't had very many submissions yet and we'd love to see more masterpieces come in! Please see [this flyer](#) for all the details.**

## [Twenty Years of Blessings](#)



**Who benefits from your Annual Appeal gift? We all do! We are able to keep tuition on the lower end compared to other schools in the Diocese due to your gifts to the Annual Appeal. Where many give, many will benefit. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this year's Annual Appeal in an amount that makes sense for YOUR family.**

**As a 501(c)3 entity, your financial gift to St. John XXIII Catholic School is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.**

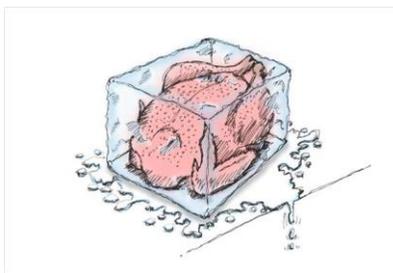
## CEA Tax Credit



**Q: Remind me again of how much I can contribute?**

**A: The contribution limit for 2018 is \$2213 for married couples filing jointly or \$1107 for individual contributors. You can re-direct ALL or SOME of this amount for your AZ state tax Liability. (Form 140, line 46 or Form 140PY, Line 58 is where you will look for your contribution amount.) [Download your contribution forms HERE.](#)**

## Turkey Tuesday



**TURKEY Tuesday, November 20th.**

**Please have your frozen turkey at school by 8:15 a.m.**

**Our goal is 200 FROZEN turkeys!**





**On Monday November 12th, we will begin our Saint John 23rd annual Thanksgiving Food drive which will end with FROZEN Turkey Tuesday November 20th. Last year, we were able to provide meals for close to 200 families right here in our own neighborhood community, Saint Joan of Arc, Saint Vincent de Paul and James Walton Veterans home. It's hard to imagine that hardship hits so close to our own homes.**

**As part of our Catholic Social teaching, we are called to help those who have need. Our food drive is one way we can do this. 5th grade needs your help! Please see the banner on the fence and read the Friday newsletter. Everybody has been assigned an item to bring. Thank you for helping 5th grade BE the hands and feet of Christ. God Bless!  
Click here for the link**

- A-B Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables.**
- C-D Box Mashed Potatoes or small bag of Fresh Potatoes**
- E-F Mac n Cheese**
- G-H Stove Top Stuffing**
- I-J Canned Cranberries**
- K-L Canned/Jar Gravy**
- M-N Beans, Rice and Dry Pasta**
- O-P Fresh Rolls (12 rolls per bag)**
- Q-R and 5th Grade Classes Pumpkin Pies**
- S 100% Fruit Juice**
- T-U Peanut Butter**
- V-Z canned Yams**
- Teachers and staff– Large Aluminum Pans**

# ENRICHMENT CLASSES



**Many classes have a maximum amount of students, so please register  
as soon as possible.**

**Session TWO starts the week of DEC. 3 and runs until FEB. 15!**

**Register Now for SESSION TWO! Our 2nd session of the school year.**

**Online Registration NOW Open for!!!**

**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 TWO:**

**MONDAYS: Chess / NEW! Golf / ASL(American Sign Language)**

**Beginner**

**TUESDAYS: Tennis / Drama**

**WEDNESDAYS: Bricks4Kidz / Young Rembrandts**

**THURSDAYS: i9 Sports / ASL (American Sign Language)**

**Intermediate**

**FRIDAYS: Cheerleading / Crazy Cool Science**

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

**\*\* Flyers available in the school office.**

## [Athletic Photos](#)



**Winter sports team photos will be on Tuesday, November 27th.**

**Please, make sure to have your athletes bring their uniforms to school that day. The schedule and estimated times of the photos for each team are below.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Coach Nelson.**

**Team Photos schedule**

**9:00am: Cross-Country**

**9:25am: 5th Grade Boys Basketball**

**9:50am: 6th Grade Boys Basketball**

**10:15am: 7th Grade Boys Basketball**

**10:40am: 8th Grade Boys Basketball**

[Scrip](#)



**Black Friday and Cyber Monday are almost here!!**

**We carry Amazon for those on line Shoppers, and plenty of Visa, Target, Walmart, Kohls, JCPenny, and Macy's for those Black Friday deals. So, stop by the SCRIP cart and help support our school. It won't cost you any more than what you were going to spend!**

**Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!**



**Benefit Mobile App - You can now buy eGift Cards through the "Benefit**

**Mobile” app. Benefit Mobile is a free app that allows you to buy eGift Cards at the time of use (online or immediately as needed) while linking the purchase to Saint John XXIII Catholic School. 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](mailto:pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org) with any questions.**

**Scrip Sales Hours:**

**Monday-Tuesday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**2:30 – 3:15**

**Wednesday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**11:45 – 12:15**

**[Running and Fitness Clubs](#)**



**Running Club: Parents due to the cooler weather we will meet in the gym beginning at 7:10am.**

**So RC members once you've been dropped off come directly to the gym, start time 7:20-7:50.**

**Fitness Club: We have had a great week of FC. If you're looking to stay in shape and have fun with friends then meet us every Monday/Friday 7:00 a.m.-7:30 a.m. in the gym with Coach D.**

**Please have a Sports Physical on file.**

**Coach D**

[ldagherty@popejohnxxiii.org](mailto:ldagherty@popejohnxxiii.org)

## [Parish Corner](#)



# *Portillo's* **for GOOD**

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Bring in this flyer or show it on your smartphone  
and 20% of the proceeds will benefit

## **ST BERNADETTE'S - BOY SCOUT TROOP 818**

**November 26, 2018**

**3:00pm - 9:00pm**

at the Portillo's located at:

**10574 N. 90th Street  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

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to serve up a better tomorrow, visit  
[portillos.com/good](http://portillos.com/good)





**Dear St. John's Families, Teachers and Community,**

**Please see the link below and considering signing up for a "Marian Consecration Family Adventure." THIS is truly a life changing and beautiful opportunity for our community. It may seem to start "small" (like the mustard seed) but over time many saints, popes and modern witnesses have testified to the consecration to Mary as a major turning point in their lives. As St. Louis de Montfort explains - Going to Jesus through Mary is the quickest, easiest and most perfect way to become a saint!**

<https://www.holyheroes.com/Mary-s/154.htm>

**Above is the link to view a video, sign-up for the daily emails from Nov 6-Dec 8 (the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and the day of the Consecration to Mary) and read what it's all about!**

**God bless you!**

**Catie Weasler and Melissa Graziano**

**St. Bernadette Catholic Church**



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