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**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday November 9, 2018**

**Dear Saint John XXIII Community,**

**As a country, we will recognize Veteran's Day officially on Monday, but today we had the honor of hosting a Veteran's Day ceremony here for the brave veterans of our own community. We had the privilege of being led by two of our own community members in retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Mike Dugan (alum dad of Sean '17) as**

**master of ceremonies and an amazing speaker in retired Marine Lieutenant Colonel Brian Beckwith (husband of our own Mrs. Beckwith in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and proud father of a current Marine). Growing up in a house with a dad who was a veteran of the Vietnam War, I learned the importance of the sacrifice for our country and the freedom we enjoy. The respect these veteran men and women deserve goes far beyond a simple two words and eight letters in "thank you", but that's a great place to start.**

**As I listened to our kids recite the pledge of allegiance today during the flag raising ceremony, the word "indivisible" could not have rung more loudly for me as we are still awaiting election results in our state and living through the current party divides in our country. Despite these differences our support for our veterans and their sacrifice must never be forgotten. I thought it best this week to let our past United States Presidents, from BOTH sides of the aisle, stress how important our veterans are and how their sacrifice and love for our country must keep us indivisible.**

**Abraham Lincoln: "The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."**

**John F. Kennedy: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."**

**Ronald Regan: "We remember those who were called upon to give all**

**a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause.”**

**Barack Obama: “It’s about how we treat our veterans every single day of the year. It’s about making sure they have the care they need and the benefits that they’ve earned when they come home. It’s about serving all of you as well as you’ve served the United States of America.”**

**God Bless,  
Preston Colao  
Principal**

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**Saturday, Nov. 10**

**Open House 10:00-12:00**

**Nov. 12-20**

**Thanksgiving Food Drive**

**Wednesday, Nov. 14**

**Mass 8:30**

**Thursday, Nov. 15**

**Chick-Fil-A Day**

**5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.**

## St. John Open House



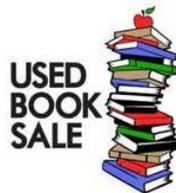
**Do you know a family who will have an incoming Kindergarten student next year? Do you have a friend who might be looking at changing schools? Then please invite them to join us at the St. John Open House next Saturday, November 10th from 10-12. We would love to show them what makes the St. John community so great!**

## Chick Fil A Night



**Help us celebrate Principal Appreciation Day by having dinner at [Chick Fil A next Thursday!](#) From 5-7 on the 15th, all sales at the Mayo Boulevard Chick Fil A will benefit next year's Harvest Fest. Just be sure to tell them you are with St. John when you check out. And keep an eye out next Thursday for a special campus visitor!**

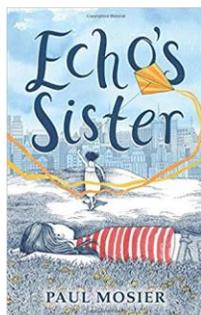
## Used Book Sale



**Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased from our Used Book Sale this year. It was very successful and thanks to so many, our students and teachers were able to restock their libraries while helping the school library be able to purchase new books for all of our students. This event would not have run so smoothly without the support and work of Mrs. Sarah Kyle. Thanks too, to all our parent**

**and grandparent volunteers for sorting, setup and takedown. We are grateful to all of you!**

## [Book Pre-Orders Extended](#)



**Did you want to order a book to be signed by author Paul Mosier who is visiting campus at the end of the month? You still have a little time! We are extending pre-order sales through Monday, so have your parents fill out [THIS order form](#) and send in \$15 for Echo's Sister no later than Monday morning!**

## [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](#)



**The [Annual Appeal](#) is the biggest fundraiser of the year. Direct donations are the most effective way to help our school, and are used to fund needs such as: security upgrades, building expenses, campus maintenance, new electronic materials, textbook upgrades, staff insurance increases, air conditioning units as well as immediate and unexpected needs.**

***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: Am I making a tax deduction with CEA?**

**A: The amount you direct to CEA is a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit. This is different from a tax deduction. Tax deductions reduce your taxable income. A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar credit against the taxes you have paid to the state of Arizona. [Check out THIS PAGE for more details!](#)**

## [Veterans Day Thank You](#)



**Thank you so very much to our loving community for the warm welcome you showed our Veterans at this morning's Veterans Day Ceremony. We appreciate having these honored guests take a few minutes out of their day to visit with our students. A special thank you to Mr. Mike Dugan, our Master of Ceremony, Mr. Brian Beckwith, our Keynote Speaker, and Webelo Scout Troop 818 for making the morning a special one for us all.**

## [Thanksgiving Food Drive](#)



**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**

## Scrip



**Gobble! Gobble! Gobble! Thanksgiving is just around the corner!!  
We carry Safeway, Fry's, Whole Foods, Sprouts, Walmart, and many others  
for your grocery needs.**

**We also carry Visa cards that you can use at Costco for that delicious  
pumpkin pie!**

**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-Thursday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**2:30 – 3:15**

**Friday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**12:15 – 1:00**

**[Boys Basketball](#)**



**Hello Parents,**

**If your son is participating in Boys Basketball this season, there is a mandatory parent meeting on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 p.m. in the gym. Each player and at least one parent is required to attend. Your child will not be able to play if you do not attend this meeting.**

**This meeting will cover CYAA Guidelines, playing time, player expectations, parent expectations, and more. After the meeting each coach will hold a quick team meeting of their own.**

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

## **Running Club and Fitness Club**



### **Physical Education**

**In the event your child is recovering from illness or injury please send a parental or physicians note with your child so that we are made aware.**

### **St. John XXIII PE Running Club**

**Meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings. 7:10am in the courtyard, 7:20-7:50am in the gym/field.**

### **Fitness Club**

**Meets Monday and Friday mornings at 7:00 a.m.- 7:30 a.m. in the**

**gym.**

**Must have sports physical on file.**

**If you have any questions contact Coach D**

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

## [Parish Corner](#)



**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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