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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Thursday December 27, 2018

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

On behalf of the entire staff and faculty of our community, thank you all for the amazing generosity in the gifts you bestowed on us this Christmas season. We are all privileged and honored to serve our kids and work together with you in educating our youth and preparing them to direct our future. It is an honor for each of us at

the school to partner with our families in developing young Catholics and the reward of the results is why we continue to serve each year. We wish you all the best this Christmas season and will continue to keep you all in our prayers for continued health and strength in the New Year.

**God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal**

I want to express my gratitude for the donations to the St. John XXIII Staff Christmas fund. How wonderful that our teachers, aides, and staff benefited from the giving spirit of our community! Thank you for your contributions! Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

**Karolyn Stayer
School Advisory Board President**

School Notes



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Important Dates

Monday, Jan. 7

School Re-opens

Wednesday, Jan 9

Report Cards Posted

Friday, Jan. 11

Kindergarten Applications due

Kindergarten



**Kindergarten applications are now being accepted for the 2019-2020
school year.**

Deadline is January 11th!

Please stop by the office to pick up your packet!

Save the Date



Mark your calendars now... Saturday, April 27th. You won't want to miss this year's "Parent's Night Out"!

Twenty Years of Blessings



Have you made your tax deductible gift to this year's Annual Appeal? You have until December 31st to claim it on this year's tax deduction! OR, if December is tight, pledge now, and make a donation in 2019. Need suggestions on how to make a financial impact? Option 1: break up your gift into a monthly donation on your FACTS account from January-June. Option 2: make a donation at the end of your tuition schedule (a payment in May or June that would go directly to the Annual Appeal!) Please help us reach our \$200,000 goal and 100%

participation with a gift that works for your family. Thank you!

Catholic Education Tax Credit



Catholic Education

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Our Children. Your Tax Credit. Their Future.

Give the gift of a Catholic Education by re-directing your state tax liability to Catholic Education Arizona. Thousands of children will have access to a quality Catholic Education. Best of all, your gift lasts a lifetime!

- **GRADUATION RATES: 99%** of students at Catholic Schools graduate from high school.
- **ADVANCEMENT: 97%** of these graduates go on to post-secondary education or enter the military.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS: Graduates of Catholic Schools are among the highest recipients of university scholarships.**

Community Event



Would you like to be involved in the Spring Community Event? We had a great first planning meeting for this year's event that will be

held on Saturday, April 27th. (We cannot wait to share the theme!)

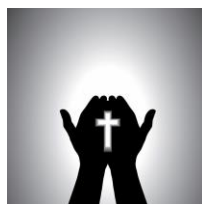
Want to help with decor? Do you have a business that would care to donate an auction item? Are you passionate about class projects? Do you have a unique skill set and want to donate your time? Do you know a company that can help us sponsor the event? Let's talk! Email Kristen at kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org and let us know you are IN for the party planning!

[Concert Committee Appreciation](#)



A big thank you to our Concerts Chair, Jennifer Biancardi, and her decorating committee for making last week's Christmas Concert look so festive! We appreciate you all so much!

[Ways of Worship](#)



**Wednesday Rosary 8:05
Saint Bernadette Church**

Why pray the Rosary??

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in lectio divina or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him' (CCC 2708).

Please join us every Wednesday. Everyone is invited and all are welcome.

[Catholic Schools Week](#)



[Faith in Action](#)



Catholic Schools Week

Faith IN Action Project

January 27-February 1

This year for our Catholic School's week Faith IN Action project, we will be collecting all sizes of gently used clothing (especially middle school sizes) for Harvest Compassion center! So if you start to clean out your closets, keep Harvest Compassion and Catholic Schools week in mind for your clothing donations. Donations will be accepted starting on January 28th!

[Speak Up](#)



Did you know:

54% of 3-5 grade Students at Saint John XXIII email their teacher with questions while only 15% do nationally.

57% of 3-5 grade students at Saint John look up school or class

information compared with 26% nationally.

100% of 6-8 students use a tablet in class compared to 20% nationally.

75% of Saint John parents believe that being able to track student academic progress over time online is important compared to 62% nationally.

87% of Saint John Teachers are trained for Google apps compared to 66% nationally.

How do we know this detailed information? We have a free technology survey called Project Tomorrow: SpeakUp America. This survey helps us triangulate our student, teacher, parent, and administrators ideas about technology and STEM. We then can compare our data with schools in the state and nationally. We share this information with our school board and helps us measure our accreditation goals.

The survey is open until the end of December. Here is how to take the survey:

[Click the Project Tomorrow Speak Up Link](#)

Find a School:

Select School: Enter saint then search by 85254

Select: Saint-John-Xxiii-Catholic-School Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Select Parent in drop-down menu.

It should take about 20 minutes to complete the survey

It is long, but the data is rich. If you have questions or problem

completing the survey, please contact Dr. Ochsner at

kochsner@saintjohnxxiii.org

Thank you in advance!

Scrip



Merry Christmas!

Enjoy your Christmas break! SCRIP will be available during the break at the following times.

Scrip Sales Hours:

Thursday, Dec. 27, 2017

9:00 – 11:00

Thursday, Jan. 3, 2018

9:00 – 11:00

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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