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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday December 7, 2018



Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Christmas arrived early to St. John's today...or at least the Christmas spirit of peace, hope, charity and love. To all of you who came out to support, encourage, and buy from our 6th graders at their marketplace today, and to all of those 6th grade parents who stood by their students on this mission, THANK YOU!

So many creative ideas by our kids, but the real success of this marketplace came in the work that led up to it. Each 6th grader spent the semester researching organizations throughout the valley who they will use today's profits to purchase items to benefit. So many of you commented on the posters and how you were compelled to purchase not because of the item, but because of the cause!

Helping at risk teens who drop out of school, foster care for kids

removed from their home because of abuse, temporary housing for homeless veterans, food and education for unaccompanied minors in foster care, domestic violence shelters, permanent housing for low income families, tents for homeless veterans, birth mother support projects, adoption resources, sports equipment for foster homes!

These are just **SOME** of the causes that were supported today! Our kids will remember today for a lifetime, but the items they will purchase, thanks to your support, will change lives now!

Advent and our preparation for Christ has begun a bit early here as all of you served as His hands and feet today...thank you!

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal



School Notes



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Important Dates

Wednesday, Dec. 12

**Christmas Concert 6:00
p.m.**

Dec. 10--14

Christmas Toy Drive

Dec. 10--13

Book Fair

Friday, Dec. 21

**Ugly Christmas Sweater
11:50--12:00--12:10**

Dismissals

Monday, Jan. 7

School Re-opens

- [Parish Corner](#)

Kindergarten



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

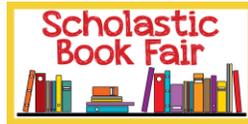
Please stop by the office to pick up your packet!

Lion King Auditions



Auditions for The Lion King Jr will be taking place next Monday, December 10th and Tuesday, December 11th after school. If you are interested, please go to Mrs. Karellas' website and click on the Lion King Jr page for more information and to sign up to audition. Everyone is very excited to see so many talented Saint John students. [Please click here](#)

Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair is heading our way! Students, staff and families are invited to visit the school library between December 10-13 for all the fun! There are so many books for every kind of kid. Adventure, sci-fi, best-selling, and even "laugh-out-loud" stories. See below for more details:

What: Scholastic Book Fair

When: December 10 - 13

Monday - Thursday from 7:30 AM - 3:15 PM

***extended hours Wednesday, December 12 from 5:00 PM through the end of the school Christmas Concert**

Where: Saint John XXIII Library

Scholastic will provide an excellent selection of books for children of all ages. Our teachers will also have Wish Lists for the classrooms, so consider buying a book for your child's class, or teacher!

The proceeds from the Scholastic Book Fair will go towards purchasing new products for the library. We can't wait to see you there!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Sarah

Kyle at sarahmkyle@yahoo.com

Save the Date



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

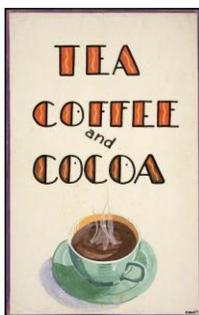
Twenty Years of Blessings



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!

[Coffee in the Courtyard with CEA](#)



Join our knowledgeable parents in the courtyard every morning before school next week and we will help clear up any questions you have concerning [CEA and tax credits](#). There will be coffee, cocoa & tea available, and St. John parents who can share their experiences with [CEA](#). Block off a little time one morning next week and come talk with us! Let us help you with your CEA questions next week!

[Christmas Card Winners](#)



We had so many wonderful entries for this year's Christmas Card contest. Congratulations to 5th grader, Lily Garcia! Her "Angel with Baby Jesus" will be featured on the St. John Christmas card this year. We also decided to have FOUR runners-up whose artwork is featured on postcard sized "Christmas Fund" notes for our community to use. You can find a basket of the cards in the front office. Congratulations also to 5th graders Sophia PeBenito-Brooks, Isabella Gough, Cassidy Graninger and 4th grader, Clare Inserra. Pop into the office and see all of their designs on our "Art Wall."

[Lost & Found](#)



When school lets out for Christmas Break, the opportunity to find your lost items will be gone... so please have your child check our Lost & Found area for any items they may have misplaced over the semester. Any items not picked up will be donated to charity.

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!

Ways of Worship



Tuesday December 11th

All of our students grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to participate in Reconciliation on Tuesday. What a great gift and what a wonderful to begin Advent!

Faith IN Action



Toy Drive for the children of Saint Matthews School

December 10-14

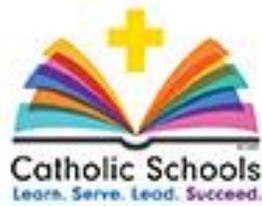
Our Christmas Toy Drive starts MONDAY DECEMBER 14th!! We will collecting unwrapped Christmas toys for the children of Saint Matthews School. If you are wondering what kinds of toys to bring, please consider childrens toys that you might like to have yourself at Christmas time. With the blessings of our generous Saint John XXIII Catholic School Community, I know we will make this a special Christmas for some very special and deserving children. On behalf of Student Leadership, we thank you for helping us be the hands and feet of Christ!

[Adopt-A-Family for Christmas](#)



This year, we are partnering once again with Saint Matthews School in south Phoenix to Adopt-A-Family for Christmas! If you are interested in participating, please contact Maria Fantozzi at Saint Matthews School (602) 254-0611. It is a wonderful experience as you and your family can be as involved in this process as you would like to be. Everything from just dropping items off at school to being able to deliver directly to the families at their homes. Many of our families have shared stories of being invited to homes for tamale dinners and have enjoyed visiting with the adults and the kids all playing together. We welcome you to be a part of this wonderful Christmas experience!

[Catholic Schools Week](#)



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019

January 27 - February 2

#CSW19

Christmas Concert



Our Christmas Concert will be here before we know it and I wanted to take a moment to send out some important information regarding concert details.

-The concert is Wednesday December 12th!

-Students should be dressed in Christmas formal attire

-All students should arrive and go directly to their classroom no earlier than 5:30pm

-Doors to the concert will open at 5:30pm

-Concert will begin at 6:00pm

Songs are posted on the teachers websites and on Mr. Heward's website as well.

We have a very special presentation planned for you this year. We are asking that EVERYONE remain until all grades have finished. At that time, we will all process to the courtyard for a finale of sorts by all of our students and we will ask that all of you join in! (the rest is a secret until then!) After our very short finale, you may then pick your child up from their classrooms and check them out with their teacher at the classroom. Please do not pick them up from the courtyard.

Thank you for all of your support on this very special night for each and every child! They have ALL worked so hard.

God Bless,

Nick Heward

[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



Christmas is just around the corner!!

We have gift cards for over 70 retailers to help make your Christmas shopping easier. Stop by the SCRIP cart to purchase your gift cards and help support our school. It won't cost you any more than what you were going to spend! Check your child's backpack for SCRIP information and order forms that went home earlier this week.

If you own a business and plan on purchasing gifts for your employees, please consider purchasing SCRIP cards. Email Pegge Gentry, at pgentry@saintjohnxxii.org to place a large order.



\$6.50 Harkins 2019 Loyalty Cup Vouchers, \$30 Popcorn Perks and \$10 Harkins Theatres Gift Cards are available.

**Purchase a Harkins Loyalty Cup Voucher for your favorite movie goer!
Enjoy \$1.50 soft drinks every time you bring your Loyalty Cup to the movies**

through the end of 2019.

**Loyalty Cups are available for a limited time while supplies last!
Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!**

Scrip Sales Hours:

Monday-Thursday

7:30 – 8:15

2:30 – 3:15

Friday

7:30 – 8:15

12:15 – 1:00

Parish Corner



**Be an Angel! Volunteer at the St. Bernadette Christmas Angel Tree Party!
On December 15th, St. Bernadette will host over 200 children from families
of the working poor for this annual event. If you'd like to volunteer, go to:**

www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4aa8af0-stbernadette6



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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