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**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday November 30, 2018**

**Dear Saint John XXIII Community,**

**As we have entered the holiday season already, just coming off Thanksgiving and about to start Advent, I think we all too often forget how difficult the holidays can be for many around us. There are so many of us who have experienced tragedy during this time or who remember with fondness the holidays with those they have**

**lost. Their struggle through the next month is always difficult to witness when we want peace and happiness for them. We may even find ourselves praying for others in our lives to not experience that pain during these days, but maybe we're praying for the wrong thing? Maybe we should not be praying for God to take their pain away, but rather for God to grant them the strength to overcome these obstacles and grow stronger.**

**Did you know that if you buy tadpoles in the pet store to grow in to frogs, the advice any sales person who knows their tadpoles will give you is to put a large rock in the middle of the tank? Tadpoles need some incentive to help their tail split in order to develop legs so they can reach the surface and learn to breathe air. If they have no rock or obstacle to climb up, they never reach the surface, their lungs never develop, and they stay as tadpoles until they die. They must have some form of difficulty in order to have incentive to spring forward and change for the better.**

**It's not so much the obstacle in front of all of us that matters, it's our attitude towards it. If we view that obstacle as a gift from God to help us grow stronger, we might have a different outlook on the future.**

**In the month ahead, let's try to not only tackle our own obstacles, but work towards praying for those we encounter that God may grant them the strength to overcome their obstacles. Maybe experiencing that growth will help ignite the true light of Christmas in all of us this season and the true hope that Christ brings to our lives.**

**God Bless,  
Preston Colao  
Principal**

## School Notes



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### Important Dates

**Monday, Dec. 3**

**Advent Wreath Blessing 8:15**

**Tuesday, Dec. 4**

**5th Grade Retreat**

**Blessed Sacrament**

**Friday, Dec. 7**

**6th Grade Market Place**

**Wednesday, Dec. 12**

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

**Dec. 10--14**

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## Kindergarten



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

**Please stop by the office to pick up your packet!**



**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)**

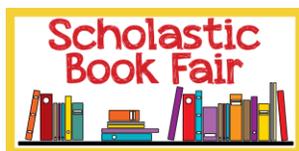
**Intermediate**

**FRIDAYS: Cheerleading / Crazy Cool Science**

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

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

**[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](mailto:sarahmkyle@yahoo.com)**

## [Community Event Planning Meeting](#)



**We are ready to start planning this year's Adults Only, Community Event that will be held on Saturday, April 27th. Our first meeting to discuss theme and event details will be Thursday, Dec. 6th at 8 a.m. in the Parish Hall, Rooms 5 & 6. If you are unable to attend, but would like to help out with this event, please email Kristen at [kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org). Can't wait to start working on this FUN NIGHT!**

## [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



**We are three months into this year's Annual Appeal. Thank you so much to those of you who have already made a gift! Year to Date donations are \$62,114, with only 22% of our St. John community participating in this very needed appeal. Our goal is \$200,000, so we still have a ways to go to reach this number.**

Can we count on your family to make a pledge to help us reach the \$200,000 goal? **Please consider a tax deductible gift that can be made now, or anytime before the end of school in May. (We'd love to reach our \$200,000 goal EARLY.) Thank you so much for your support!**

## CEA Tax Credit



**I am still a little confused as to what I do to redirect my AZ state tax liabilities...**

Follow 3 Easy Steps:

- 1. Find out how much you can contribute by reviewing your tax liability from last year (please visit the "[How does it work](#)" page on the CEA website.)**
- 2. Make your contribution by completing a [contribution form](#) found on the CEA website, or contribute online or call CEA at 602.218.6542**
- 3. Claim your tax credit with the tax credit receipt you will receive from CEA.**

## [Grandparents Day](#)



**What a beautiful day we had with so many guests visiting our campus! Thank you so much to all of our grandparents and great friends who attended our mass and reception and visited classrooms. We are most grateful for our VPO Committee Chairs - Kelly Dorethy and Vicki Jones who organized this wonderful day. Thank you to their parent helpers, Student Leader volunteers, St. Bernadette staff, and all of our staff and students who helped make this day turn out so wonderfully.**

## [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!**

## [Catholic Schools Week](#)



**Celebrate Catholic  
Schools Week 2019**  
January 27 - February 2  
**#CSW19**

## 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!**

## Advent Family Activity



**Are you looking for daily reflections this Advent Season?**

**Dynamic Catholic does a beautiful job of leading families through Advent!**

**Just click on the link to see what they have to offer to help you and your family have a Christ centered season!**

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>

## [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**

[Scrip](#)



**Christmas is approaching fast!!**

**Help support our school by purchasing SCRIP cards. It won't cost you any more than what you were going to spend! We have numerous gift cards to help make your Christmas shopping easier. With all your busy shopping treat yourself to dinner, we have cards from In & Out, Panera, and Chili's to PF Changs and Fox restaurants.**

**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](mailto: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



### **MASS • ROSARY • TALK • BOUTIQUE • BOOK SALE**

This Saturday, December 1st in Mailliard Hall

(St. John Gym)

Hundreds of exquisite gifts, most \$5 or less. Plus Catholic book extravaganza. This is a wonderful opportunity to Christmas shop and to help support Radio Family Rosary. Join us for fellowship, entertainment, silent auction & raffle.

### **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](http://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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