



PRIDE

Obedientia Et Pax

Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday January 18, 2019

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Do you know what river is fed by the Damietta and Rosetta distributaries? How about what country has the Knesset as its legislative branch or what country's former capital was called Almaty and was located south of Lake Balkhash? Our kids do! How about how to spell ichthyosaurus or coquelicot? They can do that too! In

the past week, I had the honor of helping to moderate our National Geography Bee and serving as the recorder for our National Spelling Bee qualifier on campus. These were some of the questions our finalist students had to study for in preparing.

At the end of last week we awarded Connor White the spelling bee championship for the school and today we gave a champion medal to Jack Kyle for the National Geographic Geography Bee. Both will go on to represent our school at the next level and we wish them the best. All of the participants in both events however need to be noted for how well they carried themselves with grace and poise and how committed they were to studying outside of their normal school and life commitments. We are very blessed to have such amazing students and supportive parents

A big thank you goes out to all of the participants in both events as well as their parents who helped them prepared. Have a great weekend.



**God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal**

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2019-2020 school year

New Student Applications
Now being accepted
for the
2019-2020 School Year

As we continue to accept kindergarten applications for the 2019-2020 school year, please consider recommending St. John to your family and friends. We are currently accepting applications for all grade levels.

As current families, our re-registration will take place in February. Be on the lookout for more information!

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast



We love our St. John volunteers! To thank you for being so wonderful this year, we would like to invite you to a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Thursday, January 31st beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the library. Looking forward to spending time with you on the 31st.

Father/Daughter Dance



Friday, February 8th, is the Father/Daughter Dance, and we don't want you to miss out! Please [REGISTER HERE](#) for the "QUEEN OF HEARTS" themed dance. It is \$20 per family with DJ, Photo Booth, water, and giveaways included throughout the evening. (*The registration fee will go up to \$25 the night of, so reserve your spot on the dance floor with the lower price point now.*)

Back to the 80s



Mark your calendar now for Saturday, April 27th and lets get "Back to the 80s" for this year's adults only, Community Event! Keep an eye out for updates and new info every week as we move closer to the 80s at St. John.

[Twenty Years of Blessings](#)



The 2018-19 Annual Appeal runs through June, so please know that you haven't missed the deadline. 233 families have yet to make an [Annual Appeal gift](#). If these families can each make a contribution of \$415, we will reach our \$200,000! This goal is achievable.

"Individual commitment to a group effort-that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." --Vince Lombardi

CEA Tax Credit



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Our Children. Your Tax Credit. Their Future.

You still have time! Contributions given by April 15, 2019 will count towards 2018's taxes. This is a no cost tax credit program that benefits members of the St. John community. Learn more at [Catholic Education Arizona](#).

Field Day



This year's Field Day is on Friday, February 1st. Please sign up to help us with both tie dying t-shirts and the event which will run from 8-12. Your Safe Environment certification must be up-to-date to volunteer on campus.

[TIE DYE SIGN UP](#)

[School wide SIGN UP](#)

DON'T FORGET to bring your labeled, white t-shirt in a ziploc bag to tie dye next week. If you like, you can also rubber band your shirt before your child comes to school.

January Pride Day!



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 groups is "Celebrations of our Catholic Faith" This month's lesson was "Celebrating Baptism" WE talked about Baptism bringing us new life in the church. We can also celebrated this new year by bringing the birth of our Savior and his baptism into our life. The season of Christmas may be over but we can continue to celebrate all year long. For our activity, we talked about ways we can keep the spirit of Christmas going all year long and then we

made a white paper chain with all of our ideas. Please look for it on the gate on Tuesday! All of our lessons reflect our Faith and our R.E.A.L. student learning expectations: Responsible Christian Leader, Effective Communicator, An Independent Thinker and Life-Long Learner. Pride Day is one way we build our student community

[Ways of Worship](#)



World Rosary

Friday January 25th

11:20 Courtyard

Help us Kick off Catholic Schools Week!!

Do you speak a 2nd language and would you like to participate in our World Rosary to kick off Catholic Schools Week? If you are interested, Parents and students can sign up to say the Hail Mary or the Our Father in a language other than English. Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4daaa92ca7ff2-world2>

[Catholic Schools Week](#)



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019

January 27 - February 2

#CSW19

Wear your uniform to Mass on Saturday January 26th or Sunday January

27th in exchange for Free Dress to school on Monday January 28th!

Please [download the Free Dress Coupon](#) to bring to school on Monday

January 28th. Don't forget to read the [Free Dress Guidelines in in the](#)

[activities link](#)

Faith in Action



Our Community wide Faith In Action project for Catholic Schools Week

will be collecting gently used children and teen clothing and shoes that

are still in good condition and donating them to Harvest Compassion Center right here in our own neighborhood. The mission of Harvest Compassion Center is to provide food and clothing in a hope-filled environment to the under served in the greater Phoenix area. Please be sure that all donations are neatly bagged and brought to the front office. Thank you for supporting Catholic School students to learn, serve, lead and succeed

[Spirit of Service](#)



Help pass out bookmarks after Saint Bernadette Mass

January 26th and January 27th

Please see the sign up genius if your family would like to thank our Parishoners at Saint Bernadette for supporting Catholic education!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4daaa92ca7ff2-hand>

[Scrip](#)



Don't just think of SCRIP at Christmas time. We have all the gift cards you need year round. Whether you need last minute gifts, dinner and a movie or for weekly grocery shopping (And don't forget, we carry Visa, with no activation fee, that can be used at Costco.) ...We have it all!! Remember, it does not cost you any more than what you were going to spend!

You can also use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!

For questions Stop by the SCRIP cart before or after school or email

Pegge Gentry, at pgentry@saintjohnxxii.org with any questions.

Scrip Sales Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday

7:30 – 8:15

2:30 – 3:15

Friday

7:30 – 8:15

12:15 – 1:00

St. Joan of Arc Preschool



ST. JOAN OF ARC PRESCHOOL
Open House
Sunday, January 27th, 2019
9:30am – 12:30pm



New Families will
receive 15% off
the registration
fee if you register

Why choose St. Joan of Arc Preschool?

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Faith Formation. Our faith is our guiding light and the source of our purpose.
- Emphasis on moral development and service to others.
- A safe and nurturing learning environment.
- Individual attention through small class size.
- Exceptional faculty and staff who help each student reach their highest potential.
- Inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach

*Quality First has presented us with 4 (out of 5) Star rating. We will have **scholarships** available for the upcoming school year. **Qualifying St. Joan of Arc parishioners are given a priority, and they are filled on a first come-first serve basis, so call now to see if you qualify.***

Tour our school campus. Meet our faculty and staff. Have all your questions answered.
More information can be obtained at the preschool link of www.stjoanofarc.com

Please contact us: 602-867-9179 or preschool@stjoanofarc.com



Parish Snow Much Fun Day!

Saturday, January 26th after the 5 pm Mass

Kids of all ages can have fun in the big snow pile and the snow slide in front of the Parish Office. There is no fee to play in the snow—just bring donations of clothing, shoes, or canned goods to participate. Plan to enjoy a S'more or two outside at the S'more station while watching the kids play in the snow.

This fun event includes a Parish Pot Luck, Chili Cook Off, and Jr. Bake Off in the Parish Hall from 6—8:30 pm. Children 6th grade and up can enter the Jr. Bake Off challenge with their cookie and cupcake creations. Prizes will be awarded for Best Cookie and Best Cupcake.

To sign-up for the Potluck or to enter the Chili Cook-off or Junior Bake Off go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4AA8AF0-snow> . Contact Shirley Smalley at 480-905-4434 with questions.



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