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*Obedientia Et Pax*

**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday January 24, 2019**

**Dear Saint John XXIII Community,**

**We were privileged today to have 3rd grader Mia Wesh at the helm as principal for a day; and was she ever busy! Greeting students on the curb in the morning, Leading our World Mission Rosary for the entire school, stopping by to see her "former" classmates while she**

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**observed their teacher, popping over to the parish office to greet the staff, and writing and recording her proclamation for the day we're just a small few of the activities Mia spent her day doing. In truth, I think we were just getting in her way today for how well she took on the role....blazer, skirt and all! Kids like Mia and days like today remind me how blessed we are in this community and how much our kids love and appreciate life, their friends and the experiences each day brings. Their time here at St John's is so brief and we all learn so much from them, it's often easy to forget their amazing, pure and awe-inspired view of the world. I learn more teaching than I ever learned in learning.**

**There was so much going on this week and next that I know I won't be able to summarize it all in one letter, but details for next week's Catholic School festivities are below (please read Mrs. Jasinski's letter and attachment for details). Also, a big congratulations to our 7th grade boys' basketball team who won the CYAA championship yesterday! Not only did they play two amazing games to capture the title, but far more importantly, I could not have been more impressed by the way they carried themselves. As gracious winners, they set a wonderful example and represented our school in a special way. Thank you to all the boys for their hard-work and dedication this year and especially to their coach Mr. Chris Feagles who developed a group of men that embodied our Catholic principals with their sportsmanship and teamwork on the court all season.**

**God Bless,**

**Preston Colao**

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## Principal



Today, we welcomed Miss Mia Wesh as our Principal for the Day. Miss Wesh is a 3rd grader in Mrs. Lord's class. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for a special message from Miss Wesh.



## School Notes

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## Important Dates

**Jan 27-Feb 1**

**Catholic Schools Week**

**Thursday, Jan. 31**

**Volunteer Appreciation**

**Breakfast**

**7:30 a.m. Library**

**Friday, Feb. 1**

**Field Day!**

**Friday, Feb 8**

**Father/Daughter Dance**

**Dear Saint John XXIII Community,**

**National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and**

runs all week, which in 2019 is January 27 - February 2. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2019 is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

Saint John XXIII Catholic School will be observing the annual celebration week with activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, our school will focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

The theme of the week, "Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed", encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, but we as educators, are growing with them. In Catholic Schools, we are all life-long learners, servants, and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.

The uniform our students put on every day is an outward sign and instantly recognizable symbol that our families choose a Catholic education and choose to follow Christ's teachings. It makes us an example of His love wherever we go. We can never forget that! As one student said, "The next time you look at your uniform or look at the Saint John logo, remember that you are a reflection of Christ and you are so lucky to have a Catholic Education. That you have such a wonderful faith that Christ has given you. Remember to thank God especially during this Catholic School's week for having such a school like ours and the opportunity to live your faith daily."

I encourage all of you to review the Catholic School's Week schedule below and engage with your child in the activities we have planned so that you can both grow from the week ahead.

God Bless,

Patti Jasinski

Coordinator of Campus Ministry Projects and Student Leaders



**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 [Catholic Schools Week Activity Link](#)****

## **[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!**

## [Calling All Artists](#)



**We are holding our annual musical t-shirt design contest. All are welcome to submit a design. This year's production is *The Lion King, Jr.* All designs need to be submitted to the front office or to [jkarellas@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:jkarellas@saintjohnxxiii.org) by Friday, February 1st.**

## [A Note from Athletics](#)



**Hello Parents,**

**If your son or daughter is participating in Boys Baseball or Girls Basketball this season, there is a mandatory parent meeting on Monday, February 11th at 3:15pm 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.**

## [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



**Catholic Education  
ARIZONA**

*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 the event which will run from 8-12. Your Safe Environment certification must be up-to-date to volunteer on campus.**

[School wide SIGN UP](#)

## 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](#)



**[Please click on Spirit of Service link for new opportunities!](#)**

[Scrip](#)



**Harkins Popcorn Perks**

**A YEAR OF POPCORN FOR ONLY \$30**

**Receive a medium popcorn with the purchase of a movie ticket when you add Popcorn Perks to your Harkins Award membership!**

**Valid for up to a 12-month period or a maximum of 36 Popcorn Awards, whichever comes first. So, pick one up today along with a \$10 or \$25 Harkins gift card.**

**You can also use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!**



### **Online Gift Cards - 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 the Saint John XXIII Catholic School Scrip program account. 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@saintjohnxxii.org](mailto:pgentry@saintjohnxxii.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**

[St. Joan of Arc Preschool](#)



**ST. JOAN OF ARC PRESCHOOL**  
**Open House**  
**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 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](http://www.stjoanofarc.com)

Please contact us: 602-867-9179 or [preschool@stjoanofarc.com](mailto: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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