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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday February 15, 2019

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

There are times when I feel like I learn more from my own kids and the kids I've met in my teaching career than I think they learn from me. I find solace that those young pearls of wisdom they speak and act on grew from a seed planted much earlier by a loving, pure, and unjaded adult. I often pray that many of the negative events I've

experienced in my life that have jilted my own views don't project as negativity onto my kids.

As an adult (my wife usually rolls her eyes at me when I refer to myself as such), I get set in my ways far more easily than my kids as I'm sure we all do. It's easy to say we are more open to change than our kids and give examples like, "I'm more willing to try different foods than they are." Is that truly being open to change? Are we more likely to change than our kids? More realistically, we are less likely to change our opinions and less likely to alter our priorities yet more likely to be judgmental, and more likely to be set in our ways than our kids. Do we get frustrated by our kids when they suggest a different view of a situation, choosing instead to call it naïve or 'childish' to make our own feelings seem more valid? Do we get angry when our kids views don't match ours? Do we wonder when our kids say something mean, cruel or judgmental to others, "where did they learned that from?"

Judgement is so difficult to overcome. Gossip is so difficult to overcome. I would venture to say harder to overcome than abusing any substance. I once had a student remind me in class that everyone judged Jesus too. Perhaps on a more human level we can relate to; everyone judged Joseph for marrying a pregnant woman and raising a child not his own. John the Baptist preached in the wilderness wearing camel hair garments with leather girdles and eating locusts. To the people of Jerusalem he looked weird and crazy and was an easy target for judgement, but to the people of the wilderness, he was just like them.

For the long weekend, try something weird and totally different. Try to find one thing to learn from your kid's innocence or 'naivety' as we often call it and give them a big hug and kiss after you do without telling them why.

**God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal**

School Notes



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Important Dates

Monday, Feb 18

School Closed

Wednesday, Feb 20

Rosary at 7:55 Church

Mass 8:30

Thursday, Feb 21

2nd Grade Retreat

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Wednesday and Thursday

Feb. 27 & 28

Lion King Jr. 6:00 Gym

Fair Application



The Catholic Education Arizona (CEA) online scholarship application through FAIR for tuition scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year is now open. Any student seeking financial aid and/or scholarship assistance must complete this application. Parents will be notified by letter from CEA by June 30, 2019.

Applications must be completed online at:

www.fairapp.com

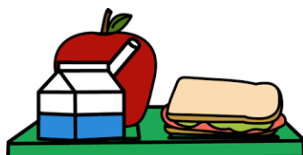
School Code: 700

School Password: cea700

The application deadline (including all tax documentation required) is

April 15, 2019. Please remember to upload your tax documents to FAIR as soon as you have completed the online application.

Lunch Program



Please do us a favor and complete a very brief survey regarding our lunch program.

ENRICHMENT CLASSES!!!



Online Registration NOW Open for ENRICHMENT CLASSES!!!

Register Now for SESSION THREE! Our Last session of the school year.

Session THREE starts the week of FEB. 25th and runs until May 3rd!

Many classes have a maximum amount of students, so please register as soon as possible.

Description of all classes on the website....

To register, go to our school website: 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 THREE:

MONDAYS: Golf

TUESDAYS: Tennis / Drama

WEDNESDAYS: Bricks4Kidz / Young Rembrandts

THURSDAYS: i9 Sports / ASL (American Sign Language - ALL LEVELS)

FRIDAYS: Cheerleading / Crazy Cool Science

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

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

[Safe Environment Training](#)



As part of our continued effort to protect our students, we strictly enforce the Diocese of Phoenix Safe Environment Policies and Procedures. We are so grateful for our very conscientious parents and the way they adhere to our requirements for volunteering and visiting campus.

Since several new families have joined us in January and there are quite a few special events coming up in the Spring that require Safe Environment Compliance, we are adding a Foundation Training here at school in March.

"Keeping the Promise Alive" will be presented on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in our school library. Please go to the [Diocese of Phoenix Safe Environment](#) page and click on REGISTER FOR A CLASS. Scroll down to 3/19 and the entry for Saint John XXIII School. You may register at the far right of this line.

Thank you all for your help with keeping our children safe!!!!!!

Olweus Bullying Prevention Program



Since 2006, St. John XXIII Catholic School Community has implemented the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, a researched-based, nationally recognized program that comes out of Clemson University.

One of the main components of the program is Parent Support. We thought a great way to increase our parent support for this program would be to hold an informational meeting so that parents may gain a better understanding of how we utilize this program here on campus.

Please join us on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 5pm in our school library for an overview of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.

Father/Daughter Dance



Our dads and daughters danced the night away at last week's "Queen of Hearts" dance. We loved seeing a full dance floor and all the

smiles. Thank you to the group of moms who came up with the theme, created the festive decor, set up AND cleaned up the event. We are so very thankful for this community and the love you put into creating such beautiful moments.

[Back to the 80s](#)



Our committee recently met with Room Parents to share some fun additions to this year's community event... Grade Level Baskets and Class Projects. Room Parents will soon be asking for your help in creating themed baskets. We are so excited to have both our parents and our students involved! The items will be up for bid as part of the "Back to the 80s" event. This year's community event will have a Silent Auction element to the evening!

[Twenty Years of Blessings](#)



We need you! Can you help us reach Annual Appeal goal of \$200,000?

The Annual Appeal is the vehicle in which we can keep our tuition down as well as pay for much needed upgrades to campus expenses.

If many give, many benefit. We suggest \$600 per family as a donation, but ALL gifts are greatly appreciated. We would love to have more than the 38% participation we currently have from our community. Can you help get us to 100% participation with your gift?

[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](#).

[Spirit of Service](#)



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

[Ways of Worship](#)



Wednesday Rosary Group

7:55 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the Church Cry Room

Please join our Ways of Worship Volunteer parents as they lead a Rosary for all those who would like to attend. Little ones are welcome as well! It's so good for our children to see and hear us as we pray for them and others who are special to us. Our group is growing and we'd love to have you join us in prayer!

[Scrip](#)



Fry's Community Rewards Program

 It's as easy as 1, 2, 3,

Simple as Do, Re, Mi,

A, B, C, 1, 2, 3,

If you shop at Fry's please link your card to St. John XXIII, and our school will benefit. If you are already enrolled no need to re-enroll.

*Go to: <https://www.FrysCommunityRewards.com>

*Under Select Your Organization: Select: Blessed Pope John XXIII.

For questions email Pegge Gentry, at pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org.

Scrip Sales Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday

7:30 – 8:15

2:30 – 3:15

Friday

7:30 – 8:15

12:15 – 1:00

[Blessed Sacrament](#)

**Blessed Sacrament Parish and School
Presents**



Join us for an evening of fun

Friday, February 22nd, 2019 @ 6:30pm in the Church Social Hall

Featuring

**Casino Style Gaming
(Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Poker all with
professional dealers)**

Cash Bar with Beer and Wine

Silent Auction

Appetizers & Dessert

Raffles

- Onsite Childcare will be available - Reservations only

\$40/ Ticket includes appetizers, dessert & 25 playing chips. Additional playing chips & raffle tickets can be purchased throughout the night.

\$300/ Table Sponsorships are available with your 8 X 10 company logo displayed on casino tables & 2 tickets to Casino night.



Saint Bernadette
Roman Catholic Parish

Please join us in praying an ongoing novena to Our Lady of Good Help for the children, families and catechists involved in preparing for the reception of the sacraments!

<https://www.shrineofourladyofgoodhelp.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/PrayerCardLarge.pdf>

In 1859, the year after Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette in Lourdes, France, she appeared to Adele Brise in New Franken, WI. Not many people know that this is an approved apparition/message from Our Lady that we have right in our own country. One of the main components of her message was to prepare the children of our country to receive the sacraments as she said these words to Adele:

"Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation." And... "Teach them their catechism, how to sign themselves with the sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing. I will help you."

For more information see: <https://www.shrineofourladyofgoodhelp.com/>.

Let's invoke help of Our Lady of Good Help for this most special time of preparation for the sacraments and for our lifelong reception of the sacraments!

Children of St. Bernadette Parish receiving Reconciliation this year: A reminder that our Family Evening Sessions are on Thursday evenings this month!

Feb 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 6-7 pm in the Parish Hall. Questions? Contact Nohemi Camou in the Religious Education department at 480-905-4432.

Sisters in Christ you are invited to join us for a wonderful morning of prayer and fellowship.

We will be hosting a Blessed Brunch on February 16 at 9:15 (after morning mass at 8:30). We would love to see you! Click on the link to RSVP

<https://blessedisshen.net/the-blog/blessed-brunch-scottsdale-arizona/>



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