



# PRIDE

*Obedientia Et Pax*

**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday February 22, 2019**

**Dear Saint John XXIII Community,**

**It's official...some of our kids that live north and east of school can now tell their own kids one day, "Snow! You don't know what snow is! When I was a kid I got SO MUCH snow that my parents made me**

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**walk to school, uphill, both ways, after I had to dig myself out of my upstairs bedroom window because I couldn't miss school." I did get quite a few chuckles this morning standing on the curb watching the many cars with a couple inches of snow on their roof roll through the drive through on the second day in a row of cold and wet weather in the Valley of the Sun. It set the day off to a great start.**

**I could not be more proud of our kids, as I was busy on campus today seeing the fruits of your labors as parents and ours as educators. My time of an hour plus talking with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders about our upcoming mission trip was awesome knowing how much this culminating trip will highlight their time with us. Visiting the 2nd grade class Hall of Presidents was great (I did NOT tell them that they were better than 3<sup>rd</sup> grade from last year and I did NOT tell them not to say that to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in case one of them snitches on me). I snuck in a bunch of Biztown interviews with 5<sup>th</sup> graders (one of which told me that people that know them find them funny and followed up with the joke: Why don't you hear a pterodactyl go to the bathroom....because the P is silent). Then finishing up the day checking out the Pride groups with all of the classes on campus giving me wonderful hope for the future. They have the rest of their lives to worry and stress, but the love, optimism, and joy they have in their hearts now is what we help them find each day and what we pray stays with them forever. Thank you for sharing your most precious gifts with us for such a small portion of their lives. Even on their worst days, every kid here makes us smile and gives us all hope that THEY will be the hands and feet of Christ in the future.**

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**God Bless,  
Preston Colao  
Principal**

## School Notes



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### Important Dates

**Wednesday and Thursday**

**Feb. 27 & 28**

**Lion King Jr. 6:00 Gym**

**Mar 4-7**

**8th Grade Mission Trip**

**Wednesday, Mar 6**

**Ash Wednesday**

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**Mass 10:00**

**Thursday, Mar 7**

**QTR. 3 Ends**

## **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](http://www.fairapp.com)

**School Code: 700**

**School Password: cea700**

**The application deadline (including all tax documentation required) is**

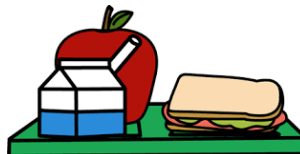
**April 15, 2019. Please remember to upload your tax documents to FAIR as soon as you have completed the online application.**

## Athletic Photos



**Spring sports photos will take place on Tuesday, February 26th during the school day. These are for any students currently playing Girls Basketball or Boys Baseball. Please, make sure that your child brings their athletic uniforms with them to school that day.**

## 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](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 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!!!!!!**

[Back to the 80s](#)





**We are in full planning mode for the April 27th community event. To ensure our collective success for this event and fundraiser, we need your help! We are looking for both large and small donations of goods and services for the Silent Auction. We also are in need of sponsors to underwrite the event. An informational email went out yesterday, or contact Kristen Butler in the Development Office for details.**

**(480)905-0939 or [kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org)**

## [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](#).**

## Faith IN Action



**\$3.00 Sweans NEXT Friday to help HOPEFEST 2019**

**We talked about Hopefest in our Pride Day today and how we will be sharing God's Love by helping those in need. One of the most needed items for Hopefest, is providing toothbrushes and toothpaste to the dental center at the event! Next Friday, students who bring in a \$3 donation, can have a sweans day!! Sweats or Jeans and regular school spirit shirt or polo. All the donations collected will go toward**

**the purchase of toothbrushes and toothpaste for the homeless population of our Valley at Hopefest! There will also be an email going out on Monday with more details about this amazing event! What a great way to get involved as a family and be part of helping our local community! So next Friday, don't forget...\$3 sweats (no leggings or yoga pants) and all donations will go toward the purchase of toothbrushes and toothpaste for the homeless!**

## [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](#)



**Need a Birthday gift for those afterschool parties. We have Target, Amazon, Bath & Body Works, and many more. So, stop by and save some time and support our school.**

**Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!  
For questions stop by the SCRIP cart before or after school or email**

**Pegge Gentry, at [pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org).**

**Scrip Sales Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday**

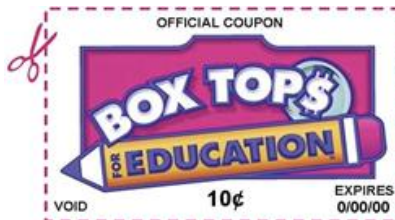
**7:30 – 8:15**

**2:30 – 3:15**

**Friday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**12:15 – 1:00**



**It's Box Top clipping time!**

**Help our school reach our goal of collecting 15,000 Box Tops. Just by clipping Box Tops and sending them into school, we earn cash. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products. Turn in your Box Tops to your homeroom teacher by February 25th.**

[Parish Corner](#)



**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://blessedishe.net/the-blog/blessed-brunch-scottsdale-arizona/>



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