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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Thursday March 7, 2019

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Every year, our 8th grade students head out to San Diego for their 8th Grade Mission Trip and Retreat. It is only fitting that a Catholic School would have such a trip as this to culminate the hard work

with academics, countless hours of service and faith filled friendships made along the way. It is also the start of their own person journey as they take all that they have learned and go out as Disciples of Christ...to share God's "Good News" with others. This is also the last time that they will truly be "TOGETHER!" Although we hear many things about the trip from parents, nothing compares to what the kids themselves say about this trip and what it means to them.....

**God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal**

As I left for the eighth grade mission trip I had many thoughts and hopes in mind for the next few days to come. As we arrived in San Diego after the long seven hour bus ride all we wanted was to see the beach and hang out. That night as I walked along the pier with my eighth grade friends, I realized how lucky I am to be a part of the Saint John family.

The first day I had the early shift where I woke up at 4, ate breakfast, and off we went! I started at St. Joes Village where we served the homeless. In doing this I realized how blessed I am with what my family provides for me. Throughout the rest of the day we went to Feeding San Diego where we sorted bad fruits from good fruits, a closet where we sorted the girls clothes from the boys clothes and the women's clothes from the men's, and we went to a

school where we planted a garden and tutored kids. To end this day off right we went to a mass in a chapel just cleaned by some of my classmates. That night we had a three hour retreat with our small groups and talked about what meant most to us that day.

The next day I had the chance to go to the Our Lady of Guadalupe middle school where I was told that I would be working with fourth graders. Instead, I was placed with a kindergartner who had piles and piles of work that he had not yet completed. They ended up needing two of my other classmates to help me with him. I'm glad I didn't experience this just by myself because as we got to know him he opened up to us. He let us know that everyday he sits by himself at lunch. This made me and my two friends very sad. The next thing that we heard caused us all to burst into tears. That story has changed my life and is something I will remember forever.

As I am writing this driving home on the bus surrounded by 27 other girls, I am realizing that everyone got something different out of this trip. What I got out of this is different from what my brother got out of it two years ago, from what the boys in front of us on the road got this year, and what every student will get the next year. I am so thankful that my parents have put me into this school knowing that I would receive six amazing years of faith. This trip has changed who I am as a person and how I perceive every other person around me.

Noelle Peterson

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Starting on this trip I was excited but at the same time nervous because I didn't know what to expect. When we arrived I instantly knew that this would be an amazing experience! Over the next two days, we served all over San Diego starting very early in the morning to the evening when we finished our service work and started our retreat. I was able to work in a kitchen serving the homeless, I was able to help at a school, and I was able to package food for families all over the state. We were also able to go to mass in some beautiful churches!

One of the aspects of the trip I enjoyed the most though was connecting with my classmates. Some of them I have known since kindergarten and some since this year, but I was able to really communicate and learn more about them. I was able to come out of this trip with stronger bonds and a fuller heart! This made me realize just how much I was going to miss every one of them next year.

My favorite part of the trip was our last night together. Although we were simply exhausted, our spirits were high! We played some fun games and received letters from all of our classmates, family, and friends. It was a night full of love and laughter!

This trip was so incredible and I will never forget it. I'll never

forget who we helped, the bonds that we tightened, and the difference I know we made. I am so so thankful to my parents who have sent me to a school where I really feel at home and happy. I can not imagine attending another school:~) Thank you guys! I also want to thank all of the chaperones and especially Mrs. Jasinski who put this trip together and made it absolutely amazing! I will always remember this trip!

Maggie Wuycheck

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Important Dates

March 8-15

School Closed

March 18-22

Toiletry Drive

Thursday, Mar. 21

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[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.

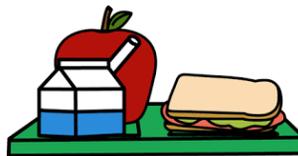
Yearbook Photos



Attention all 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade parents! If your child played in a sport this year and you have some great photos, we would love to highlight them in our school yearbook! Please email HIGH RESOLUTION photos to Mrs Houck at shouck@saintjohnxxiii.org

Thank you!

Lunch Program



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

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!!!!!!

[Call for Silent Auction Items](#)



Can you help us out by donating an entire basket, items that will go in baskets, or even a larger item for bid? By personally donating, having your business donate, or by asking local businesses for tax deductible donations, you will help us create one of a kind experiences and baskets that will be fun to bring home at the end of the evening. We absolutely need your help in so many ways to make this night a success. We can't wait for you to attend to see the fruits of our labor. Thank you in advance for pitching in!

[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](#)



Lenten Season Drive

March 18-22

We will be collecting toiletry items for Mom's Pantry beginning on Monday March 18th when we return from the break! Please bring in items such as shampoo, conditioner, lotion, shaving cream, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste. Dignity and respect is restored to those in most need by helping them to feel good about personal hygiene.

Please help us to help our neighborhood friends!

Thank you and God Bless!

[Spirit of Service](#)



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[Scrip](#)



Happy Spring Break! Enjoy!

SCRIP will be available during the break on Tuesday, March 12th from

9:00-11:00.

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 with any questions.

Scrip Sales Hours:

Tuesday

9:00 – 11:00

[Parish Corner](#)



Saint Bernadette
Roman Catholic Parish

SAVE THE DATE & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:
St. Bernadette 2019 Vacation Bible School
"Around the World with Our Lady!"

Camp for Preschool to 4th grade

Community Service Hours available for volunteers 7th graders to Seniors ☺

Dates: June 24th-28th

Time: 8:15 am – 12:30 pm

This is a great opportunity for the children to learn about our beautiful Catholic Faith, while having fun too! ☺ Oh and Friday will be 'water day'!!!

Contact Noemi Camou at ncamou@saintbernadette.com to volunteer or with questions!



"Into the Dark" Middle School Retreat

All middle schoolers are invited to attend a retreat on March 9th from 9am-6pm here at St. Bernadette's. The theme, "Into the Dark," focuses on overcoming fear and sin - the darkness in our life. This will be a great way to enter into Lent as we focus on Jesus' words: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The cost is \$45 and that includes a light breakfast and lunch!



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