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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday March 29, 2019

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Have you ever assembled a bike on Christmas Eve night? Even a few glasses of something 'inspirational' into the process, it sometimes seems insurmountable with a morning deadline fast approaching. I spent last Saturday in that same vortex for almost 9 hours repairing, disassembling, and reassembling bikes at HopeFest 2019. Some of

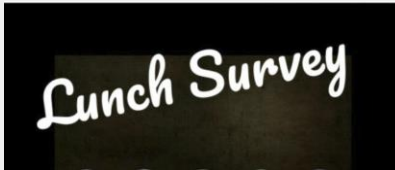
you reading this may know the event from volunteering at it yourself (I saw you there!) or from hearing your kids talk about it as the topic of their last Pride Day workshop and donation cause at that day's Buck-a-Jean collection.

It hasn't happened for a few years in the city, but HopeFest is a full day event for the homeless and working poor of Phoenix where they can get free medical care, dental care, food, bike repair or bike donations, social services, vision services, haircuts, and a multitude of other things to help them when they are down. There are a host of agencies involved including the City of Phoenix, St. Mary's Food Bank, Maricopa County Health Services, ASU, U of A and a huge amount of parishes and churches throughout the valley that help make this day possible. It was last held a few years ago and provided services and medical care to over 20,000 people at Chase Field. This year, the event was held over several days at several locations throughout the city, all of which provided similar services for those in need.

Seeing our St. John families there once again reaffirmed how well we are instilling in our kids the importance of treating everyone with respect, love, and dignity as we find the face of Christ in everyone we meet. I was honored to not only serve, but privileged to do it all day beside others from our St. John XXIII School Community. Those that volunteered and all of our kids who donated through Buck-a-Jeans truly made a difference once again! Until our next service project; I've had my fill of bike repair!

**God Bless,
Preston Colao**

Principal



Lunch Survey Results

Thank you so much to all of you that were able to participate in the Lunch Survey we have had posted in the Friday newsletter for the past few weeks. Since you took the time to fill it out, we thought it important that you see the results of that survey. The data culled from the survey will be used for us to make any viable improvements to our lunch program and give feedback to our vendor. Thank you again for taking the time to give us feedback for improvement of our programs. Your voice is important to our school.

Total responses: 90 – 80% participants in the lunch program, 20% non-participants

Non-Participants:

Top 3 reasons you don't participate:

1. My kids don't like the selection – 66%, 2. I don't like the selection – 33%, 3. Too expensive – 14%

Participants:

How satisfied are you with the lunch program?

26% Very Satisfied, 41% satisfied, 25% Neutral, 8% Dissatisfied, 0 – Very Dissatisfied

Order of importance of why you participate in the program:

1. Convenience 30%, 2. Selection 27%, 3. Nutrition 23%, 4. Price 20%

**Both Non-Participants and Active Participants in the Lunch Program:
How important is offering organic fruits and vegetables in school lunch for you?**

Extremely Important 20%, Very Important 24%, Somewhat important – 26%, Not so Important – 14%, Not important at all – 16%

How much would you be willing to pay above the current price of \$3.75 for a regular size lunch and \$4.50 for a large lunch for organic produce?

\$0 – 42%, \$0.50 – 14%, \$0.75 – 9%, \$1.00 – 20%, \$1.50 - <1%, \$2.00 – 5%, \$2.00+ - 10%

If you could wave a magic wand and create an ideal lunch program for your children it might include (Top 4 things):

1. A more seasonal menu, 2. Healthier options, 3. Organic fruits and vegetable, Gluten free choices

Are you aware that the school currently fully follows the National and Arizona state nutritional guidelines for all lunches served?

70 % - Yes

30 % - No

School Notes



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Important Dates

Apr. 1-12

ITBS testing

Tuesday, April 2

4th Grade Retreat

Friday, April 12

Stations of the Cross

April 15-22

Easter Break

Saturday, April 27

Back to the 80's Event



[Please click here for our 2019-2020](#)

Art Walk



Volunteers are needed to assist students in selecting their art to be displayed at the art walk. Volunteers needed to help during Ms. Miller's art classes. You must be safe environment compliant to participate. Volunteers will be assisting the students in selecting their art pieces to be displayed during the Art Walk.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054eabaf23a0ff2-volunteers>

If you have any questions you can contact Cherie Pobiak at 602-526-7355. Thank you in advance for your help.

Maureen Heritage and Cherie Pobiak.

Lost & Found



We have a LOT of sweatshirts that have found their way to our lost and found cart. Please help us find their homes! Your children can check the cart at any time, or make your way onto campus to help us clear that cart. Anything left by Easter Break will be removed permanently by staff. Thank you!

Poetry Month



Did you know that April is National Poetry Month? Saint John XXIII will be celebrating poetry in the library with a variety of fun activities designed to inspire our students to read, write, and enjoy the art of poetry all year long! We will be starting our fun poetry activities on Monday April 1st - it is NO April Fool's joke! Be sure to stop by the library in April to explore the wonderful world of poetry!

Student Leadership 2019-2020



Applications will be available starting on Monday at recess. If you are a current 6th or 7th grade student and interested in being a part of the Student Leadership Team, please stop by the front office to pick up an application.

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.

[Amazon Smile](#)



Did you know that anytime you shop on Amazon a portion of your purchase (0.5%) could be donated back to St. John XXIII? Just shop www.smile.amazon.com every time you shop and St. John receives money back from Amazon. EASY!

How do I shop at AmazonSmile? To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile? On your first visit to AmazonSmile smile.amazon.com,

you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. You'll look for St. John XXIII Catholic School under the charity choices OR use [THIS LINK](#)

How can I learn more about AmazonSmile? Please see complete AmazonSmile [program details](#).

[Back to the 80s](#)



[REGISTRATION is open for the Spring Community Event on Saturday, April 27th from 7-10 p.m.](#) Let your friends who don't read the Friday newsletter know the details, and let's pack that gym! 😊

The final push for Silent Auction donations is happening! Were you thinking of having your favorite restaurant, nail salon, spa or store donate a gift card or items for a basket? We would love to include them in our auction! We would like to have the majority of donations in by Friday, April 5th. Help us surprise and delight our community with some fun items to bid on!

[Annual Appeal](#)



There is still time to make a donation to this year's "20 Years of Blessings" Annual Appeal. We would love for our community to have at least 50% participation, and we are SO close! Make an easy donation through your FACTS account by clicking [HERE](#).

[CEA Tax Credit](#)



Catholic Education
A R I Z O N A

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](#).

[Ways of Worship](#)



4th Grade Retreat

Tuesday April 2nd

Volunteers needed

"Amazing Love" Lenten Retreat. Sign-up Genius link has been sent out. Please contact Patti Jasinski with questions. pjasinski@saintjohnxxiii.org

Stations of the Cross

Friday April 12th in the Courtyard.

11:30 in the Courtyard followed by announcements

Please join us for this live presentation as seen through the eyes of our Blessed Mother Mary. Everyone is invited and all are welcome.

Kinder Retreat

Friday April 26th

Volunteers needed

Be on the lookout for Save the Date and Sign up Genius link which will be sent out on Tuesday, March 26th at 9:30 a.m.

[3rd Gr. sponsored toiletry Dr](#)



A HUGE thank you to our Saint John XXIII Catholic School Community for your generous donations to our toiletry drive last week. All donations will be going to Mom's Pantry to supplement food boxes and provide those extras that can often be costly but go by the wayside.

Are you looking for a great hands on volunteer opportunity? Check out their website for more details! <http://www.momspantryphoenix.org/>

7th Gr. Catholic Charities Project



Blessings to all of our 7th graders who received their \$10 of seed money today to begin their Catholic Charities Miracle Project. These students will be choosing ways outside of school to help those in need. Please stop by the cafeteria on Friday May 3rd to view their project boards and find out more about how they helped our community have a hand up ...not a hand out!

God Bless you 7th grade!

Scrip



Easter is just a few weeks away, we have an easy way to help you out. Purchase SCRIP cards to Target and Walmart they have great prices on jelly beans and chocolate bunnies or those extra Easter decorations. We also carry gift cards to iTunes, Harkins, Starbucks, In & Out, and Bath and Body Works, for the teens in your life. So, visit the SCRIP cart and be ready for the Holiday while supporting 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 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

[Parish Corner](#)



Saint Bernadette
Roman Catholic Parish

You are invited to join us for the Men's Lenten Retreat.

Into the Breach – A Personal Challenge to Catholic Men!

Who:	Men of St. Bernadette Parish and St. John XXIII school community
Theme:	Into the Breach! <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who are we as Catholic men?• What are we called to do?
When:	Saturday April 6, 2019 - 7:30am to 12:00 noon
Where:	St. Bernadette Catholic Church 16245 N. 60th Street Scottsdale, AZ 85254
What:	Here's what the morning will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holy Mass at 7:30 am• A Man-size breakfast by FAT FREDDY'S- COME HUNGRY!• An examination of Jesus and His Passion as the standard men should strive for.• Encouragement to identify the personal breaches in our own lives.• Develop a personal holiness plan to fill them.• Identify the breaches in the culture, the Church, the parish, and our own families.• Target a specific shortage or need that each man is uniquely qualified to fill.• Develop an action plan to fill the breach.• Develop a personal mission statement.• Become part of a small men's group that meets regularly at the parish level.• Raffles for MAN-PRIZES!
Cost:	FREE: Event is sponsored by St Bernadette's Knights of Columbus Council. A FREE WILL OFFERING will be accepted.
How to sign up?	Please RSVP by April 1 st – No fooling Brian@TrueManship.com so we can plan for food and seating capacity. EMAIL REGISTRATIONS RECEIVE AN EXTRA TICKET IN MAN-PRIZE RAFFLES!
Questions:	Brian Weber. Send Emails to Brian@TrueManship.com

Keynote Speakers:

Fr. Don Kline



Deacon Peter Auriemma



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