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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday May 3, 2019

**Dear Saint John XXIII Community,**

**Many of you know about the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program we have had implemented at St. John XXIII for the past decade or so, but I felt like it was important to share some information with all of you on it as well as the results of the recent anonymous survey we conducted with the students. This transparency with incidents on campus is the only way we can grow as a school so it is important**

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**that all of our stakeholders are involved in that process and fully educated on the information we collect.**

**The Olweus Bully Prevention Program began in Norway, but has grown in the United States through Clemson University. It is the only research based bully prevention program available to schools and draws its direction from using data collected in surveys and school's yearly reports to direct the program and curriculum. One of the largest components our kids take part in with the program here is regular classroom meetings on bully prevention topics and lessons to provide students with the tools to properly define, recognize, prevent and react to bullying.**

**In order for the program to be successful and continue to adapt to a changing world, we are asked to have our student's complete anonymous, grade appropriate surveys so that the results can be used in further developing the program. The results are compiled by the Olweus Program at Clemson University and shared with us in a similar way to how student ITBS scores are calculated with a national percentile ranking against other schools in the United States. As community members, it is important that you see these results so I will share them below. However, I am more than happy to discuss any of the points from the survey with you if you have more specific questions. Mrs. Hepsen, our school psychologist is also available as a nationally accredited trainer for Olweus who truly understands the survey and the history of the program as well as its use here.**

### **2019 Survey Result Summary**

#### **Strengths:**

- Total number of students who report being bullied is lower than National Percentile Average**
  - Our kids report bullying to adult when it happens at a higher rate than the National Percentile Average**
  - Our kids "join in" when they see bullying at a lower rate than the National Percentile Average**
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- Overall empathy for kids being bullied placed our kids in the top 4% in the Nation
- Students said that teachers or other adults at school help and fix the situation when they are told about bullying at a far higher rate than the National Percentile Average
- Students said that teachers talk to kids reported to have bullied others at a higher rate than the National Percentile Average
- "Teachers do nothing or little to help" is noted as happening far less than the National Percentile Average
- "Kids just stand by and watch bullying occur" is lower than the National Percentile Average
- Kids have only one friend or very few is lower than the National Percentile Average
- We showed a low percentage of bullying occurrences in bathrooms far below the national average

#### **Area of Growth:**

- Percentage of students who are worried about being bullied in their life, even though they have not experienced, it is higher than the National Percentile Average
- Noted locations of where bullying has occurred at the school were during recess and in the lunchroom

#### **Statistics that Deviated from the national norm in other ways:**

- Boys report being bullied more than girls (opposite of the national norm)
  - Those boys reported bullying as verbally in the form of rumors
- 5th and 6th grades had some of the lowest rates of bullying which deviates from the national average in that these are usually the two highest grades for bullying to occur

**A big thank you to all of the students for their input and a big thank**

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you to all of you for entrusting your kids to us.

God Bless,  
Preston Colao  
Principal

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### Important Dates

**May 6-9**

**Book Fair**

**Water Drive**

**Wed. May 8**

**Farmers Market**

**Thurs. May 9**

**Mom's Mass**

**Mon. May 13**

**8th Grade Commencement**

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## [Back to the 80"s](#)



**Thank you again for your support in our "Back to the 80s" community event this past weekend. We appreciate all of you, and can't wait to make it bigger and better next year. Want to get on board with the planning for next year's event? Please contact Kristen [atkbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:atkbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org) We've got some ideas already brewing!**

## [Art Walk & Concerts](#)



**A big thank you for TWO wonderful events on Wednesday. We are so very thankful to Mrs. Marybeth Miller and her committee chairs and team, Cherie Pobiak and Maureen Heritage, for making the courtyard so colorful. The student artwork was just beautiful. Thank you as well to Mr. Nick Heward for creating a fun evening of entertainment by our students during the concert. We appreciate our concerts chairs, Jennifer Biancardi and Sonja Grieb, and their team, for the great decor!**

## [Book Fair](#)



**On Monday May 6th, our Spring book fair will begin! Phoenix Book Company sponsors this fair and their prices and selections are amazing. We will have leveled readers for K,1st and 2nd graders as well as chapter books fit for all readers. Stock up for all your summer reading! Your teachers will love it! The fair runs through Thursday, May 9th, see you then!**

## [Teacher & Staff Appreciation Farmer's Market](#)



**Sign-Up Genius' have gone out to all grades for this year's Farmer's Market on Wednesday, May 8th. Help us fill up this market with goodies in appreciation for our teacher's and staff! We are looking for non-perishable goodies to come in the week of May 1st, and perishable items ON May 8th. Gift card contribution deadline is May 1st. THANK YOU!**

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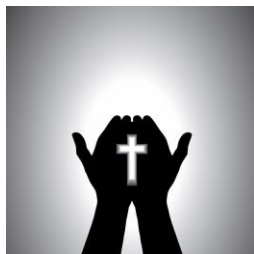
## **Families Giving Back**

**Opportunities ongoing. Please check their calendar and "At home Project" section**

**The Mission of Families Giving Back is to inspire and help families volunteer together; and by doing so, help raise compassionate, socially conscious children who understand the importance of giving to others. Their Vision is a community where families with children of all ages can make a positive impact in the community, becoming closer as a family and making volunteering a way of life.**

<http://www.familiesgivingback.org/site/event-calendar/>

## **Ways of Worship**



**Let's Celebrate our vocations as Mothers!**

**Thursday May 9, 2019**

**8:30 - 11:00**

**Please see the Sign up Genius for more information**

**Having out of town guests for Mothers Day? Everyone is invited and ALL are welcome!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4DAAA92CA7FF2-morning>

## **Faith IN Action**



**7th Grade Catholic Charities Service Fair Showcase**

**A HUGE thank you to our 7th grade who has been working hard putting on events to raise money to buy items that are needed by local**

agencies. Today they showcased their projects and the many organizations they have helped. We hope you had a chance to stop by and browse their project boards at your leisure. It is a powerful testament that speaks volumes of what our youth can do to make a change in their community!

**Great Job 7th Grade!! You ARE the hands and Feet of Christ!!**

### **Faith IN Action**

**Water Drive starts on Monday!!**

**With Summer upon us and the temperatures on the rise, there will be many people on the streets who are without shelter from heat. We will be teaming up with Saint Vincent de Paul for our Annual Water Drive. Please help us support this worthwhile cause by bringing in the donation of a case of water. All donations can be left curbside at drip off or in the front office.**

**Thank you and God Bless!**

### [Scrip](#)



**Mother's Day is May 12<sup>th</sup>!**

**Stop by the SCRIP cart, we have gift cards for lots of great places for your mom to dine or shop. We have everything from Nordstrom, to Kohl's, to Cheesecake Factory, to Fox Restaurants, and many more!!!**

**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) 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



**On May 11, 2019, the annual St Bernadette Parish Golf Outing honoring Fr. Peter Rossa sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be held at Orange Tree Golf Resort with a 7:30 Shotgun Start. Tee times are available for \$105 at the Knights of Columbus table outside church, on April 27-28th and May 4-5th or by contacting Lou DeLuco [deluco@cox.net](mailto:deluco@cox.net) 602-524-7447 or Dick Welp [Rcwelp@gmail.com](mailto:Rcwelp@gmail.com) 602-826-1241 – Get your foursomes together. Tee Sponsorships Corporate (\$100) and Memorial (\$25) are also available. Hope to see you there!**



**We are thrilled to announce our Marian centered Vacation Bible School which will focus on teaching the Rosary and the Mysteries of that specific day to children four years of age to incoming fourth grade! We will have a daily theme...which will include a country and most importantly, we will explore Our Lady's message there. In addition, the food will link back to the themed country of the day and the arts and crafts will focus on each apparition of Our Lady.**

**We are looking forward to this great opportunity to keep your children active and having fun as they learn more about our amazing Catholic faith!**

**Early registration by 5/17/19 \$50.00 or late registration starting 5/18/19 \$70.00. Registration closes 6/7/19. Register today! Spots fill up fast!**

**If you have any questions, please contact Catie Weasler at [atcweasler@saintbernadette.com](mailto:atcweasler@saintbernadette.com) or Nohemi Camou in the Religious Education department at 480-905-4432.**

**Link to**

**register:** <https://saintbernadette.weshareonline.org/VacationBibleSchool-2019>

**Pastoral Ministers of Care NEEDS YOU!**



Mayo Hospital is growing and the average number of patients who need Holy Eucharist has nearly doubled. At the same time, the number of Pastoral Ministers has decreased. If God is calling you to help others, please consider becoming a Pastoral Minister. We bring Jesus to the sick and homebound. Contact Deacon Frank or Penny Cunningham at 480-905-0221 for more information.



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