



## **Saint John XXIII Catholic School Community**

# **NEWSLETTER**

Friday, September 23, 2022

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Yesterday marked the first day of fall. While it may not have felt like it at dismissal, it certainly was cooler this morning on the curb. Even though Costco has been selling Halloween items since late June, the realities of fall now seem to be creeping into our daily activities. Whether it's the return to football and soccer games outdoors or it's the travel plans we've begun for the upcoming holidays, fall is here.

Spending time with our kids this time of year is such a blessing. As difficult as it may be to watch and "enjoy" U6 soccer or flag football, our kids are always watching us. Living outside our phone and being present is a gift they will always cherish. When we reflect on the many families who can't enjoy these little things, we realize what a blessing from God these days are for us. That feeling of thanksgiving needs to permeate our life and our prayers to thank God for all that He bestows on us and for the strength He provides us to overcome our adversities.

As we work so hard over the next few months to prepare our homes for the holidays, let's work equally as hard to prepare our hearts.

God Bless,

Preston Colao

Principal



**Mother-Son All Star Challenge!**  
**TONIGHT! 5:30-7:30pm**  
**BE THERE!**

**Here's what you need to know:**

- a. When: September 23rd, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
- b. Where: St. John XXIII Mailliard Gymnasium
- c. Snacks, Gatorade and water will be provided throughout the night. Please plan to eat dinner before or after the event!
- d. Come dressed in active clothes that you are ok with getting messy or wet. Some activities include water or food items and could take place on the grassy field so please plan accordingly! *We encourage you to match your son(s) to show off your*

*team family spirit!* Whether you decide to wear the same color or themed outfits, we want you and your favorite guy to have the most fun together!

**Please Note:** *If you have an injury or other concerns for not being able to participate in certain activities - don't worry! We will have standby "referees" who can join in for an event and we are also happy to accommodate in any way so that you and your son(s) have a fun time no matter what! Your presence and time with your kiddos is what we care about the most!*



**Our next St. John XXIII Pizza Day at Venezia's is Thursday, October 13th!**

For the ENTIRE DAY, all customers at the Tatum/Greenway Venezia Pizzeria location that mention "Pizza Night" or "Saint John XXIII" will help fundraise for our school! We will receive 15% of all revenue generated! Beer and wine purchases are included. All orders must be dine-in or take-out only (Delivery orders are not included). Coupons, discounts, and daily specials cannot be applied.



**FRIDAY FAVORITES**  
for ALL Teachers & Staff!



Click the link below  
to see all our SJXXIII Staff's Favorites Lists!  
This online format allows teachers and staff  
to update their list of favorite things throughout the school year  
and it allows you to have easy access to them!

Click here for : [SJXXIII Teacher's Friday Favorites!](#)



### **CAMPUS MINISTRY HAPPENINGS**

Campus Ministry at Saint John XXIII Catholic School encompasses **Faith IN Action, Spirit of Service, and Ways of Worship**. For more information on these 3 programs, please see our website and find out how you can get involved!

#### **FAITH IN ACTION**

*4th Grade Oktoberfest Sock Drive AND Right to Life Mission  
October 17- 21, 2022*

4th Grade will be hosting a sock drive to help Shoebox Ministries, October 17-21st. All donations will go to help Shoebox Ministries further their mission of maintaining human dignity to our most vulnerable on the streets. Shoebox Ministries supplies warm dry socks to those in need. Please stay tuned for more details.

#### **WAYS OF WORSHIP**

*Our Lady of the Rosary - Community Rosary  
October 12th, 1:45pm, SJXXIII Courtyard*

Please join us on Wednesday October 12th @ 1:45 in the courtyard led by our 8th grade students. Please join us for a community wide Rosary to honor *The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary* which will be led by our 8th graders. Our Lady of the Rosary is one of the most renowned Marian festivities of the Roman Church. The practice of praying the rosary is generally devoted to the Blessed Virgin and requires the recitation of fifteen decades of Hail Mary prayer. The etymology of the term "rosary" comes from the beautiful Latin word *rosarium*, which translates "garden of roses". The rosary beads are nothing short of a spiritual version of the floral tribute to the Virgin.

*Middle School Retreats Hosted by NET Ministries  
October 5th - 6th Grade  
October 6th - 7th Grade  
October 11th - 8th Grade*

Each year, NET Ministries sends 175 Catholic young adults across the country divided into 16 teams to proclaim the Gospel to Catholic youth through retreat ministry. NET team members (a.k.a. NET

missionaries) are powerful Catholic witnesses to Christ. Having conducted more than 32,000 retreats for 1.8 million youth in the past 35 years, NET Ministries knows how to train their missionaries in both Catholic theology and practical retreat skills. These young missionaries, by the time they've finished training, have developed the desire for daily personal prayer, and can effectively teach youth to pray. They witness to youth that a relationship with Jesus is not only possible, but indispensable, and will help challenge our young people to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. NET team members evangelize youth relationally on retreats through drama, music, games, talks (catechesis), small groups and prayer ministry, allowing youth to be open that life as a Catholic is exciting and fulfilling.

## **SPIRIT OF SERVICE**

### *Local Community Service Opportunities*

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6*

Here are opportunities that are GRADE specific and are on a first come first serve basis. If you have multiple children in multiple grades, you may sign up in any or all. These projects are not run by the school so there is no need for permission slips or driver forms!

**6TH GRADE** - St. Mary's Food Bank - Saturday, October 15, 12pm - 2pm  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4DAAA92CA7FF2-6thgrade>

**7th Grade** - St. Mary's Food Bank - Saturday, October 22nd, 12pm - 2pm  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4DAAA92CA7FF2-7thgrade>

**SCHOOL WIDE THANKSGIVING EVENT** - Feed My Starving Children - Friday, November 25th 2:00pm - 3:45pm  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4DAAA92CA7FF2-feed5>

We will continue to organize outside events for families from our community. Please stay tuned for more opportunities for all our grades in the coming months. We look forward to serving alongside you as the hands and feet of Christ! Please contact Patti Jasinski with questions - [pjasinski@popejohnxxiii.org](mailto:pjasinski@popejohnxxiii.org)



**Calling ALL Fans and Parents of St. John XXIII Athletes!**

If you take any pictures of our athletes in action during their games, please send them to Development Director, Marissa Heinley at [mheinley@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:mheinley@saintjohnxxiii.org)!  
We would love to share our St. John XXIII Athletics Journey on social media!



**SAINT JOHN XXIII  
Spirit Wear**

**ATTENTION!**

**ALL SJXXIII SPIRIT WEAR PRODUCTS, INCLUDING UNIFORMS  
HAVE **RELOCATED** TO THE CHURCH GIFT SHOP, **The Grotto!****

**Purchase in-person anytime during The Grotto's hours!**

***Monday - Thursday 9:15am - 3:15pm***

***Friday 9:15am - 12:15pm***

***Sundays after 8am and 10am Mass***

The Grotto is located on the North side of the Parish Hall across from the Parish Office.

**To purchase online visit our SJXXIII website or app!**

Or click here: <http://saintjohnxxiii.org/all-products/>

All on-line purchases can be picked up in The Grotto during their hours of operation.

**Please direct gently used uniform DONATIONS to the Grotto during their hours of operation!**

**All questions regarding products or a recent order, should be directed  
to: [spiritwear@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:spiritwear@saintjohnxxiii.org)**



## **FACTS FAMILY PORTAL (aka RenWeb)!**

Please be sure to access the portal to...

- CREATE a new account if you are a new family
- UPDATE your address & phone number
- ADD authorized family members and/or friends to your PickUp Transportation List!
- SEE your student's grades

Download instructions here: [FACTS Family Portal aka RenWeb INSTRUCTIONS .pdf](#)

Did you know that...

- FACTS Family Portal is the new name for RenWeb?
- FACTS Family Portal is the same company as the FACTS finance system that we use for tuition, however, they are still very separate.
- For a small fee, you can download FACTS Family Portal to your phone. Look for it in the App store, use your same username and password, and remember it is no longer called RenWeb!



## **Safe Environment Compliance Opportunities**

### **IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING!**

Our training year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> and ends June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. July 1, 2022 was the expiration date for those that participated in Safe Environment Training this past year.

**FOR THOSE THAT ARE RENEWING, follow these instructions...**

1. Go to: <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org> then, to your “Dashboard” and click on the **ONLINE Renewal Video**. “REMINDER: DO NOT create a new account!
2. Please take time to verify, review, and update your profile information by clicking on the “Edit Profile” section on the left.
3. If you have forgotten your password, click on the forgot password link located under SIGN IN.
4. **PLEASE NOTE:** Anyone who did not renew their training last year will need to start again and take the Foundation Training course. Anyone who does not see the Renewal course, likely missed their training for last year. Those completing the Foundation course will need to finish the background check portion, but the additional background check will not be processed.

**FOR THOSE THAT ARE NEW TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING AND HAVE NOT YET TAKEN A FOUNDATION TRAINING, follow these instructions...**

1. Goto: <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org> then, to the “Register for a New Account” section and complete all steps for your CMG account.
2. Go to the Dashboard and Click on the **Foundation Training** (options are available in person or online)
3. Please complete all sections by clicking on all buttons. **Please note:** Sections must go from Pending to Done. \*If sections are left “Pending” or “In Progress”, CMG cannot mark your course as completed.
4. Under the section ‘Please download this Take Away Packet and read through it’, please be sure to do this as it is necessary for course completion.
5. Complete and submit background check information (Carefully review that all your information is correct before submitting. Mistakes and fabrication of information will require an additional background check and will add additional costs). If everything is correct, please click on processing.
6. **YOU CAN NOW SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT FOR A FACE TO FACE INTERVIEW! GO TO: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449ACAC2CA5FD0-virtual> A Face to Face Interview is a required part of your initial Safe Environment Training.**

For technical assistance you can contact CMG directly ([cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org](mailto:cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org)) or call 1-800-228-6108.

For questions about the Safe Environment Training Program at our school, please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator, Mrs. Hepsen at [mhepsen@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:mhepsen@saintjohnxxiii.org).

***Thank you for all you do to keep our school community safe!***





**Buy SCRIP, get the 50/50 rebate split!**

Stop by the SCRIP cart before or after school and talk to Pegge Gentry about how to earn a tuition rebate using the SCRIP program. We have gift cards for shopping, restaurants, movies and more, stop by before you head out to the store!!

**TO PURCHASE SCRIP GIFT CARDS . . .**

. . . visit the SCRIP cart in the school courtyard or ramada when school is in session

**Mondays-Thursdays:** 7:30am–8:15am AND 2:30pm–3:00pm

**Fridays:** 7:30am–8:15am AND 12:15pm - 12:45pm

. . . or email your SCRIP order to: [pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org). Please note in your email that you are authorizing payment through your FACTS account and let us know when you would like to pick up your order!

**WE ACCEPT CASH, PERSONAL CHECKS, OR USE YOUR FACTS ACCOUNT!**

**FOR A LIST OF SCRIP CARDS, CLICK HERE: [SCRIP CARD LIST](#)**



**Enroll in Amazon Smile!**

Go to the **Amazon Smile website** (link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-2351339> ).

Be sure to share the link with your family and friends!!

PLEASE NOTE: AmazonSmile renewals happen twice a year to help keep AmazonSmile on your mobile app. AmazonSmile will notify you of these renewals via push notifications and through in-app notifications. If you miss a renewal you can reactivate at any time by repeating the steps to “turn on” AmazonSmile on your mobile device.

There is no renewal period for browser shopping on AmazonSmile, which you can use anytime by typing '[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)' into your browser.



**BOX TOPS has gone digital!**

Download the box top app to get started and select Pope John XXIII or use our zip code to connect to our school. Then, simply scan your receipts and the box tops will be added to our school account!

**Please keep clipping BOX TOPS!**

Box tops will continue to be accepted until the expiration date.



**Don't forget to download our School APP!**

It's the one with the circular logo in the APP store under Saint John XXIII Catholic!



**Our 2022-23 School Year *At-A-Glance* Calendar is posted!  
Look for it on our School App or on our Website!**

**[Follow Us On Social Media!](#)**

**Facebook** - Saint John XXIII Catholic School Community

**Instagram** - @saintjohnxxiii\_az

**Twitter** - @SJohnxxiii



**School Office Hours:**  
Mondays - Fridays 7:30am - 3:30pm  
Phone: (480) 905-0939



## **ST. BERNADETTE PARISH CORNER**

<https://www.saintbernadette.com/>



### **Public Mass Times at St. Bernadette**

**Monday - Friday:** 6:30am and 8:30am

**Saturday:** 8:30am and 5:00pm

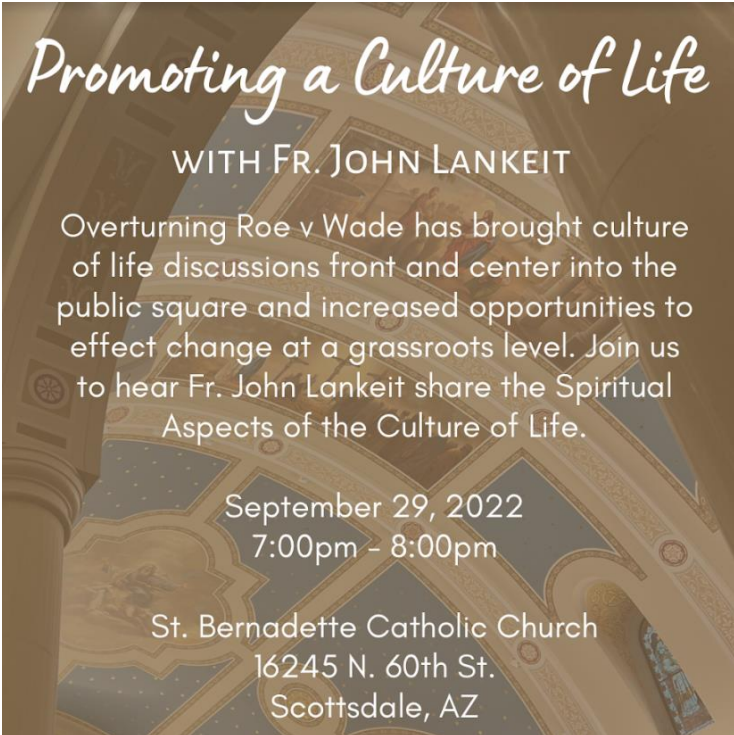
**Sunday:** 8:00am, 10am and 5pm

**Visit The Grotto Gift Shop**

**Monday - Thursday** 9:15am - 3:15pm

**Friday** 9:15am - 12:15pm

**Sundays** after the 8:00am and 10am Mass



*Promoting a Culture of Life*

WITH FR. JOHN LANKEIT

Overturing Roe v Wade has brought culture of life discussions front and center into the public square and increased opportunities to effect change at a grassroots level. Join us to hear Fr. John Lankeit share the Spiritual Aspects of the Culture of Life.

September 29, 2022  
7:00pm - 8:00pm

St. Bernadette Catholic Church  
16245 N. 60th St.  
Scottsdale, AZ