



**Catholic Schools Week 2023**

**January 27th -February 3rd**

**Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service**

*Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2022 is January 27th – February 5th. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2022 is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.” Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Mass, Rosaries and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.*

**Here's what we have planned here at Saint John XXIII to celebrate our Catholic Education!**

**\*\*Community wide Faith IN Action Project January 27th through February 3rd:**

### **Saint Vincent de Paul Dream Center Toy Drive**

Our Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Phoenix are partnering with St. Vincent de Paul this year during Catholic Schools Week to support the Dream Center.

Your item donations support the Dream Center, which is SVdP's youth education programming that helps compensate for educational barriers and other disadvantages experienced by low-income students.

Art supplies, Coloring books, Kitchen toys, Disney items, Fidget spinners, Hair accessories,, Headphones, Hot Wheels, Hydro Flasks /water bottles, Jewelry, Keychains, Kinetic Sand, LEGO,, LOL Dolls, Mechanical pencils, Mini Brands, Nail polish, Nerf toys, Painting canvases, Pins, Playdoh, Plushies, Pokemon cards, Pop sockets, Rubik's Cube, Slime, Sports caps, Sports items,  
**Please bring all donations to the front office. There will be marked boxes ready for you!!**

**Friday, January 27th**

**Kick off Catholic Schools Week with our  
World Rosary and Movie in the Park!!**

**World Rosary**

- The Rosary will begin at **11:15 in the courtyard**. ALL are invited to join us!
- This is a beautiful Rosary in which we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ, living throughout the world - Some of whom are not as fortunate as we are to be able to pray openly, living and expressing our faith.
- If your student would like, they can wear a T-Shirt as a symbol of one of the continents we are praying for. Please do not worry if you do not have the color of a shirt and do not feel that you need to go out and buy one. God loves our prayers more than our shirt color:)
  - Kinder and 1st - **yellow shirts**
  - 2nd and 3rd - white shirts
  - 4th and 5th - **green shirts**
  - 6th and 7th - **red shirts**
  - 8th - **blue shirts**

**Movie in the Park**

- Come back to campus Friday night (January 27th) and join the St. John XXIII Community on the field for a movie night as we watch **"The Bad Guys."**
- Gates will open at 6 P.M. and the **movie will start at 6:30 P.M.**
- Round up the family, bring some dinner & snacks, camping chairs and multiple blankets to bundle up for a cozy night!
- **During the movie we ask that you stay seated and quiet so that all can enjoy the experience.**
- Our bathrooms will be open for your convenience and we will be selling chips, water and candy as well (\$1 each - cash only).
- **Please bring blankets, towels, foldable chairs, etc. to sit on and bundle up as the weather is expected to be a low of 48 degrees** (enjoy the cold before the heat kicks on in a couple months)!
- This event is completely **free to attend** and we hope to see you there!



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**Saturday/Sunday, January 29th**

**We Celebrate Our Parish!**

STUDENTS: **Wear your uniform to Mass at your Parish** on Saturday/Sunday January 28th/29th and you'll get to **wear free dress day on Monday, January 30th!** (following guidelines must be adhered to..see below). Students must turn in the certificate **signed by a parent (attached to this email)**. Wearing their uniform to Mass is a great way to show our school spirit to our parish community.

**We will also pass out bookmarks** made by Saint John XXIII Students to thank our community. **If your child would like to help at the Saturday or Sunday Saint Bernadette Parish Mass by passing out handmade bookmarks after mass, please see the Sign Up Genius link in the Friday newsletter.**

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**There is a lot going on this week so print this off to keep up with all the excitement! We don't want anyone to miss out!**

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## **Monday, January 30th**

### **We Celebrate Our Community!**

**For Students:** Free Dress for all students who wore their uniforms to their parish mass on Saturday/Sunday. Print off and have your parent sign the attached Free Dress Day Pass and turn it in to your teacher! (**following guidelines must be adhered to - see below**).

#### ***"Catholic Schools Monday Free Dress Guidelines***

*These days are a privilege. Students are expected to choose appropriate school wear following the guidelines and rules listed for the school uniform. Modesty and good taste are expected. Administration and staff reserve the right to judge what is appropriate and acceptable. Students found to be "out of appropriate dress" will not be allowed into class."*

#### **Parents and Students should note the following:**

- *Jeans and uniform shorts can be worn*
- **Pajama Pants are not permitted**
- *Clothing can be neither under-sized nor over-sized.*
- *The length of skirts must still adhere to the uniform guidelines (3 inches from the middle of the knee.)*
- *Shorts other than uniform shorts are not permitted*
- *Leggings and Jeggings are not permitted*
- *Makeup is not permitted*
- *Restrictions include, but are not limited to, spaghetti-strap tops, biker shorts, short shorts, cut-offs, midriff shirts, pajama-style clothing, or clothing with inappropriate slogans/pictures.*
- *Shoes must be appropriate for Recess and P.E. class. NO sandals are permitted at any time.*
- *Socks must be blue, black, white or grey*

**For Teachers:** Student Leaders will start off the day by delivering a **continental breakfast to teachers** via our "breakfast cart"!

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## **Tuesday, January 31st**

### **We Celebrate Vocations!**

#### **As well as our Teachers, Faculty, Staff and Clergy!**

**Students: "Themed Dress day."** Dress as your future career self, high school or college and show how your Catholic education will help you make a difference in the world! Please follow free dress guidelines from Monday. Students choosing to represent high school or college must still wear uniform bottoms.

**Students:** *Bring flowers for special Teachers, faculty or staff that make your Catholic Education extraordinary! Take flowers to the Parish for our Priests and Deacons!!*

**Teachers:** Make posters or cards or video messages for our Priests and Deacons as a classroom.

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## **Wednesday, February 1st**

### **We Celebrate the Nation!**

**Students and teachers:** Red, White and Blue appropriate Accessories along with jeans and red white or blue shirts, socks and accessories.

**School wide mass. Please remove extra accessories for Mass.**

Students will be making a “**Prayer Chain for the Nation**” in class. Please look for it on the gates at pick up time.

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## **Thursday, February 2nd**

### **We Celebrate our Volunteers and Show Our School Spirit!**

**Students and teachers:** Saint John Spirit Day! Wear all your favorite Saint John Spirit wear, colors and accessories and show your school spirit!!

Each class can pick an organization, police or fire station to make cards, rosaries, prayer cards etc... and mail or deliver them to and thank them for all they do and the services they provide.

Dance music in the courtyard for K-5 recess and on the field for Middle School - Middle School Teacher and Student tournament!

**Teachers: Wear your Saint John School uniform!!**

**Parents: Join us at the Volunteer breakfast!!**

*There will be a special **volunteer breakfast** for all our volunteer parents that will be hosted by Teachers and Faculty **in rooms 5 & 6 of the Parish Hall** at drop off. Let us do the work this time! Come and enjoy some pancakes made by Chef Colao and Chef Hess as well as other breakfast items! We are so grateful for all YOU do to volunteer and make our school such a great place for our students and families! Please stop by, and enjoy a special presentation at 8:15 A.M.!*

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**Friday, February 3rd**

**We Celebrate Our Students!**

**Field Day: *The 80's Way!!***

This upbeat day is filled with games, competition, music, and more and is led by our wonderful 8th graders!

**This is an 80's themed dress day. Teachers and students Wear appropriate 80's accessories along with your tie dye shirts! No wigs please:)**

**Field Day Attire! Please follow the guidelines:**

- Tie dye shirts
- PE shorts for 4th - 8th K-3 long sports shorts
- Tennis shoes of their choice
- No full face paint
- Face stickers allowed - No change in hair color

All students need to bring their water bottle and 1 snack! We will provide 1 snack as well! Please send your students to school with clothing layers as it is expected to be chilly in the morning!