



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT
ACADEMY

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FROM THE HEADMASTER...

Over the past several weeks, many, many prospective families have come to visit John Paul the Great Academy. Having heard good things around Lafayette, they now seek to experience first hand the charisms of our school and the vision that makes our education unique.

For thousands of years, the approach of classical education, which is modeled at JPG, has been the primary tool for forming both courageous, effective leaders and humble, holy citizens, both of this world and the next. What indeed is the heart of classical education? Is it the study of the collected wisdom of Western civilization? Is it the learning of Latin, and the study of the trivium - grammar, logic and rhetoric? Is it the focus on Socratic seminar discussions and the study of great books? Is it the memorization of poetry and the development of public speaking skills?

It is all of these things, of course, but it may help to think of classical education not only in terms of what it is, but rather in terms of what it is not. Dr. Brian Philips of the Circe Institute said at a recent conference, "There is nothing wrong with job training - it is important and is meant to be done in apprenticeships and trade schools, but it is not, I repeat, not education." A key problem with modern education, which the Common Core movement has only made worse, is the effort to limit and restrict education to mere job training. No doubt, the skills of critical thinking, persuasive writing and eloquent speaking will serve our graduates well in the workplace, but this is not the heart and soul of education, at least not of classical education.

Education is, by contrast, the formation of the soul, the training (directing) of the will, the ordering of the passions, the development of discipline and courage, and the cultivation of the imagination! It is the enriching and widening of the soul... All of which orders the human person to seek the true, good and beautiful in the ONE who is Truth, Goodness, and Beauty Himself.

This is the heart of the classical, Catholic education that we seek to cultivate here at JPG. Please join me in sharing this vision with prospective families and others who may be interested in supporting the unique mission of John Paul the Great Academy.

In the peace of Christ,

Peter Fletcher
Headmaster & President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 1 – Noon Dismissal
- Feb 8-9 – Mardi Gras Break/No School
- Feb 10 – Ash Wednesday/Mass @ 8:30am
- Feb 12 – Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm
- Feb 13 – Challenge Father/Daughter Dance
- Feb 19 – Class Picture Day
- Feb 19 – Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm
- Feb 25 – Spring Play @ 6:30pm
- Feb 26 – Spring Play @ 1:00pm & 6:30pm
- Feb 26 – Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm
- Feb 29 – Noon Dismissal



Mr. Fletcher speaking at Open House

JOHN PAUL THE GREAT ACADEMY

SAVE THE DATE
 The 9th Annual
Veritas
 Lecture &
Gala
 Dinner
 presented by John Paul the Great Academy



Steve Bollman, founder of *That Man is You*

Saturday, April 16, 2016
 Cajundome Convention Center



SPEECH & DEBATE

February marks the last month of regular season tournaments for the JPG Speech & Debate students. Our competition schedule is as follows:

- Kaplan High School: February 5 & 6
- Cecilia High School: February 13
- Dutchtown High School: February 20
- Acadiana High School: February 26 & 27

Any parents who want more information about these competitions can contact Mrs. Mahan at dmahan@jpgacademy.org. Please keep our Guardian Speech & Debate students in your prayers as they end the regular season, and look forward to State and National qualifier competitions soon!

SPRING PLAY PERFORMANCES

We hope that you can join us for the Drama Club's spring play, Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost!* There will be evening shows at 6:30pm on Thursday, February 25 and Friday, February 26 in the library. There will also be a school matinee on Friday (time TBD).



Parents and other guests are encouraged to attend one of the evening shows due to limited space at the matinee. Tickets for guests at the school show and for all attendees of evening shows are as follows: \$5 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and children ages 5 and up. Note that there will be no cost for faculty, staff, or students attending the school matinee.

MEET...

Taylor McCaulley is a native of Ville Platte, Louisiana. She has lived in Lafayette for four years and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Technical Writing from UL Lafayette. She is currently pursuing her Masters of Theology at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, LA. Taylor is so grateful to be part of the close-knit JPG community. She is passionate about sharing the mission of this unique little school.



VERITAS



The JPG faculty and staff is thoroughly enjoying the newly renovated faculty lounge!
 Thank you to our PTO who made this possible!

PSAT SCORES ARE IN!

PSAT results for 8th-11th grade students have arrived! Students will be given a copy of their score sheet to bring home for their families. Anyone who wants more information about the PSAT, or how to read their child's test score can contact Mrs. Mahan at dmahan@jpgacademy.org.

SCIENCE DAY – HELP NEEDED!

Science Day at JPG is a time for our school community to enjoy the two-fold gift God has given us through nature: a beautiful universe and a beautiful mind capable of discovering its creator through His creation. This year, we would like to invite parents to be a bigger part of Science Day. We are in need of volunteers to help coordinate and organize ahead of time and assist on the day. If you have ideas, suggestions, or want to contribute in any way, please email Mr. Albarado at kalbarado@jpgacademy.org.



FIDES

My favorite part of the March for Life pilgrimage was...

"... saving babies."

- Noah Yarborough, 12th

"... worshipping Our Lord in different churches."

- Thomas Ronkartz, 9th

"... playing games on the bus with everyone."

- Charlie Moore, 9th

"... the Holocaust Museum."

- Madison Price, 12th

"... seeing the students enjoy each other's presence."

- Miss Sarah Chustz,
Faculty Chaperone

"... watching the students' openness to the whole trip, even when things didn't go as planned."

- Mrs. Kim Anson, Coordinator

"... Mass everyday."

- Jordan Doiron, 12th

"... the realization of my calling to love all people."

- Anonymous

"... spending time with people on fire with love for Christ."

- Luke Kirk, 12th

"... sleeping on the floor of the bus."

- Joshua Fouchi, 12th

"... praying at the upcoming abortion clinic, because it reminded me that if we fight sin while it is still new, it is more easily defeated."

- Joseph Marcantel, 11th

"... growing closer to God through friendships and experiences, and being united with so many people fighting for one cause."

- Jordan Meche, 11th

"... the snowball fight."

- Christian Cambre, 9th

"... deepening my faith life with community."

- Jeanne-Claire Benton, 12th

"... walking around the Lincoln Memorial."

- Aidan Leblanc, 9th

"... learning to appreciate all the ways one can be pro-life!"

- Christiana Hubbell, 11th

"... getting to spend time with my friends outside of school doing something that really matters."

- Morgan Doiron, 10th

"... listening to everyone's most blessed moment and resolution on the way home. It was beautiful to see the way the Lord was working in everyone so differently."

- Sydney McCaulley, College Mentor, ULL



We are so grateful that the Divine Heart of Jesus Carmelite Sisters from St. Louis spent the day with us on January 15.

ADORATION

Please consider spending an hour with Our Lord. The following are the hours that need committed adorers:

- Sundays @ 12pm
- Thursdays @ 1am
- Fridays @ 2am, 8am
- Saturdays @ 11am, 12pm, 1pm



VIRTUS

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

#35 Cameron Blanchard and #11 Jacob LeJeune go up high for baskets earlier in the season.



The American Heritage Girls commemorated the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade by making Pro-Life posters.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR SCHEDULE

- Feb 2 – Basketball @ 6:00pm, Away
- Feb 4 – Basketball @ 6:00pm, Away
- Feb 5 – Basketball @ 6:00pm, HOME
- Feb 9 – American Heritage Girls



MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE 2016



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