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FROM THE HEADMASTER...

I have always said that to be a great teacher, you must have three essential qualities.

First, to be a great teacher, you have to love children. Teaching, like parenting, is a seed-sowing business. It is immeasurably hard, and it requires endless patience, deep commitment, and a firm trust that God will bring our humble, steady efforts to fruition. We often receive only a glimpse of the difference we will make in the lives of our students many years from now. Great teachers pray for the grace to love their students well as they accompany their students along the often winding path to holiness and sainthood.

Second, to be a great teacher, you have to love learning. You must especially love learning the subject areas you teach. If teachers are not totally convinced that history is fascinating, that math can be fun, and that literature can change your life, they will never be able to plant the seeds of wonder and desire in the hearts and minds of their students.

Third, to be a great teacher, you have to love Jesus and His Church. We believe that all truth flows from the Creator Himself and that Jesus is the Master Teacher. Jesus alone can show us the deepest meaning of our vocation as teachers. We know that without the grace of the sacraments, daily prayer, and a rich interior life, we will never be able to teach as God calls us to teach.

Mrs. Mary Hebert was indeed a great teacher, precisely because she possessed these three qualities in the depths of her soul. Mrs. Hebert loved children, she loved learning, and most importantly, she loved Jesus.

I witnessed firsthand the difference she made in the lives of her students, including and especially my own son, Isaiah. As he transitioned from homeschooling to a new school in a new city, Mrs. Hebert gave Isaiah the gift she gave all of her students: unconditional love and consistent affirmation. She left a permanent mark on his life, as she did on all of us. It is with great hope that I pray that Mrs. Hebert's faith and joy would bring us all closer to God and to each other. Let us all join in prayer with the Hebert family for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Mary Hebert, our beloved teacher.

In the peace of Christ,

Peter Fletcher
President & Headmaster

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 2 – Open House @ 9:00am
- Feb 6 – NO SCHOOL/Faculty Professional Development
- Feb 7 – Upper School Track Meeting @ 3:30pm
- Feb 9 – 100th Day of School Celebration
- Feb 18 – March Lunch Orders Due
- Feb 18 – District Literary Rally @ UL
- Feb 27-28 – Mardi Gras Break
- Mar 1 – Ash Wednesday; Mass @ 8:30am
- Mar 3 – Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm
- Mar 6 – NO SCHOOL/Faculty Professional Development
- Mar 8 – Open House @ 9:00am
- Mar 10 – Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm
- Mar 10 – Last Day of Quarter 3
- Mar 16-17 – Spring Play Performances
- Mar 20 – Day Honoring St. Joseph
- Mar 21 – Lower School Passion Play @ 2:00pm
- Mar 25 – Abbey Youth Festival
- Mar 30 – 10th Annual GALA @ 6:00pm



Mrs. Mary Hebert

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THE 10TH ANNUAL
Veritas
LECTURE &

Gala

DINNER

presented by John Paul the Great Academy



DR. RYAN T. ANDERSON

Thursday, March 30, 2017

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL

10TH ANNUAL GALA

We are very excited to announce our 10th Annual Veritas Lecture & Gala on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. Doors open at 6:00pm with a cash bar; event starts at 7:00pm.

Our guest speaker is Dr. Ryan T. Anderson. Dr. Anderson is perhaps the foremost speaker in America on the steps needed to renew the family, to protect religious freedom, and to restore a culture of life and love. In the words of Archbishop Chaput: "On the issue of marriage, no one speaks the truth with more energy, courtesy, intelligence and skill than the author and scholar Ryan Anderson."

Tickets are \$100/person. To purchase tickets or sponsorships and to view Dr. Anderson's bio, go to jpgacademy.org/gala. The code for the 25% off parent discount is JPGPARENT.

USED BOOKS FOR SALE

Students and parents may visit the Library to browse our cart of used books for sale, located near the Circulation desk. Authors and titles for sale include: spiritual classics such as *True Devotion to Mary*, theology books by Pope Benedict XVI and Dr. Brant Pitre, the lives of the saints, classic literature, and children's fiction (*The Chronicles of Narnia*, the *Little House* books, and more!). Paperback books are \$1 and hardcovers are \$2. Cash payments may be turned into Ms. Byers or Mrs. Matis or brought to the Front Office. Proceeds will help to purchase new titles for the Library. Please note that we are not taking additional donations of books at this time.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Mark your calendars! Grandparents Day will be celebrated on Friday, February 17 from 1:00-3:00pm. More details to come!



FAMILY PICNICS

Please join us for our monthly JPG Family Picnic and Rosary on February 3 and March 17! The picnic will begin at 5:30pm under the oaks. Bring rosaries, blankets, chairs, family, and friends!

SPEECH & DEBATE

The Guardian Speech & Debate team is wrapping up the regular season of tournaments in February, with the following competitions: Kaplan High School, Feb. 3-4; Cecilia High School, Feb. 11; and Acadiana High School, Feb. 24-25. Please continue to keep our students in your prayers as we look forward to entering into the public square.

MEET...

Dee Piazza grew up in a small catholic community in Lawtell, Louisiana. She attended USL and majored in Elementary Education, and she earned a Masters in Education with a certification as a school counselor after teaching for 12 years. She worked in the public school system for 12 years as an elementary teacher and 15 years as an elementary counselor and then moved to Lafayette High as a high school counselor for 8 years. After praying for a new setting to continue her work with students, she received a call from Mr. Fletcher, and they both discerned that JPG was the perfect fit. Dee is married to Peter Piazza and has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Her hobbies are gardening, sewing, crocheting, and reading.



"This was the first time I've emptied myself of every worry and care and given it all to Jesus. I am changed."

Jacob McDaniel, Junior

"As an Alumnus, seeing the fruits of the school formation brings so much joy to my heart!"

Deacon Chris Cambre, Class of 2008

"Adoration this week was a good reminder that I want to pray a holy hour each week in the chapel."

Charlie Moore, Sophomore

"During the March, I couldn't help but think about my adopted siblings. I'm so glad their mom chose life!"

Mary Grace Yarborough, Freshman

"When Jesus was in front of me for adoration, I was completely satisfied. I was with the King."

John Dugas, Lafayette Seminarian

"We offered up a lot of things - sleeping on the bus, walking a lot, sickness - but it was so great to be so joyful in that suffering."

Marie George, Junior

"At the March and praying in front of Planned Parenthood, we were yelling 'Save Him' instead of 'Crucify Him'."

Emily Lormand, Freshman

"I learned how to pray again."

Cameron Myers, Senior

"We need life back. My resolution is to be more appreciative of my family."

Anna Sonnier, Freshman

"Being with the people that I love on the trip felt like home even though we were far away from home."

Jordan Meche, Senior

"After marching and seeing all of the abortion images and hearing the chants, I realized I have a lot to be thankful for."

Sam Broussard, Sophomore

"My original plan for the trip was shattered. But then I realized - I am in Washington for the unborn babies, not for me. I am a pilgrim, not a tourist."

Luke Lewis, Sophomore

March for life REFLECTIONS

JPG MARDI GRAS PARADE

We will be having a Mardi Gras parade Friday, February 24th at 2:00pm. Our JPG Krewe will consist of our Pre-K and Kindergarten students, assisted by our 7th-8th graders. Parents and families are welcome to come to our parade!

We are in need of throws for our parade. If you have beads, doubloons, cups, or any type of throw that you're willing to donate, please send them to your child's homeroom teacher. Middle-school students will come around and collect the donated throws. Thanks for your generosity!



100TH DAY OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION

On Thursday, February 9, the Lower School will celebrate our 100th day of school! Lower School teachers will be sending home more information soon.

ADORATION CHAPEL

We believe that adoration is the lifeblood of our school. Here are the hours that need committed adorers:

- Sunday: 12am, 3am
- Monday: 12am, 9am
- Tuesday: 5am, 5pm
- Thursday: 1am, 7pm
- Friday: 12am, 2am, 11am, 6pm
- Saturday: 2am, 11am, 12pm, 8pm



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TRACK & FIELD

The Upper School Track & Field meeting has been moved to **Tuesday, February 7 at 3:30pm** in the JPG gym for those students who are interested in joining the team. Coach Judge is back this year for another great season!

The Lower School Track team will begin practice on February 20 at 3:30pm, followed by a brief parent meeting at 4:30pm.



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