



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT
ACADEMY

THE GUARDIAN

OMNIA IN EXCELLENTIA

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2017

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

As Fall Break is approaching just around the corner, I think it is a great time to reflect on the year thus far and to see how each of our families is growing spiritually and intellectually.

At the beginning of the year, we began reflecting on the culture of our families and of our school. Of course, many of you are participating in the JPG Parent Reading Groups on *The Benedict Option* by Rod Dreher, whom we plan to have visit JPG in the spring. I have spoken to many parents who are listening to the audiobook through Audible or Amazon. I'd also like to suggest two other books that I have read recently that echo some of the same themes:

- *Resurrecting the Idea of a Christian Society* by R. R. Reno
- *Strangers in a Strange Land* by Archbishop Charles Chaput

The truth is that our children's formation begins with us. We must be formed and fed spiritually and intellectually if we are to lead our children through the troubling times in which we live. However, some incredible good news follows as well: when our families are transformed by the Holy Spirit and rooted firmly in Christ, they can and will transform our school and be a light to so many others. Thank you for supporting each other and being part of the "Great Conversation" at JPG.

Finally, I'd like to share again an excerpt from my August Guardian letter. I think we need to ask again and again the "examination of conscience" questions I proposed for our reflection this year:

- How are the habits and attitudes of my family fostering a culture of wonder, intellectual inquiry, and academic excellence? Are we reading as a family? Are we demonstrating interest in or discussing literature, art, or science as a family? What obstacles prevent me from better engaging in the intellectual life of my children?
- How is my prayer life and that of my family echoing and confirming the spiritual formation offered at school? Are we praying and frequenting the sacraments as a family? What obstacles prevent me from better engaging in the faith life of my children?
- How am I embodying the virtues and qualities I hope to see in my own children? Am I asking the saints to intercede for me and to show my children how they too can become saints? In short, how can I join with other parents and teachers as together we shape the culture in which our children can grow, learn, and discover God's will for their lives?

Let us pray for the grace to be challenged by these questions and to entrust our families to the patience and mercy of God.

In the peace of Christ,

Peter Fletcher
President & Headmaster

CALENDAR

Oct 1-7	Pilgrimage Week (7th-12th)
Oct 6	1st Academic Quarter Ends
Oct 9-13	Fall Break
Oct 16	NO CLASS / Faculty Professional Development
Oct 18	Open House: Admissions
Oct 18	Quarterly Parent Meeting
Oct 18	Sept. Lunch Orders DUE
Oct 19	Totus Tuus Thursday
Oct 22	Fall Fest
Oct 27	Day Honoring John Paul II
Oct 31	Trunk or Treat
Nov 1	All Saints Day, Mass @ 8:30am
Nov 11	5th Annual Collarary Cook Off
Nov 15	Parent Reading Group #2
Nov 20-24	Thanksgiving Break
Nov 27	NO CLASS / Faculty Professional Development
Nov 29	Open House: Admissions



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT ACADEMY IS A SMALL, CATHOLIC, COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

— THAT PRESERVES AND PROMOTES THE SACRED TRADITIONS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH —

OPEN HOUSES — The way we wish to grow our community is through organic growth— families inviting families! Invite your family and friends to our upcoming Open Houses:

- Wednesday, October 18 @ 8:15am
- Wednesday, November 29 @ 8:15am

TRUNK OR TREAT! — JPG students and siblings of all ages are invited to join us for fun, family-friendly trick-or-treating on October 31! Families are invited to decorate car trunks, hand out candy, and bring their children for trick-or-treating. Trunk set up can begin as early as 5:00pm. We will meet at the Grotto in front of school at 6:00pm for a welcome and prayer. Children will trunk-or-treat until 7:00pm. There is NO cost to attend. **No scary costumes or trunks, please!**

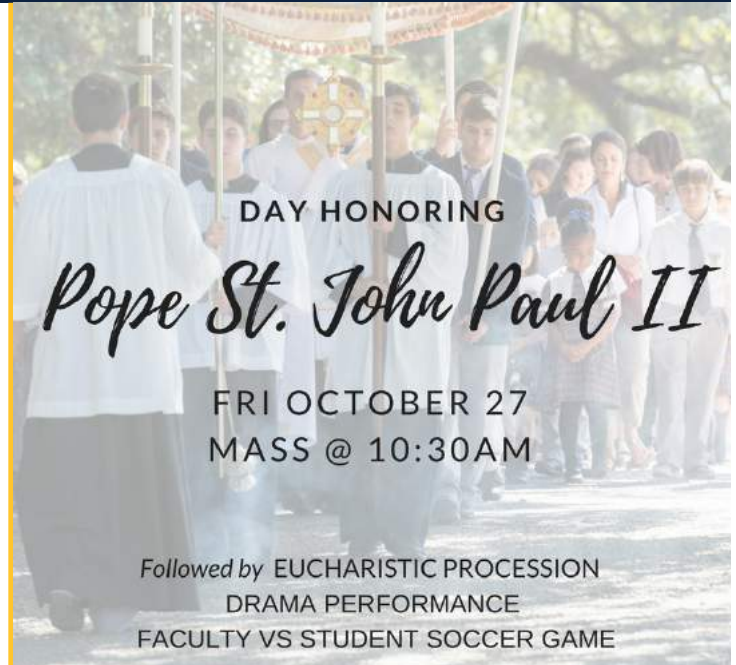


 **FALL Family FESTIVAL**

Free Entrance
Food & refreshments available for purchase

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22
10:30 AM Mass at Grotto

Flag football, kickball, volleyball, face painting, and more!



DAY HONORING
Pope St. John Paul II
FRI OCTOBER 27
MASS @ 10:30AM

Followed by EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION
DRAMA PERFORMANCE
FACULTY VS STUDENT SOCCER GAME

ALL SAINTS DAY — The All Saints Day party will be on Wednesday, November 1 from 2:15-3:00pm. PreK-4th graders will participate in games run by the 5th/6th graders. Students will be allowed to change into a saint costume after 8:30am Mass, if they would like to! More information with costume ideas will be sent home soon. We are asking each Lower School family to send a bag of candy or treats to be used as prizes for games. We will need parent volunteers to set up, help with games, and clean up. Volunteer by emailing Mrs. Hindelang at mhindelang@jpgacademy.org.



 **CollarNARY COOK OFF**

Saturday
November 11, 2017
6PM • Vermilionville

Tickets on sale now
collarnarycookoff.com

Voting opens October 23

Pilgrimage Week!

Please join us in praying for safe travel, good weather, and a spiritually fruitful experience for our 7th-12th graders who will be on pilgrimage the week of October 1.

- 7th Grade • Service projects and church visits around the Lafayette Diocese
- 8th Grade • Retreat at Chicot State Park and church visits around the Lafayette Diocese
- 9th Grade • Theology of the Body Retreat in Covington, LA
- 10th Grade • Houston, Texas Hurricane Harvey Relief
- 11th Grade • Rome & Assisi
- 12th Grade • Blue Ridge Mountains, North Carolina

Adoration Vacant Hours															
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 Adorers sign up at <https://adorationpro.org/jpgacademy>
 Hourly Coordinators sign up at <https://tsu.me/m5vtuu>
 Adoration Coordinator: Maureen Herrera, mherrera@jpgacademy.org

FR. UBALD’S DOCUMENTARY & VISIT TO JPG

— You’re invited to a free movie theater showing of *Forgiveness: The Secret of Peace*, a documentary film depicting Fr. Ubald’s fight to bring hope and healing to his nation. Showtimes are Tuesday, October 3 at 11:20am and 7:00pm at the Grand 14. You’re also invited to a Question & Answer session with Fr. Ubald at JPG on Tuesday, October 3 from 1:30-2:15pm.

SPEECH & DEBATE — Congratulations to Amelia Powell and Madison McDaniel (pictured below), who both placed at the first Speech & Debate tournament of the season, held at Caddo Magnet High School in Shreveport. Both students placed in the event of Lincoln Douglas Debate. The next tournament will be at Teurlings Catholic High School on October 27 & 28. If anyone needs more information or would like to assist as a judge, please contact Mrs. Mahan at dmahan@jpgacademy.org.



QUARTERLY PARENT MEETING — The next mandatory quarterly parent meeting will be on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:00pm in the JPG Chapel.



HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF — We are so grateful for everyone who stepped up to help our neighbors in Texas recover from Hurricane Harvey. We want to extend a huge thank you to Mr. Nolan (pictured left) and Mrs. Arleen LeBlanc and their team for coordinating Harvey relief supplies drives and trips to Houston this past month. We want to thank Marie George and the Prefect Council for coordinating a donation collection for Project Starfish through Adore Ministries for Harvey relief. We also want to thank 3rd grade student Ella Melancon (pictured right) for holding a “Tea for Texas” sale that raised \$600 for Project Starfish!



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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Oct 12	Football vs. Berchman's	Away
Oct 14	5th/6th Soccer vs. St. Ignatius	HOME
Oct 19	Volleyball vs. Bethel	HOME
Oct 20	Volleyball vs. Mt. Olive	Away
Oct 21	5th/6th Soccer vs. St. Ignatius	HOME
Oct 21	Volleyball vs. CHA	Away
Oct 24	Volleyball vs. Assembly	HOME
Oct 28	5th/6th Soccer vs. Berchman's	HOME



5TH/6TH GRADE SOCCER — Our first ever 5th/6th grade co-ed soccer club is off to a great start to their season!

HOMECOMING WEEK

