



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT
ACADEMY

THE GUARDIAN

OMNIA IN EXCELLENTIA

MAY 2016

FROM THE HEADMASTER...

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the school year is already nearing its completion. This week, our seniors are presenting their Capstone projects, our track athletes will be competing in the State Track Meet, our Speech and Debate students are preparing for nationals, and final exams are just around the corner.

At the same time, we are working hard to prepare for the future. The Board of Trustees and I have been working diligently over the past several years to create the new JPG Strategic and Master Plan.

On Tuesday, May 3, parents will be offering input and thinking creatively about how we can take the next steps to provide for much-needed classrooms and critical building projects. In addition, I am willing to meet individually with parents to listen to ideas and to answer questions about the Strategic and Master Plan.

As I shared in the new JPG magazine, *Witness to Hope*, it was a clear sign of hope when we were able to move onto the beautiful, sacred grounds of the De La Salle campus just five years ago. As we prepare for our 10th anniversary this coming year, we are conscious of the need to build on the foundation we have received. It is our turn to plant trees as those before us have done. It is our turn to build the classrooms and facilities that will serve our children long into the future.

As we take these steps, we wish to consecrate John Paul the Great Academy once more to the protection of Our Lady and to the providence of God. Our most fervent prayer is that each day we will become the school God wants us to be; not that our will be done, but that His will be done.

John Paul the Great, pray for us. Jesus, we trust in you.

In the Peace of Christ,

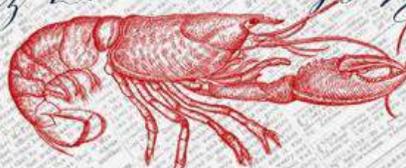
Peter Fletcher
President & Headmaster

- May 2-6 – Capstone Presentations
- May 2-6 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 3 – Parent Meeting on Master Plan
- May 6 – Last day for Seniors
- May 6 – 3rd Annual Crawfish Boil
- May 8 – Mother’s Day
- May 12 – Baccalaureate Ceremony & Upper School Awards
- May 14 – Graduation Mass & Ceremony
- May 20 – Lower School Awards
- May 24 – Fourth Academic Quarter Ends
- May 25-27 – Upper School Exams; Noon Dismissal
- May 27 – Last Day of School



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT ACADEMY

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE JPG FAMILY

Crawfish Boil

ALSO CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2016

Friday
MAY 6, 2016
5:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M.



Under the Oaks
\$15 TICKETS ONLINE AT
JPGACADEMY.ORG/CRAWFISHBOIL

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE JUNIOR CLASS ROME PILGRIMAGE!

CRAWFISH BOIL

At the crawfish boil on Friday, May 6, there will be a booth selling plants and four generously donated silent auction items. All proceeds will go towards the 2016 Rome Pilgrimage.

MEET...

Lisa Yarborough is a native of New Orleans, LA. She and her husband, David Yarborough, have six children: Hollis (SLCC), Dean (Chicago Art Institute), Noah (12th), Mary (8th), Cameron (4th), and Hailey (3rd). Before moving to the Acadiana area after Hurricane Katrina, Lisa ran a Catholic bookstore, Breath of Life, in New Orleans. She and her family have been very involved in mission work with Family Missions Company. She currently teaches 1st and 2nd grade Art and is a front office aide at JPG. Lisa says, "I am thankful to be part of this JPG family, and I love the spirituality of this school."



GALA THANK YOU!

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made the 9th Annual Veritas Lecture & Gala such a success! We could not have done it without our dedicated parents, faculty, staff, and friends of JPG. If you would like the audio of Steve Bollman's presentation on marriage and family, contact Miss McCaulley at tmccaulley@jpgacademy.org. If you would like a copy of our inaugural magazine, Witness to Hope, please make sure to pick one up in the Front Office!

Teacher Appreciation Week
May 2nd - 6th, 2016

Monday - spiritual bouquet
Tuesday - baked treats
Wednesday - note of appreciation, poem or drawing
Thursday - Teacher school supplies
Friday - flowers

MASTER PLAN REVEALED!

Join us for the last Quarterly Parent Meeting on **Tuesday May 3** at 6:00pm as Mr. Fletcher presents the exciting Master Plan of JPG.

WITNESS TO HOPE

JPG has a magazine! At this year's Gala we were very excited to present to you John Paul the Great Academy's inaugural edition of Witness to Hope, our school magazine. Please feel free to pick up a copy in the Front Office and give them to friends and family! It is a great way to spread the word about our school!

BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY, GRADUATION MASS & RECEPTION

Join us for the Upper School Awards & Baccalaureate Ceremony (7th - 12th) on Thursday, May 12 at 6:00pm in the JPG chapel. All Upper School students are required to attend. The senior Graduation Mass will be on Saturday, May 14 at 9:30am at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Carencro, followed by a reception in the Church Hall. All 9th-12th grade students are required to attend the graduation mass.

LOWER SCHOOL AWARDS

Join us for the Lower School Awards (PreK - 5th) on Friday, May 20 following the 8:30am Lower School Mass.

PTO NOMINATIONS 2016-17

We have begun the PTO nomination process for the 2016-2017 school year. Please see the email explaining the process and turn in your nomination forms by Friday, May 6.

VERITAS

CONGRATULATIONS, AYDEN BROWN!

Ayden Brown recently participated in the LMTA Piano Rally competition, where she placed third with the following scores: Written Exam - 98%, Performance - 99%, Sight Reading - 99%, and Scales - 100%. She has been invited to compete in the state competition in Baton Rouge in June. Congratulations, Ayden!

ORATORY CONTEST

Congratulations to Luke Kirk, who won the district and state level oratory contests for the Sons of the American Revolution! Luke won \$600 and an all-expense paid trip to the national competition this July in Boston, where he will compete for the national title. His speech compares the actions of today's politicians with the model of George Washington, and calls for a return to civility and a movement away from negativity in politics. Please pray for Luke as he continues to speak in the public square.

SENIOR CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS

All are welcomed to enjoy capstone presentations, beginning at 8:00am on Monday, May 2 and ending on Thursday, May 5. Three student presentations will take place each day: the first is at 8:00am, and the last two are at 1:35pm and 2:10pm. We have a very talented and blessed group of seniors this year, who hope to share their research with as many people as possible. If you would like more information, such as times for specific students or details on thesis statements, please contact Mrs. Mahan at dmahan@jpgacademy.org.



Science Day 2016



Winners: Sophomore Class

SPEECH & DEBATE AWARDS CEREMONY

Our Speech & Debate students will have their closing Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 5 at 6:00pm in the JPG refectory. All students who have participated in any public speaking in grades 5th-12th, especially those in Speech & Debate class, should attend, and all families are welcomed. We will have potluck-style refreshments and enjoy a few performances by students from the year. All are welcomed to come and support our students, and celebrate their accomplishments over the past year of the program. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Mahan at dmahan@jpgacademy.org.

LIBRARY RETURNS & VOLUNTEERS

In the coming weeks, homeroom teachers will be given overdue book notices for the students in their classes. Parents, please have your children return their overdue books and pay any fees to replace lost books by Friday, May 20. You will receive an invoice for any unpaid fees after this date. Also, Ms. Byers is in need of parent and upper school student volunteers to help catalog and organize library books during the summer months. Please e-mail her at ebyers@jpgacademy.org if you and/or your children are available to help.

FIDES

*Welcome
Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel!*



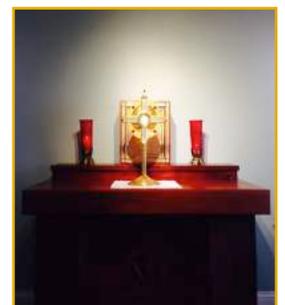
On Friday, April 15, the Diocese of Lafayette welcomed its seventh bishop, Bishop John Douglas Deshotel. Bishop Deshotel is originally from Basile, Louisiana and is looking forward to returning home to his Cajun roots to serve the Catholic community in Acadiana!



ADORATION

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

- Tuesdays @ 12 midnight
- Wednesday @ 11pm
- Thursdays @ 1am, 5pm
- Fridays @ 2am, 6pm
- Saturdays @ 12pm, 1pm



FAMILY ROSARY & PICNIC

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima, the JPG PTO invites all families to a Family Rosary and Picnic on Friday, May 13, 2016 at 6:00pm under the oaks. Bring a picnic meal & blanket for your family (no tables will be provided). It will be a fun night of visiting and just letting the kids play. If you have any questions, please contact Arleen LeBlanc (337-288-0853) or Elizabeth Coleman (337-224-3171).

VIRTUS



STATE TRACK MEET

The ACEL State Track Meet is on May 7 in St. Gabriel, LA. Come support the team!

JPG VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball tryouts will be held on May 4 and May 5 from 3:30-5:30pm at JPG for girls entering 7th-12th grade. Danielle Wyatt, head coach, can be reached at

JPG TENNIS

JPG Tennis for 6th-12th grade is here! Sign up with Yvette Brown at ybrown@jpgacademy.org.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SCHEDULE

- May 4-5 – Volleyball Tryouts
- May 6 – Challenge
- May 7 – State Track Meet
- May 13 – Challenge
- May 27 – Challenge Party



GRANDPARENTS DAY



