



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT  
ACADEMY

# THE GUARDIAN

OMNIA IN EXCELLENTIA

SUMMER 2016

## FROM THE HEADMASTER...

Dear parents,

Welcome back! It is with great joy that we make our final preparations for our 10<sup>th</sup> year as John Paul the Great Academy. So much has happened in the short months since school ended, and there is much news to share. Our faculty have participated in a wide range of summer academic conferences and work towards advanced degrees.

Notably,

- Our Dean of Humanities, Mr. Philip Cortese, completed his Master's degree in Latin.
- Ms. Taylor McCaulley and Ms. Emily Byers continued coursework towards a Master of Theology at Notre Dame Seminary.
- Ms. McCaulley also participated in a week-long class on classical teaching methods at Aquinas College.
- Mrs. Danielle Mahan and Mr. Craig Baker participated in Fides et Ratio Seminars, organized by the Institute for Faith and Reason.
- Mrs. Bethany Broussard and Mrs. Shelley Gallet attended a local conference on gifted education organized by the University of Louisiana, Lafayette.
- Mr. Jamie Anson spent two weeks attending a science modeling conference at Tulane University.

In addition, I attended a conference on classical education put on by the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education, which is based at Thomas Aquinas College. As I spent several days working alongside headmasters and faculty from classical schools across America, I was renewed in my appreciation of both how unique our school is, and how we are simultaneously part of a growing movement of classical, Catholic schools across the country.

If you've been on campus, you've certainly seen the flurry of work being done on the main building and in the new Lower School classrooms. Mr. Sal Anderson and our maintenance crew have done a heroic job of coordinating our summer projects, including the addition of five new Lower School classrooms and three sets of fire-rated stairs in the main building.

I cannot express enough my gratitude to Sal and those who have done such a great job on the stairs project, especially Mr. Bob Barras (Architect), Mr. Philip Lavergne (construction), Mr. Dan Falgout (painting), Mr. Jonathan Soileau (electrical), and Mr. Tim Lemoine (construction supervision). In addition, Mr. Michael Brewer, Mrs. Brewer's husband, has done an unbelievable job assisting us with much of the work on the new lower school classrooms. Each of these individuals brought years of experience and wisdom to a complicated and difficult project. The end result speaks for itself. I consider this enormous achievement to be one more in a long line of graces which our school has received over the past ten years. It also speaks very well for the hope we have for future steps to grow our facilities so that we can serve JPG families for generations to come.

In the peace of Christ,

Peter Fletcher  
Headmaster & President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 11 – Upper School (7-12) New Student Orientation
- Aug 11 – Quarterly Parent Meeting
- Aug 12 – Lower School (PreK-6) Meet & Greet
- Aug 15 – First Day of School
- Aug 20 – Parent Back to School Social
- Aug 26 – Family Picnic & Rosary
- Aug 31 – Back to School Night
- Sept 5 – Labor Day/No Classes
- Sept 6 – No Classes
- Sept 9 – Family Picnic & Rosary
- Sept 14 – Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally
- Sept 17 – Fall Social
- Sept 21 – Upper School Silent Retreat
- Sept 25 – Fall Fest
- Sept 26 – Noon Dismissal
- Sept 29 – Open House

## WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR AT JPG!

**YOU ARE INVITED**

**SATURDAY**  
**AUGUST**  
**20th, 2016**

to a  
**Back to School**  
**SOCIAL**  
7-10PM

for all  
**PARENTS, FACULTY, & STAFF**  
of  
John Paul the Great Academy

AT THE HOME OF  
Toby and Maureen Wexler

**HORS D'OEUVRES**  
**DRINKS AND DESSERT**

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Sponsored by the JPG Parent Teacher Organization  
PLEASE CALL MOLLY McCracken @ (337)889-5345 FOR MORE INFORMATION

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Classes begin on the **Feast of the Assumption, August 15 at 7:55am**. On that day, we will celebrate Holy Mass at 11:00am (2nd – 12th). Mass uniform is required. All families are invited to attend. Lower School dismisses at 3:10pm; Upper School at 3:15pm.

**QUARTERLY PARENT MEETING**

We will have our first Quarterly Parent Meeting of the year at **6:00pm on Thursday, August 11**, for **all new and returning parents**. All new parents of both Upper School and Lower School students will attend the Quarterly Parent Meeting at 6:00pm, while new Upper School students remain at orientation. At this meeting, parents will receive their child's class schedule. Parents will also have the opportunity to order spirit wear, P.E. uniforms, planners, sweatshirts, and our new fleece jacket. The deadline to order these items is Aug. 19.

**UNIFORMS**

Uniform guidelines can be found under the Parents Tab on our website, [jpgacademy.org](http://jpgacademy.org). New uniforms may be purchased at Fashion World or School Time Uniforms. We highly encourage using School Time. JPG also has a "uniform swap shop" which will be open Mondays –Thursdays in July from 8:00am – 1:00pm. This shop gives new and returning families the opportunity to buy outgrown and gently used uniform pieces for a highly discounted price. If you cannot make it to school during those hours, please contact the Front Office and we will do our best to accommodate you.

**SUMMER READING & POETRY**

Students in **all grades (K-12)** must complete summer reading. The Summer Reading List can be found on our website ([jpgacademy.org](http://jpgacademy.org)) under the "Parents" tab.

**LUNCH**

You can now order lunch by visiting the Parents Tab at [jpgacademy.org](http://jpgacademy.org). August orders are due August 5. The cost of lunch this year is \$3.95/meal. To login, use the email you provided to JPG.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

School Supply Lists for grades PreK3-12 and instructions for ordering school supplies in bulk can be found under the "Parents" tab on our website, [jpgacademy.org](http://jpgacademy.org).

**UPPER SCHOOL NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**

Upper School (7th-12th grade) New Student Orientation will be Thursday, August 11 from 4:00-8:00pm. All new Upper School students must attend. Dinner will be provided.

**LOWER SCHOOL "MEET & GREET"**

Lower School (PreK-6th grade) "Meet And Greet" will be on **Friday, August 12, from 1:00-3:00pm**. During this time all new and returning Lower School students and parents will have the opportunity to meet teachers, see classrooms, and drop off school supplies. Our Lower School faculty is excited to meet you again!

## TUITION

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Tuition invoices have been emailed to you. Please return your signed tuition contract if you have not done so already. If you have any questions, contact Tiffany in the Business Office at [tmyers@jpgacademy.org](mailto:tmyers@jpgacademy.org).

## FALL FEST

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Mark your calendars! Our annual Fall Fest on JPG campus will be on **Sunday, September 25**. If you have a tent that can be used or if you want to volunteer, please contact Annie Salazar at [annsalar@cox.net](mailto:annsalar@cox.net).

## FAMILY HANDBOOK

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Please read through the Family Handbook before the start of school and note the changes made. The 2016-17 Handbook may be reviewed on our website, under the "Parents" tab. **The first page of the handbook must be signed and returned to their first hour teacher by Friday, August 19th.**

## FETE DIEU DU TECHE PROCESSION

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If your child will be missing the first day of school on August 15 due to the Bayou Teche Eucharistic Procession, please notify the Front Office in advance by calling 337-889-5345.

## SPEECH & DEBATE

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Congratulations to our Guardian Speech & Debate students who competed at the Catholic Grand National Forensic League Tournament at the beginning of the summer. Sophomore Hope Lewis and graduate Luke Kirk traveled to Sacramento, California to compete in the National Student Congress competition. Thanks for your prayers and support as we represented JPG on the national stage!



JPG cheerleaders prepared for the football season with a retreat, where they adopted the JPG cheerleading mission statement: *Serving Christ by Uniting the Student Body through Joy, Perseverance, Compassion and Spirit!* Special thanks to Kaitlin Davis and Fr. Sam Fontana for their help with the retreat!

## Welcome New Faculty!

*We want to extend a warm welcome to our new faculty members!*

Bethany Broussard – 4th Grade  
 Desiree Broussard – Upper School Math  
 Kayla Brubaker – PreK Aide  
 Kelli Duhon – K Aide and Lower School P.E.  
 Maureen Herrera – Front Office Secretary  
 Angela Odinet – Upper School Humanities  
 Dee Piazza – Guidance Counselor  
 Amy Stout – Upper School Theology  
 Heather Vu – Upper School Humanities

## REMIND TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE

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We have switched from Celly to Remind for our text messaging service. To continue receiving school text messages, text **@jpga** to **81010**.

## FAMILY PICNICS

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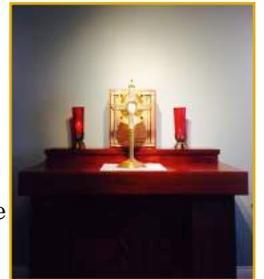
Please join us for our JPG family picnics! Picnics will begin at 6:00pm under the oaks. Bring rosaries, blankets, chairs, family, and friends!

- August 26th
- September 9th
- October 7th
- November 18th
- December 9th

## ADORATION

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Jesus is going home! On **Tuesday, August 9 @ 9:00 am**, we plan to move the Adoration Chapel back to its original location inside the Main Building of JPG. The keypad for the door will also be transferred that morning, and the code will remain the same (2-0-0-7). For vacant hours, email [sartigue@jpgacademy.org](mailto:sartigue@jpgacademy.org).



## LIBRARY HELP

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Ms. Byers and Ms. Oehl are in need of volunteers to help clean and organize the Library before school begins. If you and/or your children are available to help, please contact Ms. Byers at [ebyers@jpgacademy.org](mailto:ebyers@jpgacademy.org).

VIRTUS

**VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE**

Aug 16 – HOME	Sept 20 – Away
Aug 19 – Away	Sept 23 – HOME
Aug 24 – Away	Sept 24 – Away
Aug 30 – HOME	Sept 27 – HOME
Sept 6 – Away	Sept 30 – Away
Sept 9 – HOME	Oct 18 – Away
Sept 13 – Away	Oct 21 – HOME
Sept 16 – Away	Oct 24 – HOME
	Oct 25 – HOME

*Volleyball welcomes new head coach Danielle Wyatt! Come out to the JPG Gym and support our Guardians!*

**SHOOT FOR THE GUARDIANS**

The Guardians will be hosting a sporting clay shooting event at the Wilderness Gun Club on Saturday, September 10 to benefit Guardian Athletics. Registration begins at 8:00am; shooting begins at 9:00am. Please pre-register, although you may register the day of the shoot. Lunch will be provided. To register, please visit [jpgacademy.org/sportingclayshoot](http://jpgacademy.org/sportingclayshoot). For more information, contact Tim Sonnier ([tim@sonnier.me](mailto:tim@sonnier.me)) or Dustin Dinnat ([dldinnat@gmail.com](mailto:dldinnat@gmail.com)). If you prefer to donate instead, please send donations to John Paul the Great Academy at 1522 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501 noting "Shoot for the Guardians".

**FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

Aug 19 – HOME
Aug 25 – HOME
Sept 3 – HOME
Sept 8 – Away
Sept 15 – HOME
Sept 22 – Away
Oct 1 – Away
Oct 14 – Away

*Home games @ Clark Field*

*\*Schedule subject to change*

**PHASE 1.1 OF MASTER PLAN: UNDERWAY!**

