



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT  
ACADEMY

# THE GUARDIAN

OMNIA IN EXCELLENTIA

APRIL 2017

## FROM THE HEADMASTER...

Dear Parents,

I cannot express my gratitude for everyone involved in our 10th Annual Veritas Lecture and Gala. It was a beautiful tribute to the steadfast commitment of so many during our first decade at John Paul the Great Academy.

Truthfully, as I consider for myself the daunting task of leading the Academy into its second decade, and knowing how much Dr. Roberts, Fr. Sibley and so many others have sacrificed, it's tempting to say that we stand on the shoulders of giants.

But I have come to see that this would be to miss the meaning of everything God has done these past 10 years.

We aren't standing on the shoulders of giants; we are, all of us, walking in the footsteps of saints — of St. John Paul the Great and St. Joseph, of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Augustine, of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and of St. Therese the Little Flower.

These saints, and so many others, have led us this far. They are models of holiness for each of us. May they continue to draw us closer to the face of Jesus Christ, Christ who sustains us along our way.

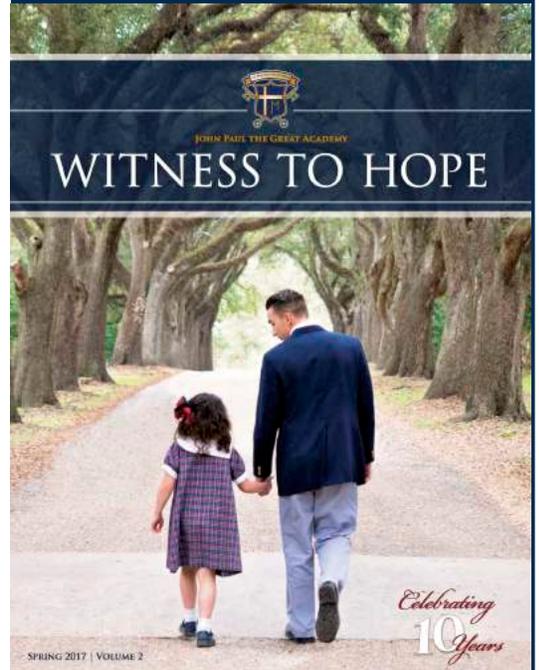
I would also like to invite you to pick up a copy in the Front Office of our second edition of *Witness to Hope*, our annual magazine. Within its pages are many celebrations of our 10th year anniversary, and many reasons for hope as we continue our mission of forming young children's minds and hearts.

In the peace of Christ,

Peter Fletcher  
President & Headmaster

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 1 – State Literary Rally @ LSU
- Apr 6 – Open House @ 9:00am
- Apr 7 – Lower School Passion Play @ 1:30pm
- Apr 7 – Stations of the Cross @ 2:25pm
- Apr 8 – Robotics Event @ 9:00am at UL
- Apr 14 – NO SCHOOL/Good Friday
- Apr 17-21 – NO SCHOOL/Easter Break
- Apr 18 – May Lunch Orders DUE
- Apr 27 – Totus Tuus Thursday
- Apr 28 – Science Day
- Apr 29 – Spring Formal
- May 8-12 – Senior Capstone Presentation Week
- May 12 – JPG Family Crawfish Boil & Senior Send-Off
- May 18 – Baccalaureate Ceremony @ 6:00pm
- May 19 – Lower School Awards @ 9:00am
- May 20 – Graduation
- May 24-26 – Upper School Final Exams



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*Mark your calendars now!*

## SPEECH & DEBATE

Congratulations to our Speech & Debate Guardians as they finished out their season of Louisiana-based competitions. Two JPG students earned their spot on the All State Speech Team in the following events:

- Hope Lewis (10th) - Advanced Lincoln Douglas Debate, Impromptu Speaking & Oratorical Declamation
- Marilyne Weil (10th) - Oratorical Declamation

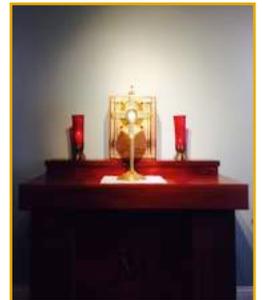
Additionally, three JPG students qualified to represent the Lafayette Diocese at the Catholic League Grand National Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky this May:

- Hope Lewis (10th) - Congressional Debate
- Joseph Marcantel (12th) - Extemporaneous Speaking
- Marilyne Weil (10th) - Oratorical Declamation

## ADORATION CHAPEL

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

- Sunday: 12am, 3pm
- Monday: 12am, 9am
- Tuesday: 5pm, 10pm
- Wednesday: 6am, 7am
- Thursday: 1am, 10am, 11am, 11pm
- Friday: 12am
- Saturday: 2am, 12pm, 8pm



## MEET...

For Mrs. Gloria Coleman, Lafayette has always been "home sweet home." Mrs. Coleman graduated from USL with a B.S. in Psychology and a B.A. in Elementary Education. She also earned a master's degree in Elementary Education. Lafayette is where she met Marc, her husband of thirty-three years. Mrs. Coleman taught first grade for two years at J Wallace James and for twenty-one years in Milton. She was excited to hear about the first grade position at John Paul the Great Academy. She shares, "Through God's providence, and a gracious administration, I was allowed to fill that position. I have since had the privilege of working with fifteen of the most beautiful first grade friends who, along with the sterling faculty and community of JPG, have left an indelible impression on my heart. For these graces, to God be the glory!"



**Gloria Coleman**  
First Grade Teacher



## JPG FAMILIES ON EWTN TV SERIES!

The Polozola and Cramer families are part of a new TV series produced by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia called *Praying as a Family*. The series will air on EWTN beginning on April 3. It will play on Mondays at 4:00pm (CT) and Saturdays at 5:00pm (CT).



## GOOD FRIDAY CHURCH WALK

Consider joining us for a New Orleans tradition transferred to Lafayette: a Nine (Novena) Church walk on Good Friday. It is an all-day walk for a total of 9 miles. We will begin at 8:00am at Our Lady of Wisdom and end at 2:00pm at Our Lady of Wisdom. We will arrive at Wisdom in time to participate in the live Lord's Passion in Girard Park and the Good Friday service for those who want to attend.

This a solemn participation in the Lord's Passion of Good Friday. Please be prepared to fast and sacrifice through the day. It is a tiring, but blessed day. We encourage you to bring plenty of water and some bread to snack on during lunch. Typically, mothers bring other snacks for small children and even light lunch items for our break/lunch. We suggest light clothing, walking shoes, sunscreen, Bible, Rosary, Stations of the Cross prayers and anything else that might help you enter into the Lord's Passion. Please feel free to join us at any chapel on our route. Please reach out to Lisa Yarborough at 652-6454 with any questions. Have a Blessed Triduum!



**Left: Emile Hebert (10th), Rayna Dupuis (10th), and Kari Wexler (12th) at the State Literary Rally at LSU on Saturday, April 1.**  
**Right: Kevin Heider and Chris Cole perform a concert in the JPG library on Friday, March 24.**



**On March 23, Raymond Arroyo from EWTN came to visit our Lower School. He read to the students from his latest children's novel and shared stories about his inspiration behind the characters and plots. The students really enjoyed his presentation!**



**The 8th grade class conducts a lab practicum on forces in Mr. Anson's science class.**

## SPRING FORMAL

The Prefect Council and Student Life committee invite all 9th-12th grade students to join us for the 2017 Spring Formal "City of Stars" on Saturday, April 29, from 7:00 to 10:00pm at a new venue: DIY Party (located at 121 Arnaud Boulevard in Lafayette). Permission forms are available in the Front Office and must be completed and signed by all students (and guests) who purchase a ticket before 8:30am on Wednesday, April 26. Entrance is \$25 per attendee.



**Our 1st graders went on a field trip to the Zoo of Acadiana on March 23!**

## ROBOTICS MAKER EVENT

The next JPG Robotics Maker Event will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 9:00am-12noon. There will be a team challenge and another LEGO WeDo 2 robot build. Please check for the link in the Weekly Reminders email to register!

## ORATORY CONTEST

Congratulations to Senior Christiana Hubbell for placing first at the Sons of the American Revolution Oratory contest! Christiana will be representing the Acadiana area at the State competition later this month. Please pray for her as she prepares for continued witness in the public square.



**Our PreK-4 class went on a field trip to the fire station on March 21!**

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TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

April 22 – ACEL Regional Track & Field Meet (Qualifying)

May 6 – ACEL State Track & Field Meet (Location, TBA)

FALL SPORTS SIGN-UP

Students entering grades 7-12 next year may now sign up for the following Fall sports in the Front Office: football (boys), volleyball (girls), and cheerleading (girls).



SILENT RETREAT WITH THE NASHVILLE DOMINICANS



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT ACADEMY 10th Anniversary MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

PROGRESS

We have until June 1, just three months left, to secure the remaining \$34,955 of the \$250,000 needed to complete four projects from Phase 1 of our Master Plan:

- Lower School Classrooms
Gymnasium Renovations
Main Building Bathrooms
Roofing Projects

Who can you invite to join our mission and help us meet our matching goal?

