



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT
ACADEMY

THE GUARDIAN

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

To the JPG Family,

As we prepare for our departure to the national March for Life next week, I am reminded of what a great gift it is to help form our JPG students as citizens of both this world and the next.

Even amidst the exorable movement towards a post-Christian America and what Pope St. John Paul the Great called the "culture of death," we see at the same time great signs of hope at the March for Life. Each year, the crowd seems to be bigger, with more and more young families, more college students, more young priests, more seminarians and religious, and without question, more high school students!

How critical it is for our students to learn what it means to enter the public square and offer their voices in defense of the principles that will make America a more just and free society.

It is for this reason that, back home in Lafayette, the rest of the JPG community will be helping to lead the Diocese of Lafayette's Centennial Pro-Life March on Saturday, January 20. We will meet at Our Lady of Wisdom Church at 9:00am and enter the UL Quad together for the Pro-Life Rally & March. The March will conclude at St. John's Cathedral. There will also be a White Rose Mass for Life event on January 19 at St. Pius at 7:00pm (tickets necessary). This will be the first of many celebrations across Acadiana for the 100th anniversary of the Diocese of Lafayette.

These are the kinds of gatherings and events that our patron Pope St. John Paul the Great loved, public witnesses to our faith and our pro-life beliefs. Attending our local March for Life will also offer encouragement to Bishop Deshotel, who has courageously chosen to be a visible and vocal pro-life leader in Acadiana. For all of these reasons, I am hopeful that a large number of JPG families will prioritize these events and bring their children and friends.

May God grant us safe travel to and from our nation's capital, and may He continue to guide us to be faithful witnesses to the dignity of every life.

In the Peace of Christ,

Peter Fletcher
President & Headmaster

CALENDAR

Jan 15-20	March for Life Pilgrimage
Jan 15	NO SCHOOL / Martin Luther King Day
Jan 18	February Lunch Orders DUE
Jan 19	National March for Life in D.C.
Jan 20	Lafayette March for Life
Jan 25	Totus Tuus Thursday
Jan 27	Winter Social (Upper School)
Feb 6	Full Day of School
Feb 7	Open House
Feb 7	Parent Reading Group Mtng. #3/3
Feb 9	NO SCHOOL/Faculty Professional Development
Feb 12-13	Mardi Gras Break
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday; Mass @ 8:30am
Feb 17	JPG Art Show at ACA
Feb 23	Grandparents Day
Feb 24	District Literary Rally



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

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Happy New Year!



2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the Diocese of Lafayette! Stay tuned for many diocesan celebrations throughout the year!

OPEN HOUSE

TOURS AT 8:15 AM | R.S.V.P. RECOMMENDED

February 7



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MARCH FOR LIFE FORMS DUE — All students attending the March For Life must turn in their paperwork and fill out the online medical form under the "Parents" tab at jpgacademy.org if they have not done so already.

Adoration Vacant Hours															
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We now have **16 vacant hours** (E) in our Adoration Chapel. To sign up, visit <https://adorationpro.org/jpgacademy>.



Deacon Art Bakeler, dressed as St. Nicholas, visited Lower School on the Feast of St. Nicholas, sharing the story of St. Nick and handing out blessed candy canes.

LOVE TO SEW? — The Upper School Drama Club is building a Shakespearean costume closet to reuse in our spring show every year, and we could use the help of a few volunteer seamstresses (all skill levels). If you can assist, please contact Ms. Seghers (tseghers@jpgacademy.org). Additionally, we are accepting donations of the following: second-hand Renaissance-style costume pieces (hats, gloves, jewelry, vests, boots, jackets, dresses); neutral-colored long skirts; peasant-type blouses; sewing thread, tools, and notions; and cuts of fabric (apparel or decor fabrics). Please do not purchase these items-- but if you have them lying around, Drama Club would be happy to receive them!

CHOIR IN ARTS FESTIVAL — The Guardian Choir will attend this year's ACEL Arts Festival at Louisiana College on Saturday, January 27. They will perform select songs embodying our school's mission of evangelization and participation in an experience of joy and beauty.



"To all who are passionately dedicated to the search for new 'epiphanies' of beauty so that through their creative work as artists they may offer these as gifts to the world."

- Letter to Artists,
Pope St. John Paul the Great

SAVE THE DATE

THE 11TH ANNUAL
Veritas
LECTURE
&

Gala

DINNER

presented by John Paul the Great Academy

DR. BRANT PITRE

Saturday, April 21, 2018

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL



PARENT READING GROUP — Parent reading groups will have their final meeting on Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30pm to discuss Ch. 8 - the end of Rod Dreher's *The Benedict Option*. Contact the Front Office if you would like to sign up to attend the last meeting of the year.

PARENT SURVEY — The Board of Trustees distributed a survey via email on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. This survey is very important for the process of ongoing improvement of our school and achieving the excellence we all desire. This survey is strictly anonymous. Anything you wish to share will be reviewed by the Board and considered confidential. We are looking for 100% participation. Please see your email for a link to the survey.

WINTER SOCIAL — The Prefect Council is hosting a Winter Social for all Upper School students (9th-12th grade) in our gymnasium on Saturday, January 27 from 7:00 - 10:00pm. Dress is casual. Tickets are on sale in the Front Office for \$15. See a member of the Prefect Council with any questions.

LITERARY RALLY — District Literary Rally will be held at UL on Saturday, February 4. Literary Rally is an academic test competition in various subject areas. Teachers are in the process of nominating top JPG students to represent the Academy at this competition. State Literary Rally at LSU will follow on April 21 for those who advance.

SPRING FLING — In lieu of Fall Fest that we were not able to have this year due to weather, we are having a Spring Fling on Sunday, March 4! If you would like to help, contact Elizabeth Coleman at 224-3171. Stay tuned for more details!



Mrs. Broussard's 4th grade class making ginger bread houses.

CENTENNIAL PRO LIFE MARCH — The Diocese of Lafayette invites you to join the Centennial Pro-Life March on Saturday, January 20, 2018. **Our JPG community will meet outside of Our Lady of Wisdom at 9:00am.** The Pro-Life Rally will start at 9:30am in the UL Quad, followed by the Pro-Life March to St. John's Cathedral at 11:30am. See the flyer in the email sent to you for more details!



Left: Lower school dean Mrs. Mindy Menard teaches a sample lesson on calendar math as lower school teachers learn an observation protocol during the January professional development day.

Right: Mrs. Johnson's PreK class tends their garden every week.

CALENDAR CHANGE — There is a change to the school calendar. **We WILL have a full day of school on Tuesday, February 6. We will NOT have school on Friday, February 9 due to Faculty Professional Development.** Mary Pat Donaghue of St. Jerome Classical Academy will be presenting to our faculty that day.

GRANDPARENTS DAY — Save the date for Grandparents Day for Lower School students (PreK-6th) on Friday, February 23. Details to come!

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Jan 11	Basketball vs. Bethel	Away
Jan 12	Basketball vs. Old Bethel CA	HOME
Jan 13, 15	ACEL State Soccer Tournament	HOME
Jan 22	Basketball vs. Philadelphia	HOME
Jan 26	Basketball vs. Word Ministries	Away
Jan 30	Basketball vs. First Baptist	HOME
Feb 1	Track & Field Begins	JPG

TRACK & FIELD

— Upper School (9th-12th grade) Track & Field for boys and girls will begin practice on Thursday, February 1 at JPG. Our new Head Coach this year is Mr. Ryan Gray! Stay tuned for a sign up sheet in the Front Office.



ALL-DISTRICT/ALL-STATE — Congratulations to Chloe LeJeune for being chosen as the ACEL Volleyball Southwest All-District Honoree. Congratulations to ACEL Football All-State Selections: Running Back, Alexander Brown; Defensive Back, Logan Huval; and Defensive End, Emile Hebert.

BASKETBALL SENIOR NIGHT — Come out and support your Guardian basketball seniors on January 12 at 6:00pm as they host Old Bethel.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR — Please contact Marty Hebert at martyhebert@jpgacademy.org with any athletic inquiries.

ADVENT AT JPG

Holiday Sweater Day



Lower School Christmas Play



Nursing Home Christmas Carols

