



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT
ACADEMY

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

JPG: Building on 100 Years of Tradition in the Diocese of Lafayette

It was late 1917, and Brother Alton (Pierre Boncompain) sat down in the New Orleans office of a diocesan administrator named Msgr. Jules Jeanmard.

Only months before, Brother Alton and his fellow Christian Brothers had barely escaped with their lives from the Mexican Civil War and a terrible persecution of the Church. Brother Alton was to go on to found numerous schools across the country, and within a year Msgr. Jeanmard would become Bishop Jeanmard, the first Bishop of Lafayette.



There at that historic meeting in New Orleans, Msgr. Jeanmard offered advice that would play a key role in shaping the future of our diocese. "Go to Acadiana," he said, encouraging Brother Alton to found schools in the area near Msgr. Jeanmard's childhood home in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

That same year, Brother Alton helped found St. Peter's College (which became Catholic High School) in New Iberia, and just five years later, construction would begin on the main building of the Magnolia Campus on Carmel Drive. The year was 1923. Here would be a new provincial house for the formation of young Christian Brothers. Here, young men would study, learn, and finally lay prostrate on the floor of their chapel as they took vows and offered their lives for the good of Catholic education. Christian Brothers taught in schools across Acadiana, and young men from Acadiana joined the Christian Brothers.

What a privilege it is for the faculty, staff, and parents of John Paul the Great Academy to be here today, carrying on that original vision for educating children and serving Catholic families. What a privilege it is to walk the hallways those men walked, to pray at the shrines they built here on these sacred grounds. In many ways, the New Evangelization, to which we have dedicated our school's mission, is a perfect complement to that first evangelization begun in Msgr. Jeanmard's office 100 years ago.

As we continue in our second decade, and under the patronage of Pope St. John Paul the Great, we will continue to work together to form young people in truth (Veritas), faith (Fides), and virtue (Virtus). May this next 100 years be even more fruitful as we bring Christ to young people and young people to Christ!

In the Peace of Christ,

Peter Fletcher
President & Headmaster

CALENDAR

Feb 5	Bake Sale
Feb 6	Full Day of School
Feb 7	Open House
Feb 7	Bake Sale
Feb 7	Parent Reading Group Mtng. #3/3
Feb 8	100th Day of School
Feb 9	NO SCHOOL/Faculty Professional Development
Feb 12-13	Mardi Gras Break
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday; Mass @ 8:30am
Feb 15	Totus Tuus Thursday
Feb 17	JPG Art Show at ACA
Feb 18	Lunch Orders DUE
Feb 21	Conquest Club
Feb 21	ROOTED Night
Feb 23	Grandparents Day
Feb 24	District Literary Rally @ UL
Feb 28	Conquest Club
Mar 4	Spring Fling at JPG
Mar 6	Noon Dismissal / Faculty Professional Development
Mar 14	LOSFA Meeting
Mar 17	Abbey Youth Festival
Mar 30 - Apr 6	Easter Break



JPG students at the March for Life in Washington D.C.

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CONGRATS, ALEX BROWN! — JPG senior Alexander Brown received an Order of Appointment to the United States Naval Academy. He is the second JPG student in two years to receive an order of appointment to the United States Naval Academy, after Timothy Johnson (Class of 2017). An order of appointment to a service academy is a prestigious award



given only to a handful of applicants each year. The process is rigorous and requires nomination from a U.S. Congressman. Representative Clay Higgins nominated Mr. Brown. This tremendous achievement is a true testament to Alexander's dedication to his studies and to the service of others. Congratulations to Alexander and his family!

OPEN HOUSE

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

February 7



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A PRIVATE, INDEPENDENT, CATHOLIC SCHOOL OFFERING A CLASSICAL CURRICULUM AND FAITH-CENTERED TEACHING | PK3-12TH GRADE

WWW.JPGACADEMY.ORG | 1522 CARMEL DRIVE - LAFAYETTE, LA 70501 | (337) 889-5345

CAJUN MEATS — Need some good ole' Cajun meats? Visit Kirk's U-Needa-Butcher! Kirk has been very generous to us in supplying the ham for the March for Life sandwiches for the past three years! Thank you!

Abbey Youth Festival

March 17, 2018



ABBEY YOUTH FEST

— AYF is on Saturday, March 17, 2018. This event is open to 7th-12th grade students. The cost is \$40 + cost of food. Permission forms were handed home today and are due on Friday, February 23.

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

A small inset photograph of Dr. Brant Pitre, a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a suit and tie, speaking at a podium with a microphone.

SPRING FLING — In lieu of Fall Fest that was canceled due to weather, we are having a Spring Fling on Sunday, March 4 from 10:00am - 3:00pm! If you would like to help, contact Elizabeth Coleman at 224-3171. Stay tuned for more details!

PARENT READING GROUP — Parent reading groups will have their final meeting on Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30pm to discuss from Ch. 8 to 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.

SPRING PLAY SCHEDULE — Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Drama Club's spring Shakespeare play, *The Winter's Tale*! Rather than selling tickets at the door (as in past years), performances will be **reserved seating with a free-will donation** to the Drama Club. Be on the lookout for a link to reserve seating in a future Weekly Reminders e-mail. Performance dates and times are as follows:

- Wednesday, February 28, 2018: Parent Night (Families of Cast & Crew only) 6:00-8:00pm
- Thursday, March 1, 2018: Evening Show 6:00-8:00pm
- Sunday, March 4, 2018: Afternoon Matinee, time TBD
- Wednesday, March 7, 2018: Evening Show 6:00-8:00pm
- Thursday, March 8, 2018: Evening Show 6:00-8:00pm

MARDI GRAS PARADE — Mrs. Stromer's 3rd grade class will be leading a Mardi Gras Parade and chasing a chicken in traditional Mardi Gras fashion on Thursday, February 8 at 2:00pm at JPG. You are invited to watch!

ACA ART SHOW — A showcase of artwork created by JPG students will be displayed from February 15-28 in the second floor gallery of the Acadiana Center for the Arts in downtown Lafayette. Be sure to stop by during ArtWalk 6:00-8:00pm on Saturday, February 17. During this event, Upper School art students will be helping children visitors to complete an on-site art project.

JPG ARTS NIGHT — On Thursday, March 15, John Paul the Great Academy will host an Arts Night. This is a night of music, poetry, drama, and more performed by our talented JPG students! All are invited to support our arts program!



Our Upper School students enjoyed attending our first Winter Social last Saturday. There was lots of dancing and dressing up! Mary Grace Yarborough and Christian Cambre (left) dressed up as Sandy and Danny from Grease! Thank you to the Prefect Council for organizing the social!

ROOTED NIGHT

— ROOTED will be on Wednesday, February 21 from 6:00-7:30pm in the JPG chapel for Upper School students. The night will consist of a Lenten reflection, confession, adoration, and praise and worship.



worship / message / confession / adoration

100TH DAY OF SCHOOL — The 100th Day of School is approaching on February 8! PreK - 1st grade students are invited to dress up like they are 100 years old! Get creative with glasses, hair, scarves, and outfits!

GRANDPARENTS DAY — Save the date for Grandparents Day for Lower School students (PreK-6th) on Friday, February 23, from 1:00-3:00pm in the gym! We will be sending home a flyer with more details soon!

LITERARY RALLY — District Literary Rally is coming up! The academic competition will be held at UL on Saturday, February 24. The Art Rally Exhibit will be held February 21-24. Students who place in the top three move onto State Literary Rally at LSU on April 21.

ACT FEE WAIVERS — ACT fee waivers are available through the counseling office. Junior and senior parents should email our guidance counselor Dee Piazza at dpiazza@jpgacademy.org to see if their child qualifies.

LOSFA MEETING — There will be a LOSFA (Louisiana Office of Student Financial Aid) in the JPG library on March 14 from 6:00-7:00pm for 9th - 10th grade students and parents.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JPG CHOIR!

— This past Saturday, the JPG Schola participated in the ACEL Arts Competition. JPG entered in three events: Amelia Powell and Ann-Ayrissse Salvatierra performed Adele's "One and Only" in the pairs category, Aidan Fletcher performed the Irish love song "Red is the Rose" in the solo category, and the choir performed the Latin hymn "Anima Christi" in the small ensemble category. In all three events, JPG received superior ranking — the best award available. Special thanks to Ms. Sarah Chustz for being such an incredible instructor, coach, and director. You can watch the performance videos on our JPG Facebook page!



Left: Congratulations to Caroline Anderson for winning 1st place at this year's Geography Bee! Sebastian Cramer placed second place, and Nicholas Hebert placed 3rd. Right: Students watch a bat sleep on a magnolia tree on campus!

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.

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BASKETBALL SEASON

— Congratulations to the Guardian Basketball team for finishing the season with 8 wins and 8 losses. Congratulations to our seniors (left)!

ALL-STATE SOCCER —

Congratulations to our ACEL All-State Soccer selections: Christian Cambre (First Team), Dominic Marcantel (First Team), and Emile Hebert (Second Team)!

3RD PLACE!

— Congrats to the JV Soccer Team for earning a Third Place finish in the ACEL State Tournament.

MARCH FOR LIFE



Adoration Vacant Hours															
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We now have **15 vacant hours** (E) in our Adoration Chapel. To sign up, visit <https://adorationpro.org/jpgacademy>.

