



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT
ACADEMY

THE GUARDIAN

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Building a Legacy of Faith

April promises to be an incredible month here at John Paul the Great Academy.

First, we are incredibly proud to announce that our high school has received the **2018 Newman Society Catholic Honor Roll Award**, a designation that we have received consistently since the inception of this national award of excellence in Catholic education. Indeed, we are one of 27 schools in the nation to receive this award.

In addition, for the first time ever, the Newman Society has established two additional awards: the **Elementary School Catholic Honor Roll Award**, and the **Newman Society National Ambassador School Award**. JPG was among the very first schools in the nation to receive both designations. We are grateful to see both our Lower School and Upper School receive such wonderful recognition.

Our role as a Newman Society Ambassador School means that our administration and faculty will be mentoring other schools on how to integrate strong principles of Catholic identity into their schools. We have played this role for a number of classical, Catholic schools across the country over the past decade, and it is exciting to see that role formalized and recognized in this way!

Second, we are now just weeks away from welcoming Dr. Brant Pitre, a world-renowned author and scholar of Sacred Scripture, as the keynote presenter at our 11th Annual Veritas Lecture & Gala on April 21. Our theme for this year's Gala is "Legacy of Faith" and is focused on how we as parents can pass on to our children the full richness and truth of our faith. This will be an evening you won't want to miss!

Many of our faculty have studied under Dr. Pitre while completing their masters degree in Theology at Notre Dame Seminary. Indeed, his books *The Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* and *The Case for Jesus* have, for many faculty and parents, deepened their understanding of the faith and strengthened their relationship with Christ.

My prayer is that you will read and listen to Dr. Pitre's books, courses, and weekly gospel reflections as we get ready for the Gala. I have already spoken with parents who are listening to Dr. Pitre's materials and are growing in their ability to pass on the faith to their children, and to fully internalize it themselves.

JPG has incredible and dedicated faculty, a strong classical curriculum, and beautiful Catholic traditions. What makes us unique, however, is the way our parents seek to grow in their own faith and strive to pass it on to their children. This is the "Legacy of Faith" that we are celebrating and encouraging, especially this month. This is the culture of formation and spiritual growth that characterizes the heart of John Paul the Great Academy. It is worth all our sacrifices, our energy, and our efforts.

In the Peace of Christ,

Peter Fletcher
President & Headmaster



CALENDAR

Mar 30 - Apr 9	Easter Break
Apr 9	NO SCHOOL / Faculty Professional Development
Apr 10	Classes Resume Last day to purchase parent/faculty discounted Gala tickets
Apr 14-15	JPG Father/Son Campout
Apr 19	Totus Tuus Thursday
Apr 21	Veritas Lecture & Gala @ 6:00pm
Apr 25	PTO Hamburger Drive
Apr 27	Science Day
Apr 28	Upper School Spring Social @ 7:00pm
Apr 30- May 4	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 1	NOON DISMISSAL / Faculty Professional Development
May 2	Open House
May 5	Speech & Debate Car Wash
May 7-11	Senior Capstone Presentation Week
May 11	JPG Crawfish Boil & Senior Send-Off @ 5:00pm
May 17	Baccalaureate Ceremony @ 6:00pm
May 19	Graduation Ceremony at Cathedral of St. John @ 9:00am; Reception to follow at Cathedral Hall
May 28	NO SCHOOL / Memorial Day
May 29-31	NOON DISMISSAL / Upper School Final Exams
May 31	Last Day of School
June 1	Summer Begins! (Faculty Work Day)



Congratulations to Stephen Melancon for being accepted to study as a seminarian for the Diocese of Lafayette in the fall of 2018. He will be the 11th JPG graduate to enter seminary formation.

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

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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



The 11th Annual Veritas Lecture & Gala is on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel with guest speaker Dr. Brant Pitre, published author and scholar of Sacred Scripture. Doors open at 6:00pm with a cash bar; event starts at 7:00pm.

GALA TICKETS are now ON SALE!

Visit jpgacademy.org/gala to purchase your tickets or a sponsorship today! Tickets are \$100/person.

JPG parents enjoy a 25% discount on tickets using the code **JPGPARENT**. The last day to purchase discounted parent tickets is Tuesday, April 10.

JPG FATHER/SON CAMPOUT — The JPG Conquest Father/Son campout will be Saturday, April 14 - Sunday, April 15 at the Gossen family home in Rayne. The campout weekend will include virtue formation, challenging activities, games, and lots of fun! Mass will be offered on Saturday evening. Dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday will be provided. *Fathers and sons who are not currently participating in Conquest are welcome to attend!* Please see the Weekly Reminders email to view the flyer with more details and to register. Please contact Brandon Charpentier with any questions at bcharpentier@oceanengineering.com.

SPRING FORMAL — The Prefect Council invites all 9th-12th grade students to attend the 2018 Spring Formal "Hollywood Hills" on Saturday, April 28, from 7:00-10:00pm at Cathedral Hall. 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 25. Entrance is \$25 per attendee.

PTO HAMBURGER DRIVE — The PTO will be hosting a hamburger drive on Wednesday, April 25 from 3:00-5:00pm. All proceeds will benefit the 2018 Back to School Parent Social. Meals are \$6 and come with a hamburger and chips. Drinks will be sold by the senior class for \$1 to raise money for their senior gift. Order forms will be sent home shortly.

PTO NOMINATIONS — Please consider becoming a part of our PTO Committee as an office holder. The offices available for the 2018-2019 school year are President and Treasurer. Be on the lookout for the nomination email!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK — Teacher Appreciation Week is Monday, April 30 - Friday, May 4. Stay tuned for how you can show your appreciation to our teachers that week!

THANK YOU! — A special thanks to all who participated and attended the 2018 JPG Arts Night! It was a joyful event filled with inspiring talent. This night illuminates our hearts and minds with hope and invites us to live Pope St. John Paul the Great's words: "Art is therefore a wholly valid approach to the realm of faith, which gives human experience its ultimate meaning" (Letter to Artists, 1999). May we continue to experience art together and be moved by beauty.

SCIENCE DAY — Mark your calendar for Science Day on Friday, April 27. All are invited to join us for a great afternoon filled with science activities and presentations! A detailed schedule will be sent home soon!



Adoration Vacant Hours															
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We now have **10 vacant hours (E)** in our Adoration Chapel.
To sign up, visit <https://adorationpro.org/jpgacademy>.

DISTRICT LITERARY RALLY RESULTS

— Our students performed very well at District Literary Rally! The following will be going to the State Literary Rally on April 21:

- 1st Place - Aidan Fletcher - Advanced Math/Functions & Statistics
- 1st Place - Sebastian Cramer - Algebra I
- 1st Place - Emma Landaiche - English I
- 1st Place - Morgan Munzing - English III
- 1st Place - Ayden Brown - French I
- 1st Place - Zoe Herrera - Geometry
- 1st Place - Christian Cambre - World History
- 2nd Place - Luc Hebert - Biology
- 3rd Place - Alexander Brown - Calculus I
- 3rd Place - Marie George - English IV
- 3rd Place - Fine Arts Survey - Catherine Hollier
- 4th Place - Physics - Logan Huval



To help us fund Phase 1.3 of our Master Plan, we are participating in the South Louisiana Giving Day! Visit www.southlouisianagivingday.org and schedule a tax-deductible donation to support Phase 1.3 projects:

- Four Lower School Classrooms
- Lower School Rain Awnings
- Chapel Building Roof Repair
- Driveway Pavement
- School Zone Lights
- Middle School Restrooms



Thank you to everyone who came to Parent Science Night! It was great to be able to share with you our classical approach to the sciences here at JPG.

CAPSTONE WEEK — Senior Capstone Presentation Week is Monday, May 7 - Friday, May 11. All are welcomed to attend presentations throughout the week in the JPG Chapel. A schedule of presentations will be released soon.

JPG CRAWFISH BOIL — Please join us for the JPG Family Crawfish Boil, celebrating the Class of 2018, on Friday, May 11 from 5:00-8:00pm under the oaks. Crawfish is \$15 for 3lbs. Order forms will be sent home shortly. All proceeds benefit the Junior class Rome Pilgrimage.

BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY — Join us for the Upper School (7th-12th) Awards & Baccalaureate Ceremony on Thursday, May 17 at 6:00pm in the JPG chapel. 7th-11th graders are required to attend in Mass uniform. Seniors should wear their graduation gown and follow assigned dress code.

GRADUATION MASS & RECEPTION — The senior Graduation Mass will be on Saturday, May 19 at 9:00am at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, followed by a reception in Cathedral Hall. All 9th-11th grade students are required to attend the Graduation Mass.



Left: Anne Catherine Albarado (PreK-3) waters her plants. The PreK-3 class tends to their garden daily!
Right: Emile Gogola (1st Grade) practices saying Mass in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.



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TRACK — The ACEL State Track Meet is scheduled for Saturday, May 5 (location TBA).

CHEERLEADING — Pep Squad (7th-8th grade girls) and Cheerleading (9th-12th grade girls) sign up is in the Front Office.

6TH-8TH FOOTBALL

— We are excited to announce that we will have a middle school football team next year! Boys entering 6th-8th grade may sign up in the Front Office!

The Varsity Team took home the Guardian Cup this year, beating the Alumni Team by the final score of 49-44 at this year's Alumni Basketball Game! Thanks to all our alumni who returned to play!

MARCH MEMORIES

Drama Club Performed *The Winter's Tale*



St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration

