



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT
ACADEMY

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Our Mission is to Form Saints!

It is only the beginning of March, but we are already making plans for the upcoming school year. As I think about the direction in which John Paul the Great Academy is going and the incredible teachers and families that make up our community, I am reminded of why our common work of education is worth the sacrifice.

What is that common work of education? To form saints!

Indeed, the saints we seek to form in our Catholic schools today are nothing less than fully formed human beings: persons of character and virtue, persons of intellectual curiosity and vibrancy, and persons of holiness and faith. This is what St. Irenaeus meant when he said, "The glory of God is man fully alive!"

To this end, our literature classes immerse students in the great works of Western civilization, opening them to the beauty of the world and the importance of ideas. Our science classes instill wonder at the unbelievable beauty and complexity of the natural world. Our math classes enable students to think in an ordered and logical manner. Our students learn to write insightful, persuasive essays, essays that move the heart, enlighten the mind, and draw others to the truth.

Even more, we do a grave injustice to our students if we do not prepare them to know all that they should know and to possess the skills and technical knowledge proper to every discipline: science, math, history, literature, theology, music, art, athletics - indeed, every area of human endeavor. As Catholics, we do not choose between technical competence, human excellence, and personal holiness. To form our young people fully, we must be committed to all three.

This is what our patron Pope St. John Paul the Great meant when he said, "The mission of the Catholic school is the integral formation of students..."

May God continue to give each of us the grace to become saints, to be happy and holy both in this life and in the next!

In the Peace of Christ,

Peter Fletcher
President & Headmaster

CALENDAR

Mar 1	Spring Play @ 6:00pm
Mar 4	Spring Fling at JPG @ 10:00am
Mar 4	Spring Play @ 2:00pm
Mar 6	NOON DISMISSAL / Faculty Professional Development
Mar 7	Spring Play @ 6:00pm Conquest @ 6:00pm
Mar 8	Spring Play @ 6:00pm
Mar 12	CRS Rice Bowl Week Begins
Mar 14	LOSFA Meeting Conquest @ 6:00pm
Mar 15	Totus Tuus Thursday JPG Arts Night @ 6:30pm
Mar 16	3rd Academic Quarter Ends Class Picture Day JPG Alumni Basketball Game
Mar 17	Abbey Youth Festival
Mar 18	April Lunch Orders DUE
Mar 19	St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration
Mar 21	Conquest @ 6:00pm
Mar 28	Conquest @ 6:00pm
Mar 30	NO SCHOOL / Good Friday
Mar 30 - Apr 9	Easter Break
Apr 9	NO SCHOOL / Faculty Professional Development
Apr 10	Classes Resume
Apr 14-15	JPG Father/Son Campout
Apr 21	Veritas Lecture & Gala
Apr 28	Upper School Spring Social



Grandparents Day

JOHN PAUL THE GREAT ACADEMY

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



We are very excited to announce our 11th Annual Veritas Lecture & Gala on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel with guest speaker Dr. Brant Pitre, 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 may enjoy a 25% discount on tickets using the code JGPARENT.

LETTERMAN JACKETS — Jostens will be on campus to take orders for letterman jackets on Tuesday, March 27 at 12:30PM. Bring your order form and deposit! This will be the only day to order a jacket until Spring 2019. This will allow students to receive their jackets in the fall and wear them for the winter. No late orders will be accepted. As the Athletic Handbook states, students currently in grades 9-12 may letter after playing a varsity sport for two years (football, volleyball, track, cross country, soccer, and cheerleading) or participating in Speech and Debate for two years. Students are eligible to order a letterman jacket in the Spring of their freshman year if they have participated in a varsity sport or Speech and Debate in 8th and 9th grade. Please pick up a packet in the Front Office if you are interested in purchasing a letterman jacket.



Internationally-known speaker Matt Fradd came to speak to our high school students about the seven myths of pornography.

SPRING PLAY SCHEDULE — Please visit www.jpgacademy.org/drama/ to reserve your seats for the Drama Club's Spring Play, William Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*! Seating is limited, and we are anticipating sold-out shows this year! The Drama Club will not be charging admission at the door. Please visit our website to reserve your seats (at no cost to you) and plan to make a donation when our actors "pass the hat" at each performance. Show dates are as follows:

- Thursday, March 1: 6:00pm
- Sunday, March 4: 2:00pm (at Spring Fling)
- Wednesday, March 7: 6:00pm
- Thursday, March 8: 6:00pm



CRS RICE BOWL WEEK — Looking for an opportunity to practice almsgiving this Lenten season? CRS Rice Bowl Week will be March 12-16. Each student will be given a box to take home to collect change from family, friends, and neighbors. Each day, teachers will collect the change for the "class box." On Friday, March 16, the change will be counted and the winning class will be awarded a spirit shirt day on Wednesday, March 28!

ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY — St. Joseph's feast day is on Monday, March 19! To celebrate one of our biggest patrons, we will have Mass at 10:00am, followed by a Eucharistic Procession and a spaghetti lunch for all students. A flyer will go home soon!

CLASS PICTURE DAY — Schedule your hair cuts! Class picture day is on Friday, March 16.

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.

Adoration Vacant Hours															
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We now have **8 vacant hours (E)** in our Adoration Chapel. To sign up, visit <https://adorationpro.org/jpgacademy>.

JPG ARTS NIGHT — On Thursday, March 15 at 6:30pm, John Paul the Great Academy will host an Arts Night. This is a free event with music, poetry, drama, and more performed by our talented JPG students! All are invited to support our arts program!



Left: PreK4 students dressed as 100-year-olds for the 100th day of school!
Right: JPG students and their artwork at the downtown Lafayette Art Walk.



Lower School Mardi Gras Parade

SPRING FLING — Join us for our Spring Fling on Sunday, March 4 beginning with Mass at the Lourdes Grotto at 10:00am. The day concludes at 3:00pm. Please bring a lawn chair. Refreshments will be on sale following Mass. We will have many activities during the day including a fun run, face painting, dodgeball, and more! If you would like to help, contact Elizabeth Coleman at 224-3171.

GRANDPARENTS DAY — Thank you to all the grandparents who joined us for Grandparents Day in our newly renovated gym! We had 250+ grandparents in attendance!



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Legacy of Faith

At Grandparents Day, we had 60+ grandparents sign up for our new PTO Committee, Legacy of Faith. Legacy of Faith is for grandparents wishing to stay up-to-date on the latest celebrations and special events at JPG as well as share their time, talents, and treasures with us. There are many areas for grandparents to get involved: adoration, art assistance, campus beatification, seasonal festivals, front office assistance, library assistance, lunch attendant, substitute teaching, scholarship donations, fundraising events, and more. To sign up for the Legacy of Faith, grandparents should contact Sarah McManus at smcmanus@jpgacademy.org.

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



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JPG ALUMNI BASKETBALL

GAME — The second Guardians Basketball Alumni Game will be on Friday, March 16 at 6:30pm in the Blessed Frassati Gym at JPG. Alumni Cameron Blanchard, Wesley LeJeune, Anthony Barras, and Jacob LeJeune will face the current JPG team. Alumni wishing to play should contact martyhebert@jpgacademy.org or 337-322-8351.



LOWER SCHOOL TRACK — We are excited to announce that we will be offering Lower School track again this year to 1st-4th grade students. Ashley Babin, mother of Olivia Babin (1st grade), will be the coach. Practices will be held once a week beginning Thursday, March 1 from 3:30-4:30pm. A letter with more detailed information about what to bring to practice, rules, and track meet dates will be handed out at the first practice. To sign up, please email Ashley Babin at ashleybabinwithjuiceplus@gmail.com with your child's name, grade, and date of birth.



FEBRUARY FESTIVITIES

Grandparents Day



Constitution Week

