

## WORLD YOUTH DAY HOMILY

One of the great parts of World Youth Day is the Homily that our Popes write directly for the young people of today. They are always fitting and inspiring. In Madrid, Pope Benedict's homily was a direct appeal to a life in Christ. He asked the youth of the Church:

*“Dear young people, today Christ is asking you the same question which he asked the Apostles: “Who do you say that I am?” Respond to him with generosity and courage, as befits young hearts like your own.”*

When reading this, I thought of our community and Blessed JPII. Many adults make the excuse that given their lives, experiences, and responsibilities, it is harder for them to respond with “generosity and courage” in the same manner that their children might. Of course, we know that our Pope John Paul, despite experiencing the worst of his times, continually responded to that question with Christ-like generosity and courage. I pray and hope that our school inspires in all of us generosity and courage. It doesn't just befit “young hearts;” it befits Christian hearts. What makes this school a wonderful place to be each day is that spirit that fills so many of our hearts here.

Pope Benedict continues:

*“Say to him: “Jesus, I know that you are the Son of God, who have given your life for me. I want to follow you faithfully and to be led by your word. You know me and you love me. I place my trust in you and I put my whole life into your hands.”*

*Having faith means drawing support from the faith of your brothers and sisters, even as your own faith serves as a support for the faith of others ... Growing in friendship with Christ necessarily means recognizing the importance of joyful participation in the life of your parishes, communities and movements, as well as the celebration of Sunday Mass, frequent reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation, and the cultivation of personal prayer and meditation on God's word.*

May we all have hearts filled with generosity and courage, and together support our lives of faith and those of our young people. Count on my prayers – please keep our school in yours.



## CROSS COUNTRY MEET – THANKS

Many thanks to all who worked in the heat to run our first ever cross country meet. The meet went smoothly, and was a good stepping-stone to next year's meet. Thanks to all who brought canopies! **Note:** in the coming months, we will probably need to call for canopies again!

## **UPDATE FROM THE GALA COMMITTEE \*\*\***

Gala planning continues to move at a steady pace with the help of so many in our JPII community. Areas where the school can still use everyone's help include:

\* **Corporate Sponsorships/Targeted Special Invitations:** Committee members are working diligently on corporate sponsorships and need your help in identifying and/or securing corporate sponsors. If you have a potential sponsor or guest who needs to receive an invitation or you want to report a potential or secured sponsorship to the committee, please email Craig Zgabay at [zgabay\\_craig@bah.com](mailto:zgabay_craig@bah.com) or call (cell) 210-364-3403- or Theresa Berger at [thberger@satx.rr.com](mailto:thberger@satx.rr.com). More sponsorships equals a better bottom line for our school!

\* **Advertising:** Gala posters are going up in parishes and businesses from San Marcos to San Antonio. Our goal is to have every poster in our supply up in a location visible to potential patrons of the gala event. If you see a spot for a poster in your local community and have approval to display, please help get them out in view of the public. Stop by the front desk and pick up what you can use.

\* **Live Auction:** There will be a live auction with 5 to 7 high value prizes. If you can secure contributions to the auction items, please notify Craig Zgabay.

\* **Sell Tickets:** The majority of our surrounding area parishes have included an ad of the Gala in their bulletin. If your parish will allow you to take that promotion to the next level and sell tickets after masses or place the blue order cards with your church office, please contact Tanya Moczygemba at [tjmoc@satx.rr.com](mailto:tjmoc@satx.rr.com) or 210-240-1173.

## **RENWEB ---- HAVE YOU LOGGED IN YET?**

RenWeb is our academic information (progress reports and assignments) web site. Listed below is the new web address for logging into this system. There is a link off of our web site as well.

<https://www.renweb.com/Logins/ParentsWeb-Login.aspx>

Our district code is: JP-TX

## **GUARDIAN PARENT NEWS**

**Coffee Thursdays:** Starting this week, the Guardian Parents will be hosting morning coffee on Thursdays around morning drop-off time. Stop in for a cup of free coffee and perhaps a pastry from time to time. The coffee will be poured in room 109 (first room on the left down from the office in the 'old school' wing).

## **SILVER STARS GAME – TUESDAY, 30 AUGUST**

**Tuesday, 30 August** – Liturgical Music sings the National Anthem at the Silver Stars game. Sign up for tickets and to ride the bus with Dr. Kenney. We will be in Blue and Gold Dress that day.

## **FISHERS OF M.E.N BACKPACK DRIVE**

The Fishers of M.E.N club will be hosting a backpack drive from now until September 23rd. They're goal is to collect 100 backpacks that are new or gently used. These backpacks will be given to OLPH to put in their AMIGA project, which is also collecting backpacks to take to street children in Honduras. Fishers of M.E.N is also looking for 20 student volunteers to go to OLPH on September 24th to take the backpacks and help pack up the truck that they will be filling with the donated backpacks and other materials. If we reach our goal of 100 backpacks we will get a blue and gold day!

## **PRO-LIFE UPDATES**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> during club time. **Pro-life t-shirts will be voted on at this meeting.**

**Pro-life T-shirt Contest:** All designs due on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Give your designs to Luke Jasek, Mary Grace Gagnon, or Clare Friesenhahn. All ideas must be your own unless you quote or use statistics.

**Tour Holy Spirit House:** Holy Spirit House is the main building for the Gabriel Project in New Braunfels. The building itself is nothing special, we will see all the wonderful work they do there. We will also be presenting to them the money we raised during the coin drive last year. The tour will be on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, you'll need to get there on your own. Please sign up at the front office so they know how many to expect.

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