

Portae

THE NEWSLETTER FOR
JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

6 September 2011



PARENT NIGHT #1

Monday, 12 September 2011 - in the cafeteria! 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Don't miss it! Earn a Blue-Gold Pass for your son(s)/daughter(s)
- one for each in the household.

Get updates from the parent group and the School Council.
Hear a presentation from our college counselor, Mrs. Strickland.
Commune with your fellow parents!



UPDATE FROM THE GALA COMMITTEE

**THE GALA IS TWO WEEKS AWAY!
HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR TICKETS?
Please buy them now from the office!**

**Have you invited a friend? It is a great
night out - a fine meal, Mass with the Archbishop,
a nice setting, it supports a great cause - your school!**



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 or call (cell) 210-364-3403- or Theresa Berger at tberger@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 or 210-240-1173.

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).

Talents and Treasures form: Attached to this is another copy of this form. Only a dozen or so families have returned this to date. It is a pivotal form for our leadership groups to have knowledge of where and how our families come together as a group. There are many small and big ways we need help, and this database can be very helpful to our growth as a school. Thanks for your help – return it to the school office.

PRAYER GROUP

Thursday mornings, 8:30 a.m., in school chapel room: One of our parents, Mrs. Guerra, is starting a weekly prayer group for the students and intentions of our school. Each Thursday morning, around 8:30, she invites any parent with the interest and time to stop by the school. The group will meet in the chapel room, and then pray for each of our students, families, and staff members, by name. We thank her for her willingness to start this, and all those parents who pray for our school, during these Thursdays and in your own prayer lives. It is who we are as a school, one of FAITH and LOVE.

HANDBOOK AND HANDBOOK AGREEMENT FORM

Attached to this week's newsletter is a copy of the 2011-12 handbook. Please review it – we've added more information to it in order to better explain what the school is doing or plans to do. The handbook agreement needs to be on file for all families. It will be posted on the web site as well.

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. The 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 15th 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 14th. 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 18th at 2 p.m. Unfortunately, you'll need to get there on your own. Please sign up at the front office so they know how many to expect.

COLLEGE FAIRS!

Parents and students! There are two upcoming college fairs in our area, both of which will provide solid ways for families to learn more about the college options for after JPH.

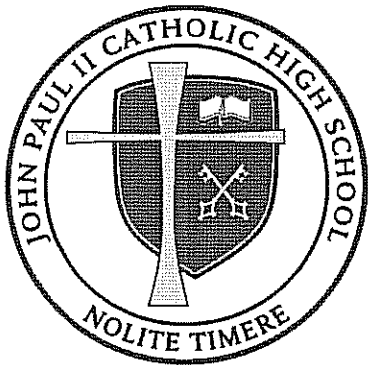
Wednesday, 28 September, from 6-8 p.m. at Smithson Valley High School. This college fair will feature all of the public institutions in Texas, along with many of the private schools in our region of the country. It will be a well-attended college fair, but should be reasonable for families to visit and learn.

Thursday, 27 October, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's University (Greehey Arena). Our school is a part of the local private school network that hosts this college fair annually in the fall. It is a truly national college fair, with over 200 colleges sending representatives. However, it is over-attended, and results in very long lines and a packed arena. It is a good part of college research to attend these fairs, but one should be aware of the atmosphere before going into it.

Note: That Thursday, 27 October, is also the night we have planned for the night pep rally for Founders' Weekend. We are attempting to make it possible for students to attend the college fair and participate in a pep rally back here at the school.

Yes, I want to support
JPII CHS & help honor Karl Keating!

THE SECOND ANNUAL
Guardians Gala



I commit to support the 22 September 2011 Guardians Gala at the following level:

- GOLD Level: \$5,000.** includes a table of 10, preferred seating at the Cathedral, VIP Parking, corporate signage, an autographed book, and a private reception with Karl Keating
- BLUE Level: \$2,500.** includes a table of 10, preferred seating at the Cathedral, corporate signage, & a private reception with Karl Keating
- WHITE Level: \$1,000.** includes a table of 10 and corporate signage at the Gala
- # _____ Individual Tickets @ \$100. I cannot attend, but accept my donation.

Name _____ Company name _____

Address _____ City, State, zip _____

Payment information: Enclosed is a check for \$ _____, made payable to John Paul II Catholic High School.

Please charge my VISA MasterCard in the amount of \$ _____.
Account # _____ 3-digit Auth. # _____ Expiration Date ____ / ____

Please invoice me for \$ _____ by _____ (date).

Return card by 13 September to
be assured signage. Call
830-643-0802 to reserve your
table by phone.

JPII Family Talents and Treasures Search

School Year 2011-2012

Your name and best way to contact:

Name: Joe and Jackie Smith Contact: Cell Phone, call or text, 512-555-5555

Purpose of Search: Provide a forum for John Paul II families to share our varied personal expertise, resources and contacts we can impart to the short-term and long-term building of our school community. Expertise and resources include, but are not limited to, special talents, hobbies, work expertise, professional contacts, equipment, etc.

Talents/Expertise:

music liturgy, event planning, customer service training, motivational speaking, team building, electrician, heavy equipment operator, bus driver, mechanic,

Professional Resources/Contacts/Businesses:

Knights of Columbus-Seguin, Catholic Life Insurance, Lions Club, UT Health Science Center, Equipment rental, local 4-H and Extension Agents, beverage owner, neighbor owns a travel agency, Smith CPA Firm, Jackie's Seafood Grill

Consulting Services:

farm and ranch, recording studio, computer technology, webmaster, electrician, advertising, furniture and fixtures, brother is a plumber

Equipment:

sound equipment, karaoke machine, tractor, flat bed trailer, enclosed trailer

Parish Membership/Participation In:

Good Shepherd Member/Parish Council, Regular Visitor to OLPH

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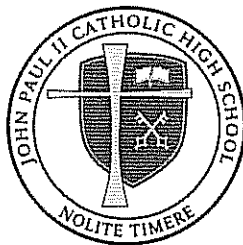
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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT
JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2011-2012 HANDBOOK**

I have read the Student/Parent Handbook and have discussed it with my child. I understand and will support all policies contained therein. This includes the acceptable use of the school's computer hardware, software, and network.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

**PARENTS' PERMISSION FOR THE PUBLICATION
OF STUDENT WORK / PICTURE**

I understand that the school may wish to publish examples of student projects, photographs of students, and other work on our web site or other print media for marketing or informational purposes. The student's name will not be used.

Please Initial One:

My child's work can be published on the web site or in print.

I would prefer that my child's work not be published.

Please Initial One:

My child's photograph can be published on the web site or in print.

I would prefer that my child's picture not be published.

**PARENTS' PERMISSION FOR THE INTERVIEWING
OF STUDENT FOR PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS**

I understand that the school may wish to interview my child for the purpose of marketing videos. The student may be asked to give testimony to their experience here at the school. Only his/her first name will be used.

Please Initial One:

My child may be interviewed for marketing.

I would prefer that my child not be interviewed for marketing materials.