

Portae

THE NEWSLETTER FOR
JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

15 November 2011



ACCREDITATION VISIT

Many thanks to our students, teachers, and parents for a successful TCCED Accreditation visit. It was a productive and positive day for the commissioner and visiting administrator; they were very impressed with our community.



PRINCIPALS RETREAT

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the school will be hosting all of the principals within the Archdiocese on Wednesday, 30 November for the Department of Catholic Schools annual retreat for principals. We will be providing the morning food, helping to serve lunch (students), and singing at the 11 a.m. Mass that week. [NOTE: the school's student Mass that week will be celebrated on Tuesday, 29 November.]

WE NEED SOME HELP. Here is where we could use parent/family help:

- Morning breakfast food: *tacos, breakfast casserole, or other warm breakfast foods.*
- Fruits
- Dessert-type foods: *cookies, bars, treats of all kinds and flavors. ***** (Can never have too many of these!)

Please contact the Guardian Parents Executive Board members to let them know if you can help. We will be taking them on tours later of our campus – a great chance to serve a very worthy bunch!

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CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT APPEAL

Each year, the school has a Christmas trees in the lobby, and each of the past two years, new JP II families have donated an ornament for the tree; the ornaments can share something unique about the family (or can just be a pretty one). For those families new to the school, we ask you to submit an ornament to the school office over the next two weeks to the school office, with a box or compartment to allow for safe storage. A family label on that box and a brief description of the ornament are appreciated (for posterity's sake).



CATHOLIC LIFE RAFFLE TICKETS

ARE YOU SELLING TICKETS? Thanks! **We are now at \$5,500 – ¼ of the way to our goal!**



COLLEGE VISIT - UIW

University of the Incarnate Word will be on campus on Thursday, 1 December 2011, for juniors during Solidarity time, and at lunch for all students.



KNIGHT WITH THE SEMINARIANS

Parents, JP II is proud to team with the New Braunfels Knights of Columbus, Council 4183, hosting their annual Texas State Award Winning "Knight With the Seminarians." This special evening serves two purposes. First, it is an opportunity for Seminarians from throughout the Archdiocese to get away from their studies, let their hair down, and have a good time with those whom one day they may serve. Second, it is a fundraiser, and all proceeds support the Seminarians of the Archdiocese...the Knights keep none of the money made on the event. Last year they raised over \$12,000.

Each year, our students volunteer as servers, and last year provided entertainment for the 450 guests who came to celebrate these men in formation for the Priesthood. We are proud to announce that once again the students of JP II will have this opportunity to showcase the core virtues of our school.

The next "Knight With the Seminarians" will be held on **Saturday, February 25th, 2012**. This year's theme, "A Knight in Old San Antonio," is sure to be as much fun as it is a labor of love for our students. The New Braunfels Knights and Dr. Kenney are working together to create a very special event...and we want you to have the opportunity to be a part of it. Ticket sales will begin in early January 2012. Tickets cost \$250 per table of 10 or \$30 per individual ticket. However, the Knights initially have set aside four tables for the parents of JPII students at \$25/ticket. Those tickets will be available with Mrs. Sullivan on December 1st.



PRO-LIFE NEWS

Pro-life T-shirts: We've extended the deadline for pro-life t-shirt orders! We need 15 more purchases to reach our goal of 100! Remember, this t-shirt is not strictly for our pro-life club. Parents, siblings, and friends are welcome to purchase a shirt for themselves as a way of actively displaying their love of life. It's a way to show people that we, as a Catholic community, are all called to be pro-life. Also, all profit on the shirts will be donated to Gabriel Project in New Braunfels. Shirts are \$15.00. Please help us to reach our goal! Thanks to all who have already ordered t-shirts. Once we order the t-shirts, we'll have an idea of when they will arrive. If you haven't paid for your t-shirt yet, please pay Mrs. Sullivan at the front office by the end of the week.

Club Meeting: Our next pro-life meeting will be November 17th during study hall period.



KHAKI AND PLAID BASKET FROM JPII

The Hope for the Future/Department of Catholic Schools run a large gala to start Catholic Schools Week, this year on Saturday, 28 January 2012, 7:00 p.m., at the Vistas at Valero (on the Valero Energy Campus, 1604 and IH-10). The Department of Catholic Schools is asking each school to contribute a basket for their silent auction. We need help in forming the basket – contact the Guardian Parents Executive Board to help.

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ADVENT BRUNCH

Advent Brunch is an annual event for parents and students to celebrate the end of the semester and the Advent season. *Thursday, December 8, 2011 • Mass: 8:15 AM at JPII • Brunch immediately following Mass in the school cafeteria.*

*– If you are interested in serving on this committee, **the first meeting is Wednesday, November 16 at 3:30 pm, Parent Work Room. Contact chairperson Audrey Curry (Hannah '13) @ (210) 241-7658 for more information.***



STUDENT EVENTS UPCOMING

Saturday, 3 December 2011

Rampage Game – Hockey Night in the Archdiocese – our choir will be performing on the concourse, and the Archbishop will be dropping the ceremonial first puck. The bus will leave campus at 5 p.m. Ticket order forms will be available later this week.

Friday, 9 December 2011

Monster Mini-golf bus trip (\$3) – The Gonzalez family has been kind to offer the chance for all of our students to play a free round of mini-golf at the new Monster Mini-golf in San Antonio (on NW Military). Following the round, Chick-fil-A will be catered in for students. (The \$3 covers the bus trip.) We will leave right after school, and come back to campus by 7:30 p.m. (The basketball game scheduled for that day is being rescheduled for Saturday, 10 December 2011.)

SOME SAVE-THE-DATE REMINDERS!!!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Monday, 30 January 2012 will begin Catholic Schools Week, and JPII traditionally begins with Pastries with Parents, a coffee and donuts fellowship time. Friday is always Faculty Appreciation Day.



ANNUAL FUND DINNER

Saturday, April 14, 2012 @ JPII Campus (evening) to kick off Annual Fund Drive

The goal of the event is to host all GUARDIAN PARENTS! *The goal will be to create a fun event! and of course create awareness of the annual fund drive.*