

 **Friday, 2 December is a 2 p.m. dismissal for a faculty meeting.**

 **DECEMBER PARENT MEETING**

The December Parent Meeting will be held on Monday, 5 December 2011. We will use a portion of the meeting to allow the strategic planning committee to gather information from parents at large. [Note: the parent meetings are normally the second Monday, but given the approaching exams and break, the meeting was moved up.] Blue and Gold Passes will continue to be given out for the meeting attendees.

• **EXTRA, EXTRA INCENTIVE**

We are also asking parents to participate in the Advent Angel drive that will be taking place with students through Christmas break. Parents are asked to bring canned food items to the meeting on Monday evening. For each item brought in, parents will be entered into a door prize drawing at the end of the parent meeting.

 **ADVENT BRUNCH – DON'T MISS IT!**

**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 JP II • Brunch immediately following Mass in the school cafeteria.*

• **Contact chairperson Audrey Curry (Hannah '13) @ (210) 241-7658 for more information.**

 **FALL FINAL EXAMS**

Exams for classes will be held Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 14-16 December 2011. The first exam each day is at 8:25-9:55, and the second exam is 10:10-11:40. Students are not required on campus until their first exam starts – they are dismissed after they complete their second exams. Teachers run study sessions in the afternoon; both the exam schedule and study session schedule will be available next week. Parents are encouraged to talk actively with their students to determine what will best benefit their studying: staying on campus to study here or going home to study there.

 **PRINCIPALS RETREAT**

Many thanks to all who have offered to bring items for the retreat! Thanks!

 **CHEERLEADER SERVICE PROJECT**

The cheerleaders are having a gift wrapping drive. We are collecting Christmas wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper, bows, ribbon, and tape for the Comal County Crisis Center. The cheerleaders will take the gift wrapping supplies to the center on Sat, 17 December to help wrap gifts for the clients. The girls will be making a collection box, but for now, these supplies can be left at the front desk.

Thanks for your support!

 **TRANSPORTATION ADVANCEMENT!**

We have an exciting development to share and need parent feedback on this. Mrs. Darlene Champion, a Sts. Peter and Paul parent and one of our bus drivers, has expressed an interest in helping to run a daily morning shuttle service from the Sts. Peter and Paul parking lot to JP II. The service would be run using the SPP bus, and would carry a charge to cover the cost of the service (gas, mileage). Note that the service would only run in the morning. Once we have the basic number of families/students who would be prospectively be involved, we could calculate a cost. Essentially, the costs would be daily about 2 gallons of diesel fuel (\$7.50), and mileage costs (20 miles round trip at \$.50-.75), plus something for the driver.

**If you are interested, we will have a page up on our web site to register your interest.**

## **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**

We have raised \$5760.00 through our Catholic Life Sweepstakes efforts with roughly 50% of students turning in some amount of sales. If every family sells their 40 tickets, we have the ability of achieving our \$20,000 goal. Working your neighborhood, family, and friends proves fruitful; however, identifying other selling venues has posed a challenge for the committee. Should you have access to parishes without schools, retail locations, or other selling opportunities, please contact our committee liaison, Tanya Moczygemba at [tjmoc@satx.rr.com](mailto:tjmoc@satx.rr.com).

## **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.

## **COLLEGE VISIT - BAYLOR UNIVERSITY**

10:30 AM on Friday, Jan. 13, 2012. A group session with the juniors will be offered, along with material for underclassmen at lunch.

## **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 JP II students at \$25/ticket. Those tickets will be available with Mrs. Sullivan on December 1st.

## **KHAKI & PLAID BASKET FROM JP II: ENTERTAINMENT THEME!**

Many thanks to Susie Torrez who has agreed to help organize our school's basket for the Khaki & Plaid Gala. The theme will be entertainment. If you can help donate items to fit into this theme, please contact her. They are looking for passes, gift certificates, etc. for local entertainment of all kinds: get-a-way weekends, concerts, movie passes, Schlitterbahn, Seaworld, the zoo, the symphony, etc. Also other items to fill out the basket that would fit with this would be appreciated. Contact her at [susievtorrez@yahoo.com](mailto:susievtorrez@yahoo.com) or cell @ 210-643-5037

*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. Theresa Berger, [thberger@satx.rr.com](mailto:thberger@satx.rr.com); Tanya Moczygemba, [tjmoc@satx.rr.com](mailto:tjmoc@satx.rr.com)*

## **STUDENT EVENTS UPCOMING**

**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.*