



## Fourth Quarter Update!

Through this newsletter, we will try to cover all of the upcoming meeting, events, and activities to finish the 2011-2012 school year.

## 📅 MARCH DATES 📅

### **Wednesday, 21 March – 12:30 p.m. – Parent Fellowship Committee Lunch Meeting**

• *Parents Fellowship Committee SACK LUNCH Planning Meeting. Wednesday, March 21st at 12:30 PM in the Parent Work Room. All parents are welcome and encouraged to come to the meeting and help plan an event for Saturday, 28 April, just remember to bring your lunch!*

*This event will be an "SS" Event .... STRICTLY SOCIAL event for ALL JP II Parents, to be held on Saturday, April 28th, same night as the Student's Annual Casino Night. Read ahead!*

### **Wednesday, 21 March – 6:30 p.m. – Class of 2013 Potluck Dinner – cafeteria**

• *Parents and students from the Class of 2013 are invited to a planning meeting – lots of senior year stuff is fast approaching. Please bring a dish to pass – drinks and plates will be provided by the school. Mr. Iliff, as well, will present some information about senior year, including graduation.*

*(Wednesday, 21 March is also a registration day for incoming freshman families in the lobby.)*

### **Friday, 23 March – 7:30 p.m. – First performance of “The Case of Humanity v. Pontius Pilate” – JP II Cafeteria**

• *Continuing to expand their offerings, our theatre students will be presenting a straight dramatic work for our community, entitled “The Case of Humanity v. Pontius Pilate.” The courtroom drama features all of the persons from Christ’s Passion, and looks at each person’s words and actions. It is a great gift for us all during this time of Lent. This first performance is a ‘preview’ performance of sorts, before the two Saturday performances at Steele High School. We will get the cafeteria as theatre-ready as we can. There will not be charges for attending the performances, but will ask for donations.*

### **Saturday, 24 March – 7:30 p.m. – Second performance – Steele High School**

• *This performance will be in the Steele High School Theatre; it is located at 1300 FM 1103 in Cibolo. Take FM 1103 east from the school for four miles. We will have the correct entrances well marked.*

### **Wednesday, 28 March – 9:15 a.m. – Academic Honor Roll Pins – after Mass**

• *We will distribute pins for the first semester and the third quarter after Mass. Note: we are back in St. Joseph’s Chapel for weekly Mass – until the weather turns hot. We should be able to host parent guests well enough, but it will take just a little bit to get all seated.*

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### **Friday, 30 March – FISH FRY – for take home or dine in**

• *Fish fry! At John Paul II! Take home! Dine in! We will have a Stations of the Cross that evening as well. The proceeds will benefit the cheerleaders as they set up their practice room, and continue to grow as a squad. Support JP II – invite your friends! If you are interested in helping, contact Mrs. Zgabay or Mrs. Berger.*

### **Saturday, 31 March – 7:30 p.m. – Third performance – Steele High School**

• *This performance will be in the Steele High School Theatre; it is located at 1300 FM 1103 in Cibolo. Take FM 1103 east from the school for four miles. We will have the correct entrances well marked.*

## **APRIL DATES**

### **Thursday, 5 April – Noon Dismissal – Friday, 6 April & Monday, 9 April – No School**

• *Holy Week – Reminder that on Holy Thursday we will have a Noon Dismissal. No school on Good Friday; no school on Easter Monday (9 April). Classes resume Tuesday, 10 April. We do not celebrate Mass that Thursday and encourage families to attend their parish Holy Thursday Mass together.*

### **Monday, 9 April – 6:30 p.m. – Monthly Parent Meeting**

• *Despite not having school that day, we thought it best to keep the meeting on the second Monday of the month. The presentation will help to share information on the upcoming Blue & Gold Dinner. We will also have a guest from the Admissions Office of the University of Dallas; she will be speaking about college admissions and well-composed applications.*

***Note – Junior parents** – In the early fourth quarter, during and after Holy Week, all junior English classes will be composing practice admissions essays, using the current prompts from Apply Texas and The Common Application. We will encourage (and assign) that you as parents proof and review these. It is important to note that these will change going into this summer, but not substantially so. It is also important to note that these are usually very limited in length (in most cases one page or 500 words). Finally, there is a trend among some colleges to use, as a student writing sample, the writing done on the SAT or other exams (to ensure authenticity). We do not foresee this change fully for 2013, so the practice essays we hope will serve our students well.*

### **Thursday, 12 April – 7:00 p.m. – Junior Class Ring Ceremony – St. Joseph's Chapel**

• *We have been searching for a workable date, and had much trouble getting a clear date. However, the rings are now in the Herff Jones offices, and so, we can schedule a firm date for the junior class commissioning Mass (we hope free of many conflicts). All junior class family members and friends are invited to the Mass and commissioning ceremony. A reception will follow in the school cafeteria. Note: in order to get the ring that night, any remaining balances with Herff Jones must be paid.*

### **Saturday, 14 April – 6:30 p.m., Blue & Gold Dinner, Legacy Hall at Boulder Springs**

• *[Go to the web site](#) for more information on this event, which kicks off our annual fund drive. This will be a wonderful night for parents – don't miss it!*

### **Sunday, 15 April – Divine Mercy Sunday**

• *This Feast Day, instituted by Blessed John Paul II, is a wonderful part of Eastertime. We would encourage all to make the Chaplet of Divine Mercy a part of their day that Sunday. Our good friends at the Mission of Divine Mercy celebrate this Feast with a wonderful Mass, 3 p.m.*

## **APRIL DATES, con't**

### **Thursday, 19 April – 8:00 a.m. – District Track Meet – Central Catholic Stadium**

• *We are again hosting the district track meet at Central Catholic's track and stadium. All track athletes will need to report to JPII early that morning to ride the bus to CCHS; in order to run the meet successfully, we will need some help from other students and parents. As the date approaches and other teams sign up, we will be able to ask for that help more specifically. The meet will conclude by 1:30 p.m.*

### **Thursday, 19 April – 7:00 p.m. – Panel Discussion on HHS Mandate – JPII Library**

• *Through our school council, JPII CHS is hosting a panel discussion on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Mandate for contraception coverage by all health plans, including those offered and paid for by Catholic institutions. As you are all aware, our Bishops have been active in fighting this change in federal policy, as it reflects a grave challenge to our Church's work and our collective consciences. In order to respond to our own Archbishop's call to prayer and outreach, we are holding a panel discussion on this issue, so that we can all be better informed, and hopefully better inform those in our community.*

*The panel will feature Michael Dunnigan, a Canon Law expert and lawyer, who serves the St. Joseph's Foundation, an international foundation for Canon Law based right here in San Antonio. Mr. Dunnigan also teaches locally at two seminaries and at MACC, and is a frequent guest on Catholic radio and television programs as an expert in his field. We are so pleased to be able to welcome him to a panel with our own Dr. Bob Gorman and Dr. Paul Foster. Mrs. Harkins will moderate the discussion. We will open the panel discussion to the wider community, and have a question and answer time as well. (Students will receive extra credit for attending.) We will begin with prayer at 7 p.m.*

### **Thursday, 26 April – all day – 1000 hours of service**

• ***A new tradition for our school and the Blue & Gold Drive.** We will be going out as a campus to volunteer throughout the community; any parent who can give of their time that day are welcome and encouraged to participate. We are offering these up as a part of the Blue & Gold Drive, 1000 collective hours that day among students, teachers, and parents.*

*All of our gentlemen will be heading out to the Mission of Divine Mercy to serve them; they have two projects saved for us. Any parent who can head out to the Mission, especially those with chain saws, pick-up trucks, or other implements would be very much desired to make the projects run more effectively.*

*We are forming a variety of other opportunities for our ladies to head out together to other sites. Morgan's Wonderland will be taking a group of students, Garden Ridge Elementary as well. We have made a number of calls to other institution (including our four feeder schools) and are working to secure those sites now.*

*Regular school hours would be observed – 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

*If you have a place that you know would accept high school aged volunteers for a full day of work, please contact Mr. Iliff.*

### **Friday, 27 April – No School – Battle of Flowers Parade**

• *No school that day*

## **APRIL DATES, con't**

### **Saturday, 28 April – 7:00 p.m., Student Casino Night – old library**

• *The third annual Casino Night – Student Government runs this event; it begins with a dinner for all students, and then moves on to casino games – blackjack, poker, roulette, craps – students win tickets and then can place those tickets in drawings for different prizes at the end of the night. There is music that evening, with some dancing as well. ‘Nice’ attire is required – gentlemen in slacks and ties, ladies in appropriate dresses.*

*Parents – are you a good dealer? Can you shuffle? Count? Tell good jokes? Volunteer to be a dealer at Casino Night!*

### **Saturday, 28 April – 7:00 p.m., Parent Fellowship Night**

• *The Parent Fellowship Committee is planning a concurrent (but not connected!) event for parents that evening on a different part of the campus. The group is in the process of designing this event – more details soon! SAVE THE DATE!!!*

## **MAY DATES**

### **Saturday, 12 May – 6:30 p.m., LETTER NIGHT - cafeteria**

• *The second annual Letter Night, at which all students in all extra curricular activities are recognized. We are planning a meal as a part of this event – you don't want to miss this event!*

### **Monday, 14 May – 6:30 p.m., Monthly Parent Meeting**

• *The monthly parent meeting will be mandatory for all sophomore parents – we will be reviewing the 15-month process toward college applications. We will also be prepping junior parents on the last months before college applications go out, starting in August and September. Finally, at that meeting, we will have elections of next year's executive board for the Guardian Parents Group.*

## **JUNE DATES**

### **Tuesday, 19 June – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Uniform Sale, Athletic Physicals - @ JPH**

• *We will again host this evening opportunity for new uniform sales and athletic physicals for the 2012-13 school year.*