



 **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TRACK TEAM!**

Congratulations to our girls and boys track teams, who had our school's best showing ever in a TAPPS state event. Our boys team finished fifth (out of 21 teams), and our girls team seventh (out of 22 teams).

Well done, athletes!

The following athletes brought home medals and points for the team:

- Girls 4 x 100 Meter Relay - 4th place (Priscilla Garza, Audra Margritz, Hannah Musser, Symantha Sandee)
- Girls 800 Meter - 4th place Frances McDonald
- Girls 4 x 200 Meter Relay - 7th place (Priscilla Garza, Asun Guerra, Audra Margritz, Hannah Musser)
- Girls 400 Meter - 7th place Symantha Sandee
- Girls 200 Meter - 2nd place Symantha Sandee
- Girls 1600 Meter - 6th place Frances McDonald
- Girls Discus - 7th place Lauren Gilman
- Girls Shot Put - 2nd place Anastazia Gilman & 7th place Lauren Gilman

- Boys Shot Put - 3rd place Chris Laskowski
- Boys 800 Meter - 3rd place Luke Jasek & 4th place Ben Bailey
- Boys 400 Meter - 4th place Michael McCabe & 6th place Paul Mueller
- Boys 200 Meter - 5th Michael McCabe & 8th place Paul Mueller
- Boys 1600 Meter - 6th place Luke Jasek
- Boys 4 x 400 Meter Relay - 3rd place (Raoul Bascon, Michael McCabe, Mitchell Moczygemba, Paul Mueller)
- Boys Discus - 3rd place Chris Laskowski

AND

- Boys High Jump - 1st place Sean Pierce – State Champ!

 **NEW FACULTY INTRODUCTIONS**

We are pleased to announce three new faculty members for the 2012-13 school year on the academic side.

• **Dr. Jacob Friesenhahn:** Dr. Friesenhahn will teach Theology and other humanities courses (some history courses in 2012-13). He earned a doctorate, as well as his undergraduate degree, from the University of Dallas. He has taught at UD and other colleges as an adjunct professor, and for the last ten years has taught at TMI locally. He is a product of Catholic education in this area (OLPH and CCHS), and is excited about the chance to teach in a Catholic high school near his family's home.

• **Martha Sweeney:** Mrs. Sweeney has a long career in education, over thirty years of teaching Mathematics in Texas high schools. Most recently, she helped to open a new high school in Katy, Texas, the 5A Seven Lakes High School (Katy ISD). She served as the math department chair there previously, and has taught just about every Math course offered in high schools. She has been the mathematics department chair in two different high schools (both 5A schools), and she attended Catholic schools as a young person. She has a Master's in Teaching and an undergraduate degree from the University of Texas, and is excited to have the chance to give back to Catholic education, knowing how much she received from the schools she attended in Memphis growing up. She will be teaching upper level math courses here and directing our mathematics instruction.

- **Dr. Alyssa Robson:** Dr. Robson has been working with us over the past month, and has signed on to serve as our guidance counselor two days per week in 2012-13. She has three degrees from Rice University, and is an experienced personal counselor and mediator. She is also working part-time with Sts. Peter & Paul School, along with continuing her private practice in New Braunfels. She will be on campus Tuesdays and Thursdays, along with other days when needed.

- **Mrs. Strickland:** Mrs. Strickland will be adding another day per week to her schedule, and is very excited about the coming year, helping to manage applications, acceptances, and financial aid paperwork. We have been grateful for her answer to our call to service, and the great work she has done with us thus far.

There are more staffing needs to be filled, of course, and during the coming week, we plan to have more to share with families.



MONTHLY PARENT NIGHT

The monthly parent night is Monday, 14 May 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. We will review school council and Guardian Parent membership/plans for 2012-13, review/release the calendar for 2012-13, and have a session for sophomore parents. The meeting for sophomore parents is strongly, strongly encouraged. Mrs. Strickland will be reviewing the next 15 months, during which families will be reviewing and visiting colleges. The goal for all our current sophomores is to have in August 2013 a list of five colleges to which they will be applying.



MIDDLE SCHOOL FUN NIGHT

Thanks to those parents and students that volunteered. Over 70 middle schoolers attended, and had a fun night. Look for another similar event in the fall!



LETTER NIGHT

Our second annual Letter Night is Saturday, 12 May 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The concept of Letter Night is to convene on one evening as a school community to celebrate in solidarity all of the student achievement and activities at JPIL. This is an evening for student academics, activities, athletics, and arts. By definition, students can 'letter' in a wide variety of student activities, and by definition, all families and students are invited to Letter Night. The school presents certificates and pins on that evening, but does not award 'letters' per se. If families are interested in ordering letter jackets or other chenille-based awards, they are free to do so on their own. (On 19 June, at the uniform fitting – athletics physicals night, the letter jacket company will be here to take order and place additions to jackets.)

Please RSVP to the school office so we know who will be in attendance.



GUARDIAN PARENT EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Guardian Parent Executive Board is continuing to take nominations (both from others and self-nominations!) for parents to serve on the Guardian Parent Executive Board for the 2012-2013 school year. Attached to this newsletter is the necessary information.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

If you think you are interested in serving on the School Council for the 2012-2013 school year, and would like more information about this group, please contact Mr. Iliff at the school or Craig Zgabay, our current school council president, to learn more.