



DECEMBER 2023

# THE GUARDIAN

THE MONTHLY NEWS PUBLICATION AT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT ACADEMY

FROM THE DESK OF

**Mrs. Angela Odinet** HEAD OF SCHOOL

The Gospel of Matthew best articulates what this Season of Giving means to us here at John Paul the Great Academy. "And the King will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' " (Matthew 25:40). I pray in this Season of Giving each of us is able to reflect on St. Matthew's words and to offer a resounding yes to the call to care for all our brothers.



When we reflect on these words and what it means to give in our Catholic tradition, we must ask when did we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome a stranger, care for the naked? We should first think of these "least brothers." But our call to give extends beyond our larger community and those evidently hurting or lost or without means. We are called to give of ourselves even more in this smaller community of JPG, in our relationships where our children grow and we all seek holiness.

Sure, in this community as an independent school, we will always offer opportunities for giving of your treasure. We will always need your gifts of financial support whether it is September or January.

The Season of Giving is a punctuated time, a reminder in time to our community to begin giving and to continue supporting the beautiful programs that help JPG to flourish. We are grateful for your consideration and for every penny given to our community by our community. We need your support. And I firmly believe that the generosity of our community and the blessings of Christ will always allow us to provide financially for our school.

However, the gift of treasure is not all we need. A true season of giving is one in which we seek to give of our whole self for another. If we continue to consider all things in excellence for the greater glory of God, surely we must seek and give gifts greater than wealth. In a season of giving in our Catholic tradition, we must ask – did you listen to, pray for, give help to that parent, teacher, or student who needed you? Did you overcome the urge to put your needs first, to forget the dignity of a friend, co-worker, fellow parent by engaging in gossip, rushing to judgment, or failing to seek Christ in each other. We should ask,

Did I give patience instead of frustration?

Did I give love instead of anger?

Did I give way to obedience rather than pride?

Did I give?

During this and every season at JPG, we pray for our community. We pray in gratitude and that God may continue to bless us. Thank you for your generosity and gifts.

*Angela B. Odinet*

## CALENDAR

Dec 1	All School Mass, First Friday
Dec 7	Headmaster's Challenge
Dec 8	All School Mass, Immaculate Conception
Dec 10	Tuition & Re-enrollment 2024-2025
Dec 11	Christmas Play
Dec 14	Totus Tuus Thursday
Dec 15	Upper School, House Shirts
Dec 18	January Lunch Orders Due
Dec 18-20	Upper School Exams, NOON DISMISSAL
Dec 21-Jan 5	NO SCHOOL, Christmas Holiday
Jan 8	Classes Resume



OMNIA IN EXCELLENTIA AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM



# SEASON OF GRATITUDE

*Thank you!*



We surpassed our goal and could not have done it without everyone who participated in the 10th Annual Cook Off- THANK YOU!! Your kindness towards the school is greatly appreciated and impacts the hearts and minds of JPG students, in particular, students who benefit from the St. Joseph Scholarship Fund.



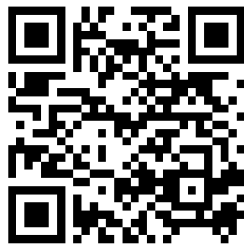
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We sincerely thank everyone who contributed to our online giving day this year! You helped us surpass our goal of \$40K and made it possible for us to renovate the gym bathrooms and weight room. Your gifts will impact many students and community members for years to come.



Thank you for supporting our Speech & Debate program. We still have a few flowers left. If you would like one, please contact the front office.

## 2023-2024 Annual Fund



**\$50,508**  
2023-2024 Annual  
Fund Campaign  
Kick-Off

*Please prayerfully consider giving to this fund by scanning the QR code.*



The Annual Fund supports the school's current needs, such as projects that may fall outside of our yearly budget. All gifts to the annual fund will help with the beautification and maintenance of our historic campus, buildings, and classrooms. Whether it is a one-time or monthly commitment, the regularity of your donation will help us better plan for future projects. Please prayerfully consider giving to this fund by scanning the code. No matter the size, every gift will impact the students' hearts at JPG.

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

# SEASON OF GIVING

*We are grateful...*



## St. Nicholas Faculty & Staff Gift Fund

To show our gratitude and appreciation for our faculty and staff, this gift fund is set up each year so we can join together, so each teacher and staff member gets a lovely gift of appreciation. Also, join us in giving them an eternal gift in the form of a spiritual bouquet. (prayers, sacrifices, holy hour, Mass offerings, novenas, etc.).

**No amount is too small & there is No obligation!**

On the last day of school before Christmas break, each teacher and staff member will receive a nice card, including a spiritual bouquet and the monetary gift that the PTO will present.

**DONATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**

**Donations:** Send your gift to the front office in a sealed envelope labeled "PTO."

Make your check payable to JPG Teacher Fund, which is tax-deductible.

Corporate Donations are also encouraged! Venmo available - @jpgacademy

To make a gift using your credit card, contact Sarah McManus at smcmanus@jpgacademy.org or (337)-280-6906.

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**Spiritual Gifts:** Contact Arleen LeBlanc if you would like to offer a spiritual bouquet for a specific teacher or staff member. (arleen@bonafire.com) or text (337)-288-0853 or sign up by scanning the QR Code.



**JPG's 2023 Advent Food Drive**

sponsored by the JPG prefect council

*Students bring to school any type of pasta to be  
donated to FoodNet Food Bank of Catholic  
Charities of Acadiana.*

Lower School drop off in the Refectory  
Upper School drop off in each House Classroom

**LAST DAY TO DROP OFF IS DECEMBER 11**



*Veritas*  
MISSION OF TRUTH

**APRIL 13, 2024**

FEATURING  
**JIM CAVIEZEL**

CATHOLIC FAITH ADVOCATE, ACCLAIMED ACTOR,  
INSPIRING SPEAKER, ICONIC PORTRAYAL OF  
JESUS, PHILANTHROPIC LEADER

**INTERESTED IN MEETING  
JIM CAVIEZEL?**

Contact **Mrs. Morgan Garcia-Prieto**  
for sponsorship information  
mgarciaaprieto@jpgacademy.org or  
337-889-5345.



SPONSORSHIP INFO



PURCHASE TICKETS

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## December 2023 Upper School Exam Schedule

Monday, December 18, 2023		
	EXAM 1, 8:30-10:00	EXAM 2, 10:15-11:45
7th grade	Literature	Latin I-A Latin I-B Latin I Latin II
8th grade	Literature	
9th grade	Scripture	
10th grade	Church History	
11th grade	Moral Theology	
12th grade	Sacraments	

Tuesday, December 19, 2023		
	EXAM 1, 8:30-10:00	EXAM 2, 10:15-11:45
7th grade	Physical Science I	Pre-Algebra
8th grade	Algebra I	Astronomy
9th grade	Geometry	Astronomy
10th grade	Algebra II	Chemistry
11th grade	Advanced Math	Biology
12th grade	Calculus	Senior Science

Wednesday, December 20, 2023		
	EXAM 1, 8:30-10:00	EXAM 2, 10:15-11:45
7th grade	Religion	Geography
8th grade	Religion	Louisiana Studies
9th grade	Ancient World - Part I	Ancient World - Part II
10th grade	Medieval World - Part I	Medieval World - Part II
11th grade	Modern World - Part I	Modern World - Part II
12th grade	American Studies - Part I	American Studies - Part II

\*Students who do not have an exam (for example, during the language block) may check out or must report to a study hall during their open exam time.

## December Good Stewards List

The following is a list of campus areas JPG is currently working towards improving this month. To assist these or other campus beautification projects, please email [rdufrene@jpgacademy.org](mailto:rdufrene@jpgacademy.org)

- ☒ Winterizing Campus
- ☒ Roof on Main Building
- ☒ Painting Library



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT ACADEMY  
presents

## Lower School's Christmas Nativity Play

Monday, December 11 | Blessed Frassati Gym  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

