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# THE GUARDIAN

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FROM THE DESK OF

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"Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power...**Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ...**Do not be afraid. Christ knows "what is in man". He alone knows it. -Pope St. John Paul II, Inaugural Homily as Supreme Pontiff October 22, 1978



The Holy Season of Advent is an invitation to the whole world to do exactly what our Patron invites us to do in his first homily as pope, to "open wide the doors for Christ", Christ who came to us in the manger of Bethlehem, comes to us today in the life of His Grace, and will come again in glory at the end of time to inaugurate a New Heaven and a New Earth.

Christ comes to us, but "when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Lk 18:8b) By our prayer, penances, self-denial, and generosity during this Holy Season we prepare for His coming among us and welcome Him with hearts that long for His salvation for ourselves, our family, our nation, and our world. Remember, the best way to prepare for Christmas on December 25 is to commit to Advent until December 24. Holy Mother Church knows what we need and has given us a full Season of Advent that lasts until the Christmas Season begins on December 25 and ends with the Baptism of the Lord.

As the school year began, I invited everyone to participate in the work of building a Catholic culture together here at JPG by the cultural commitments of **discipleship**, a

**culture of life, integral knowledge, and conversion.** This Advent, I would like to renew my invitation with an emphasis on our **commitment to discipleship.** We are a school on a mission to "promote the sacred traditions of the Roman Catholic Church." (JPG Mission) The foundation of our mission is "the one thing necessary" (Lk 10:42), an active relationship with Jesus Christ as the Lord and Master of our lives. Our school's mission cannot be accomplished unless it is the Lord who "builds our house", and we would labor in vain unless we labor to accomplish His Will for us and our school. (Ps 127:1) The life we share through accomplishing our mission together should makes it easier for us to be better disciples, better students (discipuli in Latin) of Christ the Teacher. The most important thing for all of us is God's Will for our lives and we should be committed to helping others find His Will and live it with courage. The door for Christ MUST be wide open at JPG! To this end, I ask every one of us to journey together this Advent Season as disciples of the Lord in a specific way. Choose a small group of friends to journey with. Meet regularly to pray together and discuss some aspect of following the Lord, encouraging each other to "do whatever He tells you." (Jn 2:5) There are many resources I would recommend to you for this time together, but here are a few high on my list:

- Pray the Holy Rosary together weekly with friends.
- Prayerfully read the Advent Reflections JPG has published and discuss them with a group of friends once a week focusing on what you think the Lord is calling you to through the reflections.
- Listen to the first episodes of Season 2 of *La Bonne Vie*, JPG's official podcast available on the website or podcasting platforms. The Advent episodes are focused on cultural commitments, discipleship, and Christ the Teacher. Talk about the episode with friends and share what Christ might be calling you to.

I pray God blesses all of us with an abundance of His grace this Holy Advent Season.

## CALENDAR

Dec 6	Pasta Drive Donations Due
Dec 8	All School Mass, Immaculate Conception
Dec 9	House T-Shirts
Dec 10	Collarnary Cook Off
Dec 12	Christmas Play
Dec 15	Totus Tuus Thursday
Dec 16	• St. Nicholas Gifts Due • United Way Teacher Awards Nominations Due
Dec 18	January Lunch Orders Due
Dec 19-21	• Upper School Exams, • NOON DISMISSAL • No Aftercare • Bagged Lunches
Dec 22- Jan 8	NO SCHOOL, Christmas Holiday
Jan 9	Classes Resume
Jan 16	NO SCHOOL, MLK Jr. Day

OMNIA IN EXCELLENTIA AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM



## SEASON OF GIVING

*Thank you!*

The Advent Wreath fundraiser was a fantastic success! Thank you to all volunteers, donors, and customers who contributed to this beautiful project that supports JPG and glorifies God this Advent season.



*Thanks be to God for a successful  
#iGiveCatholic 2022 campaign!*

By His grace and the hard work of our community, we reached our goal of \$30,000 to benefit the athletic programs which accomplish our mission of educating the whole person in seeking what is one, true, good, and beautiful in the classroom and on the field or court. We are so grateful for our new parents, grandparents, extended family, and friends who participated for the first time in #iGiveCatholic. We also saw great participation from our Board, Administration, Faculty, Parents, and Students who continue to generously support our mission and community. #iGiveCatholic not only meets a financial need, but accomplishes our mission to be a small community where we can flourish in the virtues of generosity and participation.



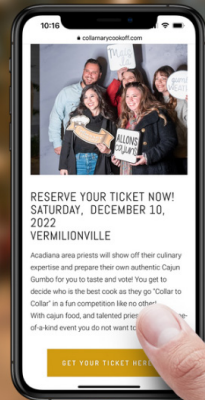
**SATURDAY, DEC 10**  
**Vermilionville 6:45pm**  
*Parent Discount Code: JPGPARENT*

**We'll See You There!**

Tickets include:

- Entry into the event at Vermilionville
- All you can eat of Priests' Gumbo
- Draft Beer Selection
- Dessert
- Onsite Buffet

[www.CollarnaryCookOff.com](http://www.CollarnaryCookOff.com)



JPG's 2022 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:  
Dec 6**







Recommit to prayer this Advent season with a visit to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Adoration Chapel.

## SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Perpetual Adoration Chapel at John Paul the Great Academy

<b>SUN</b>	<b>WED</b>
1:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	12:00 PM
<b>SAT</b>	<b>PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED</b>
10:00 AM	MON 2:00 PM WED 3:00 PM SUN 2:00 PM

**COMMITTED ADORERS NEEDED!**

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth."  
~ St. Mother Teresa

LIST UPDATED AS OF NOVEMBER 23

## 2022 JPG Lower School Christmas Play

# Monday, Dec 12 at 6:00 p.m.

## Blessed Frassati Gym at JPG

### Featuring Students in PreK3 - 4th Grade

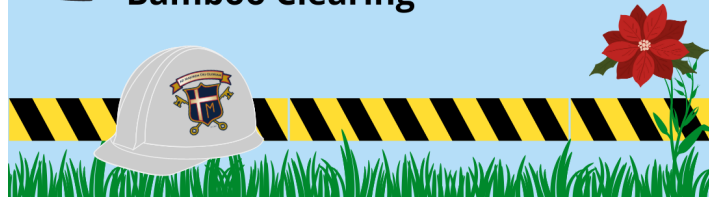
Back in person this year!  
Family & friends are welcome. Carpooling is encouraged for easy parking.

A copy of the play on DVD will be available for purchase at a later date.

## December Good Stewards List

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

- ☒ **Winterizing Campus**
- ☐ **Main Building Window Painting**
- ☒ **Reseal & Texturize LS Boardwalk**
- ☒ **Bamboo Clearing**



## 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: THURSDAY, 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!

To make a gift using your credit card, contact Sarah McManus at

[smcmanus@jpgacademy.org](mailto:smcmanus@jpgacademy.org) or (337)-280-6906.

**Spiritual Gifts:** Contact Arleen LeBlanc if you would like to offer a spiritual bouquet for a specific teacher or staff member.

([arleen@bonafire.com](mailto:arleen@bonafire.com)) or text (337)-288-0853

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## December 2022 Upper School Exam Schedule

### Monday, December 19, 2022

	EXAM 1, 8:30-10:00	EXAM 2, 10:15-11:45
7th grade	Literature	Physical Science I
8th grade	Literature	Physics
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

### Tuesday, December 20, 2022

	EXAM 1, 8:30-10:00	EXAM 2, 10:15-11:45
7th grade	Religion	Latin I-A Latin I-B Latin I Latin II/III
8th grade	Religion	
9th grade	Scripture	
10th grade	Church History	
11th grade	Moral Theology	
12th grade	Sacraments	

### Wednesday, December 21, 2022

	EXAM 1, 8:30-10:00	EXAM 2, 10:15-11:45
7th grade	Geography	Pre-Algebra
8th grade	Algebra I Geometry	Louisiana Studies
9th grade		Astronomy
10th grade	Algebra II	Chemistry
11th grade	Advanced Math	Biology
12th grade	Calculus	Senior Science

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



**KARLO BROUSSARD**

APOLOGIST & SPEAKER  
LOUISIANA NATIVE

VISTING JPG UPPER  
SCHOOL STUDENTS

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6**



Karlo has published articles on a variety of subjects in Catholic Answers Magazine, is a regular guest on Catholic Answers Live, and is an active writer for Catholic Answers Magazine Online at catholic.com.

## JPG Vocations Cross



Visit [jpgacademy.org/vocationscross](http://jpgacademy.org/vocationscross) to sign up to take the vocations cross home & to see the updated list of JPG Vocations.



## SPELLING BEE

GRADES 3-5



### ROUND 2: SCHOOL SPELLING BEE

**Wednesday, December 21**

10:30 a.m. Blessed Frassati Gym

THE WINNER WILL REPRESENT JPG AT  
THE REGIONAL SPELLING BEE IN THE SPRING

**1ST PLACE--\$20**

**2ND PLACE--\$10**

**3RD PLACE--\$5**

