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THE GUARDIAN

THE MONTHLY NEWS PUBLICATION AT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT ACADEMY

FROM THE DESK OF

Mrs. Angela Odinet HEAD OF SCHOOL

As we feel the first cooler breezes of fall and are leaving each morning to the majesty of the early morning sun rising, I am once again in awe of this beautiful world around us. I love this time of year. Fall is always my favorite season, but even more so this year. This fall at JPG we have entered into a season of giving. I am particularly grateful for this season because in giving, we serve one another. And in serving, we minister to each other. In these relationships, the reward for giving, serving, and ministering is simply awesome.



How so? The giver and the server are devoting themselves to another. They are letting go of time, talent, and treasure for another. But this letting go is not a loss; it is a blessing. The blessing of giving, serving, and ministering is clear if we consider that, "ministry is, first of all, receiving God's blessing from those to whom we minister. What is this blessing? It is a glimpse of the face of God." (*Here and Now: Living in the Spirit* by Henri J. M. Nouwen) Truly a glimpse of His face- how powerful! Would that I be so fortunate. We know that in *The Servant Song* we sing, "Will you let me be your servant? Let me be as Christ to you." How beautiful. To be as Him to another. To even imagine walking in His footsteps – how inspiring. To give but yet receive so much in return.

Yet, asking people to give, inviting them into this encounter of service and ministry, is so very difficult. It is difficult because we are asking our friends and our family to give their time and their treasure. And here at JPG, we ask you often. We ask for volunteers for Fall Fest or for the latest athletic event. We ask for financial contributions to our Annual Fund, to #iGiveCatholic, or to the Collarnary Cookoff. We ask for your gift not to drain our community or to deplete it of the richness of its gifts. But we ask because we are a community and we are working to strengthen or expand the work of the kingdom. In this way, "we are also inviting you into a new spiritual communion." (*A Spirituality of Fundraising* by Henri J. M. Nouwen) Each time that we approach you for your time or treasure, we are inviting you into a "vision of fruitfulness and into a vision that is fruitful." We want you to join us so "that together we begin to see what God means when God says, 'Be fruitful.' (Gen. 1:28)."

And so in this new Season of Giving, we are asking you again. Join us. Be fruitful. Say yes with us on this journey of service and ministry. Let us work toward having 100% of our community give. Consider 100% of our community fulfilling the Annual Fund. So many would be served and even more would be blessed.

As with all things here at JPG, this journey begins in prayer. Remember Luke's Gospel, "To whom much is given, much will be expected." We are all abundantly blessed in our own ways. Whether time or treasure, share it abundantly. And know your sharing is matched only by our love for this community and these little children entrusted to our care. We will work endlessly (more and more than is expected) on the mission and vision of raising saints and building a future in the kingdom.

Join us.
Pray. Give. Connect.

Angela B. Odinet

CALENDAR

Nov 4	Early Dismissal @ 1:30 p.m.
Nov 9	Upper School Picture Day
Nov 10	Headmaster's Challenge Shirts
Nov 11	3rd-6th Grade Picture Day House T-Shirts Women of JPG @ 6:00 p.m.
Nov 21-25	NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov 16	Upper School Quarterly Retreat
Nov 17	Totus Tuus Thursday
Nov 18	December Lunch Orders Due
Nov 19	Source & Summit
Nov 29	#iGiveCatholic Virtual Giving Day
Dec 8	All School Mass, Immaculate Conception
Dec 10	Collarnary Cook Off

OMNIA IN EXCELLENTIA AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM



GUARDIAN NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!



Guardian Football won the ACEL 8-Man Football State Championship on October 30! The Guardians defeated SWLA 42-6.



Guardian Volleyball claimed the ACEL Varsity Girls D2 Volleyball State Championship on Saturday, Oct. 30! The Guardians defeated Brighton 3-0.



ANNUAL FUND

What is it?

The Annual Fund supports the current needs of our Pre-K through 12th academic programs, builds classroom resources, maintains our school's historic campus, and helps to enrich our non-academic programs such as art, choir, Catechisis of the Good Shepherd, physical education classes, and athletic needs for Lower and Upper School sports.

Why does it matter?

Every donation makes a difference. Your gift, large or small, one time or monthly helps John Paul the Great Academy form bold leaders & future saints.



One of the best ways to support John Paul the Great Academy is through the Annual Fund by setting up an **automatic monthly** gift through our secure website.

\$210,000

\$104,000
Left to go!

\$106,000
October 2022 Annual Fund Campaign Kick-Off

\$58,000
January 2022



Scan to give securely to the Annual Fund!

The regularity of your donation will help us **better financially plan** for the maintenance of the grounds and buildings, academic programming, and enrichment of non-academic programs. Most importantly, your gift will **directly impact the hearts and minds of students** at JPG. If you are already supporting us, thank you! And please continue to do so. If you are not, we ask you to prayerfully consider how you are called to give to JPG.

JOIN US FOR
#iGIVECATHOLIC



NOVEMBER 29, 2022
BENEFITING



GUARDIAN
ATHLETICS






SOURCE & SUMMIT
putting the Eucharistic lifestyle into practice

november 19 | 8am to 4pm



for more information
and to rsvp, scan the
QR code to the left

“The Eucharist is the ‘source and summit of the Christian life.’”
- CCC 1324 Join the JPG community in coming to know the joy of this Eucharistic Christian life. Our day will begin with the Source: Mass and Adoration. Then we will bring Christ out into the world by serving the poor in Acadiana. We will end our day back at JPG, with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament: the Summit. Scan the QR Code to learn more.



JPG Advent Wreath

PRE-ORDER

A FUNDRAISER FOR JPG'S ANNUAL FUND!

*Live Advent wreaths 12-14" in diameter
with four Advent candles included*

Pick Up: Saturday, November 26
Cost: \$40, (\$35 if ordered before November 1)




*A great corporate
or personal gift!*

*Pre-Order
Here*



Money NOT being collected at this time. Complete the pre-order form & pay later when contacted.

Questions?
Email jpgadventwreaths@gmail.com or
text Ashley David at 337-298-1177




WOMEN of JPG

FR. TED BROUSSARD


Please join us Friday,
November 11, in the JPG
Refectory from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
with speaker Fr. Ted Broussard
on the Eucharistic Revival. All
women are invited.

NOVEMBER 11 • 6:00 P.M.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL



RSVP &
SIGN UP HERE




SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Perpetual Adoration Chapel at John Paul the Great Academy

SUN	
4:00 AM	4:00 PM
1:00 PM	5:00 PM

WED	FRI
3:00 PM	12:00 PM
PRAYER PARTNER NEEDED	



LIST UPDATED AS OF OCTOBER 29
SIGN UP ONLINE:
jpgacademy.org/adoration



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



JPG Vocations Cross

JPG Families are invited to sign up for a week to take home and pray with the JPG Vocations Cross. We are excited to revive this tradition and to pray together for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life from our school community. Email Ms. Byers, ebyers@jpgacademy.org, if you have any questions.

Visit 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 1: CLASSROOM SPELLING BEE

Friday, November 18
Top 3 in each class
advance to the next round

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

GUARDIAN SOCCER				
22-23 JV/Varsity Season Schedule				
Date	Opponent	Team	Time	Location
Nov 1	AHSA	JV/Varsity	5:30/7:00 PM	Moore Park
Nov 3	Messiah	JV	5:30 PM	Moore Park
Nov 3	AHAA	Varsity	7:00 PM	Moore Park
Nov 7	Open Door	JV/Varsity	2:00/3:30 PM	Denham Springs
Nov 10	AHAA	Varsity	6:00 PM	Alexandria
Nov 17	SWLA	JV/Varsity	5:30/7:00 PM	Moss Bluff
Nov 28	AHSA	JV/Varsity	5:30/7:00 PM	Moore Park
Dec 1	CHEF	JV/Varsity	5:30/7:00 PM	Denham Springs
Dec 5	CHSAA	Varsity	6:00 PM	Moore Park
Dec 8	Messiah	JV	5:30 PM	Houma
Dec 12	CHSAA	Varsity	6:00 PM	Lafayette
Dec 15	Open Door	JV/Varsity	5:30/7:00 PM	Moore Park
Jan 9	SWLA	JV/Varsity	5:30/7:00 PM	Moore Park
Jan 23-27	Playoffs	JV/Varsity	TBA	TBA

Home Games Bolded
Senior Night

Dates & Times subject to change



GUARDIAN BASKETBALL

Home Games Bolded

Dates & Times subject to change



22-23 GIRLS Varsity Season Schedule				
Date	Opponent	Time	Location	
Nov 1	SWLA	6:00 PM	JPG	
Nov 4	FTCA	6:00 PM	Leesville	
Nov 8	CHEF	6:00 PM	Baton Rouge	
Nov 11	MOCS	6:00 PM	Athens	
Dec 2	CHEF	6:00 PM	JPG	
Dec 9	MOCS	6:00 PM	JPG	
Dec 13	SWLA	6:00 PM	Westlake	
Dec 16	CHA	5:30 PM	JPG	
Jan 17	CHA	6:00 PM	Monroe	
Jan 24	FTCA (senior night)	5:30 PM	JPG	

22-23 BOYS Varsity Season Schedule				
Date	Opponent	Time	Location	
Nov 1	SWLA	7:30 PM	JPG	
Nov 4	FTCA	7:00 PM	Leesville	
Nov 8	CHEF	7:15 PM	Baton Rouge	
Nov 11	Brighton	6:00 PM	Baton Rouge	
Nov 14	ACS	6:00 PM	JPG	
Nov 15	Bishop Noland	6:00 PM	Lake Charles	
Nov 18	WOGA	6:00 PM	JPG	
Dec 2	CHEF	7:00 PM	JPG	
Dec 6	CHSAA	6:00 PM	JPG	
Dec 9	CAL	7:15 PM	JPG	
Dec 12	SWLA	7:30 PM	Moss Bluff	
Dec 16	CHA	7:00 PM	JPG	
Jan 6	Shreveport	6:00 PM	Shreveport	
Jan 10	FBSC	5:00 PM	Lafayette	
Jan 17	ACS	6:00 PM	New Iberia	
Jan 24	Bishop Noland (senior night)	7:00 PM	JPG	