

THE GUARDIAN

The Monthly News Publication at John Paul the Great Academy

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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 simple.



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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.

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	NO SCHOOL,
21-25	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

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.

Angula B. Odinet



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CONGRATULATIONS!

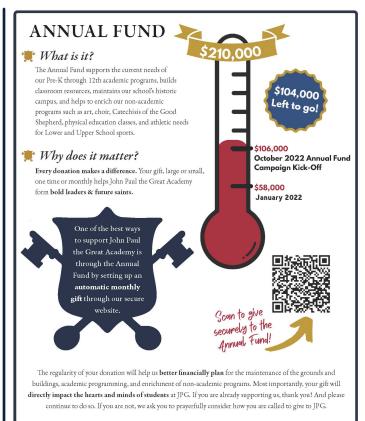


Guardian Football won the ACEL 8-Man Football State Championship on October 30! The Guardians defeated SWLA 42-6.



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







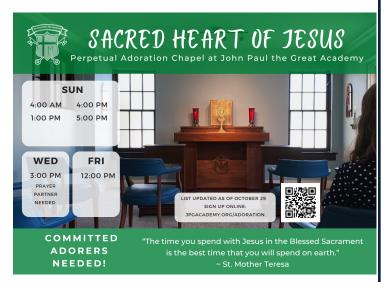
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"The Eucharist is the 'source and summit of the Christian life."

- 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.





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)



Pre-Order



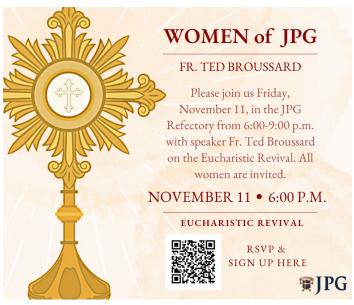
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Money NOT being collected at this time. Complete the pre-order form & pay later when contacted.

Questions?

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



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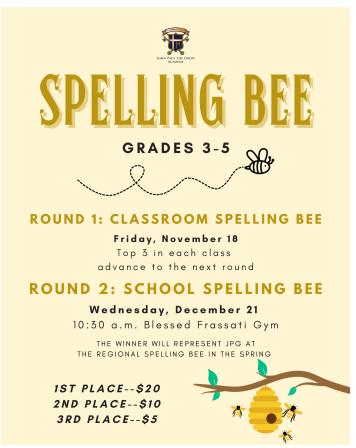


JPG Vocations Cross

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.







Home Games Bolded

Dates & Times subject to change



Date	Onn Want	T	Location
V 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
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22-23	BOYS Vars	ity 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	FBCS	5:00 PM	Lafayette
Jan 17	ACS	6:00 PM	New Iberia
Jan 24	Bishop Nolan (senior n		JPG