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THE GUARDIAN

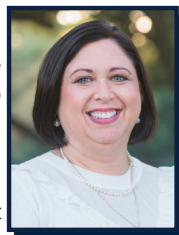
THE MONTHLY NEWS PUBLICATION AT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT ACADEMY

FROM THE DESK OF

Mrs. Angela Odinet HEAD OF SCHOOL

This Summer as I sat at my sister in law's kitchen table, I noticed a new picture on the wall. It read, *"this is the beginning of anything you want."* There was no author listed and it was not beautifully decorated. It just hung there on the wall, anonymous and boring in beige and white. Yet, my eyes kept drifting back to it.

This is the beginning of anything you want. Can I begin something without first asking what do I want or rather, what does God want for me? In one of my readings this summer, I was challenged to think about whether I was complacently seeking those things that kept me comfortable or did I search out that which was hard but would allow me to grow? Did I seek to be a better version of myself everyday or just remain where I am because here is not so bad? I hoped that I sought discomfort and the better version of myself where this growth would be measured not in perfection but rather by my level of contribution and commitment. Could I too be a better version of myself as a parent and as a leader? Was I seeking the same? To all of these questions, I prayed for a resounding, "YES!"



Even with a sure yes, I know that I cannot do this alone. (Mt 18:18-20, Ec 4:11) As members of this community, we need to inspire and motivate each other to grow and to become better. When we reflect, we should consider: How are we as parents becoming better versions of ourselves? How are we as parents providing a better culture for our children?

This summer did we run, play, read, talk to our child(ren) – just be with our child(ren)? As we begin this new school year will we be able to answer the hard questions, whether we are positively seeking to serve the community and whether we seek to be subservient and adhere to wisdom and governance? Will we attend meetings, complete service hours, and support our child(ren)'s teacher? Will our children become better students? Have we considered our example of accountability as parents? Will we remind our students that they are expected to work hard and to take accountability for their work, through demonstrating that behavior for them? Will we expect them to be active participants in their education, not merely passive spectators? As faculty and staff will we accompany our students, each and every one, even when it is hard? Will we guide our students to wisdom and virtue through our own experiences, knowledge, and reliance on our faith? To all of these questions, I pray for a resounding, "YES!"

We learn through the model of Christ as our teacher and through the beautiful words of our patron that faith and reason must work together. "[f]aith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth—in a word, to know himself—so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves (cf. Ex 33:18; Ps 27:8-9; 63:2-3; Jn 14:8; 1 Jn 3:2)." Therefore, in seeking faith and reason, we also seek the truth. We seek the truth and know that the truth at its source is of the Holy Spirit (St. Thomas Aquinas) and we rely on the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

This is also the beginning of what He wants for us. The path of truth is not always easy, but it is undoubtedly worth it. It calls us to be honest with ourselves, to confront our fears and weaknesses, and to embrace vulnerability. When we choose to follow the Holy Spirit's guidance, we surrender our own desires and submit our open hearts to Christ. This divine connection allows us to tap into wisdom beyond our own understanding, leading us towards the path of righteousness and fulfillment. Remember that this is not just

a temporary endeavor; it is an invitation for a lifelong commitment. It is precisely what Christ desires for us.

This year we desire to enter into this partnership with each of you, rooted in faith and reason, seeking the truth and discovering the richness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We invite you to join in, to join us in the pursuit of holiness and in bringing our children one step closer to becoming saints.

Angela B. Odinet

CALENDAR

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| Aug 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lower School Meet & Greet• New Parent Meeting |
| Aug 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Day of School• Upper School Orientation |
| Aug 11 | All School Mass - Welcome Back |
| Aug 15 | All School Mass - Feast of the Assumption |
| Aug 23 | Upper School Back to School Night/Pilgrimage Meetings |
| Aug 26 | Back to School Social |
| Aug 30 | Lower School Back to School Night |
| Sept 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Mass - First Friday• All School Photo |
| Sept 4 | No School - Labor Day Holiday |
| Sept 25-29 | Upper School Pilgrimage Week |
| Sept 29 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Men of JPG• First Academic Quarter Ends |



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WELCOME TO JPG! NEW FACULTY & STAFF



Mr. Max Dugan
Upper School Humanities and Latin



Mr. Randon Dufrene
Horticulture and Land Management



Dr. Cory Hayes
*Dean of Discipline,
Upper School Theology and Latin*



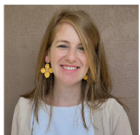
Mrs. Jenn Hayes
*Kindergarten & 1st Grade Art,
St. Philomena's House*



Ms. Mary Leece
Upper School Math and Humanities



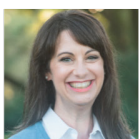
Mr. Jacob LeJeune, '16
*Athletic Director,
Upper School P.E., Assistant Football Coach*



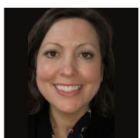
Mrs. Nicole LeJeune
Lower School, 4th Grade Teacher



Mr. Paul LeJeune
Director of Maintenance



Mrs. Margaret Moore
Returning to Front Office



Mrs. Lisa Ortego
Special Services



Mrs. Mariangel Rachadell
Cafeteria Assistant

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

August 8 - Lower School Meet & Greet

(Floating 12:00-3:00 p.m.)

- For all new & returning Lower School (PreK-6th) students.
- Students & families may come anytime between 12:00-3:00 p.m. to meet their teachers & drop off school supplies at this time to avoid carrying in lots of bags on the first day of school.

August 10 - First Day of School

- Upper School New Student Orientation

August 11 - All School Mass

- Welcome Back Mass for all of JPG!



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Upper School BTSN & Pilgrimage Meetings WEDNESDAY, August 23

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

- Parents meet at 5:00 p.m. in these Upper School Classrooms to learn about pilgrimage. If you have more than one Upper School student, split your time or check in with the lead teachers before you leave.
 - 7th Grade: St. John Chrysostom - 1st Floor
 - 8th Grade: St. Augustine - 2nd Floor
 - 9th Grade: St. Teresa of Avila - 3rd Floor
 - 10th Grade: Refectory
 - 11th Grade: Library - 2nd Floor
 - 12th Grade: St. Joseph - 1st Floor
- All parents gather in Chapel/Refectory at 6:00 p.m. before you walk your students' schedules. Schedules will be distributed then.

Lower School BTSN WEDNESDAY, August 30

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

- Parents gather first in the Chapel/Refectory for a welcome & presentations from Art, Music, and CGS.
- Parents will have multiple rotations to visit your students' classrooms and get a preview of their year at JPG.

UNIFORM GUIDE

BOYS UNIFORMS



Pre-K & K

Grades 1-12

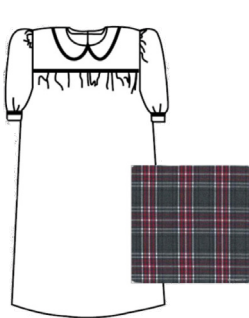
*Mass Uniforms
Grades Pre-K-12
(Blazers optional for Pre-K-6)*

Footwear Examples:



GIRLS UNIFORMS

Pre-K & K



Grades 1-4



Grades 5-12



*Mass Uniform
(Vest only required
for grades 9-12)*

Footwear Examples:



ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Our first day of school is Thursday, August 10th. Students can be dropped off as early as 7:30 a.m. The bell rings at 7:55 a.m. Students who arrive to their classroom after 7:55 a.m. are considered tardy and a parent must sign student in at the Front Office and receive a tardy slip, which admits them to their first hour class. Dismissal is at 3:10 p.m. Carline for Arrival and Dismissal will follow the same procedure. *See below.*



CARLINE PROCEDURES

Carline begins at the school's entrance, Oak Alley, and flows counter-clockwise around the Main Building. Once behind the Main Building you will see the "drop-off zone". No students are allowed to be dropped off or picked up in the gravel parking lots.

Pre-K

On the first day of school, Thursday, August 10 through Monday, August 14 all parents of Pre-K students are invited to park in the JPG parking lot and walk their students to class.

Kindergarten

Parents will be allowed to park in the JPG parking lot and walk their Kindergartener to class on the first day of school, Thursday, August 10 and Friday, August 11 only.

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

All Before & After Care forms must be completed and turned into the front office by the first day of school. Digital forms are available on the website.

Families can email the front office if their child will need to be dropped off earlier than 7:30 a.m. for Before Care or will need to stay later than school hours for After Care.

Before Care begins at 7:15 a.m. until carline starts at 7:30 a.m. If you are not utilizing before care, please avoid using the right lane prior to 7:30 a.m. to allow for the flow of traffic for before care drop-off. After Care begins at the end of carline at 3:45 p.m. and ends at 5:30 p.m.



Farewell & Thank You

For almost eight years, Mr. Marty Hebert has given countless hours selflessly to the school as Athletic Director. Under his guidance, we have seen Guardian Athletics flourish and afford our students opportunities to grow in virtue on and off the field of play. We are grateful for his dedication to Guardian Athletics and to our community. Thank you, Marty! His experience and guidance are a blessing to our new Athletic Director, Mr. Jacob Lejeune ('16). Marty has worked with Jacob throughout the summer, and he will continue to serve as the President of the ACEL Athletic Board. You will also see him serving at football games this fall. Please thank Marty Hebert and welcome Jacob Lejeune.

August Good Stewards List

The following is a list of campus areas JPG has currently improved this summer. If you would like to assist with future campus beautification projects, please email

rdufrene@jpgacademy.org

- ✓ Replaced some AC units
- ✓ Cleaned and serviced all AC units
- ✓ Repaired two water leaks
- ✓ Stripped, waxed, & sealed all floors
- ✓ Completed exterior window trim painting
- ✓ Continued mold testing, cleaning, & abatement
- ✓ Grounds upkeep & initiated new projects
(regenerative gardening and indigenous plant growth)

JPG ONLINE SPIRIT SHOP


NEW MERCHANDISE

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

LABOR DAY

NO SCHOOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!

Back to School Checklist

- ✓ Tuition Contract, signed and returned
- ✓ Statement of Acceptance from Handbook, signed and returned
- ✓ School Supplies, purchased
- ✓ Summer Reading, completed
- ✓ Uniforms, Shoes, Lunchbox, Booksack
- ✓ Medication Admin Form, completed
- ✓ Totus Tuus Spirit Shirt, ordered
- ✓ Before/Aftercare Form, completed

Stay in the Know!

- » Check your email and mail regularly
- » Subscribe to Weekly Reminder email

Find helpful information throughout the school year on the "Parents" tab on the website:

- 2023-2024 School Calendar
- Headmaster's Challenge Reading Lists
- Lunch Menu & Orders
- Before/Aftercare
- 2023-2024 Handbook
- Service Hour Log
- Renweb Parent Help

jpgacademy.org/parents-1

Follow us on social media!

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JESUS ON CAMPUS!

Please prayerfully consider covering an open hour this school year in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Perpetual Adoration Chapel at JPG. Bring the whole family and make this weekly visit an opportunity to pray for a fruitful 2023-2024 school year!



SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Perpetual Adoration Chapel
at John Paul the Great Academy

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| SUN 12:00 AM 12:00 PM 9:00 AM 2:00 PM 10:00 AM | | MON 10:00 AM 4:00 PM |
| WED 4:00 PM | FRI 5:00 PM 6:00 PM | SAT 1:00 AM 9:00 AM 12:00 PM 10:00 PM |
| THURS 7:00 PM | | |

SIGN UP ONLINE:
JPGACADEMY.ORG/ADORATION
 LIST UPDATED AS OF JULY 28



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