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DEAN OF STUDENT FORMATION



As you may have seen on this year's new *Totus Tuus* shirts, our formation theme for this school year is the Holy Spirit, Who leads us to the Truth (c.f. John 16:13). At the Last Supper, Jesus promised His disciples that the Holy Spirit would remain with them, would "teach [them] everything," and would recall to their memory all that He taught them (John 14:17, 26). St. Paul says that to be Christian means to "live by the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16), but what does this look like? When we live by the Spirit, we make use of His gifts and can see His fruits in our lives.

The seven gifts of the Spirit enumerated in Isaiah 11:1-2— wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, fear of the Lord, and piety— are given to every Christian at Baptism, but they are fully "activated" or developed in us through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Each of us has the same access to these gifts through the sacraments, but we must dispose ourselves to make use of them.

The nine fruits of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23— love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control— are evidence that we are allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through us to make us more like Christ. Like the Beatitudes, we can use the fruits of the Spirit as a sort of examen, a way to consider how we are responding to God's grace and how we may be missing the mark in our walk with Him.

On the first day of school, we invited our Upper School students to prayerfully reflect on which fruit(s) of the Spirit they can see in their lives and which one(s) they want to pray for the grace to cultivate this year. Perhaps this would be a great place to start a family dialogue: which fruits of the Spirit do we experience often as a family? Do we habitually practice kindness to one another? Then, which fruits do we desire to see in our family life? Perhaps we can pray for the grace to be more patient with one another or more committed to nurturing a peaceful environment in our home.

In a 1998 address to Ecclesial Movements and New Communities, our patron Pope John Paul the Great said this of the Holy Spirit:

The Holy Spirit, already at work in the creation of the world and in the Old Covenant, reveals himself in the Incarnation and the Paschal Mystery of the Son of God, and in a way "bursts out" at Pentecost to extend the mission of Christ the Lord in time and space. The Spirit thus makes the Church a stream of new life that flows through the history of mankind. ... Whenever the Spirit intervenes, He leaves people astonished. He brings about events of amazing newness; He radically changes persons and history.

Let us dive into this year's theme together, ready to experience a new life in the Spirit, ready to be astonished by Him!

CALENDAR

Sept 1	All School Mass - First Friday - All School Photo
Sept 4	NO SCHOOL, Labor Day
Sept 8	House Shirts
Sept 11-15	Homecoming Week
Sept 15	Homecoming Game/Senior Night
Sept 16	Fall Social
Sept 21	Totus Tuus Thursday
Sept 25-29	Upper School Pilgrimage Week
Sept 29	• First Academic Quarter Ends • Retreat, 5th, 6th, & 9th Grades
Oct 2-6	Fall Break
Oct 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences - No Classes

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GUARDIAN NEWS

WELCOME BACK, GUARDIANS!



Introducing A PROUD LEGACY



EVANGELINE FLOODY - PREK-3



MARY FRANCES FLOODY '15

Join us in welcoming the daughter of one of our cherished alumni to John Paul the Great Academy.

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

SUN
12:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:00 PM

TUES
9:00 PM
WED
1:00 AM

FRI
9:00 AM
5:00 PM
6:00 PM

SAT
1:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:00 PM
10:00 PM

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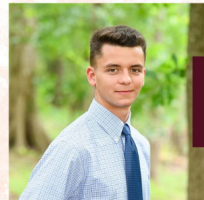
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ADORERS
NEEDED!**

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



Vocations Spotlight

JOHN FRUGE' JR. '23
Holy Trinity Seminary - Irving, TX



MIGUEL PAGAN '23
Holy Trinity Seminary - Irving, TX



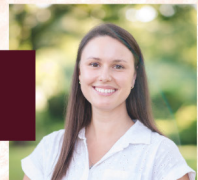
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GABRIELLE LEBLANC '23
Christ in the City, Denver, CO



ANNA ANGELLE
Community of Jesus Crucified



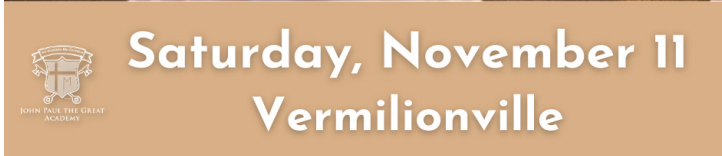
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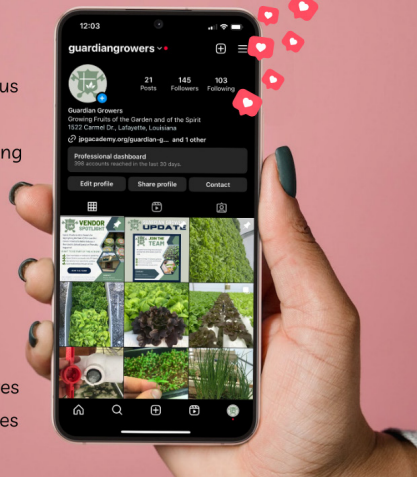
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 GUARDIAN FOOTBALL			
2023 Varsity Season Schedule			
Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Aug 11	Acadiana Christian	7:00 PM	Clark Field
Aug 17	First Baptist	7:00 PM	Clark Field
Aug 24	Northshore	7:00 PM	Covington
Sept 2	SWLA	7:00 PM	Lake Charles
Sept 8	Mt. Olive	7:00 PM	Clark Field
Sept 15	Northshore (Homecoming & Senior Night)	7:00 PM	Clark Field
Sept 21	First Baptist	7:00 PM	Lafayette
Oct 7	SWLA	6:00 PM	Teurlings
Oct 12	Mt. Olive	7:00 PM	Athens
Oct 19	Playoffs	TBD	TBD
Oct 28	Championship	TBD	Pineville
 Home Games Bolded Dates & Times subject to change			

 GUARDIAN VOLLEYBALL			
2023 JV & Varsity Season Schedule			
Date	Opponent	Team/Time	Location
Aug 15	ACS	V-5:30 PM	New Iberia
Aug 18	CHEF	JV-5:30 / V-6:30 PM	Baton Rouge
Aug 22	FBCS	JV-5:30 / V-6:30 PM	JPG
Aug 29	Legacy Christian	V-5:30 PM	Jennings
Aug 31	Mt. Olive	JV-5:30 / V-6:30 PM	Athens
Sept 5	Bishop Noland	V- 5:30 PM	JPG
Sept 12	AHAA	JV-5:30 / V-6:30 PM	Alexandria
Sept 14	FBCS	JV-5:30 / V-6:30 PM	Lafayette
Sept 19	ACS	JV-5:30 / V-6:30 PM	JPG
Oct 10	CHSAA	V-5:30 PM	JPG
Oct 13	AHSA	JV-5:30 / V-6:30 PM	JPG
Oct 16-24	Playoffs		
Oct 27-28	Championships		
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2023 Homecoming Week Details



Lower & Upper School Dress Up Days

Monday, September 11: CRAZY SOCK DAY
Kick off Homecoming week in your flashiest socks

Tuesday, September 12: SWEET STYLES DAY
Dress up as your favorite candy or candy-related character

Wednesday, September 13: MASS/SPIRIT DAY
Upper School: Mass Day Uniform
Lower School: JPG Spirit Shirt with uniform bottoms

Thursday, September 14: PEP RALLY
Pre-K & 3rd grade: Blue Shirt with uniform bottoms
Kindergarten & 4th grade: Green Shirt with uniform bottoms
1st & 5th grade: Yellow Shirt with uniform bottoms
2nd & 6th grade: Red/Pink Shirt with uniform bottoms
Upper School: House Shirt with uniform bottoms

Friday, September 15: MASS/SPIRIT DAY
Upper School: celebrate Senior Night today and come dressed as a Senior Citizen
Lower School: Mass Day Uniform