



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT
ACADEMY

THE GUARDIAN

OMNIA IN EXCELLENTIA - AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Guardians,

I hope your Lent has started well.

In Upper School our students started off Lent with an Ash Wednesday Retreat, and both Upper and Lower School will have altered Friday schedules to make time for the Stations of the Cross.

In case you have not seen the notification, we have canceled the parent meeting on March 18th and moved it to April 1st. No, that is not an April Fool's joke. We are delighted to be hosting a presentation on the Theology of the Body from Dumb Ox Ministries. One of our patron's greatest contributions to the Church, the Theology of the Body is a way of understanding the human person. The presentation should cover the Theology itself as well as some helpful thoughts for parents raising up children to understand their dignity. This will be of interest to us as parents. The event will be held in the gym. We look forward to seeing you all there.

As we approach our Gala on March 13th, we are excited to see ticket sales going so well. So here's another quick reminder to get your tickets for our Gala. They are going fast.

As our Gala speaker, Abby Johnson, will address the present issues in the pro-life movement, I want to ensure that you are aware of a connected item. As you may know, various states are seeking to establish their own laws surrounding the pro-life issue, so that when the right to abortion is overturned on the federal level and it reverts to being a state matter, as is anticipated to be the trend, laws will already be on the books to prohibit or limit murder in the womb. One of the most powerful of these laws is here in Louisiana. This November, Louisiana will hold a referendum on the Love Life Amendment, which would state that no right to abortion, or state funded abortions shall exist in Louisiana. Please pray for the success of this legislation. As a community, we can do so much by our prayers and our vote.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Gala on the 13th and again on April 1st for our Parent Meeting.

Nathanael Rea

Mr. Nathanael Rea
Headmaster

CALENDAR

- Mar 4 House Shirts
- Mar 5 Admissions Open House
- Mar 6 Women of JPG, Refectory
6:00 p.m.
- Mar 12 Headmaster's Challenge
Shirts
- Mar 13 JPG Gala feat. Abby Johnson
Le Pavillon, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 18 NOON DISMISSAL / Faculty
Development
NO AFTERCARE
NO HOT LUNCH
- Mar 19 ALL School Mass / St. Joseph
Feast Day
- Mar 21 Abbey Youth Fest
- Mar 24 Jostens Letterman Jacket
Order Day
- Mar 25 Lower School Class Pictures
- Mar 26 Totus Tuus Thursday
- Mar 27 Upper School Class Pictures
JPG Arts Night
- April 1 House Shirts
Parent Meeting with Dumb
Ox Ministries
- April 9 Lower School Passion Play
Headmaster's Challenge
Shirts



Congratulations to Manny Herrera for
catching the Courir de Mardi Gras chicken!
We expect a delicious gumbo from that!

UPCOMING EVENTS

13TH ANNUAL GALA

Please spread the word! Join us on **Friday, March 13** at Le Pavillon in Parc Lafayette for this year's Gala dinner.



THE 13TH ANNUAL
Veritas LECTURE & Gala DINNER
PRESENTED BY JOHN PAUL THE GREAT ACADEMY



ABBY JOHNSON
Author of UNPLANNED, the dramatic True Story of a former Planned Parenthood Leader's Eye-Opening Journey across the Life Line
PRO-LIFE ADVOCATE
Founder of AND THEN THERE WERE NONE, a nonprofit organization that exists to help abortion clinic workers leave the abortion industry

Friday, March 13, 2020

LE PAVILLON AT PARC LAFAYETTE

6 PM VIP SPONSOR RECEPTION
6:30 PM GENERAL ADMISSION DOORS OPEN
7 PM DINNER & PROGRAM

General Admission Tickets Before March 13 - \$100
General Admission Tickets At The Door- \$150

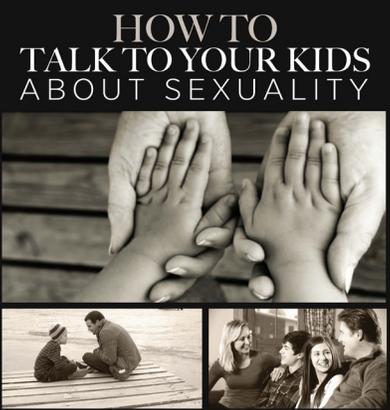
SPRING SHAKESPEARE PLAY

You are invited to attend the JPG Drama Club's 8th annual spring Shakespeare play, *Much Ado About Nothing!* All shows will be reserved seating with a free-will donation to JPG Performing Arts programs. NO tickets will be sold at the door. Seating is limited, so please use our Eventbrite page, linked on JPG's Facebook page, to reserve your seats (at no cost to you) and plan to make your donation when our actors "pass the hat" at each performance. All performances will be held in the JPG Library, on the second floor of the Main Building. Visit jpgacademy.org/drama to reserve your tickets!

- **Parents Night (Family Only): Tuesday, March 17, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, March 20, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, March 22, 2:00 p.m.**

QUARTERLY PARENT MEETING

Join us on **Wednesday, April 1** at 6:00 p.m. for this semester's parent meeting. Brian Butler with Dumb Ox Ministries will discuss how to talk to our kids about sexuality. *This is for parents only.* We encourage all parents to attend! This is for parents of children of all ages! The presentation will be in the Blessed Frassati Gym.



HOW TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT SEXUALITY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 — 6:00-8:00 PM
* John Paul the Great Academy - Frassati Gym *
* Refreshments Served & Babysitting Available *

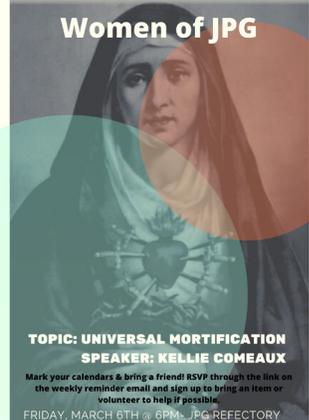
PARENTS OF CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.
This talk is for parents only...so please book your babysitters!

ARTS NIGHT

Save the Date! JPG Arts Night is **Friday, March 27** at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to enjoy the visual and performing arts talents of our JPG students!

WOMEN OF JPG

Join us on Friday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the refectory. Kellie Comeaux will be speaking about the virtue 'universal mortification', a timely topic for the season of Lent. Mark your calendars and bring a friend. You won't want to miss it!



Women of JPG

TOPIC: UNIVERSAL MORTIFICATION
SPEAKER: KELLIE COMEAUX

Mark your calendars & bring a friend! RSVP through the link on the weekly reminder email and sign up to bring an item or volunteer to help if possible!

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH @ 6PM - JPG REFECTORY

NOON DISMISSAL

Please note that we will have **NOON DISMISSAL** on **Wednesday, March 18** for faculty development. There will be no aftercare and no hot lunch.

2/27/2020 Adoration Vacant Hours = 15																
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We now have **15 vacant hours (V)** in our Adoration Chapel. To become a committed adorer or to fill an hour temporarily contact Maureen Herrera at mherrera@jpgacademy.org or visit JPGAcademy.org and click the Adoration tab at the top menu.

JPG CROSS

We are looking for Upper School families to take home the JPG Cross to pray for our school community after a Friday Mass for a week. Contact Sarah McManus, smcmanus@jpgacademy.org, or see the weekly reminders email for the link to sign up.

MARCH SERVANT LEADER

This month we highlight Mrs. Sarah McManus as our March Servant Leader. Mrs. McManus gives generously to JPG in every possible way. From coordinating a successful Grandparents Day to always staying on top of PTO duties, Mrs. McManus works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our school running smoothly. She is an incredible model of dedication and work ethic and a woman with a deep rooted faith. Thank you, Mrs. McManus, for being a servant leader to the JPG community. We are beyond grateful for you!



CONSTITUTION WEEK



LENTEN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for families to weed, clean, and spruce up the following areas at school before our beautiful St. Joseph feast day celebration/ procession on Thursday, March 19:

- Grotto
- Our Lady of Vocations statue
- Flag pole
- De la Salle statue
- Sacred Heart statue
- St. Joseph statue
- Front of 6th grade building
- Pieta garden

Contact Arleen LeBlanc (arleen@bonafire.com) to sign up to help! **A formal work day will not be scheduled. This is for families to do at their leisure before Thursday, March 19.**

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MARDI GRAS



Lower School participated in their own Courir de Mardi Gras with a parade put on by our third grade students and a traditional chicken chase. We love our Louisiana, heritage especially during this time of year!

GRANDPARENTS DAY

