

Portae

THE NEWSLETTER FOR
JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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ACCREDITATION VISIT

We are excited to announce that a visiting pair from TCCED will be here on Thursday, 10 November 2011 for a daylong visit. They will be meeting with teachers, parents, school council members, and reviewing our application and paperwork. This visit is a part of the process for our application for accreditation through TCCED.

Though on this kind of visit they do not have a lot of time to mingle around, we would ask for as many parents as possible to attend the morning coffee that day. That will make it possible, if they wanted to meet many parents to get a feeling for our school and our charism. Thanks!



CATHOLIC LIFE

ARE YOU SELLING TICKETS? Thanks!



NOVEMBER MONTHLY PARENT MEETING

Monday, 14 November 2011 – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Get a blue & gold pass for your Guardians, and stay informed!



HELP NEEDED!!

Saturday, 12 November 2011 – Rolling Oaks Mall, 1–3 p.m.

We have a space reserved to set up a JPICHS table and share our school with interested persons. We need a family to set up the table between 11 and Noon, and then staff the table from 1 - 3. Other Catholic schools from our area will be there as well. (Service hours!) Contact Mr. Iliff if you can help.

WurstFest - Knights of Columbus Hall – New Braunfels 111 Landa Street
Catholic Life Raffle Ticket Sales site! The Knights run a craft sale and a shuttle bus/parking for Wurst Fest. They have been very gracious to allow us to sell tickets there at the hall this weekend. We need help with Friday night, 5-10 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (The committee has Sunday covered.)
Contact Tanya Moczygemba or Mary Kelly through the school office.



THANKS MISSED!

Last week's newsletter missed the bakers from Founders' Weekend. Thanks to those who stepped forward to bake for us all, providing great desserts. Congratulations to our winning bakers – we look forward to next year!



COLLEGE VISIT – TEXAS STATE

Texas State University Admissions representative will be on campus Friday, 11 November during the morning to present to juniors and during lunch time to talk with any other students. That morning, Dr. Garcia and a group of Texas State science and physiology students will be on campus to work with our juniors in health class.



COLLEGE VISIT - UIW

University of the Incarnate Word will be on campus on Thursday, 1 December 2011, for juniors during Solidarity time, and at lunch for all students.



KNIGHT WITH THE SEMINARIANS

Parents, JP II is proud to team with the New Braunfels Knights of Columbus, Council 4183, hosting their annual Texas State Award Winning "Knight With the Seminarians." This special evening serves two purposes. First, it is an opportunity for Seminarians from throughout the Archdiocese to get away from their studies, let their hair down, and have a good time with those whom one day they may serve. Second, it is a fundraiser, and all proceeds support the Seminarians of the Archdiocese...the Knights keep none of the money made on the event. Last year they raised over \$12,000.

Each year, our students volunteer as servers, and last year provided entertainment for the 450 guests who came to celebrate these men in formation for the Priesthood. We are proud to announce that once again the students of JP II will have this opportunity to showcase the core virtues of our school.

The next "Knight With the Seminarians" will be held on February 25th, 2012. This year's theme, "A Knight in Old San Antonio," is sure to be as much fun as it is a labor of love for our students. The New Braunfels Knights and Dr. Kenney are working together to create a very special event...and we want you to have the opportunity to be a part of it. Ticket sales will begin in early January 2012. Tickets cost \$250 per table of 10 or \$30 per individual ticket. However, the Knights initially have set aside four tables for the parents of JP II students at \$25/ticket. Those tickets will be available with Mrs. Sullivan on December 1st.



PRO-LIFE NEWS

40-days for Life: Thanks for all who participated on Saturday. Seeing the number of cars parked in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic was very saddening, but the number of pro-life supporters who showed us their approval as they drove by was very encouraging. Sunday ended the 40-day prayer vigil for life, but as we approach advent, we must continue to pray and sacrifice for respect of life from conception to natural death. We have to remember what the birth of One Man did for everyone who ever lived. This birth depended on Our Blessed Mother's "yes" to life. Every human being, born or unborn, deserves the chance to make a difference in the world. This is only possible if we encourage mothers to say "yes" to life. During this advent season, the beginning of a new Church year, make a "new year's resolution" to actively support life. **God** is calling us out of dormancy to action! We invite you to take a stand with us.

Pro-life T-shirts: We've extended the deadline for pro-life t-shirt orders! We need 15 more purchases to reach our goal of 100! Remember, this t-shirt is not strictly for our pro-life club. Parents, siblings, and friends are welcome to purchase a shirt for themselves as a way of actively displaying their love of life. It's a way to show people that we, as a Catholic community, are all called to be pro-life. Also, all profit on the shirts will be donated to Gabriel Project in New Braunfels. Shirts are \$15.00. Please help us to reach our goal! Thanks to all who have already ordered t-shirts. Once we order the t-shirts, we'll have an idea of when they will arrive. If you haven't paid for your t-shirt yet, please pay Mrs. Sullivan at the front office by the end of the week.

Club Meeting: Our next pro-life meeting will be November 17th during study hall period.