



THANKS ADVENT BRUNCH COMMITTEE

Many thanks to the team that put together this year's Advent Brunch. It was a lovely morning for all in attendance. Students, teachers, and parents all had a wonderful time – the food was great, the decorations, too.

Thank you for giving up your time and effort so we could enjoy the day.

NOTE: For Advent Brunch 2012, we will be bringing back the tradition of daylong Adoration, as observed by the St. Joseph's School Community on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is the time each year that the community used the brass crown with laurel that sits in the lobby around the statue of Mary.



FALL FINAL EXAMS

Exams for classes will be held Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 14-16 December 2011. The first exam each day is at 8:25-9:55, and the second exam is 10:10-11:40. Students are not required on campus until their first exam starts; they are dismissed after they complete their second exams. Teachers run study sessions in the afternoon. Parents are encouraged to talk actively with their students to determine what will best benefit their studying: staying on campus to study or going home to study.

	Wednesday, 14 December	Thursday, 15 December	Friday, 16 December
Exam #1 8:25 – 9:55 a.m.	All Foreign Language Classes	All Mathematics Classes	All Science Classes
Exam #2 10:10 – 11:40 a.m.	All English Classes	All History Classes, including Economics and Government	All Theology Classes

Tutoring sessions will be announced by teachers in their classes on Monday. We will have Blue & Gold dress for exams, Wednesday through Friday.



CHEERLEADER SERVICE PROJECT

The cheerleaders are having a gift wrapping drive. We are collecting Christmas wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper, bows, ribbon, and tape for the Comal County Crisis Center. The cheerleaders will take the gift wrapping supplies to the center on Sat, 17 December to help wrap gifts for the clients. The supplies can be dropped off in the office. Thanks for your support!



JUNIOR COMMISSIONING MASS

At the parent meeting, we announced that the Junior Class Commissioning Mass/Ring Ceremony would be Thursday, 29 March 2012. Unfortunately, the rings will not be available in time for that date, so we will be looking now for the proper date in early May. We have now set the date as Thursday, 3 May 2012, in the evening, at St. Joseph's Chapel.



CATHOLIC LIFE RAFFLE SALE

Calling all students who want to earn a homework pass, quiz pass, or free dress pass for your team members! Teams selling an average of 20 tickets per student earn a homework pass and those selling an average of 40 tickets per student earn a quiz pass and a free dress pass!

Congratulations to St. Joseph and St. Maria Goretti who have already won a homework pass!

• Financially, the school needs the 43 students who have not turned in anything to sell at least 20 tickets over Christmas break for the school to reach \$12,500. **Note that this is far below our goal!**

•• We need your help and ask everyone to "turn on" the salesmanship! **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTING TO RAISING THESE FUNDS AND PROMOTING OUR SCHOOL.**

••• Contact Tanya Moczygemba at tjmoc@satx.rr.com with any questions.

COLLEGE VISIT – BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

10:30 AM on Friday, Jan. 13, 2012. A group session with the juniors will be offered, along with material for underclassmen at lunch.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT APPEAL

Each year, the school has a Christmas trees in the lobby, and each of the past two years, new JP II families have donated an ornament for the tree; the ornaments can share something unique about the family (or can just be a pretty one). For those families new to the school, we ask you to submit an ornament to the school office over the next two weeks to the school office, with a box or compartment to allow for safe storage. A family label on that box and a brief description of the ornament are appreciated (for posterity's sake).

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 **Saturday, 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.

KHAKI & PLAID BASKET FROM JP II: ENTERTAINMENT THEME!

Many thanks to Susie Torrez who has agreed to help organize our school's basket for the Khaki & Plaid Gala. The theme will be entertainment. If you can help donate items to fit into this theme, please contact her. They are looking for passes, gift certificates, etc. for local entertainment of all kinds: get-a-way weekends, concerts, movie passes, Schlitterbahn, Seaworld, the zoo, the symphony, etc. Also other items to fill out the basket that would fit with this would be appreciated. Contact her at susievtorrez@yahoo.com or cell @ 210-643-5037

The Hope for the Future/Department of Catholic Schools run a large gala to start Catholic Schools Week, this year on Saturday, 28 January 2012, 7:00 p.m., at the Vistas at Valero (on the Valero Energy Campus, 1604 and IH-10). The Department of Catholic Schools is asking each school to contribute a basket for their silent auction. We need help in forming the basket – contact the Guardian Parents Executive Board to help.

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SOME SAVE-THE-DATE REMINDERS!!!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Monday, 30 January 2012 will begin Catholic Schools Week, and JP II traditionally begins with Pastries with Parents, a coffee and donuts fellowship time. Friday is always Faculty Appreciation Day.

ANNUAL FUND DINNER

Saturday, April 14, 2012 @ JP II Campus (evening) to kick off Annual Fund Drive

The goal of the event is to host all GUARDIAN PARENTS! *The goal will be to create a fun event! and of course create awareness of the annual fund drive.*

**NOTE: No school on Monday, 2 January 2012.
Classes resume Tuesday, 3 January 2012, 8:00 a.m.**