



JOHN PAUL II

~ Regional School ~

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

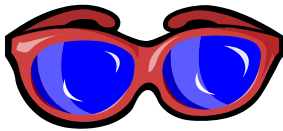
Dear Families:

Breakfast with the Principal

I look forward to meeting our Pre-School and Kindergarten families tomorrow, Thursday, November 15 at 8:30AM in the Rectory Meeting Room, for coffee and light refreshments. Please make plans to stop.



So Bright You Gotta Wear Shades!



Thanks to special grant funding of \$80,000 our Pre-K through 5th grade classrooms and hallways are receiving new and improved lighting. Electricians are working in the evenings, over a 2 week period, to rewire and upgrade the lighting. The primary hallway and several classrooms are already completed. What an improvement!

Parent-Teacher Conferences – November 15-16

Parent conferences start tomorrow. Due to the lighting teachers may not be meeting in their classroom. A sign will be Main Office for any room changes. Don't forget, school is classes on Friday, November 16'



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THANKSGIVING NEWS

Thanksgiving Feast – Tuesday, November 20

Our Thanksgiving Feast for all students will be on November 20 from 11:30AM – 1PM. Students will be served a hot turkey lunch courtesy of the school. Parents are welcome to volunteer that day, please contact your class Room Parent or Coryndi McFadden (pta@jp2rs.org) to sign up.

Early Dismissal

There will be a 1PM dismissal (12:30PM for Pre-School) on Wednesday, November 21. After care will be available.

7th Grade Rite of Acceptance

The Rite of Acceptance for 7th grade students who will be confirmed in 8th grade is Thursday, November 29 at 6:30PM at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Lindenwold Campus.



DID YOU KNOW?

- ... BINGO provides over \$100,000 in revenue to John Paul II Regional School?
- ... without BINGO, tuition could increase over \$250 per child?
- ...we need every family to help with volunteering?
- ...you can volunteer as group and make it a fun outing?

Please sign up today or contact BINGO@jp2rs.org to find out what sessions need volunteers. You can find the volunteer form at <http://www.jp2rs.org/current-families/parent-teacher-association/pta-forms>



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PREPARATIONS

Santa's Secret Shop – December 5 to December 7



Giving students the opportunity to shop for gifts for the entire family, friends and even pets! The kids love getting the chance to shop for their family and friends and gift prices range from \$0.50 to \$12.50. Parents are also welcome to come shop and volunteer to help the other students! More details will be coming home next week!

Saving Christmas from Hurricane Sandy

Under the direction of 2nd grader EJ Nickolaus Dangler, we are collecting new unwrapped toys for babies through teens, for boys and girls, for children in the Beach Haven Shelter. These families are expected to be spending the holiday in the shelter and we hope to still give them a Christmas morning. Toys (unwrapped) may be dropped off November 19-30.

Student Council Holiday Drive

Student Council working with the Mental Health Association of Southwestern New Jersey is sponsoring a Holiday drive to help provide donations for those people who suffer from chronic mental illness. Contributions will be collected November 26 through December 9. Donations needed are full size items that can be purchased inexpensively at a dollar store.



- Hand sanitizer
- Shaving cream/gel
- Unisex tube socks (size 9-11)
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Powder
- Toothbrushes/ toothpaste
- Shower gel/soap
- Razors
- Mouthwash
- Deodorant

Shadow Days for Prospective Students

We welcomed several students last week during our Shadow Days program. One 5th grade student has registered next year and a 1st grade student started classes on Monday. If you know a family looking at schools, please have contact Joan Perry, our Advancement Director at (856) 783-3088 or advancement@jp2rs.org, to schedule a day for their child to visit.



Financial Aid

Important DATE!

SAVE THE DATE -- There will be a Financial Aid Information night on **Monday, November 26 at 7PM in the Media Center**. We will be available to answer your questions, give you access to the internet, and help you with the process.

APPLY TODAY! We work with families to make a John Paul II education possible and your timely application help us gather a full picture of our needs.

Parent directions are posted on our website (<http://www.jp2rs.org/admissions/financial-aid>). There is no application fee if you complete your application by 12/31/2012. Applications made after this date will have a \$10 application fee. Currently, pre-school students are not eligible for tuition assistance.

Did you know...

- ... Tuition Assistance is available for students in grades K-8?
- ...over 80 families are receiving some formal financial assistance this school year?
- ...more than \$140,000 was awarded in assistance this school year?
- ...RIGHT NOW, families may begin applying for tuition assistance for the 2013-14 school year?



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And the Winner is...

Congratulations to our Eagles Raffle Ticket Winner -- **Jonathon Spiritoso!**
MANY THANKS to all who purchased a raffle ticket! We appreciate your continued support of our programs here!

Athletics

Our Athletic Program is underway. Practices and games are going on. Please make sure registration, medical forms and fees have been sent to the school (Attn: Phil Servus) before students begin participating.

Cornerstone Update



You will again be able to access Cornerstone on Monday, November 19. Report Cards will be available at Parent –Teacher Conferences.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/15 – Afternoon & Evening Parent Teacher Conferences, Grades K-8
- 11/16 – School Closed
- Morning Parent Teacher Conferences, Grades K-8
- 11/20 – Thanksgiving Mass 9AM
- Thanksgiving Feast, Grades PK3-8, 11:30AM -1PM
- 11/21- Dismissal at 1PM (Aftercare Available)
- 11/22-23 – Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed
- 11/26 – 7PM Financial Aid Information Night, Media Center

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. We have lots to be thankful for and we will keep you in our prayers.

Have a good week!

Mrs. Helen Persing

Principal

PTA News and Information

Volunteers are always welcome for our many events and activities. Our goal is to give all families the opportunity to participate in our school community. Check out the Parent Teacher Association page (<http://www.jp2rs.org/current-families/parent-teacher-association>) for more information.

Hospitality Committee

Thank YOU to everyone who joined us for Hospitality Sunday and especially to those Pre-K and 1st grade families that donated baked goods. We had a wonderful turnout and look forward to our next Hospitality Sunday featuring our students in grades 6-8. A planning meeting for that and the Father-Daughter Dance will be coming soon...watch for more news!



Fashion Show and Chinese Auction – Committee Meeting – November 19th



The Children’s Fashion Show and Chinese Auction will be on Sunday, March 10, 2013. All students are invited to participate – *the only requirement*, a parent or guardian is a part of the volunteers coordinating the event. Make plans to join the 1st committee meeting on Monday, November 19 at 8:00PM. Among the areas for discussion – volunteer assignments, theme and Chinese auction donations.

Breakfast with Santa – Saturday, December 8

It really isn’t that far away (only 47 days to Christmas).

Volunteers are needed to help with decorating (Friday, December 7 after Bingo) and to help students with craft projects on Saturday. Please email PTA@jp2rs.org to volunteer (note *Breakfast with Santa* in the subject line).



Mother-Son Bowling Night – Saturday, January 12



Volunteers needed to help plan and coordinate the event – especially from those families with daughters! It’s also a great opportunity for Dads to volunteer. Please email PTA@jp2rs.org to volunteer (note *Mother-Son Bowling* in the subject line).

Incentives and Rewards

Many thanks to the parents that joined for our workshops to sort donations, cut and count labels, and enter rewards codes. The next workshop will be in January 2013. Contact PTA@jp2rs (note *Incentives and Rewards* in the subject line) for more information.

Did you know we have collected over 32,000 Labels for Education and 1,500 Box Tops for Education?



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Labels for Education
Box Tops for Education
Coke Rewards



Believe

Macy's
6003 Voorhees Town Center
Voorhees, NJ 08043

November 9, 2012

Dear Parents and Teachers:

Magic is in the air and we're filled with joy as we continue one of our very favorite traditions. We need your help to spread the magic of the season by inspiring your students and children to show that they Believe by creating artwork. In fact, we're looking a million reasons to believe!

What is the "Believe" campaign? Children across the country are invited to drop off their letters addressed to Santa at the North Pole in the Santa Mail letterboxes at any Macy's store. For each letter received, Macy's will donate to the Make -a -Wish Foundation, up to 1 million dollars, to help grant wishes of children with life threatening medical conditions.

What is the Make- A – Wish-Foundation? The Make –A- Wish -Foundation grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

In addition to the Santa letters, we at the Voorhees Town Center would once again like to expand on this campaign and create our "Believe" Art Gallery. The only limitation is the children's imagination. We are asking your students to create artwork expressing what they believe in during this holiday season. If needed, we will donate our old posters, continuing our recycle theme for the artwork to be created on while supplies last. Please contact me at your earliest convenience if are in need of posters.

So that we have time to create our art gallery, please have the posters dropped off to your school by December 5, 2012.

Our Art Gallery will be located on our third floor. We will hold an art reception for all parents, students and teachers. The date for the reception will be announced at a future date.

Be a part of something magical! Each year, the Believe campaign grows as it touches the lives of so many. We are always amazed by the creativity of all of the children since we began in 2009. We cannot wait to see what 2012 will bring.

We are all looking forward to celebrating your children's art work and creativity.

Sincerely,

Griselda Giacalone
Store Manager

Margaret Mundy-Buff
Visual Manager