

Portae

THE NEWSLETTER FOR
JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesday Round-up for 13 October 2009

Dear students and parents,

One of the rhythms we have yet to establish is the flow of information. I am working directly to alleviate this issue, and as a part of that, I am developing this letter home each Tuesday. At the start, I will be sending this home in paper, emailing a digital copy, and posting it on RenWeb. Ideally, from an efficiency standpoint, we will get to the point of only emailing a notification and posting on RenWeb.

Thanks for your patience and support,

Andrew Iliff
Principal

DIRECTORY FORM

Last week, we emailed to parents a form from our emerging Parents Group, asking parents for permission to publish contact information in a printed directory and on RenWeb. We have gotten only a few back so far. Enclosed is a copy of the form to return. Those who return in this directory form by Friday will get a Blue-Gold Day next week Tuesday.

RENWEB CALENDAR

The school calendar in RenWeb is being updated and expanded every week. We have posted the current practice and games schedule for basketball, and are working with the coach to set all the bus trip dates in advance. One for sure to highlight is a trip to Kerrville to play Our Lady of the Hills on Saturday, 9 January 2010. OLH opened seven years ago, and so has traveled the same path we are now on. We also should be one of the first teams to play in their new building. The bus will leave here at 3 p.m.

PARENT SOCIAL – Friday, 23 October

Also on the newsletter last week Friday was an invitation to all parents to attend a Parents Social on Friday, October 23, 2009, at 6:00 pm, at the Sorgi Home (26514 Weiss Fels Court, New Braunfels, TX 78132). Parents are asked to bring an appetizer, dish, salad or dessert; beverages will be provided. (Call if you need baby-sitting – there are students willing to help.) RSVP by Wednesday, October 21 to Tammy Zgabay at 830-964-5699 or Laura Sorgi at 830-481-0446

BASKETBALL PRACTICE TO START NEXT WEEK

Basketball practice starts next week Monday, at 5 p.m. at Goodwin-Frazier Gym. Following the practice, Coach Tim Drolet will meet with parents. Tomorrow, Coach will meet with interested players during lunch and will hand out a printed calendar and more information. (Goodwin-Frazier is located in New Braunfels on Business 35 – take 35 north to Loop 337/Hwy 46 in New Braunfels – exit and turn left – turn right on Business 35 – school is up half of a mile on the left – gym is in back of property.)

SWEATSHIRTS FOR SALE – ORDER FORM ON WEB SITE

On the web site is an order form for hooded sweatshirts. They will be navy blue with gold print. We will allow students to wear them during the school day when colder weather is here. They will be \$25 for pre-order, \$28 later on.



ATHLETICS BAG – ORDER FORM ON WEB SITE

We will be selling an athletics bag for \$20, and for an additional \$5, a student's name can be embroidered on the side.



LAST VOLLEYBALL BUS TRIP TOMORROW

Our final volleyball game of the year is Wednesday, 14 October. We will be running a bus to the game, departing at 3:30 p.m.



MASS STARTS EARLY ON WEDNESDAY

Mass will start earlier tomorrow, at 8:30 a.m. We ask students to arrive early on Wednesday, 14 October so that we can get to the chapel and move on to PSAT testing on time.



PSAT TESTING - Wednesday, 14 October

A reminder that tomorrow, Wednesday, 14 October we will be taking the PSAT test as a school after Mass. If a student is absent, there is no make-up for the test. We are taking it for practice and development.

On Wednesday, SNACKS AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE COMAL ELEMENTARY STAFF.



FRIDAY TRIP TO THE SEGUIN OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER

A reminder that all students need to return their permission slip/waiver form by Thursday. The agenda for the day will be:

8:30 – prayer service at St. Joseph’s Chapel; 9:00 – 9:30 – to Seguin

9:30 – 11:00 – team building and low ropes courses (two to three feet off the ground) 11:00-11:30 – pizza lunch provided

11:30-1:15 – team building and low ropes course 1:15-1:30 board bus Arrive at School at 2:00 p.m. DISMISSAL AT 2 p.m.



OPEN HOUSE EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Our next two Open House events will be Wednesday, 21 October and Thursday, 29 October, at 6 p.m. Parents and students are asked to help if they can as greeters.



LIBRARY COMMITTEE – LETTER FROM LIBRARY TASK FORCE

Dear Parents/Guardians of JPPII CHS Students,

Mr. Iliff has asked me to lead a **JPPII CHS Library Task Force** to begin building a library media center for our new high school. Dr. Foster is our faculty advisor and we are searching for 3-5 additional volunteers to be part of this task force. The work will involve establishing procedures and policies for the library media center.

In addition, we will purchase printed resources, implement the library management software, order publications, select database subscriptions, purchase furnishings, and prepare documentation to meet accreditation standards.

Right now, Mr. Iliff has a classroom set up to serve as the library media center and our job will be to fill it with the tools our students and teachers need to help them in their academic pursuits. Later in the school's growth, we will hire a full-time librarian and will renovate an area in the school to serve as the final library media center.

If you are interested in serving on the task force, please contact me at my home number 566-7764 or my email terimueller@att.net. We are special need of volunteers with expertise in web design and/or information systems technology, so please feel free to forward this email to anyone you may know with this background, even individuals outside the JPPII CHS community.

Please call or email with any questions. The Library Task Force will play a critical role in our new school and we would be honored to have you serve with us!

