

# EYES ON PJP



**"EVERYBODY  
CAN BE  
GREAT  
BECAUSE  
ANYBODY  
CAN SERVE."**

~Martin Luther King, Jr.



PJP's Breast Cancer  
Awareness Basketball  
Game  
January 25th

**GO SAINTS!**



*Bless You Boys!*

## Upcoming Events:

March for Life Pilgrimage	Jan 16-20
School Wide Spirit Dress	Jan 18
Third & final Disney trip payment due for Seniors	Jan 18
G + B BB @ Pine	Jan 18
Boys Soccer @ home	Jan 18
Girls Soccer @ Sacred Heart	Jan 18
Powerlifting Meet @ PJP	Jan 19
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - No school	Jan 21
BB @ JS Clark	Jan 22
Registration for returning students distributed	Jan 23
"Chapel Gang" Parent Day	Jan 23
Girls' Soccer @ McGee	Jan 24
Senior Only Spirit Dress	Jan 25
Boys JV Soccer @ Brother Martin	Jan 25
Boys BB Breast Cancer Awareness Game	Jan 25
Who's Who Dance for 9th - 12th grade @ PJP	Jan 26
<i>*8th grade Who's Who Dance will be on Feb. 1st</i>	
Powerlifting Meet @ STA	Jan 26
Boys Soccer @ Country Day	Jan 26
Catholic Schools Week	Jan 28 - Feb 1
<i>*day-to-day details forthcoming, school-wide service project info found on page 2</i>	

Mr. Sal Vinterella Jan. 3  
Mr. Adam Chapman Jan. 29

We'd also like to recognize our December birthdays:  
Daniel Lacourge Dec. 4  
Kaitlin Short Dec. 21

*Happy Birthday*



*January Babies!*

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# A message from our President / Principal



"Believe in your heart that you're meant to live a life full of passion, purpose, magic, and miracles."

Happy Mardi Gras! Mardi Gras is an integral part of our local New Orleans tradition. In teaching young Christians, they often do not realize the religious connection to our faith. One only has to remember the day the Mardi Gras season begins and the tradition of the king cake.

The scripture tells us of the Magi that visits the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. Mt 2:1-12 Legend holds that the Magi were three kings from the east that follow the star to the place of Jesus' birth. Thus you have two important characteristics of the New Orleans king cake, the name "king" cake and the baby that is found in most king cakes.

The story centers on the three kings that come to pay homage to Jesus with the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. It is a long royal tradition that kings will pay tribute to the king of all other kings. Christ is not only king of the Jewish people of Israel. He is not only king of the Earth. He is king of all creation. He is king of the universe.

This is a celebration worth having. And this is what is indeed being celebrated at Mardi Gras. During Jesus' life, he never shied away from a good celebration. Jesus lived on Earth a life filled with passion, purpose, and miracles. "I have come in order that you may have life, life in all its fullness." Jn 10:10

Unfortunately, the true purpose and meaning of the season often get lost in the addictions of a worldly culture: ego, power, greed, lust, and gluttony. If only our passions for the desires of the flesh can be met equally or greater with a passion for repentance and spiritual growth during the season of Lent. By the way, Mardi Gras would not exist without Lent.

"Have no fear moving into the unknown. Do this in complete faith and confidence." St. John Paul II

Jesus is our true king and therefore the model of true leadership, true courage, true power, and true authority in our world today. I think Mardi Gras can also be a powerful spiritual journey if we look at the teachings and life of Jesus as our guide to leadership. Developing our leadership abilities is essential to having a life of purpose, and the fullness meant for each of us. This is why Pope John Paul II always invited his listeners to be saints. Being a saint means leading from our seat, no matter where we are. How much fuller can life be if we are striving to be the best student we can be, the best parent we can be, the best team player we can be, the best in our profession we can be, the best steward of the world we can be, and the best faith-filled member of the Church we can be.

Mediocrity is one of the worst burdens we can carry in our life. At the root of mediocrity are our fears. Jesus calls us to live our life with passion, and in His passion; He turns the model of leadership upside down. For example, Jesus is our God who became a human. Did you know that at the root of the word human means to

be of the earth? Most of us at one time or another wish or pretend we are God. Our God wished to be human. Our king was born in a manger, a device for feeding. Too often we are looking to be fed more than our share. God came wishing to feed, so much so He gave us His body and blood in the Eucharist. Jesus washed the dirty feet of his disciples. Don't we expect or wish to be served much of the time we are awake. God came looking to serve instead of being served. Here lies the secret of a full life. The understanding of this secret lies in prayer, the sacraments, and the wisdom teachings of our faith.

I am very proud of our thirteen PJP students who are presently on a pilgrimage of service to promote life. Please pray for our March for Life group currently in Washington, D.C. They are joining the thousands from around the country who will gather on Friday at the national mall that will march to the Supreme Court in a stance against a culture of death and for the life of those who have no voice. As I write this message, I am on a plane traveling to meet our students who are an example of true leadership and the saints we are all called to be.

Totus Tuus ~ Helping each other to be saints!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Douglas Triche". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Douglas Triche



PJP will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 28 - Feb 1. Each year, during this significant week in our school year, PJP commits to one, school-wide service project. This year, we are committing to *Love Thy Neighbor* and will be collecting "Pennies from Heaven" to benefit the Osborn family. Collections will not begin until January 28th. All pennies (or any

coinage) will help us with a successful salute to "Caring 4 Carryl", and assist the family with needed expenses.

More details to follow. Thanks, in advance, for your enthusiasm and participation with these efforts !

# NEWS, UPDATES, & ANNOUNCEMENTS



## ATTENTION SENIORS:

The third (and final) Disney trip payment of \$180 is due this Friday - January 18, 2019.



Now that all financials have been tallied, we are happy to report our 7th annual Christmas Bazaar profited **\$5,088** this year and is what helped PJP finally install our beautiful new digital marquee.



## Save the Date

On Friday, January 25th PJP's Basketball program will host their "Breast Cancer Awareness" game. Please consider joining us to cheer on the Jags and in support of survivors & victims everywhere!

## Parent Club News:

**Mark your calendars....**On February 6th, please join us for a New Orleans themed parent club meeting: "Luvin' DAT Mardi Gras". Food will be provided by Copeland's. Additionally, we will welcome Mary Lou McCall, who will give a brief but informative perspective as a Catholic school parent on the important topic: "Addiction & Vaping & Nicotine". See you there!

PJP's Grandparents Day will be on Friday, February 15th. Registration forms are available at our school office. Please complete all information carefully and return forms to our front office by Monday, February 11th so that we can have an accurate headcount to make accommodations for all intending to join us.



As a convenience, online registration is also available at our school's website. You need only complete one method of registration when submitting the names and info for your student's guests to this event.



Everyone is asked to submit their Community Coffee labels by Wednesday, January 23rd in order for us to meet the company's January yearly deadline. Please see the sample labels (left) that they require for reimbursement. Do not submit the UPC bar code from these products. As always, turn them into our front office in a ziploc bag with your child's name & grade clearly labeled to earn spirit points.



On Friday, January 18th representatives from South Alabama University will be available to speak to students during their lunch hour who may be interested in attending their college.

# KUDOS, HONORS & ACCOLADES

## Volleyball Banquet honors players and season

Much love and congratulations to our Lady Jags who ended their 2018 season in the semi-final rounds of state competition last fall. This past weekend, Coaches Danny Tullis, Rachel Battistella, and Mike Henry were present at a banquet in honor of the team. Special recognition to Kendall Battistella and Ansley Tullis who received honors for their selections to the 1st All-District team, the Clarion Herald Elite team, and All-State teams. Kendall was selected to the All-St. Tammany Parish and All-Metro teams.



Coach Charlie Cryer and the 2018 Jaguar football team also gathered to pay tribute to their hard fought season at a banquet last Thursday evening. Awards presented that evening included:

- Lester Latino Award - Garrett Cavalier
  - Jaguar Award - Chase Bergeron
  - Coaches Award - Brady Pisciotta
  - Coaches Award - Joey Estopinal
  - 1st Team All District - Kicker & Punter - Logan Klotz
  - 1st Team All State Louisiana Sports Writers Association 2-A
  - Place Kicker - Logan Klotz
- Congrats to all our football athletes!!



# SENIOR NIGHT



On Tuesday evening, PJP celebrated Senior Night for six athletes. Each athlete were presented at midfield that evening, presented a gift and honored their parents in this, their final Jaguar soccer season. They are: Zachary Gressaffa, Abby Natividad, Luka Cutura, Olivia Johnson, Ethan Sens, and Aubrie Spring. We are very proud of them and wish them a successful year and future.



Congratulations to the PJP Drama Club, who presented "Letters" on Monday evening. We wish to extend a sincere thank you to all our parents and friends who came out to support our event. Donations were taken for the "Ladies of Liberty" at the event and a check was presented to the organization on Wednesday, Jan. 16th during a field trip. A special thanks to moderator, Mrs. Pam Lisotta for all her planning and direction.

