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The PJPII Newsletter is your source for information about upcoming events, what is happening in the classrooms at PJPII, and how we are working to help each other and the community. Visit www.pjpiischool.com for more information and for an online copy of the newsletter.

PJPII NEWS

Week 30

April 4, 2018

Happy Easter!

This year, we leave behind the season of Lent, and begin the celebration of Easter and the joy and the hope that it represents. Without Easter, without the Resurrection, we would face a future of darkness rather than the promise of eternal life. Easter is truly a time of celebration! As we begin to see signs of renewed life all around us in nature, we realize that we can share in that renewal.

What a sign of God's love we experience with the Resurrection! We are truly Easter people. Together, as parents and teachers, we face the future – with all of its challenges and all of its opportunities – with renewed faith and hope as we voice our joyful "Alleluia".

He
HAS
Risen!

MATTHEW 28:6

Our Catholic Faith

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS WHO ARE NEWLY CONFIRMED!



SATURDAY, APRIL 7, FROM 8:30AM -6:30PM OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED STUDENTS WHO HAVE CHOSEN AND COMMITTED TO LIVING THEIR CATHOLIC FAITH WILL ATTEND A RETREAT AT ST. SIMON PARISH.

PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS AS THEY GATHER TOGETHER WITH OTHER STUDENTS AND SHARE THEIR FAITH JOURNEYS!

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NET RETREATS AND THE EXCELLENT EXPERIENCE OUR STUDENTS WILL TAKE PART IN ON SATURDAY, PLEASE VISIT:
[HTTP://WWW.NETUSA.ORG/RETREATS/](http://www.netusa.org/retreats/)

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

It was exciting to see alumnus **Lucy Sanchez** (Class of 2016 - current student at Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart) featured in **Chicago Catholic** in a picture showing Chicago high school students talking with students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School at St. Sabina Parish on March 17.

The church hosted a discussion between the students from Parkland, Florida and various Chicago high schools.

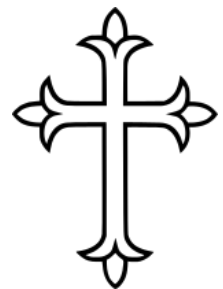
Thank you for sharing your voice in the movement for peace in our schools, Lucy!

(Check out the great picture in the March 25 edition of Chicago Catholic- page 14)

An Easter Message from Cardinal Blase Cupich Reflexión de Pascua del cardenal Cupich 2018

English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYrLftnDvUk&feature=youtu.be>

Spanish: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73RmMOIP--w&feature=youtu.be>



SUMMER PROGRAM

We received 16 responses for the summer program survey. The more feedback we receive, the better we will be able to serve our students. We have extended the survey a few more days to include your feedback! Please take 5 minutes to complete this brief survey. Thank you!

Survey Link/ Enlace de encuesta:

<https://goo.gl/forms/KeFV1edc5Lm68Ead2>

Recibimos 16 respuestas para la encuesta del programa de verano. Cuantos más comentarios recibamos, mejor podremos servir a nuestros estudiantes. ¡Hemos ampliado la encuesta unos días más para incluir sus comentarios! Tómame 5 minutos para completar esta breve encuesta. ¡Gracias!

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”
- Matthew 19:14

The mission of Pope John Paul II Catholic School has its foundation in this beautiful verse from the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus called all the little children to the kingdom of heaven. He did not ask for only the brightest, only the best behaved, only the most respectful, or only those who would show him love in return. What a goal our teachers have taken on to be the example of Jesus in the work they do each day at PJPII!

We strive for our school to create a warm, caring community, centered on Christ's example, that provides the best education for every single child and family.

It is beautiful and exciting to hear from families that our school provides a sense of family and the feeling that everyone's gifts are celebrated as an important part of the community. Our teachers work hard and seek to be further educated in the classroom practices that lead us to truly educate all children who seek to be a part of our excellent school.

Pope Francis says, teachers must *“aim to build an educational relationship with each student, who must feel accepted and loved for who he or she is, with all of his or her limitations and potential.”* Our teachers showcase the truth of that statement every day in their classrooms!

The teachers and administration at Pope John Paul II Catholic School foster empathy and we see how children quickly become accepting and welcoming of every person in the classroom as they realize that everyone needs something special. Our wonderful students are proof that our Catholic school can and should embrace all students, no matter their abilities or needs.

We are incredibly excited to celebrate our hard-working teachers and school community at the Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 14. Join us as we celebrate the work they do in honoring the potential, abilities, hopes, dreams, and achievements of each of your students, every day, at PJPII!



THANK YOU!!!! THE EASTER EGG HUNT and FAMILY FUN EVENT on Saturday, March 31 was a great way to celebrate EASTER!

IT WAS EXCITING TO SEE SO MANY FAMILIES AT ST. SIMON PARISH- TAMAYO SCHOOL ON SATURDAY! THERE WERE WONDERFUL TREATS, A FUN EGG HUNT, AWESOME PRIZES, AND A VISIT FROM THE EASTER BUNNY!

THANK YOU, WARRIOR PARENTS, FOR STARTING THIS NEW EVENT FOR OUR FAMILIES AND FOR OUTREACH TO THE FAMILIES AT OUR SCHOOL PARISHES!

HERE IS THE LATEST COUNT!

We hope you are continuing to collect Box Tops!

Our winning classes so far in the contest are...

Richmond Building: 4th Grade

Francisco Building: 7th Grade



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU WILL DO TO GATHER BOX TOPS!

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY!

We need several volunteers to help with a few organizational and construction/ handyman projects around the school. Do you have skills in these areas? We are looking for times on weekends or after school to complete these projects. Virtus compliance is not required for these projects.

First come, first served! Please call or email Mrs. Coffey!

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