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Our Catholic Faith ✝ *The Pope John Paul II School Community* 🌿 *Helping Others* 💡 *Excellence*

The weekly PJPII Newsletter is your source for information about upcoming events, what has happened 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 9

October 18, 2017

High School Fair @ Holy Trinity High School- TONIGHT!

TONIGHT IS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD OUR STUDENTS' GOALS FOR HIGH SCHOOL. OUR 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE BIG SHOULDERS HIGH SCHOOL FAIR TONIGHT FROM 6-8 AT HOLY TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL!

THIS IS A MANDATORY EVENT FOR ALL FAMILIES IN GRADES 6-8 WHO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM BIG SHOULDERS FUND. THE HIGH SCHOOL FAIR IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MANY EXCELLENT, SELECTIVE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN CHICAGO AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS!

ENJOY TONIGHT!



**We look forward to you joining us
for our Pope Saint John Paul II
Feast Day Mass on Saturday,
October 21 at 4pm!**

- See the Faith section of this newsletter for ways you can help and earn service hours for this event!

After School Questions

Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your youngster's day:

- "What's the coolest thing that happened? What wasn't so cool?"
- "Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?"
- "What made you laugh?"
- "What was the most creative thing you did?"
- "How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?" 😊

Our Catholic Faith

JOIN US!

St. John Paul II Feast Day Mass

We hope you are excited to join us for our annual celebration of the
Feast Day of St. John Paul II!

This is a special celebration that includes student participants from all grades and
honors our patron saint at the outdoor altar where he celebrated Mass in 1979.

We will then move to the church

We look forward to celebrating this very special Mass with our school faith
community.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 @ 4:00PM

Service Hour Opportunities for our Feast Day Mass:

Please email principal@pjpiischool.org or
call Mrs. Coffey at 630.251.2247 to sign up for these opportunities

- Bring a bouquet of flowers for our procession and for our image of Saint John Paul II- Due Friday, October 20
- 4 Students who Altar Serve – one hour of service for the family
- 7 students (grades 3-8) to read at Mass- one hour of service for the family

Holy Fire Retreat

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates in grades 7 and 8 on Friday, October 20. They are attending the Holy Fire Retreat with students from all over the Archdiocese of Chicago. We are proud of our students who will represent our school and will grow in their faith through this excellent gathering of young people led by Cardinal Cupich.



Excellence

Energizing Student Science Potential

CONGRATULATIONS! PJPII was again selected for an exciting science grant project funded by The Exelon Foundation, ComEd, BP, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas! Our science teacher, Mrs. Burk, will be leading the school in learning about sustainable energy and will organize all students preK through 8th grade in our Energy Science Fair to kick off Catholic Schools Week in January!

Look forward to all your scholar will be learning about energy and the environment, science field trips, and the exciting project-based educational materials they will have access to as a result of our participation in this grant project lead by Need.org and the Museum of Science and Industry!



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Take Pride in Representing PJPII!

All students should take pride in the Pope John Paul II Catholic School uniform and remember that they represent their school when seen in uniform. Students are expected to uphold our dress code. If there is a question concerning the acceptability of an addition to the uniform such as a hoodie or regular gym shoes on non-gym days, it should not be worn. The school uniform helps us distinguish our students as Pope John Paul II Catholic School students. It conveys our pride in our school and parishes, and our desire to live in unity and in community with all our brothers and sisters in Christ. **It is a parental responsibility to make sure the child is in uniform each day.** As the weather changes, we have reached the time of year when all girls may wear their uniform slacks. Please see the uniform code insert regarding the cold weather uniform which may be worn beginning Monday, October 30. We are pleased to partner with SchoolBelles in providing quality sweaters and sweatshirts for these colder months. Please plan ahead and purchase these items so students will be prepared for when the temperature drops!

Helping Others

Talk to your child's teacher about purchasing a joint class ticket! If they win, the money will help their teachers purchase cool and exciting items for their classrooms!



Sports @ PJPII

Thank you to Mrs. Padilla for recruiting for sports teams for this year! Please see the flyer for another chance to let us know your interest in sports here at PJPII for this school year.

If you have any questions about sports or are ready to help with this program as a coach or coordinator, please contact Lisa Padilla: padillalisa@comcast.net

Book Fair- Volunteer Opportunity!

PJPII students LOVE TO READ!!!! Our Book Fair is approaching FAST and there are so many interesting books out there to introduce to our students! As part of our Book Fair, we receive a collection of some of the best in advance so parents can volunteer to read the books and give short book talks to classes about the great books that will be available to purchase!

Parents! We need you!!!! Service hours can be earned by choosing a book from our Book Fair Kit, reading it, then presenting the book to the appropriate grade levels in a 'Book Talk!'

This is a great way to get involved in the academic life of our students! Services hours are calculated by the hours it takes to read the book and one hour for the school presentations.

Please contact Mrs. Coffey 630.251.2247 if you are interested!