



e-News Update

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Loss in our Community - Remembering the victims of Ft. Hood

It is with great sadness we share that the national tragedy of the Ft. Hood shootings, has also hit home. Maj. L. Eduardo Caraveo, father of one of our freshman students, was killed during the attack on Ft. Hood on Friday, November 6, 2009. Maj. Caraveo left his family and home in Woodbridge only a few days prior to the shooting to ready himself for deployment to Afghanistan.

Students and faculty were informed of the death during a special assembly, where we gathered to pray for Maj. Caraveo and his family. Maj. Caraveo is survived by his wife and children.

Flags continue to fly at half-mast in honor of Maj. Caraveo and all the fallen of Ft. Hood. We ask continued prayers for the comfort and healing of all who lost loved ones that day in the attack, and for the souls of the departed.



Lobo Logo Unveiled! Go Wolves!

Our wolf now has a face! Look for this logo (also with other alternate color combinations) on a t-shirt, sweatshirt, or other spirit wear item coming soon!



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Open House a BIG Success!

Thank you to the many guests who attended our packed Open House on November 8! Our Student Ambassadors, Parent Ambassadors, and Faculty and Staff had a great time meeting you and introducing you to the many faces, programs and activities of our beautiful school.

For those who weren't there, the afternoon began in the Theater with a presentation by JP the Great principal, Sister Mary Jordan Hoover, and Class Presidents, Matt Haskell (2011), Kelly Donovan (2012), and Catalina Silva (2013). Future students and other guests were then invited to roam the halls to meet our faculty, Student and Parent Ambassadors, view the spectacular facilities, and enjoy refreshments in the cafeteria.

Special thanks to all of our Student Ambassadors, Parent Ambassadors, Faculty and Staff for making the day such a success. Thanks, in particular, goes out to Mrs. Carole Morris for coordinating the hospitality and parent volunteers.

First-ever Student Government Elections held at JP the Great!

The first ever Student Government Association class officer elections were held on Thursday October 15th, and the winners are:

Juniors:

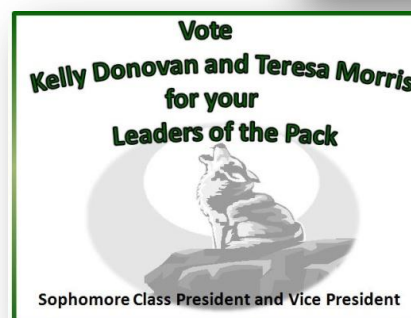
Matthew Haskell, President
Aidan McNulty, Vice-President
Michael McDaniel, Representative
Amanda Kempton, Representative

Sophomores:

Kelly Donovan, President
Teresa Morris, Vice-President
Patrick Krauss, Representative
Kelly Ross, Representative

Freshmen:

Catalina Silva, President
Emily Clemente, Vice-President
Conor McGarrity, Representative
Keith Mullins, Representative



Music News

Congratulations to JP the Great students Angelica Babauta and Jacqui Treco for making District Choir! Six women from the JP choir auditioned for a spot on Tuesday, November 3rd, along with hundreds of other students from Prince William and Fauquier Counties. This marks the second year that Angelica will be representing JP at District Choir; the first for Jacqui. Go Wolves!

Middle School Band Day

All 7th and 8th middle school instrumentalists are invited to participate in the JP Middle School Band Day, hosted by the JP band and Miss Dorothy Logan, Band Director. The day-long event begins at 10am on January 9, 2010, and



concludes with a group performance and pot-luck dinner. Early registration is \$20 and includes lunch, instruction, music copies, and a specially designed t-shirt. Please contact Miss Logan for more information: Dorothy.logan@jpthegreat.org or 703-445-0316.

Day of Silence

Wednesday, November 4th was a day set apart to educate, inspire and witness on the sanctity of life and the importance given to it here at Pope John Paul the Great. The Lifesavers Pro-Life club organized a day-long, school-wide event against abortion called the "Day of Silence". The event was modeled after a national "Day of Silence"



that has been spreading through schools across the country, especially at the high school level. The day calls for students to give up their voices in solidarity with the silent unborn children --those whose voices will never be heard. Approximately 100 students, 30% of the student body, participated at JP the Great. They represented the 1 in 4 pregnancies in the U.S. that end in abortion. Participating students wore white T-shirts marked with a black "X" as well as red tape with the word "LIFE" on their arm or over their mouths. We began the day with a brief announcement on what the day was about but the impact of the witness quickly intensified as the "silent" students joined their classes one-by-one. During our weekly school Mass, Fr. Zuberbueler gave an inspiring and moving homily on the dignity and sanctity of life at all stages. At lunch, several "non-silent" students were interviewed in the cafeteria to capture the impact that the day was having on them. They spoke about friends and classmates that they never would have known, and how strange and sad it felt. A video capturing the day was also put together by the club and shown to the student body, faculty, and staff the following week. To view the 4 minute video, please [click here](#).

Actor's Showcase

Thank you to everyone who helped make our first Actors Showcase such a special evening! The students in the fall semester acting class put on an entertaining show, and the donated desserts that followed the performance were delicious and much appreciated. As we look ahead, mark your calendars for our performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on Friday, February 5th at 7 PM!



Spirit Week! -A Favorite JP Tradition!

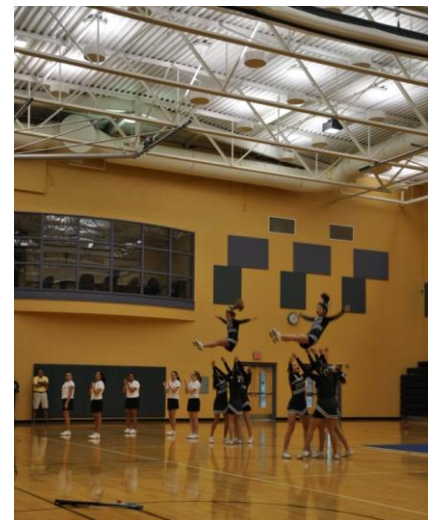
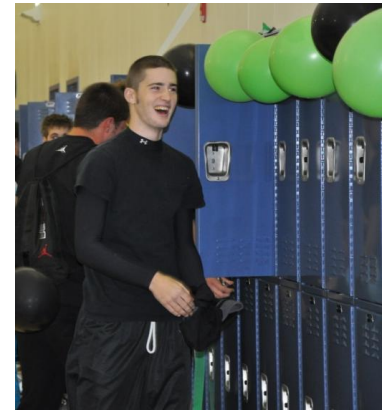
Building on the excitement generated last year, "The 80's" theme was chosen for Spirit Week this year. Students dressed in 80's style one day (leg warmers, big shoulder pads and all!), crazy Crayola colors the next, and in JP spirit-wear on another. Classes competed against each other in hall decorating contests, and ended the week with pep rally in the gym which included a performance by the cheerleaders, a relay race by the varsity football team, and a hands-free donut



eating contest by the teachers. To cap off Spirit Week our alumni-free home coming game began with a family tailgate party and ended with a semi-formal student dance in the evening. Ideas are already being talked about for next year! Thanks to the faculty and

students who helped organize a great week of activities!

More Spirit Week Photos!



Applications are now being accepted for 2010 - 2011 Academic year!

Please tell your friends and neighbors that applications are now being accepted for students who will be in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade *next* school year! For more information, or to apply, please visit the [Admissions](#) page of our web site!

Important Dates:

December 5, 2009:	Admissions Exam #1, 8am – 12pm (register by Dec 2)
January 9, 2010:	Admissions Exam #2, 8am – 12pm (register by Jan 6)
January 25, 2010:	Application deadline
February 26, 2010:	Admissions decisions mailed to applicants
March 11, 2010:	Registration Night from 6 – 7:30pm
March 20, 2010:	Diocesan Registration Deadline

Your Photos Needed!

Yearbook and our marketing department are always looking for photos to use in our publications. If you have any great photos of JP the Great students in action, we like to get copies! Students at JP activities, sporting events, or social events at school are most welcome and appreciated! Please email your photos to Jennifer.cole@jpthegreat.org. Thank you!