



# e-News Update

Email Update

November - December 2010

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## Let it Snow!

The first day of mid-term exams ended with the first snow of the year – December 16, 2010!



## The Jeweler's Shop - Bravissimo!

Congratulations to the cast and crew of the JP Drama club for their inspirational 3-day run of *The Jeweler's Shop*! The play, written by a young Karol Wojtyla many years before he became pope, was dedicated to **Bishop Loverde** in gratitude for his support of our high school, and for entrusting us to our name sake, Pope John Paul the Great. Under the direction of **Mr. Keane** and **Sister Mary Brigid Burnham**, each of the actors did a brilliant job bringing to life the philosophical and theological



lessons of *The Jeweler's Shop*. Enjoy the photos below, as well as a number of reviews from the Cappies – a peer review group made up of students from other school. **To read a synopsis of the play, director comments, and bios for the cast and crew, click here.**

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Arlington Catholic Herald article: [click here](#)

Review published at ShowBizRadio.net: [click here](#)

Cappies reviews: [click here](#)



Cast and crew with Bishop Loverde following the Saturday evening performance, of *The Jeweler's Shop*

## Senior Moments: Kudos from the College Board!

The following members of the Class of 2011 were recently recognized for their outstanding academic achievement during their junior year as 2010 AP Scholars: **Michael Arata**, **Mary (Molly) Loesel**, and **Stephanie Saadeh**. Recognition as an AP Scholar requires a score of 3 or above on AP exams. In addition, **Krista Shaw** was recognized by the College Board as a National Merit Semifinalist, and **Corey Benjamin** was recognized by the College Board as a National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalist. Congratulations to each of you!

## Living Literature; Living History

Frederick Douglass once said, "I have found that, to make a contented slave, it is necessary to make a thoughtless one." Recently, to accompany students in their study and reading of Douglass's *My Bondage and My Freedom*, the sophomore English class was invited to a field trip to visit the great abolitionist's house located in Washington, D.C. Happy for the trip, **Stephen Paquette** commented, "the trip really increased my thoughtfulness on the historical issues of slavery in America's past." The class also visited the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception located next to The Catholic University of America's campus for a tour and the celebration of Mass. In the tour of the Douglass House,



students were exposed in a more tangible way to the life of Frederick Douglass to enter into the drama of his desire for an education and freedom. "We were able to see what life was like in Douglass' time," remarked **Sophia Salva**. Born into slavery, Douglass escaped to spend his life fighting for justice and equality for all people. His tireless struggle, transformative words, and inclusive vision of humanity continue to inspire and sustain people today, including the students of Pope John Paul the Great.



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## Fall Sports Wrap-Up



The winter season is well underway, but it's worth taking a moment to look back at the challenges, successes, and highlights of our Fall season. [Please click here](#) for reports written by the coaches of Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, and Volleyball!



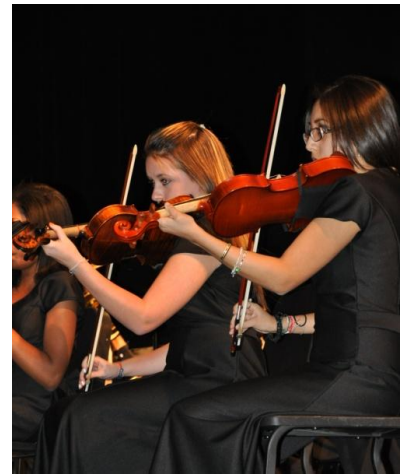
Special congratulations to the boys JV soccer team for their undefeated (11-0) season!

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## Winter Concert

The JP Music Department performed a wintery mix of Christmas music during a concert on Wednesday, December 8. A big thank you to our substitute choir director, **Miss Lauren Badley**, for her wonderful direction of the JP choirs. The Diamond and Emerald choirs each performed 2 pieces on their own, and 4 combined pieces together. The band, directed by **Mrs. Dorothy Sorensen**, performed 3 pieces, including an arrangement of the Appalachian carol "I Wonder as I Wander," and the percussion class performed Steve Reich's "Clapping Music." To read the Winter Concert program, which includes a listing of the music, singers, and musicians, [please click here](#). Our next concert is Wednesday, March 2, 2011 – we hope to see you there! (Interested in Middle School Band Day? Please see below!)

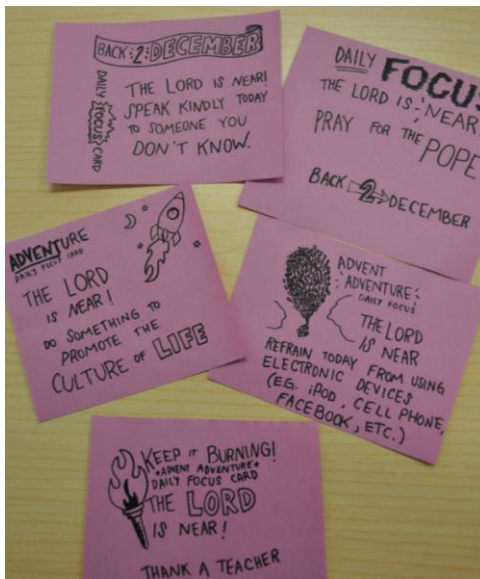




## Advent Adventure

By Mariah Naegele, 2013

This year at Pope John Paul the Great, in an effort spearheaded by the Mission Coalition, students went “Back to December” in a more meaningful way to experience Advent. The Mission Coalition was founded December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, on the feast of St. Juan Diego. Its purpose is to help all at JP “live up to the call to holiness of life as a norm at school, not the exception.” Participants in the *Back to December Advent Adventure* program received a “Trail Guide” with specific recommendations for living out Advent in a holier more meaningful way. Daily Focus Cards were available in the Chapel with suggestions of specific actions, such as: skipping a snack, abstaining from electronic devices for a day, praying for families in need of healing, and helping to promote the culture of life. In order to support each other, teams were formed, and a member of the faculty or staff joined each team to help the group stay accountable and to keep track of team



points as the Advent Adventure progressed. Groups chose a name and several teams chose a specific patron. Team names include “Fearless” and “The Last Crusaders.” Points could be earned for completing the “Daily Action Items,” which include the Morning Offering, positive use of commute time, visiting the Chapel, memorizing Scripture, going to an extra Mass during the week, inviting others to pray grace before meals, praying the Rosary, participating in service activities, making an examination of conscience and an act of contrition at night, and “lighting torches.” The torch, the logo of the Mission Coalition, comes from the school’s logo of the greyhound carrying the torch to bring the light of the Gospel out to the world. The Mission Coalition’s *Back to December Advent Adventure* helped many students live Advent in a more meaningful way, and reminded them that being light to the world is not only possible, but an adventure worth taking!

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## Spreading Christmas Cheer

Building on a tradition started the first year, JP students and staff participated in a toy collection to help needy families provide Christmas gifts for their children. This year JP collected toys for three organizations: Toys for Tots, House of Mercy, and the St. Vincent de Paul Center at Our Lady of Angeles church. At the time of publication, more than 300 toys had been collected, which sets a challenging benchmark to beat next year. Thank you to all who participated!



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## The Way of Beauty by David Clayton

On December 13, 2010, JP art students welcomed Thomas More College artist-in-residence **David Clayton** for a return visit to the campus. In the year since his last



visit to JP, Mr. Clayton has filmed a 13-part television series for CatholicTV.com entitled *The Way of Beauty*. Mr. Clayton presented two lectures. In the first, he spoke to **Ms. Correa’s** art II class about an artist’s style reflects his world view. In the second lecture, he spoke to member of the art club and to the faculty about the dynamic of visual imagery and prayer. **To read more about Mr. Clayton’s insightful presentations on art, beauty, and prayer, please click here.** Thanks to art department chair, **Mr. Bill O’Connor**, for arranging the visit by Mr. Clayton to JP!

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## In the News

Click on the links below to see where we've recently appeared in print!

### **Pope's play dedicated to the bishop**

John Paul the Great students perform 'The Jeweler's Shop.'  
The Arlington Catholic Herald, December 15, 2010

### **For Pope John's McNulty, wrestling is a family tradition**

News & Messenger / Insidenova.com, December 11, 2010

### **Labors of love**

Students spend their vacation day lending a hand to local communities.

Caitie Somerville | John Paul the Great Student Correspondent  
The Arlington Catholic Herald, December 1, 2010

### **Wolves fall short of the title goal**

News & Messenger / Insidenova.com, November 14, 2010

### **Pope John Paul the Great prepares for playoff football debut**

News & Messenger / Insidenova.com, November 10, 2010

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## Applications being accepted for Fall 2011

Rising 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to begin the application process now for the next school year. Please visit the [Admissions](#) page of our web site for important details, dates, and to access our on-line application. Scholarship opportunities and limited financial aid are available. The link to the financial aid application is also found on the [Admissions](#) page of our web site.

[For an overview of the application process, please click here.](#)

Please note these important dates:

- \* January 8, 2011: FINAL High School Admission and Placement (see FAQ below)
- \* **January 24, 2011: Admission Application Deadline**
- \* January 24, 2011 Financial Aid Application Deadline (1st round)
- \* February 25, 2011: Decision letters mailed
- \* March 16, 2011: JP Registration Night (*please note date change*)
- \* March 19, 2011: Diocesan Registration Deadline

### **High School Admission and Placement Test FAQ:**

#### **Q: Who needs to take this test?**

A: All incoming freshmen, as well as rising sophomores who are transferring from a home school program

#### **Q: Where is the test given?**

A: There are two parts to this answer. Part 1: 8<sup>th</sup> graders currently attending a Diocesan middle school take this test in their 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. The test date was December 2. If you missed this test, please contact your school. Students may not may not take the test again at JP or any other area high school.

Part 2: 8<sup>th</sup> graders currently in public, home school, or non-Diocesan Catholic school may take the test at JP the Great on January 8. Pre-registration is required. [Click here for the HSPT registration form.](#)

**Q: Must a student mark JP the Great as their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> choice on the test for the school to automatically receive the test results?**

A: Yes.

**Q: Must a student mark JP the Great as their first choice in order to be eligible for an academic scholarship?**

A: Yes.

[For scholarship information, please click here.](#)

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## Middle School Band Day Returns!

The second annual Middle School Band Day will be January 15, 2011. All middle school students (grades 6-8) are invited to come to JP to spend a day playing with the current JP band students. Music will be sight-read and performed the same evening, and students will also have clinics with professional musicians from the area. Participation costs \$25.00 for one student, \$15.00 for each additional student from the same family. For more information, including pre-registration, please contact **Mrs. Dorothy Sorensen:** [Dorothy.sorensen@jpthegreat.org](mailto:Dorothy.sorensen@jpthegreat.org).



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## Drama! Drama! Drama!

[Check out what the rest of the season has in store!](#)

March 18, 2011: Our Town (drama class performance)

April 15, 2011: Evening of the Arts (showcasing all the arts at JP!)

May 13 & 14: The Pirates of Penzance (drama club performance)

[For more info, click here!](#)

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## From the Advancement Office

### Combined Federal Campaign

Pope John Paul the Great Catholic High School participates in the Combined Federal Campaign. Our **CFC# is 71428**. Thank you for your financial partnership! You are helping to build a lasting legacy at JP the Great!

### Annual Report now available

The annual report for 2009-2010 was recently mailed home to all JP families and other donors. It is also available on our web site. See how funds are being used to build our school, and how you can help! [Click here for the 2009 – 2010 Annual Report](#)

### 2010-2011 Annual Fund has begun – We Need YOU!

Please support our Annual Fund. All donations received by December 31 are tax deductible for the 2010 tax year! [Click here to read a letter from Sister Mary Jordan and see how you can help JP grow!](#) To review some specific needs and print the response form, [please click here!](#) Thank you for your generosity!

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## Wolves Around the World

e-News is always taking WATW submissions! Please email photos of you or your loved ones in Wolf Ware to: [Jennifer.cole@jpthegreat.org](mailto:Jennifer.cole@jpthegreat.org). Don't forget to include your name and a brief description of when and where you visited while showing off your JP pride!

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## Blessed Advent, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

We wish all JP students, families, volunteers, faculty, staff, friends, and other e-News readers a blessed, safe, and restful Christmas break! May the peace of the newborn Christ-child bring you lasting joy throughout the year! God bless you!



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## PS: Please Forward e-News!

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