



Online registration open for Camp JP2

Online registration for the Camp JP2 summer program is now open. Those interested can register online by visiting the school's website, www.jp2hs.org/CAMP.

The Camp JP2 webpage also includes a link to the program's brochure outlining the 40 camps being offered this summer, including 18 new camps and the return of many all-time favorites like Science Sleuths, Cupcakes and Cookies and the many athletic camps.

Camps are half-day and last for a week. The cost is \$140 each with the exception of the Civil War in Middle Tennessee and Civil Rights in Nashville camps. Both are full-day field trip adventures in and around Nashville.

New this year, Camp JP2 is offering early drop off and afternoon care. "First Burst" allows parents to drop off their camper at 7:30 a.m. each day. "Last Blast" allows afternoon campers to stay until 5:30 p.m.

Sign up now and reserve your space for a summer of fun at JP2.

MR. KING WANTS ART INSTRUCTION TO LAST A LIFETIME

JP2's visual arts teachers are trying to do more than teach their students the techniques of painting, drawing, photography and sculpture. "Our goal is to foster a life long appreciation of and support for the arts," said Andy King, who teaches Studio I, which is an art introduction class, 2-D design, and Drawing and Painting. "We want the students to be technically sound, but we really want them as they move through life to have the arts in their life."



Andy King

Mr. King, who grew up in Gallatin, has been a teacher at JP2 since 2005. Many of his students come to his class without any previous formal training or "any relationship with art," he said. "That's probably the biggest challenge."

One of his goals is to help them appreciate their own art and their own creative endeavors, Mr. King said. He likes to keep students' work from early in the school year so he can pull it out later and show them "how much they've improved."

All of his classes have students from several grades, Mr. King said. "Normally, even though they're different ages, they're at a comparable stage in their artistic development."

As a teacher, he said, "you really have to cater to the individual." That means using various approaches, choosing the method that best fits the individual student.

The art department at JP2 has always enjoyed the support of the school administration, Mr. King said. "They've done a good job of supporting the idea that art is a necessary part of a student's education, not simply an add-on or luxury."

Financially, the school has been supportive of the department, providing the resources the teachers need for their classes,

FINALY WINS AWARD FOR ARTWORK

Senior Maggie Finaly has earned national recognition in The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards of 2012, presented by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. Finaly received a Silver Medal for her ceramic piece, "Egg and Pillow." This year, 200,000 works of art and writing were submitted. Only the top 1,500 were recognized at the national level.

Finaly has been invited to attend a ceremony at the world-famous Carnegie Hall on June 1 and to participate in showcase events at Parsons The New School for Design in New York.

Mr. King said. "They see the worth of it," he added.

There is a connection between art and the rest of the curriculum, Mr. King said. In art, students have to understand the physics of light and how it bends or affects color; you use math in art when working with proportions; and history is documented in art, he said. "In an ideal world art would be integrated in every classroom."

Mr. King complimented his colleagues in the art department. "We're always throwing around ideas of how to innovate our program," he said, and trying to figure out what they can do to "really separate" JP2's art program from those at other schools. "We want ... to get the best benefit for the students."

Mr. King is working on developing a new website for the fine arts department. "We need to have video, audio, slide shows to showcase what the kids are doing," he said. He wants to make the site exciting and interactive.

"If this goes well, maybe we could offer a web page design course," Mr. King said.

Mr. King's interest in art began early in his life. "I was always drawing as a kid," he said. "We drew our own comic books."

His interest in drawing and painting was nurtured by teachers at Summer Academy and Gallatin High School, he said. He graduated from the University of the South at Sewanee where he majored in art and minored in environmental studies and education. "It was awesome," he said of his years at Sewanee.

After graduating, he taught for a year at Lynchburg Elementary School before joining the faculty at JP2.

He was offered the job while hiking up a mountain in Colorado. "I couldn't believe my cell got reception on the mountain," Mr. King said.

"I'm not Catholic. I was kind of anxious about that whole aspect" of teaching at JP2, Mr. King said. But his anxiety was quickly dispelled. "It was a very welcoming environment when I finally came."



Maggie Finaly with art teacher Harvey Arche and Headmaster Faustin Weber.



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JP2 CHAMBER CHOIR RECEIVES SUPERIOR RATINGS

The Pope John Paul II High School Chamber Choir received "superior" ratings at district level competition in both the performance and sight-reading categories, the highest possible honors a choral program can earn.

"I am very proud of this choir because they sang challenging choral literature and did so in mixed quartets with incredible blend and musicality," said JP2 Choral Director Jj Ebelhar. "When you receive comments from college judges, such as 'wonderful, effective contrasts both dynamically and stylistically. Impressive, mature artistry; you know your singers are responding to your vocal coaching. This was a rewarding musical experience for all of us, and I am particularly grateful to our seniors, who are an integral part of our success.'"

The JP2 Chamber Choir members include: sopranos Maria Bednar, Kenzie Farless, Jenny Cawood, Kara Moeller, Olivia Drennan and Erin Roberts; altos Carlee Pritchard, Caroline Vaughn, Holly Gibbens, Anna-Sophie Galley, Emily Garretson and Robin Hall; tenors Seth Carver, Jorge Moreno, Ladd Caballero, Bryan Melcher, Evan Summers

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returning to the U.S. this year on their own to visit with friends they made while here, she added. "That shows the spirit of the exchange is really working," Joerg said.

The German exchange program is one of two offered to JP2 students. While some JP2 students will be traveling to Germany this summer,

and John Hannah; and basses Daniel Ward, Kevin Bell, Matt Lucas, Andrew Gilstrap, Mackenzie Mayberry and Karl Mitchell.



another group will be visiting England and St. Edmund's College in Ware, England, near London. The JP2 students will spend three weeks participating in the life of the school and living with the family of their "opposite number." The British students selected as a Loughlin scholar by St. Edmund's will visit JP2 in August, staying with the family of their opposite number among the JP2 Loughlin scholars.



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FIRST CALDWELL CLASSIC A SUCCESS

More than 250 people participated in the inaugural Caldwell Classic 5K run. Proceeds from the event, held Saturday, March 31, at the Jim Carell Athletic Complex, benefitted the T.J. Martell Foundation, which supports research into treatments for leukemia, cancer and AIDS. The race course took two loops around the JP2 campus and ended on the football field. Planning has already begun for the next Caldwell Classic to be held next school year.

GERMAN STUDENTS VISIT JP2

For the second straight year, a group of German teenagers were on the JP2 campus for two weeks as part of an exchange program organized by Christian Youth Exchange. During their stay, they lived with the family of a JP2 student. This summer, the JP2 students who hosted the German students will travel to Germany to get a glimpse of life in that country.

"I wanted to come to the United States for a new experience," said Alina Schroeter, one of the 14 German students participating in the exchange program.

"The new experience is what counts," said Joerg

Bartikowski, one of the two teachers from the school Gymnasium St. Mauritz in Muenster, Germany, who traveled with the students as a chaperone.

The students who participated in the exchange last year spoke highly of their experience, said Jan Blumel, one of this year's exchange students. "They told us we will have much fun, it's exciting and beautiful and it's worth coming."

"We had 50-60 applicants who wanted to come," said Brigitta Dierkes, the other German teacher on the trip. And some of the students who came last year are

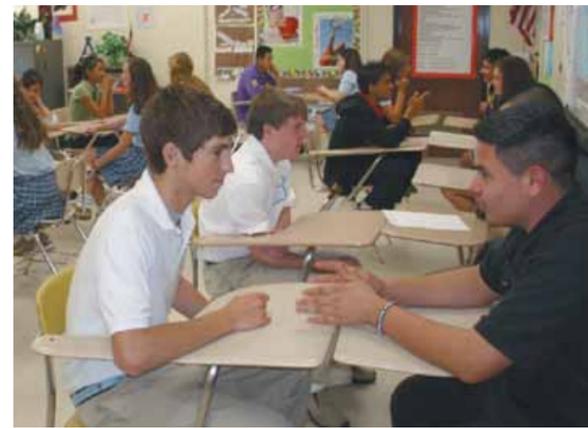
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SPANISH STUDENTS ENJOY IMMERSION EXCHANGE

JPII students in several Spanish classes enjoyed an immersion experience as part of an innovative exchange program with Glenclyff High School.



JPII sophomore Ford Sanger speaks with a student at Glenclyff High School as part of a language immersion exchange program. Students from JPII Spanish classes spent time with students in Glenclyff's English as a Second Language program practicing their Spanish while the Glenclyff students practiced their English.

Foreign Language Department Chair Jackie Beals and Spanish teacher Jack Willey took students from their AP Spanish, Spanish 4 and Spanish 2 classes to Glenclyff where they had an opportunity to speak with native Spanish speakers who've recently arrived in the United States. While the JPII students were practicing their Spanish, the Glenclyff students got the opportunity to practice their English.

On March 27, 35 JPII students traveled to Glenclyff. First the Glenclyff students made a presentation on the school's upcoming "Cultural Explosion" coinciding with the International Day Celebration that typically draws more than 1,000 people from the community.

Then, the students broke up into two rooms, one for English immersion, and the other for Spanish. The Glenclyff students stayed put, while the JPII students rotated through each space, 11-12 at a time. The students would pair up and have a conversation for four or five minutes before moving on to someone else.

The Glenclyff students practicing their English weren't only Hispanics but also immigrants from Somalia and several countries in the Middle East.

After the immersion practice, the students gathered together to work on decorations for the Cultural Explosion while talking and getting to know each other in a more relaxed setting.

Mrs. Beals and Mr. Willey hope to continue the exchange program next year.



Sophomore Keeley Bryan shops in the Armory while parent volunteer Dawn Toronto helps.

ARMORY KEEPS JPII SUPPORTERS WELL DRESSED

Whether you are looking for a hat, a hoodie or pajamas to flash your JPII colors, the place to shop is the Armory. It's also a great way to help Pope John Paul II High School.

The Armory, located next to the school library, is open 3-4 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, as well as for special events.

"We sell all kinds of JPII gear," said Dawn Toronto, the parent volunteer in charge of the Armory. Among the most popular items are hoodies, fleece jackets and baseball hats. "We hope to have more variety for next fall," she said.

Proceeds from the Armory help finance the Parents Association's teacher grant program, which provides teachers the money to buy items needed for their classes.

GILSTRAP RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FROM YOUNGARTS

Senior Andrew Gilstrap has earned national recognition from YoungArts, the core program of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts. Gilstrap received a Merit Award in the discipline of voice.

He was chosen from a pool of more than 5,000 applications nationwide. YoungArts named 597 winners from 39 states. Winners were selected through a blind adjudication process and evaluated by celebrated masters

JPII HIRES NEW FOOTBALL COACH

Pope John Paul II High School has hired Jerry Joslin as its new head football coach for the 2012-2013 school year.

Coach Joslin comes to JPII with more than 30 years of high school coaching experience. He has been the head coach of Cookeville High School since 1998, where he inherited a program with less than 40 players and built it to more than 100 players during his tenure, compiling an overall record of 97-63 with 11 region championships in the process.

Before coaching at Cookeville, Coach Joslin was the head coach at Gallatin High School from 1993-1997 and served as defensive coordinator for Gallatin's state championship teams in 1992 and 1989.

"We had interest from just over 40 applicants for the position," said JPII Athletic Director Rocky Zazzaro. "In the end, Coach Joslin was

our top choice. He is a motivator and role model for our kids and has a great reputation in the high school coaching community. We think our kids will enjoy playing for him."

Coach Joslin is looking forward to the new challenge. "I am excited about coming to work at Pope John Paul II and the possibilities that exist there. I'm also looking forward to meeting the players, working with the assistant coaches and staff, and helping everyone come together as a team. This is a program with lots of potential and I hope my experience will be a benefit."

Coach Joslin will be a teacher in addition to his coaching duties. He is the third head football coach in the school's history, following Jeff Brothers (2002-2009) and Jeff Rutledge (2010-2011).

COACH KIP BROWN LOSES INTERIM TAG

the second of which was a come-from-behind overtime victory.

Fan support grew as the season progressed, with many home games played before standing-room-only crowds.

This spring Mr. Zazzaro and JPII headmaster Faustin Weber met with Coach Brown and did the obvious, informing him of their desire to remove the interim tag and make him the long-term coach. "We're proud of what Kip has done," Mr. Zazzaro explained. "Aside from the number of wins and the competitiveness of our games, the boys had fun playing for him. He's our guy."

"This season was a great experience," said Coach Brown. "Our guys played with passion and unselfishness, and our student body really supported us. I am especially grateful for the attitude and example of our seniors. With the talent we have coming back, the coaching staff and I are excited about the future."

Asked about removing the interim tag, Weber smiled. "Easiest decision I've made all year."

JPII ATHLETES NAMED ALL-COUNTY

Several JPII student athletes have been named to regional and county all-star teams.

Senior Sarah Galvin was named the Sumner County Player of the Year for girls basketball. She finished her career at JPII as the school's all-time leading scorer and led the Knights to a 24-6 record and a berth in the state semi-finals. The 24 wins is a school record. Her teammates, sophomore Kyndal Hale and freshman Lauren Ransom, were also named to the All-County team.

From the boys' team, juniors Lee Holden and Josh Phillips were named to the All-County team. They led the Knights to a school-record 20 wins this season.

Senior Julie Pionk was named a first team All-Midstate bowler. She led the Knights all season long and finished fifth in the state.

JPII PEOPLE: SCHOOL CONNECTION

We hope to highlight the high school careers of some of our students with reference to their "feeder school."

St. John Vianney School

When Drew Pierpaoli and Marta Gautsch came to JPII from St. John Vianney School in Gallatin, they went from a class of only a handful of students to a school with more than 570 students. But it wasn't hard getting used to the bigger school, they said. "I'm very happy," said Marta.



Marta Gautsch

Both have family connections to JPIL. Marta's father, Dr. Tom Gautsch, is the JPII team physician and her sister Hannah is a sophomore at JPII. Drew's mother Betsy is the controller for the school. His sister Courtney graduated from JPII in 2009.

Drew had been told things would be different at JPII. "All of my teachers at St. John Vianney talked about how hard JPII is and how much homework they would have. They said it would be a real culture shock," he said. But that's not exactly how it has worked out, he said. "It was easier this year than last year. ... I realized they prepared us well."



Drew Pierpaoli

Marta has not only had to make the transition to high school but also to life in America. She was born in Ethiopia and adopted by the Gautsch family three years ago. "America is very different than Ethiopia. Everything is good," said Marta, who is a student in JPII's Hand in Hand program.

She's been very happy at JPII, said Marta, who serves as the student manager of the girls basketball team. "JPII is a very good school. ... Everything is good."

Drew advises students coming to JPII to not be afraid of the homework, but make sure you do it because it's an important part of your grade. Marta gives JPII a hearty endorsement. "Everything is very awesome."

JPII people ... Marta Gautsch and Drew Pierpaoli!

View Points

JPII TO HOST CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

For the first time, JPII this summer will host a Catholic Heart Workcamp, welcoming 380 teenagers from around the country to the campus June 24-30 for a week of serving the community and deepening their faith.

"They come with an open heart and ready hands," said Melissa Vaughn, Christian Service Internship coordinator at JPII who is helping to organize the camp.

Catholic Heart Workcamp will mark its 20th year this summer by sending 12,000 high schools students to cities around the country to provide service to those in need. The students coming to Hendersonville will spend their days working on service projects then come back to JPII for an evening of Catholic programming that includes videos, music and powerful faith talks.

"It's just a wonderful week for these kids because they get to put their faith in action," said Patty Deffendall, youth minister at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Hendersonville.

Mrs. Deffendall, who takes members of Our Lady of the Lake's youth group to Catholic Heart Workcamps every summer, is the one who brought the idea of JPII hosting a camp to Headmaster Faustin Weber.

"The need in some of the surrounding areas is there for the kind of work these students come to do every summer," Mrs. Deffendall said. "When you take 350 students you can really impact the community."

Mrs. Vaughn is busy finding service projects for the teens to work on during their visit to Nashville. "We'll do anything from landscaping to painting houses, building wheelchair ramps and decks," she said.

She's already made arrangements to send some of the campers to the Backfield in Motion summer program for inner-city boys, where they will work one-on-one with the boys and tutor them, Mrs. Vaughn said.

She's hoping to send about 60 kids to an assisted living facility for low income seniors in Gallatin to help them clean their apartments.

Mrs. Vaughn is still looking for service opportunities. Anyone who needs help or knows of an individual or agency that needs help can call Mrs. Vaughn at (615) 590-6048.

"If they have any need, Catholic Heart Workcamp supplies the labor, tools and expertise," she said.



UPCOMING EVENTS

GRADUATION

**SUNDAY
MAY 20**

**12:30 P.M.
GRAND OLE OPRY**

Become part of JPII history

As JPII celebrates its 10th anniversary and the opening of the Jim Carell Athletic Complex, we invite you to become part of history!

JPII is blessed with the extraordinary gift from Mr. Jim Carell. How do we respond to such generosity? "Pay It Forward" with the purchase of a customized \$500 paver that will be placed between the pillars in the front entrance way. Alumni and current students may also be honored with the purchase of a customized \$150 brick engraved with their name and year of graduation.

Contact Patrick Weaver, Director of Advancement and Admissions, at 590-6013 for information on pavers and alumni bricks.

Go Knights!