



Online registration open for Camp JP II

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

The Camp JP II 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 JP II 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 JP II.

JP II MEETS MR. MORIN'S 'HIGH EXPECTATIONS'

When Eric Morin attended the University of Notre Dame, he wasn't planning on becoming a teacher. But an invitation to apply for the university's Alliance for Catholic Education Service Through Teaching Program set him on a new course and eventually led him to Pope John Paul II High School as a theology teacher.



Eric Morin

Mr. Morin, who is in his first year at JP II, majored in theology and economics as an undergraduate student at Notre Dame. All Notre Dame students are required to take two theology courses, and his experience in those classes sparked an interest in the subject. "We're a thinking church. We embrace faith and reason," Mr. Morin said. "To study the intellectual side of the faith was interesting to me."

After graduation, he entered the ACE program, which allows students to earn a master's degree in education while taking courses over the summer at Notre Dame and teaching during the school year in an under-resourced Catholic school. Mr. Morin spent his two years in the program teaching at Bishop Byrne High School in Memphis, where he met his wife Ann, who also was an ACE teacher.

After Bishop Byrne, the Morins moved to San Matteo, Calif., which is just south of San Francisco. He taught history and worked in campus ministry for four years at the all-boys Serra High School, the alma mater of NFL quarterback Tom Brady, while his wife taught at Serra's sister school all-girls Mercy High School. It put them

JP II FINE ART STUDENTS RECEIVE HONORS

Four seniors from Pope John Paul II High School received honors at the recent regional Scholastic Art Competition and Exhibition held at Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art. Winning Gold Key awards were Maggie Finaly for her ceramic piece titled "Egg and Pillow" and Shelby Turner for her photograph "Empty."

Winning Silver Key awards were Finaly with her sculpture "Je Suis Le Vent"; Cassidy Johnson for her photograph "Siren Call"; and Rachel Hinlo for her watercolor "Think Skinny."

In addition, Finaly and Johnson also won Honorable Mention. Finaly won for her Complete Art Portfolio and ceramic piece "Organelles," and Johnson for her

closer to the Central Valley of California where Mr. Morin grew up.

But after four years at Serra High School and a growing family, the Morins were looking for a more family friendly environment and found JP II. Mr. Morin learned about JP II through Headmaster Faustin Weber's blog "The Catholic Educator." "I was impressed by what he had written," he said. "It looked like a great school."

"I tell people I had high expectations coming in and they've been fulfilled," said Mr. Morin. "The professionalism of my fellow teachers is humbling. There are some incredible teachers here." The students are "great kids who are hard workers. They are here to learn," he added.

One thing JP II shares with Notre Dame, Mr. Morin said, is a great sense of its Catholic identity. The school does a good job of being proud of its Catholic identity while also being sensitive to its non-Catholic students, he said.

In his five freshman Scripture classes, Mr. Morin often fields questions about Catholicism from his non-Catholic students. Starting the theology curriculum with a study of Scripture makes it easier for the students of all denominations, he said. "It's something we hold in common."

Besides teaching, Mr. Morin also served as the freshman football coach last fall. He started coaching while still a student at Notre Dame when he helped at a local Catholic high school in South Bend. While coaching, he gets a chance to see his students away from the classroom, Mr. Morin said. "You can see them in a different way."

Mr. Morin enjoys teaching because it provides "a chance to influence a lot of lives in a positive way. ... It's a rewarding life."

photographs "Social Security" and "The creature was a party of boys, marching ..."



From left, Rachel Hinlo, Cassidy Johnson, Maggie Finaly and Shelby Turner, received honors at the regional Scholastic Art Competition and Exhibition.



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ALUMNI NEWS

Class of 2007

Army Lt. Ryan Maynard recently completed the primary flight phase of helicopter pilot training at the U.S. Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker, Ala.



Lt. Ryan Maynard

Grant Snyder is a chemical engineering major at Tennessee Tech. He's looking forward to the class' five-year reunion this year.

Class of 2008

Patsy Mahoney, a senior guard for Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind., was named to the All-Conference second team for the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association. Mahoney finished conference play third overall in minutes played, tied for third in both scoring (12.9 ppg) and assists (61), tied for sixth in steals (27), and ninth in free throw percentage (76.5 percent). The senior led the MIAA in total free throws made on the year (75) and attempts (98). A two-time MIAA Player of the Week this year, she scored at least 10 points in 13 of the Belles' league contests including a career-high 29 points in a win over Olivet. It is the first time she was named to the All-Conference team.

Kathleen Witte, a student at the University of North Carolina, won

fifth place in the 2011-12 Hearst Journalism Awards Broadcast News Competition II, and received a \$1,000 prize. Five television winners, selected from 57 entrants from 33 schools, will submit additional entries for a semi-final round of judging (along with five winners from Competition I). Following the semi-finals, five television finalists will be chosen to participate in the 2012 Championship in San Francisco, along with the radio, writing, photojournalism and multimedia finalists.

Class of 2011

Leah Loven finished her first season of college soccer helping the Bellarmine University Knights advance to the second round of the NCAA Division II tournament. It was the school's second appearance in the tournament in its history and capped off a season in which the team won its first ever Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament championship. The Knights finished the season ranked 20th in the country. Loven, a center back defender, was one of two freshmen to start for the team, which recorded the most season wins in school history. She also chipped in two goals off headers and multiple assists.

Kirsten Perrey, a freshman at the University of Evansville, made the Dean's List for the Fall 2011 semester and has been accepted into The National Society of Leadership and Success, Sigma Alpha Pi. Perrey also competed for the Purple Aces cross country team, placing sixth in the Missouri Valley Conference championships.



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VIOLINISTS ACCEPTED TO GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

Two Pope John Paul II High School students who play the violin have been selected to attend the prestigious Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts this summer, junior Jessica Herrera and sophomore Jacqui Ramos.

During the month of June, Herrera and Ramos will participate in the orchestra, take classes in theory, conducting, improvisation, and world music, as well as participate in chamber music. Both young women play the violin in the JP II orchestra under the direction of Mr. Alan Suska. Mr. Suska taught at the Governor's School for the Arts for eight years prior to joining JP II and is very familiar with the highly competitive application process.

Each summer the State of Tennessee provides challenging and intensive learning experiences for gifted and talented high school students in the following summer programs: Arts, Humanities, International Studies, Engineering, Science, Prospective Teachers, Scientific Exploration of Tennessee Heritage, Information Technology Leadership and Agricultural Science.

JP II celebrates Herrera and Ramos' acceptance into this prestigious school!



JP II students Jessica Herrera, left, and Jacqui Ramos have both been selected to attend the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts this summer.

JP II STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

Rachel Hinlo, Simran Mahtani and Emily Peel were selected to participate in the 47th annual Tennessee Junior Science and Humanities Symposium held on the campus of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, March 1-2.

They presented their research in a public forum to a panel of UT faculty scientists who served as judges. The young women also had an opportunity to learn about cutting-edge research from professional scientists as they visited research laboratories at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and select laboratories at UT.

Hinlo, Mahtani and Peel competed for a total of \$4,500 in undergraduate tuition scholarships. First place received

a \$2,000 scholarship, second place \$1,500, and third place \$1,000. Winners can use the scholarships at the school of their choice. The top two finalists from the regional TJSHS become eligible to compete for national JSHS scholarships to support the study of sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Science department Chair Jennifer Dye also led a round table discussion on science research at the high school level. In 2011, Mrs. Dye won the Teacher Mentor Award for her extraordinary contribution to mentoring high school students in their original research.

For more information about TJSHS, visit <http://jshs-tn.utk.edu/>.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

TALENT SHOW

MARCH 29

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TICKETS

\$5/STUDENTS

\$7/NON-STUDENTS

Become part of JPPII history

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

JPPII 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!

View Points

JPPII GRADS OPEN BUSINESS TO HELP ARTISTS

Ryan Schemmel and Daniel Heering, 2006 graduates of Pope John Paul II High School, know that Nashville has a lot more going for its art scene than country music. The goal of their new business, the Brick Factory Nashville, is to let everyone else know it too.

"We want Nashville to be known for the other great things that happen here," said Schemmel, who opened Brick Factory Nashville in Cummins Station on Feb. 1 with Heering and a third partner, Josh Cooper. "It's like a gym for artists," Schemmel explained.

The idea is to give artists a space and resources to pursue their art. A person can buy a membership that gives them access to use the space and a discount for the classes offered – whether it's dance, woodworking, photography or web design – and access to all of the events hosted at the Brick Factory.

Currently, the Brick Factory is in two suites on the first floor of Cummins Station. The space includes room for woodworking, complete with all the tools necessary, a photography studio with equipment, and a collaborative workspace with equipment. In the future, Schemmel and his partners would like to add a print shop, a metal shop, a space for working with ceramics, and other resources. The ultimate goal would be to have freelancers and artists running their businesses out of the Brick Factory, Schemmel said.

Schemmel grew up in Hendersonville and graduated from St. Joseph School before moving on to JPPII. He was part of the school's first freshman class. "JPPII was great," Schemmel said. "Maybe at the time I didn't realize that. In retrospect it pushed us – in a good way." He met and became friends with Heering at JPPII. "We had a few classes together. We even played in a little band together," Schemmel said.

After graduating from Belmont in 2010, Schemmel worked for an agent in the music business, before teaming up with Heering, who graduated with a degree in architecture from UT in May 2011, and Cooper to open the Brick Factory. Part of their inspiration for their endeavor came from the father of another classmate at JPPII, who once told Schemmel he strived to be a facilitator of human potential.

"We decided that we could do our part and facilitate human potential through the arts," Schemmel said.

For more information about the Brick Factory Nashville and classes and events there, visit www.brickfactorynashville.com.

JPPII PEOPLE: SCHOOL CONNECTION

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

Holy Rosary Academy

Hailey Lavender and Sean Reding have been in the same school since kindergarten, first at Holy Rosary Academy and now as freshmen at Pope John Paul II High School. And both came to JPPII looking for a great education. "I heard a lot of good things about the education," said Hailey. "I felt like this would give me a good high school experience and get me prepared for later in life."

Sean, who is one of a set of triplets in the freshman class along with sisters Anna and Megan, was already familiar with JPPII through his older brother Ian, who graduated in 2011, and his father John, who serves on the school's board of trustees. "I liked the school," said Sean, who has been impressed with JPPII's teachers. "They really do try to help you."

Like most people Sean and Hailey heard about the tough academics and the amount of homework at JPPII. "We're definitely getting a lot more" homework than in elementary school, Hailey said. But, Sean said, "people exaggerate how hard it is."

After going to school their whole lives with the same group of people, coming to JPPII meant seeing a lot of new faces and making new friends. "It has been pretty easy to make friends," Hailey said. They have met people through extracurricular activities. Hailey was involved in the fall theater production and is playing softball this spring. Sean was on the bowling team and joined the chess club.

Hailey said she would tell students thinking of coming to JPPII, "It's a lot of work, but it's definitely worth it." Sean added, "The teachers are there to help you. Don't be afraid."

JPPII people ... Hailey Lavender and Sean Reding!



Hailey Lavender



Sean Reding

WINTER SPORTS COME TO A CLOSE

BASKETBALL

JPPII's girls and boys basketball teams finished highly successful seasons, with the girls making it to the final four of the Division II-AA state tournament in Coach Karen Serra's first year at JPPII, and the boys more than tripling their win total from last year and finishing with a 20-11 record.

The Lady Knights earned their trip to the Final Four with a 48-31 win over St. Benedict in the first round of the playoffs. But their season ended with a 52-40 loss to Ensworth. Demisha Porter played her best game as a Knight by playing outstanding defense and leading the team offensively with 14 points. Sarah Galvin, saddled with foul trouble in the first half, scored 12. It was the final game for Galvin, who finished as the Lady Knights' all time leading scorer. For the season, the Lady Knights finished with a 24-6 record.



Sarah Galvin

The boys team, under first year coach Kip Brown, rode an up tempo style to one of the team's most successful seasons in school history. Among the Knights' 20 wins were two victories over rival Father Ryan, wins over Battle Ground Academy and Brentwood Academy and a win over Sumner County neighbor Station Camp. In the first round of the playoffs, the Knights traveled to Montgomery Bell Academy, where their season came to an earlier-than-hoped-for end with a 62-51 loss.

HOCKEY

The JPPII hockey team's season came to a close in the first round of the Predators Cup Tournament, which each year leads to the crowning of the state champion. The Knights finished their season with a 9-8-5 record after the 6-4 first-round loss to Centennial.

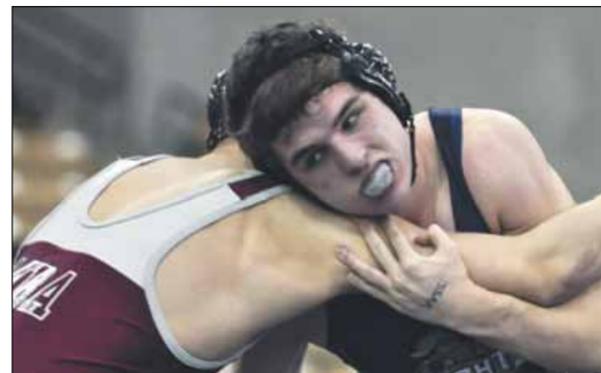
Senior Sean Brewer led the team in goals (25), assists (16), and points (41). Other top scorers were P.J. Fogolin, 16 goals, 15 assists, 31 points; Reed Davis, 10 goals, 9 assists, 19 points; and Andrew Smith, 5 goals, 7 assists, 12 points. Goalie Jack Safford finished the season with a 2.68 goals against average in 15 games.

WRESTLING

Junior Cody Burchwell was the top finisher on the JPPII wrestling team in the Division II state tournament, finishing fourth in the 170-pound weight class. He was the Knights' only medalist.

"He's our most technical wrestler on the team," Coach Billy Whitaker said of Burchwell. "I look forward to see what he can do in the off season to better himself and get ready for next season."

Four seniors ended their career at JPPII: team captain Brandon Sinor



Junior Cody Burchwell finished fourth in the Division II state wrestling tournament.

(152 pounds), Andrew Scruggs (180), Josh Scott (160) and Cody Anderson (138). "I was a little disappointed that these guys didn't get to walk away with a medal," Coach Whittaker said. "We've got a great group of seniors."

The seniors also posted impressive records in their final season of high school wrestling. Sinor finished 33-11 with 25 pins, the most on the team. Scruggs, in just his second year of wrestling, finished 34-12 with 21 pins. Cody Anderson finished 26-15 with 19 pins and Josh Scott, 24-4 with 18 pins. "It's a pretty tight group," Coach Whittaker said of the seniors. "Those guys will always be friends. The lessons they learned in the wrestling room will exceed what a medal would have given them."

Among the underclassmen for the team were juniors Cody Patterson (195), J Ryker Chumley (120) and Cole Burwell (220); sophomore Jacob Polman (145); and freshmen Jacob Telli (132), Tyler Elkins (106), Mina Adeeb (126) and Daniel Edwards (113).

SWIMMING

The JPPII swim team capped their season with five swimmers competing in the 2012 Tennessee Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association State High School Swimming and Diving Championships, Feb. 10-11 at the Centennial Sportsplex in Nashville: sophomores Paige Scheriger, Maddie Kolbe and Bethany Loven, junior Nick Massa and senior Brittany Zobl.

Scheriger and Kolbe finished third and sixth, respectively, in the women's 100-yard breast stroke, with Kolbe exceeding her personal best by several seconds. Scheriger also placed seventh in the women's 200-yard individual medley. Zobl placed 13th in the women's 50-yard freestyle and 16th in the women's 100-yard freestyle, and Kolbe finished 19th in the 100-yard freestyle. The women's 200-meter freestyle relay team of Scheriger, Kolbe, Loven and Zobl placed 13th. In the team standings, the JPPII women's team finished tied for 13th.

On the men's side, Massa placed 44th in the men's 100-yard breast stroke and 51st in the 100-yard freestyle.

JPPII GRADUATE SERVES IN AFGHANISTAN

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By Lisa Young Barry

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While Lauren Luckey was kicking around a soccer ball at Pope John Paul II and helping her soccer team win a state championship in 2005, she never realized that in a few short years that she would be in Afghanistan helping to make a difference in the lives of men, women and children.

A 2006 graduate and goalie for JPPII, Luckey received a full soccer scholarship to the University of Massachusetts where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology. While attending the University of Massachusetts, Lauren was not only active with the women's soccer team, but she also enrolled in the ROTC program which rekindled her lifelong interest in the military. Despite her desire to pursue a career in physical therapy or pre-med, after graduation, Lauren soon took a turn on a different career path. "I've always been interested in the military since I was a kid," recalls Luckey. "I remember visiting a military academy in Colorado when I was a child. That was when my interest in the military really began."

Upon graduation, following her childhood dream, Luckey was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. Luckey was based in Oahu, Hawaii, at Schofield Barracks, but has recently been serving on her first tour in Afghanistan. ... she has been promoted to First Lieutenant and team leader for the Female Engagement Team at the Forward Operating Team at Bostick (the last U.S. held base in Afghanistan which is located in the Northern Kunar Province of Eastern Afghanistan in the district of Nari). The Female Engagement Team's mission is to integrate the rights of Afghan women and secure their positions in the community.

"The U.S. has been in Afghanistan for 10 years now. The Afghan male focus has been very strong, but we have been missing educational opportunities with 50 percent of the population – women. The Female Engagement Team is now allowed inside the Governor's compound, where traditionally male issues have been addressed. Now, however, I am allowed in the compound to handle women's issues," states Luckey. "It has been a slow steady process, but very rewarding to see the progress begin."

Luckey continues, "Most of what we do is educating the people in the village. I have established a relationship with the local governor, and I work with him on a regular basis. He is like a sponge – very open and willing to progress to conventional standards. I have been fortunate enough to work with him on this level. He has even asked me to be his sub-governor. He has been very willing to open up to me and he is respectful of new ideas. We have a six-year goal of integrating women into government positions."

Perhaps one of the most important aspects of Luckey's work has been her involvement with the water purification program called Waves

For Water. These filter systems will produce hundreds of gallons of clean water per day for five years. One filter, alone, will produce 100 gallons of clean water a day. The Female Engagement Team and the Waves for Water Task Force have a distribution plan of providing 200 water purifying systems throughout the district.

Before the filter systems were implemented, women walked five times a day to get water for their families, but it was not clear water. The Waves for Water filter system will remove bacteria such as cholera, botulism, typhoid, amoebic sentery, E. coli, coliform bacteria, streptococcus, salmonella, giardia, cryptosporidium and cyclospora. Luckey works with women and children to educate them on the filter systems, demonstrating just how easy the system is to assemble, use and clean. Lucky says, "The Female Engagement Team works hand in hand with the Waves for Water Task Force to teach hands-on demonstrations of the water purification systems and their capabilities to Afghan women and their children. The local school's principal has applauded the Waves for Water Task Force and the Female Engagement Team, stating, 'Humans need two things to live – oxygen and water. You have given us water.'"

"This purified water is the first clean water these people have ever drunk in their lives," says Luckey. "I collected water from the village stream and drank the purified water with the women. I want to lead the way through example and offer a brighter future for local women in the district."

Luckey has four younger siblings who look up to her and are quite impressed with her military life. "My 12 year old brother is especially intrigued with my military experiences. He is at that malleable age where he is looking for direction for his own life." Luckey grins as she says, "My little brother says I am the coolest sister, ever!"

When asked about her parents' support of her military choice, Luckey says, "Behind every great military service member is a great family. I'm sure for my mother it is like on a roller coaster ride, but she understands that I am doing something that I love and that I am passionate about what I do. Different stories have come out about where I am or what I am doing overseas and my mother never asks me about it. She just respects it. Her attitude is that she can stand beside me and support me or walk away and not see me. I hear from family members that she worries about me, but she does not let me know. She is very supportive of my choice."

Luckey will be returning to Oahu in March after her assignment in Afghanistan, and will be serving another tour in Afghanistan in 2013. "After my second tour I will decide what I want to do. I will decide year by year about re-enlisting. I know that one day I would like to operate my own business. I have considered becoming a personal trainer and opening my own gym or owning a restaurant," says Luckey.

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