



### 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](http://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.

## JACQUI LONG EXTOLS VIRTUES OF WORKING ON THE YEARBOOK

Jacqui Long started working on the yearbook staff when she was in middle school and it's part of her job now as the faculty advisor for the JP II yearbook and the teacher for the yearbook class. "I think it's one of the best classes any kid can take," Mrs. Long said. "You have so many skills you learn, from business to writing."



Jacqui Long

Mrs. Long, who recently received one of the school's Harvest Awards for Excellence in Teaching, has about 25 students in her yearbook class this year and said she might have as many as 30 next year. A student's first year in the class, which includes students in grades 10-12, is dedicated to teaching students the basics of putting together a yearbook, from selling ads to taking photographs to designing the pages. After that first year, the students take a job on the yearbook staff, she explained.

On the yearbook staff, there is a role for every student, no matter their personality, talents or interests, Mrs. Long said. "It takes all kinds," she said. "There's always a job that fits a student's personality and talent."

Her goal each year is for the students "to show initiative," Mrs. Long said. "If not, they're not going to learn anything." She sees her role more as a coach for the students.

Besides teaching the yearbook class, Mrs. Long also teaches four freshman English classes. "I really like it," Mrs. Long said of teaching freshmen. "They're so different than any other age group. They're trying to find their way. They'll never believe what they were like when they're seniors."

## FBLA TEAM BOASTS STATE CHAMPIONS IN FIVE CATEGORIES

In only its second competition, the JP II Future Business Leaders of America team took first place in five categories at the State Competition, held April 16-18 at the Convention Center in Chattanooga.

In Management Decision Making, Ashlyn Keightley and Lennart Funke won first place beating out more than 30 other teams. Other first place winners (state champions) included Zach Pelka in Impromptu Speaking, Alex Abdo in Economics as well as Social Media, and Aly Cox in Accounting. Carlee Prichard also finished fourth in Accounting, while Raina Patel, Nick Massa, and Connor McCarthy placed third in Entrepreneurship.

The first place winners have been selected to represent the

In the English curriculum at JP II, Mrs. Long said, "the emphasis is on how to properly communicate through writing. ... Whatever you do, if you can write, you've got it."

Mrs. Long is in her fifth year on the faculty at JP II. She grew up in southern Mississippi not far from New Orleans. She was in graduate school at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Miss., when Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast. After the hurricane, her parents were looking to relocate to Middle Tennessee. She actually ended up relocating before her parents and moved to Hendersonville while completing work on her master's degree in teaching.

"I was having a hard time finding a place to do an internship," Mrs. Long said, when a professor suggested she contact JP II's Dean of Studies Karen Phillips. She completed her internship working with JP II English teacher Jennifer Smith in the spring of 2007, and at the end of the internship the school staff asked her to stay on as a full-time teacher, Mrs. Long said.

She had graduated from Pope John Paul II High School in Slidell, La., on the north shore of Lake Ponchartrain, not far from her hometown of Picayne, Miss., just across the Louisiana state line. JP II's founding Headmaster Hans Broekman called Mrs. Long's arrival at JP II in Hendersonville "fate," she said.

She didn't start out interested in a teaching career; she was instead thinking of broadcasting. But she changed her mind as a senior in college, something her parents, who both had worked as educators, had been encouraging her to consider, Mrs. Long said. "It was in the blood," Mrs. Long said. Her parents "knew it but I was running away from it."

JP II's atmosphere and culture is welcoming, Mrs. Long said. "It's a family. It's a big summer camp."

state of Tennessee in the 2012 National Competition, which will be held in San Antonio, Texas, June 29-July 2.

In addition to the success in the competition, the JP II team received even more recognition when Zach Pelka was inducted as the Region 5 President and State Officer on Wednesday, April 18. "We did extremely well for our second time competing in FBLA events, especially for being at the state level," Connor McCarthy said. The team is coached by Bob Page, who teaches economics at JP II.

The conference featured three days of fierce competition and included more than 2,200 students from all over the state, who all qualified at one of the nine regional competitions.



117 Caldwell Drive  
Hendersonville, TN 37075

[info@jp2hs.org](mailto:info@jp2hs.org)

[www.jp2hs.org](http://www.jp2hs.org)

## BUS SERVICE EXTENDS REACH OF JP II

*Continued from page 1*

stops at Exit 24 and Exit 35 before arriving at JP II at 7:45 a.m. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, the bus leaves JP II at 5:45 p.m. and makes its last stop at 6:50 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, the bus leaves at 3:40 p.m. and makes its last stop at 4:40 p.m.

The Bellevue/West End route makes stops at Belle Meade Plaza and St. Ann School and arrives at JP II at 7:35 a.m. In the afternoon, the route makes two runs, one leaving at 3:40 p.m. and arriving at Belle Meade Plaza at 4 p.m., and a second route leaves at 5:45 p.m. and arrives at Belle Meade Plaza at 6:20 p.m.

The Hermitage/Donelson route makes stops at Holy Rosary Academy and the Hobby Lobby on U.S. 70 near State Route 45. The first morning pickup is 6:45 a.m. and the bus arrives at JP II at 7:35 a.m. There are two afternoon runs, one leaving JP II at 3:40 p.m. and the other at 5:45 p.m. The Lebanon/Gallatin route makes stops at the Church of Christ next to Sports Village on Highway 70 in Lebanon and Sumner Academy and the Wal-Mart on U.S. 31 in Gallatin. The first pickup in the morning is in Lebanon at 6:40 a.m. and the bus arrives at JP II at 7:35 a.m. In the afternoon, the bus leaves at 3:40 p.m. and makes its last stop at 4:40 p.m.

The Bowling Green route leaves the Catfish House at Exit 22 on Interstate 65 in Bowling Green each morning at 6:20, with stops at Exit 117 in Portland and Exit 108 in White House. The bus arrives at JP II at 7:35 a.m. On Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays, the afternoon bus leaves at 3:40 and on Wednesday and Friday, the bus leaves at 5:45 p.m.

Mr. Carter drives the bus route provided by JP II for St. Joseph School in Madison. "It's worked out very well so far," Mr. Carter said of the arrangement between the two schools. The St. Joseph route has stops at Lowe's and JP II in Hendersonville and another in the Rivergate area. "In the morning we run about 40 kids and in the afternoon between 60 and 70," Mr. Carter said.

JP II also leases its buses to other schools that need them for field trips or special events, such as Holy Rosary, St. Ann, St. Pius X and St. Henry, Mr. Carter said. JP II's fleet includes six full-size buses and five 14-passenger shuttle buses.

Besides driving a bus for JP II, Mr. Carter also helps with maintenance at the school. This is his second career. He started driving school buses after retiring at the end of a 32-year career with BellSouth. After working part-time as a bus driver for Davidson Academy, Mr. Carter took a job as a bus driver and facility maintenance manager at Curry Ingram Academy in Nashville. When the school outsourced those jobs, a mutual friend recommended him to Jane Brown, then the business manager at JP II.

"She felt like I would be a good add to the school," Mr. Carter said. "I was tickled to death with that. It's 10 minutes from my house" in Goodlettsville.

"It was a real blessing to me to come to Pope John Paul II," Mr. Carter said. "They're really nice people to work for."



MAY 2012

Headmaster Faustin Weber ■ 615-822-2375 ■ [www.jp2hs.org](http://www.jp2hs.org)



Photo by Rick Musacchio

## JUNIORS SHOW OFF SCHOOL RINGS

Junior Cody Burchwell, center, shows off his new school ring to friends and classmates after the annual junior ring Mass celebrated on April 25. The presentation of the rings signifies a passing of the student leadership of the school from the senior class headed toward graduation to the junior class.

## BUS SERVICE EXTENDS REACH OF JP II

The reach of Pope John Paul II High School, drawing students from as far away as Clarksville and Lebanon, Bowling Green and Bellevue, is made possible by the school's bus service, which includes five routes.

Mike Carter leads the team of bus drivers for the school, which includes: Vickie Cawood who drives the Clarksville route; Kathy Lackey, who drives the Gallatin/Lebanon route; James Estes, who drives the Hermitage route; Bob Sneed, who runs the Bellevue/West End route; and Phil

Sneed, who runs the Bowling Green, Ky., route. Dot Johns is the substitute driver who fills in as needed, Mr. Carter said.

"The busiest route is Clarksville," Mr. Carter said. "She has somewhere about 40 students who ride."

In the mornings the Clarksville route makes its first pickup at 6:30 a.m. at Exit 11 at Interstate 24. From there it makes

*Continued on page 6*



**THIS ISSUE:**  
JUNIOR RING MASS  
BUS SERVICE  
JP II PEOPLE  
LIBRARY  
NEW ATHLETIC FACILITIES

ALL STATE CHOIR  
ALL-STATE ATHLETES  
ASHLYN KEIGHTLEY  
ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP SIGNINGS

BRYAN MELCHER  
JACQUI LONG  
CAMP JP II REGISTRATION  
FBLA

Admissions Office  
615-822-2375  
[info@jp2hs.org](mailto:info@jp2hs.org)



**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**FREE ATHLETIC PHYSICALS**  
**SATURDAY JUNE 9**  
**9-1 P.M.**

**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!

*View Points*

**LIBRARY IS IMPORTANT EXTENSION OF CLASSROOM**

The William and Claudia Puryear Library at JPII is a hub of activity. From students doing research for class projects, to book club discussions, to presentations for students by authors, to a Writer's Nite featuring the work of JPII students and faculty, "It's a well used space," said School Librarian Joan Lange.

The library plays an important role in the educational mission of the school, Ms. Lange said. "At the high school level you want to be teaching research skills and also a love of learning," she said. That's difficult to do in a vacuum, Ms. Lange said. "It has to come out of what they're learning in the classroom to connect them with what they're learning in a meaningful way."

This year, Melanie Taylor's Advanced French class used the library to work on a research project "What is Liberty." The students researched Franco-American relations and the significance of the Statue of Liberty to both nations. The project resulted in the production of an Animoto movie (to view the movie visit: <http://animoto.com/play/dh0CWSuglX4zgy9Xwk8tAg>).

Sophomore English classes studying Shakespearean soliloquies also produced an Animoto movie that can be seen at: <http://joanlange.edu.glogster.com/brutus-plots-to-kill-julius-caesar/>.

And freshman health and wellness classes used the library to research Digital Citizenship, examining how technology impacts their lives. The students surveyed how freshmen use technology, then the students researched how use and misuse of technology can impact their health. Among the topics investigated were the amount of texting and computer use and how it affects sleep deprivation or loss of family time, as well as the ethical use of technology, such as cyberbullying.

"This grows out of the teacher's classroom and out of their vision of wanting to do more with the learning in the classroom," Ms. Lange said.

Ms. Lange and Library Assistant Merri Gibbs also organize Book Club discussions, a Teen Read student advisory group and the Writers Café. The library also hosted lunch time discussion for teachers to discuss topics such as how to use in their classes E-books, digital research, and the new scholarly database JSTOR now available in the JPII library.

"Collaboration with the classes is an important role for the library," she said.

**JPII PEOPLE: SCHOOL CONNECTION**

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

*T.W. Hunter Middle School*

When Nicole Kirby and Connor Lewis were students at T.W. Hunter Middle School in Hendersonville considering where they would attend high school, they and their families opted to take advantage of the opportunities at Pope John Paul II High School.

"I felt like getting a quality education in a private environment," said Connor. "When the opportunity presented itself, my parents decided to go for it," Nicole added.

Nicole was reluctant at first to leave her friends and come to JPII. That changed after the freshman retreat when she got the chance to start meeting her new classmates. "I felt more welcomed," she said. "After school started, I loved it.

The people here are much more welcoming."

Making new friends at JPII "was easy," Nicole said, "because nobody knew each other. They were ready to meet new people."

She had some family connections to JPII. Her brother Paul is a junior. He told her "I was going to have to focus and make priorities," Nicole said. "I think he knew I would be OK."

"I knew a lot of people who came to JPII," Connor added. "They said the classes are hard but they liked the school" and that he would like the students who go to JPII.

Connor's advice to prospective students and those joining next year's freshman class is to attend the JPII Summer Camp to work on writing essays and to do their homework so they don't fall behind. Nicole advises, "Be open to all the opportunities provided here, know how to take notes, and develop good study habits."

JPII people ... Nicole Kirby and Connor Lewis!



Nicole Kirby



Connor Lewis

**SOCCER FIELD/TRACK GETS LIGHTS; BATTING CAGE GETS ROOF**

JPII continues to make improvements to its athletic facilities. The latest projects include erecting lights on the track and soccer field and building a covered batting cage. Next in line for June is the installation of the rubber coating for the track.

The lights for the soccer field and track are in place and they include lights on the far side of the soccer field that will illuminate the practice field behind it, explained Athletic Director Rocky Zazzaro. "It helps make those areas more attractive venues," Mr. Zazzaro said. Lights will allow JPII to host soccer games later in the evening, which will be easier for parents, family, friends and fans to attend, he said. "Lighting the practice field is functional," he said. There are so many youth teams now using the facilities at JPII, Mr. Zazzaro said, "now, they have another place to practice other than the football stadium."

More people will be able to use the facilities, he said. "By lighting the practice field, we extend our day indefinitely."

The rubber coating for the new track around the soccer field is scheduled to be installed on June 16, Mr. Zazzaro said. It will be the first time the school has had its own track.

Next to the baseball field, a new batting cage has been built, providing a roof over the cages. The new batting cage covers the same footprint as the old one, Mr. Zazzaro said, and was designed to allow for the construction of walls to completely enclose it later if officials want to. With the roof covering, "when it rains we have somewhere to go," Mr. Zazzaro said. The cages also have artificial turf on the floor, which will allow other sports to use the facility in bad weather, Mr. Zazzaro said. "Baseball and softball won't be the only ones to benefit."

The new batting cage was built by Botsko Builders, and JPII parent Rick Hegarty put the project together "with the help of a lot of generous donors," Mr. Zazzaro said.

**JPII CHORAL SINGERS PARTICIPATE IN ALL-STATE CHOIR**

Seven choral singers from Pope John Paul II High School participated in a Tennessee All-State Choir in Chattanooga April 11-14.

Jenny Cawood and Olivia Drennan were members of the 120-voice All-State Women's Chorale; MacKenzie Mayberry, Kenzie Farless and Hannah Gautsch were members of the 180-voice All-State SATB Choir; and Bryan Melcher and Andrew Gilstrap were members of the 96-voice All-State Men's Chorus.

The students rehearsed approximately six to seven hours a day with world renown choral directors on Thursday and Friday and presented their concerts on Saturday, April 14, at the Tivoli Theatre, a historic Chattanooga landmark.

JPII senior Andrew Gilstrap, was selected as a soloist in the Italian song, "Viva Tutti."

On Friday evening, All-State students enjoyed a concert by Straight No Chasers, a professional men's cappella group originally from the University of Indiana.



Pope John Paul II High School students who participated in a Tennessee All-State Choir include: (front row, L-R) Kenzie Farless, Jenny Cawood and Hannah Gautsch; (back row) Bryan Melcher, MacKenzie Mayberry, Olivia Drennan and Andrew Gilstrap.

**GALVIN, PHILLIPS NAMED ALL STATE IN BASKETBALL**

Congratulations to JPII senior Sarah Galvin and junior Josh Phillips for being named to the Division II All State basketball team!

Sarah led the Knights in scoring all season, averaging 18.8 points per game, and also garnered 8.4 rebounds and an amazing 3.9 steals per game. The Lady Knights finished the season at 24-6, their best record ever, and made the state final four.

Josh led the resurgent boys program to a 19-10 record, the most wins in the program's history. Standing at 6-feet, 7-inches, Josh was a force inside, where he averaged 11.6 points per game and established a strong defensive and rebounding presence. Congratulations to both Sarah and Josh for this honor!



Ashlyn Keightley

**KEIGHTLEY PLACES IN FORENSICS TOURNAMENT**

Senior Ashlyn Keightley placed sixth at the Tennessee High School Speech and Debate League District II tournament in March in Clarksville.

As a member of JPII's forensics team, Ashlyn entered Prose Interpretation with a cutting from "The Help."

Judges' comments included: "Fine presentation of time period," "Great description of characters," and "Good use of gestures and expressions."



Seven JPII seniors recently signed to continue their athletic careers in college. They are, from left, Krissy Eccher, softball, Sarah Galvin, basketball, Megan Mihaliak, softball, Patrick Zazzaro, baseball, Rachel Harrison, lacrosse, Katie King, lacrosse, Brittany Zobl, swimming.

**SEVEN JPII SENIORS SIGN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

Seven seniors at Pope John Paul II High School who will be continuing their athletic careers in college were honored at a signing ceremony at the school on May 2. Among the honored students were:

■ Krissy Eccher, who has signed to play softball at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Ky. Eccher is a three year starter at third base for the Lady Knights softball team. In 2011, she was named to the All Sumner County team. On hand for the ceremony were her mother, Lynn Meadows, and older sisters, Jamie and Whitney Eccher.

■ Megan Mihaliak, who signed to play softball at Maryville College, in Maryville, Tenn. Mihaliak is a four-year starter for the Lady Knights, and has been the team's pitcher for the last three seasons. In 2011, Mihaliak was named to the All Region and All State teams. She is the daughter of Mark Mihaliak and Mary Ann Mihaliak.

■ Sarah Galvin, who has signed to play basketball at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky. Galvin has been one of the most accomplished athletes in JPII's 10-year history. In 2010, she was named to the Division II-AA East/Middle All Region team in basketball. In 2011, she was again named to the All Region team, as well as the Tennessee Sports Writers Association All State Basketball team, the Sumner County All-County Team, and the County Player of the Year. She set a school record with 1,174 career points. Galvin also was a multi-year starter for the JPII girls soccer team. Her parents are Kelly Galvin and Tim Galvin.

**MELCHER NAMED YOUTH GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE**

For the second time in three years, a JPII student has been chosen as Youth Governor of Tennessee. Junior Bryan Melcher was elected by his peers during the recent Youth Legislative Convention at the statehouse, following Aaron Weber's election in 2010.

As governor, Melcher will lead the 2013 Youth Convention.

■ Patrick Zazzaro, who has signed to play baseball at Georgetown College in Georgetown, Ky. Zazzaro has been a two-year starter for JPII's baseball team as a catcher and designated hitter. He is the son of Rocky and Kimberly Zazzaro.

■ Brittany Zobl, who has signed to swim for Birmingham Southern University in Birmingham, Ala. Zobl is a USA Swimming Senior Sectional qualifier for the past six years. Zobl qualified for the regional and state high school swim meets in all seven of her events for the the past four years. She has been the runner up in the Middle Tennessee High School Swim Association meet for two years in the 50 freestyle. This year, Zobl was selected as an Academic All American. She is the daughter of John and Sheree Zobl.

■ Rachel Harrison, who has signed to play lacrosse for Transylvania College in Lexington, Ky. Harrison has been a three-year varsity starter for the Knights girls lacrosse team. In 2010 she was named All Region and the Unsung Hero for the JPII team. In 2011, she was named All Region and JPII Defensive MVP, and she was named to the National Tournament Team and as a US Lacrosse Academic All American. Her parents are Jim and Leslie Harrison.

■ Katie King, who has signed to play women's lacrosse for Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala. King has been part of the Knights lacrosse team for the past two years. In 2011, King was named to the National Tournament Team. She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Kathleen King.

Also elected for state office for the 2013 Convention are JPII students Zach Pelka as Lieutenant Governor, Allie Smith as Speaker Pro-Tempore of the House, and Nathan Edwards, Senate Floor Leader.

Congratulations to Bryan and to JPII's Youth in Government Club, led by Karen Phillips and Andrew Griffith.