



J. Ryker Chumley (31) beats the catcher's tag and slides into home safely in the Knights' 5-1 win over Father Ryan in the regular season finale. The Knights have a 22-8 record as they head into the playoffs. They will host a quarterfinal series at Serv-Pro Field at JP II on May 17-18.

SPRING SPORTS TEAMS FIND SUCCESS

JPII's athletic teams have achieved much success this spring, including a regular season region championship for the softball team and a berth in the state semifinals for the women's lacrosse team.

The women's lacrosse team qualified for the semifinals by traveling to Memphis where they beat Baylor 18-9 and then Franklin 13-5. The Franklin win avenged a 5-8 loss just the week before, but this time the Knights came out on fire to take a 10-0 halftime lead.

JPII hosted the state final four May 10 and 11. In the first semifinal game, JPII fell to Hutchinson, the number-one ranked team in the

state and this year's state champion.

This is the second year in a row the women's lacrosse team qualified for the state semifinals.

The Lady Knights softball team completed a remarkable run through Division II competition, finishing with a 9-1 record and landing them in first place for the Middle/East Division.

They've done it with both hitting and pitching as of late. In their last four games, they beat Harpeth Hall 16-0, Brentwood Academy 12-2 and 15-2 and Father Ryan 8-0.

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Senior Jack Duffin advances the ball for the Knights in a recent game.



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It's never too early to plan summer activities!

Camp registration at JPII is now open.

JPII coaches and teachers are offering more than 35 camps and are promising the best summer ever with several new camps and the return of many all-time favorites.

For more information about the camps or to register, visit the school website at www.jp2hs.org/CAMP.

View Points

**ALL THE WORLD'S
A STAGE FOR JPII STUDENT**

Captivating audiences with a performance of a sonnet and monologue from Shakespeare, Teresa Gilstrap from Ashland City, a student of Alana Wortman at Pope John Paul II High School, placed as a semi-finalist at the 30th season of the English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition. The competition was held on April 22nd at Lincoln Center Theater in New York City for 58 winners of ESU Branch competitions nationwide. Teresa had previously won the ESU Nashville Branch regional competition.



The English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition is a school-based program to help students develop their speaking and critical thinking skills and their appreciation of literature as they explore the beauty of the language and timeless themes in Shakespeare's works. In three progressive competition levels, students memorize, interpret, and perform monologues and sonnets in their own schools, at ESU Branch sponsored community competitions and at the National Shakespeare Competition. The program has engaged more than 250,000 young people.

The ESU provided the Branch winners with two full days of educational and cultural activities, including an exclusive acting workshop at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts and a performance of the Royal Shakespeare Company's Julius Caesar at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Perhaps best of all for these teenagers was the opportunity to spend a weekend in New York City with other students from across the country who share a love of theater, language and, particularly, Shakespeare.

**JPII PEOPLE:
SCHOOL CONNECTION**

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

Coopertown Middle School

Not many students from Coopertown Middle School typically come to Pope John Paul II High School, but Emily Galluzzi and Tristen McTasney, both of whom are finishing up their freshman year at the school, received strong endorsements from the school's alumni.



Emily Galluzzi

Their gym teacher at Coopertown Middle was Chris Farris, who was a member of JPII's very first graduating class. "Mr. Farris said he really liked it," Tristen said. He also knows Hannah Brenzie, who was a star softball pitcher at JPII before graduating and going on to play in college. "Hannah said she really enjoyed it just in general. She told me the other day it was four of the best years of her life," Tristen said.



Tristen McTasney

The Galluzzi family knew of JPII's reputation for excellence before deciding to send Emily to school here. "My parents wanted me to come here because we heard a lot about it and how great it was," she said.

They are among five students who graduated from Coopertown Middle last year and are a part of this year's freshman class at JPII. Having

a few familiar faces helped, they said, but it was no problem making new friends. Attending the freshman retreat last summer helped Emily meet new people, she said. "Once soccer workouts started, that really helped," added Tristen.

There is a lot more homework at JPII than in middle school, they both said, but handling the academic load has been easier than they thought it might be.

Tristen's advice to prospective students is, "It may seem strict. It's not as strict as people think. ... You can chill." Emily added: "It may seem difficult at first but once you get into your routine then you'll love it."

JPII people ... Emily Galluzzi and Tristen McTasney!

SINGERS EXCEL AT CHORAL FESTIVALS

Having received a superior rating on their performance at the District Choral Festival, JPII Advanced Women's Chorus joined by Chamber Choir women qualified to perform at the State Choral Festival, held at Lipscomb University on April 25. These ladies gave a solid and musical performance which earned them another Superior rating from all three out-of-state judges. In addition, the three judges gave "Psalm 23," the composition written by JPII choral instructor Jj Ebelhar, very favorable comments and praise.

April 10-13 four JPII choral members participated in the Tennessee All-State Chorus in Chattanooga. Teresa Gilstrap was also selected to sing in an auditioned octet for Mozart's composition, "Regina Coeli." Mrs. Ebelhar was presented with a certificate at the opening session for 40 years of dedicated service in music education. The following choral students attended All-State: senior Olivia Drennan, junior Teresa Gilstrap, sophomore Sarah Link and sophomore Rebecca Sullivant.

Congratulations to the JPII Choral Department, to the All-State members, and to Mrs. Ebelhar for receiving these highest honors.



Andie Rochester, Shelby Taylor, Annalea Wilson, Olivia Drennan, Jenny Cawood, Breanne Childress, Robin Hall, Greyson O'Connell, Caroline Vaughn, Mrs. Jj Ebelhar

SCIENCE STUDENTS WIN TJAS COMPETITION

Two of the four groups of students from JPII presenting research projects at the Tennessee Junior Academy of Science (TJAS) were recognized in the top 10.

Regan Givens presented his paper "The Effects of Varying Glucose Concentrations on Cellular Glycolytic Rates" and Megan Gerstner and Katie Swaringen presented their paper "Allelopathic Effects of the *Juglans nigra* (Black Walnut) on the Pea Plant."

Their papers will be published in the 2013 Handbook and Proceedings of

the Tennessee Junior Academy of Science and each group will receive \$200.

Congratulations Regan, Megan, Katie and JPII Science Department Chair Jennifer Dye!

Others presenting at this year's competition were: Victoria Dolan and Jordan Lee presented their research on "The Effects of Lithium Chloride on the Feeding Habits of *Elimia* Snails"; Emily McRen and Chloe Kilpatrick presented their paper on "The Effects of Temperature on Insect Activity During Flesh Decomposition."

JACQUELINE RAMOS WINS TALENT SHOW

Jacqueline Ramos was the winner of this year's Talent Show at JPII, for her piano performance of her original work, "Warrior's Lullaby." The winner was determined by a faculty panel of judges.

The Talent Show was sponsored by the Senior Service Committee and teachers Jackie Beals and Harvey Arche. Emcees Kate Fox and Zach Frank kept the crowd entertained while they waited for each act to take the stage.

Performers this year included: Madeline Davanport, piano and vocal; Alyssa Rentuza, dance; Jenny Cawood, vocal performance; Tally Bevis and Jaime Rochester, guitar and vocal; Maddie Bologna and Alexis Cook, dance; Hannah Gautsch and Malachi Walker, piano, guitar and vocal; Tally Bevis and Mary Margaret Blum, contemporary performance art; Emily McRen and Evan Summers, guitar and vocals; Ben Stringer, percussion; Holly Gibbens, piano and vocal; Collin Bryant, Josh Gutierrez, Dylan Pederson and Malachi Walker, guitar, bass guitar, piano and vocal; Robin Hall, vocal performance; Gaby Aguilar and Rebecca Sullivant, guitar and vocal; Mikaila O'Neal, dance; Jacqueline Ramos, piano; Sarah Link, guitar and vocal; Tally Bevis, dance; and an a capella performance by "Chordially

Invited" (Loraine Ilia, Rebecca Sullivant, Gaby Aguilar, Jenny Cawood, Jacqueline Ramos, Alyssa Rentuza, Grace Adcox and Michael Locke).

Proceeds from the event benefit Operation Stand Down Nashville, which helps the community re-establish ties with veterans by offering services including employment readiness training, transitional housing, clothing, and much more.

COMPETITION DANCE TEAM ANNOUNCED

JPII is pleased to announce the 2013-14 Competition Dance Team! Congratulations to the following team members: Tally Bevis, Mikaila O'Neal, Alyssa Rentuza, Ava Evans, Ashley Wertenberger, Mallory Davenport, Victoria Brasili, Taylor Wallace, Taryn Wallace, Jesse Tarbuck, Mary Margaret Blum, Caroline Graves, Caroline Leonard, Allie Page, Lauren Gierla, Caroline Johnson, Ashley Hayes, Lauren Newman, Morgan Locke, Abby Sturgill, Alexis Williams, Amanda Kuban and Taylor Williams.

SEVEN KNIGHTS SIGN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

April 25 was a big day for seven student athletes as they gathered in the Puryear Library with friends and family to sign letters of intent to continue their athletic careers in college.

Those signing included:

- Mia Buda, daughter of Marianna and Silvester Buda, who will play volleyball for the U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School.
- Brett Burke, son of Glenda and Keith Burke, who will play baseball at Hanover College in Indiana.
- Montana Hinson, daughter of Sue Vujasin-Hinson and Mark Hinson, who will play soccer at The Citadel in South Carolina.

■ Connor McCarthy, son of Dena and Dennis McCarthy, who will play golf at Centre College in Kentucky.

■ Carson Riley, son of Susie and Mike Riley, who will play golf at Centre College in Kentucky.

■ Aidan Leonard, son of Kathleen and Ed Leonard, who will play lacrosse for Centre College in Kentucky.

■ Griffin Smith, son of Deborah Dorsey and Terry Smith, who will play soccer for the University of the South in Sewanee.



Mia Buda



Brett Burke



Montana Hinson



Connor McCarthy



Carson Riley



Aidan Leonard



Griffin Smith

WOMEN'S LACROSSE PLAYERS NAMED ALL REGION, ALL STATE

Five JPII women's lacrosse players have been named to the All-Region and All-State teams. For the second year in a row, JPII had the most players named to the All-Region team, which draws players from Ensforth, JPII, Harpeth Hall, USN, St. Cecilia and Hendersonville Club.

This year's All Region players are: senior goalie Meredith Noah and senior attacker Casey Sterrett, both of whom were named to the All-Region team for the third consecutive year; senior midfielder Evelyn Southard, named for the second year in a row; senior defender Allie Woosley and freshman midfielder Grace Lascara, both named for the first time.

Named to the All State first team were goalie Meredith Noah, her third year in a row, and midfielder Evelyn Southard, her second year in a row. On the All-State second team are attacker Casey Sterrett, her second year in a row, and midfielder Grace Lascara, her first year.

Congratulations to Coach Megan Clark and women's lacrosse!

LASCARA CHOSEN FOR NATIONAL LAX TOURNEY

JPII freshman Grace Lascara is one of 20 top Tennessee players who

has earned a place on the Women's National Lacrosse Tournament Team for Southeast Tennessee. The tournament is for high school varsity players in grades 9-11 that are affiliated with a high school and playing in the high school spring season.

This tournament is considered one of the marquee college recruiting events in the country. The National Tournament will be held over Memorial Day weekend (May 25-26) at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., and will coincide with the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Final Four.



JPII freshman Grace Lascara, 2, takes the ball upfield against an opponent this season.

MS. PIERPAOLI HAS WATCHED JPII GROW FROM ITS START

When Betsy Pierpaoli, the controller at JPII, works with parents of students, she understands the situation they may be in because she's walked in their shoes. An employee of the school since it opened in 2002, she also is the mother of a JPII graduate and a current student.

"I try to be very compassionate and very understanding because every family is different," Ms. Pierpaoli said. "We're always here to help."

Ms. Pierpaoli grew up in Hendersonville and graduated from Hendersonville High School before earning a degree in accounting from Lipscomb University. She worked for Suntrust Bank, eventually serving as a branch manager in Hendersonville. When her youngest child, Drew – currently a sophomore at JPII – was born, she gave up her job at the bank. When he headed off to kindergarten at St. Joseph School in Madison, Ms. Pierpaoli was ready to get back into the workforce with a part-time job. That's when she saw the construction of JPII underway.

She knew the school's first director of development who encouraged her to apply for a job, and Ms. Pierpaoli was hired as an assistant to the business manager and started in August 2002 when the school opened.

"I was really excited to get this position," Ms. Pierpaoli said. "When your children are in school, there's no better place to be than education. You have the same schedule as your children."



Betsy Pierpaoli

She's seen a lot of changes over the years at JPII. "In the beginning it was very simple, it seems like," Ms. Pierpaoli said. The school had only 250 students and she would write each check by hand. The school's business office went from handling several hundred invoices in a year, to now having thousands, she said. "It grew very quickly."

Ms. Pierpaoli started out handling the accounts payable and accounts receivable for the school. As controller, she now does more work reconciling the school's bank accounts and overseeing monthly budgets.

Her responsibilities haven't been limited to the business office. Through the years, she's also served as an advisor, and coached cheerleading, tennis and cross country. Ms. Pierpaoli and Director of Finance and Operations Laura Thigpen currently are sponsors of the school's Future Business Leaders of America chapter.

Besides, her son Drew, her daughter Courtney, who graduated in 2009, also attended JPII while she has been working at the school. "I try not to hover over them," she said. "There's no place I would rather they be than here. They can pray in class, go to Mass, study the Catholic faith. I believe in (the school's) mission. I'm just glad that they're here."

Ms. Pierpaoli has been impressed with JPII's faculty and staff, not just as co-workers, but as the teachers of her children. "The teachers are very caring," she said. "It's not just 'I have to come in and make my dollar today.' ... They take time to teach them."

She called the faculty and staff "a big family." She said, "I've made a lot of great friends, not only with the faculty and staff but with the parents. ... It's just a great environment to work in."

SPRING SPORTS TEAMS FIND SUCCESS

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record, they had a first round bye in the playoffs, and will now host a best-of-three series against Brentwood Academy May 18-19 with a chance to go to the state tournament in Murfreesboro on the line.

With a 5-1 win over Father Ryan in the regular season finale, the JPII baseball team finished with a sterling 22-8 record, good for second place in the Division II-AA Middle/East Region.

Over the course of the season, the Knights won six of seven series with region opponents, sweeping Baylor, MBA and BGA in three-game series and winning two of three from Ensworth, Father Ryan and McCallie.

The Knights head into the playoffs as the number two seed from the East/Middle Region. They had a bye in the first round of the playoffs and will host Baylor at Serv-Pro Field on May 17-18. If the Knights win that best-of-three series, they will qualify for the state tournament in Murfreesboro for the first time in school history.

The boys' soccer team also had a strong season. They finished the season 11-6-1, against some of the top teams in the state.

After moving up to a higher class, the boy's lacrosse team completed the regular season with a respectable 8-7 record, ending their season in the first round of the playoffs with a loss to MBA.

The tennis team and particularly Andy Druffel have had an excellent season. For the second straight year, Druffel, one of the top players in the state, has qualified for the state tournament.

And the track team enjoyed their first season with a home track and hosted two meets. On April 30, Senior Night, the Knights hosted their final home meet of the season and finished second both in the boys and girls standings to Ensworth. The track team will compete in the regional meet May 14-16 at MBA.

"Athletic events bind a community together and help build school spirit," said Headmaster Faustin Weber. He encouraged Knights fans to come and support JPII's teams as they pursue gold in the post season.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Maci Arms, class of 2011, is currently a sophomore at the University of Alabama majoring in dance with a double minor in telecommunication and film and theatre. She was recently selected for the Broadway Dance Center's Summer Professional Semester where she will be spending the summer dancing in New York City.



Maci Arms

She has been involved in many dance performances at Alabama and was recently honored as the Lou Wall Award recipient through the dance department. The dance faculty also awarded her with a dance scholarship for the 2013-14 academic year.

Maci also has been chosen to represent the College of Arts and Sciences as an ambassador. Maci has maintained straight A's each semester and is a member of several honors societies. She is also a member of Phi Mu.

STUDENTS SHINE AT YOUTH GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

The 39 delegates who represented Pope John Paul II High School at the State Youth in Government conference constituted one of the larger delegations in the 450-student event. The conference was led in part by officers from JPPI including its Governor, Bryan Melcher. Supporting Bryan were: Connor McCarthy as his Chief of Staff, Allie Smith as Speaker Pro-Tempore of the House and Nathan Edwards, Floor Leader of the Senate.

Held April 4-7 this year, the delegates presented and debated their proposed legislation and learned valuable lessons about politicking and developing friendships outside their school. These efforts resulted in the following students' elections to offices in the 2014 Youth in Government Conference: Tyler Dorr as Floor Leader of the House; Jake Easter as Floor Leader of the Senate; Collin Bryant as Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Senate; Tally Bevis as Speaker Pro-Tempore of

Lindsey Rousselle, JPPI class of 2010, is helping the New Orleans chapter of the American Heart Association and continuing the commitment to service that she learned while a student at JPPI.

This semester, Rousselle and her public relations writing class at Loyola University New Orleans worked closely with their client, the New Orleans American Heart Association, for a service-learning component of the class. Service-learning is a program set up to allow themes that are taught within the classroom to carry out and reach into community needs. At Jesuit-run Loyola, each communication student is required to complete at least 15 service learning hours in the communication field. This connects back to one of the Jesuit traditions of commitment to service.

While at JPPI, Rousselle was active in the theater program, represented Sumner County in the Junior Miss class of 2009, and sang with the JPPI chamber choir at the Vatican in spring 2010.

the House; Casey Thompson as Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate; Katherine Willoughby as Clerk of the Red House.

Additionally, the quality and content of JPPI's students' performance was recognized in the following awards:

■ Named to attend the National Affairs Conference in Blue Ridge, N.C., this summer were Bryan Melcher and Nathan Edwards. Alternates to the National Affairs Conference will be Allie Smith, Tyler Dorr and Caleb Pracht.

■ Outstanding statesmen: Tyler Dorr in the Red House; Collin Bryant in the Red House, and Heath Herrington of the Red Senate.

■ Outstanding Bill: Brennan Belew and Spencer Frost of the Red Senate.

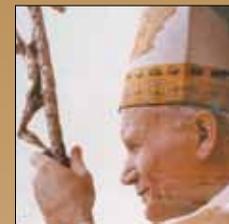
The delegation is looking forward to the 2014 conference.

TEACHERS RECEIVE HARVEST AWARDS

At a recent assembly, JPPI Headmaster Faustin Weber announced the "Harvest Award" winners for Excellence in Teaching for 2012-2013, as voted on by the student body of JPPI. This year's winners are Bob Page, Gordon Sutla, Amanda Youell, Brian Thomas, Veronica Del Valle, Devin Lintzenich, Brad Peper, Jacqui Long, Andrew Griffith and Scott Shaver.

Coach Jerry Joslin was voted "Most Inspirational Coach" and Deacon Brian Edwards was voted "Most Inspirational Teacher."

Rounding out the awards, Ken Bilbrey, the school facilities manager, received a standing ovation when he received the "Headmaster Award" for his exemplary service and commitment to the JPPI community.



Used uniform consignment sale June 1

The JPPI Parents Association will have its annual Used Uniform Consignment Sale 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at JPPI in conjunction with the Sports Physical Day.

People who donate clothes for the sale will receive 70 percent of the sale total. The guidelines for preparing clothes for the sale include:

- Wash all items.
- Stained, discolored or torn clothing will not be accepted.
- Hang all shirts on hangers - polo and button down. Fold pants, skirts and sweaters.
- Set your own prices.
- Mark EVERY item with an index card safety pinned to the garment. The card should include what the item is (example: girls white polo), the price, the size, your name, phone number and e-mail address.

Clothes can be dropped off in the school office or the area outside the office weekdays between May 19 and May 30, excluding the holiday.

For more information, contact Jody Griffin at (615) 293-7012 or jodygriffin@comcast.net.