

The Titan News

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Mark Your Calendar!

Magazine Drive Ends	9/8
Picture day! (Non Uniform)	9/17
PTO Skating Party	9/21
Interims on Edline	9/22
Free Dress Day (Box Tops)	9/28
PST Conferences (3:30-8:00pm)	9/29
PST Conferences (8:00am-Noon)	9/30
No School	9/30



Give yourself a pat on the back!

This past Monday we celebrated Labor Day. For over 100 hundred years the first Monday in September has been set aside to recognize the achievements of laborers and workers. It also has unofficially been recognized as the end of summer (although our recent temperatures are certainly a contradiction to this statement).

Instead of waiting to recognize achievements on just one day, why don't we try to do this every day! All of us are workers in some capacity or another; parenting is certainly a lot of hard work, teaching, being a student, etc. While schedules will always be busy, it's important to take a few minutes and recognize what you or your family members have achieved each day. That pat on your back, or theirs, will certainly get the next day started off on the right foot. *Peace, Ms. Wilt*

As a side note: This past week a group consisting of parents and teachers met to begin discussing awards and how we should recognize achievements at JPIIA. The outcome will be shared in a future Titan.

Please Note Correction for September Lunch Menu.....

Please disregard the lunch that is on the September Lunch menu for Thursday, September 30. School is not in session that day due to conferences.

Box Tops Collection

We will officially start collecting Box Tops for the 2010-2011 school year on Monday, September 13. Any family who brings in **20 Box tops** will receive a **FREE DRESS DAY (Does not have to be Spirit Wear)** on Tuesday, September 28. *Please cut the Box Tops on the dotted line to save our volunteers precious time.*



EDLINE

It is important to activate your Edline account to receive grades, emails, and classroom information for your child/children. If you need assistance please email Mrs. Priddy at gpriddy@john-paul-academy.org for assistance.



Trivia Night

Mark your calendars! JPIIA Trivia night will be Friday, November 12th. Doors will open at 6:00pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person. We invite you to find a team of 8 and come prepared to have FUN. We will start accepting reservations on October 1st.



WHAT IS A RAIN GARDEN?

John Paul II Academy now has a rain garden. A rain garden is a shallow, bowl-shaped garden with a raised edge. A rain garden is designed to capture rain water run-off via downspouts that are routed into the garden. Our garden has been designed to accommodate three downspouts from our school building.

A rain garden is planted with native species that have deep roots. This allows them to tolerate dry as well as very wet conditions. Our rain garden contains the following plants that are native to Kentucky: Bee Balm, Mistflower, Slender Mountain Mint, Rattlesnake Master, Illinois Bundleflower, Cardinal Flower, Bottlebrush Grass, Sneezeweed, and Rattlebox.

A rain garden helps prevent storm water overflow in the sewer system and keeps pollution out of local waterways. Our rain garden is situated in an area that had previously been prone to flooding. The water would run across the parking lot, carrying pollution with it (i.e. oil from cars) and feed into Beargrass Creek. Our rain garden now helps to clean the water as it filters through the layers of soil and sand before reaching the creek. In addition, much of the water is absorbed by the plants.

Several plants in our garden will attract butterflies and hummingbirds.



The Living Rosary Procession

If your child would be interested in participating in the **59th annual Living Rosary Procession** held at Assumption High School on **October 10, 2010** at 3:00pm, please notify the school office and we will send you more information home. Boys and girls in grades 1-12 may participate.

SAVE THE DATE: *JPIIA Homecoming Celebration*

Please mark your calendars for this year's Homecoming Celebration. Homecoming will be held, Friday, September 24th. Watch for more information in the next week's Titan!!!



Boosters Information

Would you like to stay up to date with all athletic events, athletic volunteer opportunities, and sign ups? If so, please send an "add me to the list" e-mail to: www.johnpaulboosters@hotmail.com.



Basketball Sign -Ups

Basketball sign-ups for Grades 3-8 will be October 5th and 6th from 6:00-7:30pm in the Booster Room at St. Pius. The cost is \$35.00 per player.

Attention all 5th-8th Grade Boys!

Are you interested in doing fun outdoor activities? Do you want to learn leadership skills? Do you want to be recognized for your achievements? The come to St. Barnabas Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00pm to Troop 243's Open House meeting. **There will be First Aid, Cooking, and High Adventure presentations with a mock campsite.** Feel free to join us on our Open House Camp Out at Camp Crooked Creek on September 17-19. **Contact Joe Lynch-Scout Master at 802-0502** with any questions.