



Welcome to

Parent Orientation

St. John Paul II Catholic High School



Agenda

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Administrative Roles and Responsibilities

2023 - 2024

Sister Tonette Sperando, OSB
President

Roles

- Spiritual Leader
- Chief Executive Officer
- Spokesperson to Stakeholders (primarily external)
- Primary Representative to the Board of Trustees
- Liaison to the Diocese of Birmingham
- Primary Liaison to Partner Schools' Pastors and Parishes

Dr. Jeremiah Russell
Headmaster

Roles

- Spiritual Leader
- Instructional Leader
- School Operations Administrator
- Spokesperson to Stakeholders (primarily internal)
- Representative to the Board of Trustees
- Liaison to the Diocese of Birmingham (Human Resource Office, Catholic Schools Office)
- Primary Liaison to Partner Schools' Principals



Administrative Roles and Responsibilities

2023 - 2024

Sister Tonette Sperando, OSB
President

Responsibilities

- Oversees Mission, Catholic Identity, and Strategic Plan
- Develops and implements policies in collaboration with Headmaster and Board of Trustees
- Ensures financial stability
- Oversees Advancement Office
(Admissions, Alumni, Development, Marketing/Communication)
- Oversees capital improvements
- Ensures implementation of Diocesan strategic plan and policies for Catholic Schools
- Supervises Headmaster, Development, Marketing, Alumni, and Admissions staff

Dr. Jeremiah Russell
Headmaster

Responsibilities

- Implements Mission, Catholic Identity, and Strategic Plan
- Develops and implements policies in collaboration with President and Board of Trustees
- Oversees academic, athletic, campus ministry, and counseling programs
- Ensures implementation of Diocesan strategic plan and policies for Catholic schools
- Supervises administrators, faculty, and staff
(excluding President, Development, Marketing, Alumni, and Admissions staff)
- Oversees the Parent Association and Falcon Booster Club organizations
- Oversees student body



Mission & Strategic Plan

JPII's Mission "... we encourage, challenge, and support our students to learn enthusiastically, lead honorably, and live responsibly..."

2021-2026 Strategic Plan

- * Mission & Catholic Identity
- * Academic Excellence
- * Operational Vitality

Advancement Planning Committee

7 of the 12 goals

18 of the 43 action steps

- * Marketing & Communications
- * Governance & Leadership.



Other

- Master Plan
- Athletic Program Review
- Development Office
Annual Appeal



New Faculty Members



Lindsay Nicholls
Art



Chad O'Melia
Head Football Coach
Physics



Deborah Brenner
Chemistry



Aaron Christian
Head Girls
Basketball
Varsity Athletics



New Faculty Members



Emma Lynch
Math



Kasey Thompson
Health/Sports Med
Trainer



Hayden Hatfield
Resource
Head Boys
Basketball



New JPII Bell Schedule

- Regular A/B Schedule

1st/5th	8:20-9:50
2nd/6th	9:57-11:27
Lunch	11:27-12:13
3rd/7th	12:13-1:43
4th/8th	1:50-3:20
- Drop Off/Pick-Up





JPII Safety and Security

- JPII Emergency Plans
- JPII School Intruder Training
- JPII Safety and Security Upgrades
 - Security Cameras
 - 3M Safety and Security Film



Artificial Intelligence at JP II

- We need “to discern wisely how to put artificial intelligence and digital technologies at the service of the human family.” (Strategic Alliance of Catholic Research Universities)
- Acquire a working knowledge of artificial intelligence technologies related to education
- Review Teaching and Assessment Strategies
- Educate Students on Ethical and Unethical Uses of AI



FACTS Student Management System

FACTS login – Email or call me if you have a problems accessing your FACTS account.

Parents will be **notified via FACTS** when their student makes a grade of 75 or below on tests or assignments, reaches 5 absences in a course (excused or unexcused), or gets a demerit.

Parents will also receive a **progress report** at the end of each week (Sunday).

FAMILY HANDBOOK

(Policy Changes are Yellow Highlighted)

Conduct

A stakeholder (i.e., parent, guardian, student, etc.) conduct away from school, at school-related activities, and on social media reflects upon JPll and may affect the student's standing as a member of the school community.

Harassment, classroom disruption, and disrespect toward the faculty/staff will not be tolerated.

Major offenses or excessive minor offenses will be referred to the administration. The administration may issue disciplinary action that may include demerits, detention, in-school suspension, or out-of-school suspension.

Generally, level I and II offenses earn the student one demerit on the first offense.

- Students who accumulate 3 demerits in a quarter receive detention.
- Students who accumulate 6 demerits in a quarter receive ISS.
- Administrative discretion is used after the 6th demerits.

Attendance

If an excuse is not received within two school days of return, the absence will be unexcused and make-up work will receive no credit.

Students must make arrangements with teachers to get assignments prior to planned absences. It is preferable that the work be done before the absence, but all assignments are due the day of return.

Students who exceed 10 absences in any course in a semester may not receive credit for that course.

Make Up Work – Refer to the chart in the Family Handbook.

Any student who is not in his/her class by 8:20 is considered **tardy**.

- Students who accumulate 4 tardies in a quarter receive detention.
- Students who accumulate 8 tardies in a quarter receive ISS.
- Administrative discretion is used after the 8th tardy.

Excuses from Final Exams

Dress Code

Regular School Day Uniform

- A **belt** must be worn at all times with pants and shorts.
- **Shirts** must be tucked and buttoned.
- **Pants** must be Dennis khaki.
- Solid black, brown, grey, or white dress, casual, and tennis **shoes** are allowed. Shoes should be on or below the ankle, closed toed, not backless, and the heel should be no more than one inch. Sandals, moccasins, slippers, and Crocs are not allowed.
- **Shorts** and **skirts** may be no more than two inches above the knee. Skirts should not be rolled.
- **Socks** should be solid white, grey, or black.
- **Outerwear** should be Dennis or FABC. Other outerwear should be placed in a locker upon entering the building.

Mass Uniform

- Boys – Khaki pants, belt, white button down shirt, uniform tie. No shorts.
- Girls – Black/plaid skirt, uniform slacks, white oxford cloth shirt or blouse.
- Dress shoes brown, black, or tan leather or suede shoes. No athletic style shoes.

Grooming and Accessories

- No unnatural colors.
- No haircuts of unusual design.
- Boys' hair must be above the collar, above the eyebrows, and off the ears.
- Boys must be clean shaven with sideburns no longer than the earlobes.
- No hats, scarves, bandanas, sunglasses, etc.
- Girls may have 2 earrings per ear. Boys may not wear earrings.

Spirit Wear is only allowed on Fridays.

Bring Your Own Device

ACCEPTABLE DEVICES

It is required that all students bring a personal device to school daily. During the course of the JPll BYOD Program students may use laptops and tablets as acceptable devices. Cell phones, Smart phones, Kindles, Nooks, eReaders, and hand-held gaming platforms are not acceptable devices.

Student devices must have the following and be brought to school with the student every day:

- Minimum of 11 inch screen
- Keyboard
- Battery life of at least 3 hours
- Working charger
- Ability to connect wirelessly to the JPll student Wi-Fi and printers
- Current, up-to-date, functioning anti-malware and antivirus software
- Current, up-to-date, functioning Google Chrome web browser
- Current, up-to-date, functioning Operating System
- Support Flash
- Protective case, protective sleeve, or hard shell case
- All items must be labeled with the student's full name

Grades

Semester grades are calculated as follows:

- 40% First Quarter
- 40% Second Quarter
- 20% Final Exam
- Report cards are emailed to parents at the end of each quarter.

Parents have full access to grades through FACTS.

Only semester grades appear on student transcripts.



Lunch Providers

Monday - Five Guys

Tuesday - Chick Fil A

Wednesday - Nothing But Noodles

Thursday - Lawler's

Friday - Domino's



CLUBS

CLUB FAIR AUGUST 3 & 4
DURING FLIGHT TIME

FAITH BASED

Pro-Life Club
Broken and Shared
Men's Bible Study
Women's Bible Study
Liturgy Alive
Catholic Relief Services
Apologetics
Adoration
Retreat Team
Fellowship of Christian Athlet

ACADEMICS

American Sign Language Club
Mu Alpha Theta
National Honor Society
Latin Honor Society
Spanish Honor Society
History Honor Society
TARC Rocketry Challenge
Math Team
Investment Club
Future Business Leaders of
America
Future Teachers of America
Spanish Club
TSA Club (Technology Student
Assn.)
Link Crew
Latin Club
French Club

SOCIAL

Garden Club
Chess Club
Dungeons & Dragons Club
Gaming Club
The Criminal Mind
Culture Club
Green Team
Debate Club
Homecoming/Prom Committee

ARTS

Poetry Club
Clay Club
National Art Honor Society
Karaoke Club
Thespian Society
Coloring Club
Color Guard/Dance Team



Other

- **Lockers** have been issued. The locker number and combination can be found on the student's schedule. Students must put their bookbag in their locker during class times.
- Students should bring a copy of their schedule with them on the first day of school.
- **Parking hang tags** may be picked up at the front desk. Students and parents should read the **syllabus** provided by each teacher.
- **Medication Authorization** for prescription medications have to be signed by a medical professional.
- Parents should sign and return the "St. John Paul II Catholic High School Educational Contract" by Friday, August 11th.



Graduation Requirements

- Theology 4 credits
- English 4 credits
- Mathematics 4 credits
 - *Algebra I , Geometry, and Algebra II required - must take a math every year at JPII*
- Science 4 credits
 - *Biology, Chemistry, and Physics required*
- Social Studies 4 credits
- Foreign Language 2 sequential credits in the same language
- Fine Arts 1 credit
- PE – Beginning Kinesiology 1 credit
- Career Preparedness A 0.5 credit
- Career Preparedness B 0.5 credit
- Health 0.5 credit
- Electives 3 credits
- Total 28.5 credits
- 100 Hours of Community Service- At least 10 hrs each year are completed with School wide Service day and House Sponsored Service. Students should complete at least a total of 25 hours each year.



Naviance

Naviance Student is a online program that supports students in exploring and developing their postsecondary plans.

Students are able to search for career, colleges, as well as possible scholarships.

New students will receive their login information the first few weeks of school.



Community Service Hours



- Service Hours
 - Non-profit agency 501(c)(3)
 - Make sure to have contact information email or cell phone number for coordinator/supervisor of each service activity.
 - Service Hours are prorated.
- New students will receive their login information within the first couple of weeks of school.



PSAT is Going Digital Fall of 2023

October 24, 2023 all 9th-11th grade students

- Digital test is shorter than paper/pencil about 2 hours vs 3 hours.
- Students should download Bluebook on their devices to become familiar with the testing platform.
- Cannot use Chromebooks with the Bluebook.
- More information to come about the test, so check your emails.



Counselors:

- Freshmen and Sophomore - Mrs. LeChien klechien@jp2falcons.org
- Juniors and Seniors - Mrs. Cobb lcobb@jp2falcons.org

Check student's schedule for five core classes:

- Math
- Science
- History
- English
- Theology

Upcoming Important Meetings:

- Senior College Meeting - August 2, 2023 at 4:30 PM in MPR
- Freshman and Sophomore Meeting - August 9, 2023 at 4:30 PM in MPR
- Junior Meeting - August 16, 2022 at 4:30 PM in MPR



Campus Ministry

PRAY: Mass, Penance Service & Adoration

GROW: Retreats & Faith Based Clubs

SERVE: Service Saturdays
Fall & Service Days





Retreat Dates

Freshman- Aug 31

Sophomore- Nov 16

Junior- Feb 29

Senior- Apr 18



Service Days

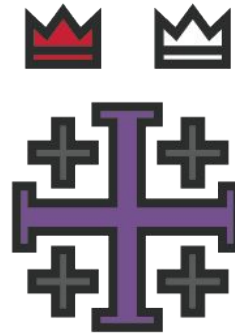
Sept 21- Upperclassmen

Apr 4- Underclassmen



House System

Blessed Mother
Divine Mercy
Holy Cross
Holy Gospel



Catholic Identity
Student Leadership
Community Building
Student Retention

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 2023
3:20PM-5:00PM

House Color Wars

CAPTURE THE FLAG

SNACKS, DRINKS, & POPSICLES!
BRING A WHITE SHIRT
& PREPARE TO GET COLORFUL.

THEN STAY AFTER FOR THE INNERSQUAD
FOOTBALL GAME AT 5:30PM



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Athletics

- 17 varsity sports offered for grades 7 through 12 governed by the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)
- All student-athletes are required to create a Dragonfly account which is a state-mandated eligibility platform for athletes and coaches
 - Yearly physical, birth certificate, waivers, and one-time courses
- Athletic fees per sport
- Student-athlete expectations
- Parent/family volunteer opportunities
 - Game day assistance
 - Falcon Booster Club
- For all things JP II athletics including rosters, schedules, coaches directory and more, visit jp2falconsathletics.org



Falcon Booster Club

- Established to raise funds and generate excitement and involvement for all of our athletic programs
- Events throughout the year:
 - Media guide (Fall, Winter, Spring)
 - Annual golf outing in May
- Sponsorships (signage, media guide, golf outing)
- Email: falconboosterclub@jp2falcons.org



PA Board Members

► **President: Sharon Patterson**

Zoey Jones: 2026

► **VP/President-Elect: Angela Lowe**

Julian: 2025; Ava (Katie): 2026

► **Secretary: Melanie Sturgis**

Claire: 2025

► **Treasurer: Suhair DiHu**

Rania: 2025

► **9th - 12th Grade Liaisons**

► **Freshman: Jennifer Grant**

Bella: 2027

► **Sophomore: Andrea Hastings**

Caden: 2026

► **Junior: Laura Paul**

Andrew: 2025

► **Senior: Stephanie Good**

Ethan: 2024

2023 Oktoberfest Chair: Vickie Marks

Jacob: 2025; John 2026

Communications Chair: Janet Pellegrino

Ryan: 2026

Hospitality Chair: Jennifer Hibbs

Stephen: 2025



JPII PA Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JPIIPA>



Mission of the 2023-2024 PA

- Foster Community at JPII Events
- Support Fundraising Events
- Provide Hospitality for Teachers, Staff, Parents and Visitors

Faculty and Staff Events

- ▶ Breakfast
- ▶ Luncheons
- ▶ Appreciation Gifts
- ▶ Christmas Event
- ▶ Etc.

Student and Family

- ▶ Honor Society Induction
- ▶ Junior Ring Blessing
- ▶ Family Visitor Events
- ▶ Receptions
- ▶ Graduation Events
- ▶ Senior Picnic
- ▶ And more...



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How Can YOU Help?

► Dues: \$25 per Family

- An Out Of Uniform (OOU) Day pass for YOUR student(s) in August (TBA). Dues must be received on or before the OOU day.
- 100% Parent Participation is Essential to PA Success

► Volunteering

- Sign Up for **Hospitality** Committee
- Sign Up for **Fundraising** Committee
- Sign Up for **Parent Community Events** (Bunco, Bingo)
- Respond to PA **Requests** throughout the Year



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