

THE STEWARD

WINTER UPDATE | DECEMBER 2022



Immanuel, God With Us

In October, Fr. Tim Ilgen of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lacey presided over the blessing of JPII's tabernacle, stand and cabinet at an all-school Mass concelebrated with Fr. Kaech of St. Edward Parish in Shelton. It was a true community celebration as many were involved leading up to this sacred moment.

Fr. Tim, principal Therese Allin, and JPII theology teacher, Mary Frances Brennan, worked on the proposal that would eventually meet the requirements for a permanent presence of the Blessed Sacrament on JPII's campus. Travis Conn, JPII's art teacher, created the sanctuary candle holder. Mr. Conn humbly shared that "With each of the three-thousand hammer strikes made to create the candle holder was a

prayer for the JPII community." Ron Edwards, JPII's first principal, created the wooden pedestal and enclosure to hold the tabernacle to match the altar and ambo which he also designed and crafted. The actual tabernacle was donated by St. Mary Parish in Aberdeen.

Senior, Catelin King, uses the chapel regularly. "It's a nice place where a lot of people, me included, like to take a minute or two between classes." Whether it's replacing fresh flowers or updating weekly prayers, Catelin appreciates the effort everyone has been contributing.

Seniors Lead Spirit-Filled Retreat



In October, seniors guided freshmen and sophomores at JPII's annual fall retreat at Sacred Heart's Hallen Hall. The theme accentuated two of the hallmarks of JPII culture; Build Community and Live Virtuously. Seniors led prayer including lectio divina, guided activities such as a spiritual gifts inventory, led small group discussions, set up, served and cleaned up meals. Seniors, like Luke Christensen, also gave talks about

living as Christ and loving your neighbor. "I looked forward to this retreat because I really wanted to share my story and get to know the underclassmen better."

The day closed with an all-school Mass celebrated by Fr. Tim Ilgen at Sacred Heart and a community building activity to remind students of their spirit-filled interconnectedness. Cyril Areopagita, a sophomore retreatant, said "Being able to see the JPII students participating together as a community makes me feel special knowing that I am in a community where I feel like I belong."

Save the Date!

**Take Flight
Breakfast**

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

**Light & Truth Gala
Dinner Benefit**

Friday, April 28, 2023

Well Rounded Eagles

The girls cross country team won a third consecutive State cross country championship. That would be an amazing feat on its own, but they also won their third WIAA/Gesa Credit Union Academic State Championship for achieving the highest grade point average in the girls 1B cross country classification.

Reflecting on the historic championship run, senior Isabella Kondrat remarked, "It meant so much more to me this year, because we faced so many challenges and weren't even expecting to win. It feels great to be the Academic State Champions on top of that; it's a testament to our ability to balance sports and school and earn success in both."



Kondrat along with senior Moriah Steinbrecher were also named Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. Last month they were recognized at a Lacey City Council meeting for their achievements.

To top off the Eagles' incredible season, Coach Weber was honored by being named Cross Country Sea-Tac League Coach of the Year. The boys cross country team had a remarkable season themselves. They finished second at State for an unprecedented fourth consecutive year. "I am proud of our guys and the fantastic effort they expended this year. They are great young men," Coach Weber exclaimed.

Bump, Set, Spike to School History

The girls volleyball team had a historic year. They competed hard, earned the League Championship title and the right to compete at the District level. Coach Audrey Howard spoke proudly of her team, "They are such hard working girls and they showed their dedication in their play. There was a massive growth from our previous season to this season and it was exciting to see their success." Being such a young team, next season is filled with great potential.



Parent Association Builds Community

The Parent Association is up and running, hosting monthly meetings. Serious about building community, the Parent Association seeks to engage all JP II parents and has begun hosting fun social nights. In November, Flannel Fest Bunco Night made for an evening of laughter and a bit of healthy competition. In December, parents are invited to the Parent Association hosted Christmas party, Jingle All The Way. Featuring a white elephant gift exchange and ugly Christmas sweater competition, this is sure to be a memorable evening.

It was such a fun night! Never played (Bunco) before, but I'm sure it won't be the last time! We love being a part of this amazing community!"

-Annfany Cortes

Annual Appeal Gifts to Date

In this season of gratitude, the community of JPIL wishes to say THANK YOU to everyone who has made a donation or pledge to this year's 2022 Annual Appeal **received by November 29th**. As our Principal, Therese Allin, said, "Our desire is to welcome every student who seeks an education at JPIL, regardless of their means." Every dollar raised through our 2022 Annual Appeal goes directly to a student through the form of financial assistance.

We increased our goal this year by a little over 15% to \$215,000 in order to meet the growing need for financial assistance. Please consider making a year-end gift before December 31, 2022. All donors who contribute to the 2022 Annual Appeal will be included in our annual report that is published in the summer.

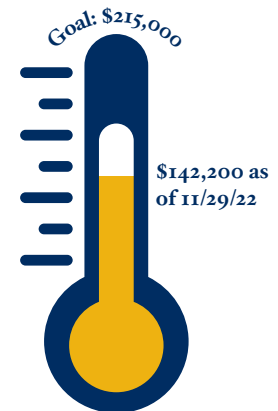
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2022 Annual Appeal
Goal Tracker

This past year we transitioned to a new database. Unbeknownst to us, those individuals that were respectfully marked deceased did not transfer properly to the new database resulting in some families receiving mail to their deceased family members. For this we deeply apologize. We have since fixed the error.

Alumni Reunion Weekend

The newly formed Alumni Leadership Council is planning for an All Classes Reunion the weekend of July 14-16, 2023. On Friday evening there will be a Professional/Social Networking event for all alumni at JPIL. On Saturday evening a special Alumni Dinner will take place at Farelli's in Tacoma. Then on Sunday, all alumni and their families, current and former faculty and staff and other special guests are invited for Mass, a picnic and live music. More details coming soon.





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Winter Update Inside!

Every day, JPII connects bright, curious students with opportunities to become who God intends them to be.

Applications are still being accepted for the 2023-24 school year! For priority consideration for financial aid, an admissions application and financial assistance application must be completed by December 31, 2022. Scan the QR code below or contact John Grossman to find out how to become part of the Eagle family!



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The JPII Experience

Open House | Wednesday, January 11th | 6:30-8pm

Have you considered the value of a Catholic, college prep school? Visit our open house to experience the welcoming faith-filled community that everyone is talking about. Meet our exceptional teachers and coaches, talk with our students and parents and tour our state-of-the-art science lab. Register on our website.

**See the Eagles
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