The Power of “Good”
In seeing the good, we see as God does

A positive attitude and a healthy learning environment are essential ingredients for student success and personal growth. Adults in the community can model a growth mindset and cultivate a positive community environment.

Our community theme introduced at our first Town Hall of the year and reiterated every day is “Look for the Good!” We are encouraging our students and teachers to cultivate a mindset of looking for the good in themselves, in others and in the world around them; That is, living with an attitude of gratitude.

Research suggests that maintaining a positive attitude and seeking the good in all things can have tremendous benefits for mental health, well-being, and overall quality of life.

Educational research tells us positivity creates an optimal learning environment where students thrive and reach their full potential.

All humanity has been created in God’s image. Everything good is a reflection of our God who is good. Though we instinctively seek to find people’s faults, God asks us to see the best in them. When we see the positive in all things, we savor them and point them out to others. We see as God sees, and that is a blessing.

So, we “Look for the Good” in every circumstance and in everyone because God works all things together for good—both His good and ours, all the time.
It may be no surprise that the Eagle cross country teams found success on the course this fall with both teams having a history of league, district, and state championship success. But, what the Eagles accomplished in fall of 2023 was no small feat. The boys team found themselves at the top of the podium at leagues and districts. At the state championship, they placed 2nd for the fifth consecutive year led by brothers, Eric and Kevin Hu (11th and 9th grade respectively). The girls team once again took the league and district titles and for an impressive 4th consecutive year, they were crowned the WIAA 1B/2B State Champions. In a historic moment, freshman Ruby Henry was the first JPII runner to claim an individual state title at the cross country state championships, winning in a blistering 19:29.10. When asked to reflect on her experience Ruby said, “Winning cross country State was one of the best experiences of my life. I couldn’t have won without my team, my coach, my family, or God, and I am so grateful God gave me the opportunity.”

Another historic occasion for JPII athletics came on the volleyball court. Despite a devastating late season injury for starter, Adrianna Levesque, Eagle volleyball rallied at districts to earn a spot at state for the first time in school history. With a young roster, JPII will see many returning players next season for a chance at advancing to state again and moving further up the brackets.

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As has become an annual tradition among South Sound Catholic schools, JPII facilitated the Mass of the Holy Spirit at Saint Martin’s University Marcus Pavilion on September 12, 2023. This Mass is a special time of community when students, faculty, and family members call upon an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the school year ahead. Over 600 Catholic students in pre-K through 12th grade from St. Mary’s in Aberdeen, St. Joseph School in Chehalis, Holy Family School in Lacey, St. Michael Parish School in Olympia, and JPII attended the Mass which was celebrated by Bishop Frank Schuster.

Each month during the school year JPII celebrates Mass. Most Masses take place on campus celebrated by a visiting local priest. Community members are always welcome to attend monthly Masses, adding a richness to the community experience of the Church, which is the body of Christ.

"Meeting in prayer and reflection, in the dialogue that unites beyond all difference of language and race, in the sharing of ideals, problems and hopes, these young people will experience living the reality promised by Jesus: ‘Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.’" - Pope Saint John Paul II

Faith in Action
Mass, Retreats & Beyond

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

Applications are still being accepted for the 2024-25 school year! Scan the QR code below or contact our Admissions Office to schedule a personal tour and find out how to become part of the Eagle family!

Our Mission

To provide a Catholic secondary education within a challenging academic, spiritual and co-curricular environment that develops young men and women who are intellectually strong, spiritually alive and committed to service.

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Featuring Keynote Speaker, Fr. Leo Patalinghug

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