

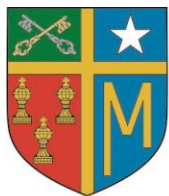


THE YEAR IN REVIEW & PREVIEW

Catholic Education...for this Life & the Next!

Summer 2017





ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

CATHOLIC EDUCATION...FOR THIS LIFE AND THE NEXT

Dear Friends of St. JPIIHS,

We have been blessed in so many ways this year, laying down a strong foundation for years to come. Let us reflect on some of our accomplishments this year, and share some plans for next year, as we prepare for future growth and success.

ACADEMICS

College and University acceptance for St. John Paul II High School Class of 2017:

Baylor University-Waco, Catholic University of America-Washington, D.C., Concordia University-Austin, Del Mar College-Corpus Christi, Franciscan University-Steubenville, Grayson Junior College-Denison, Sam Houston State University-Huntsville, Schreiner University-Kerrville, St. Edward's University-Austin, Texas A&M University-College Station, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, Texas Southern University-Houston, Texas Tech University-Lubbock, University of Dallas-Dallas, University of Incarnate Word-San Antonio, University of Texas-Arlington, University of Texas-Austin, University of Texas-San Antonio, & Western Texas College-Snyder

- In the Fall, we had 29 students enrolled in dual credit taking 45 courses for college credit hours.
- In the Spring, we had 26 students enrolled in dual credit taking 38 courses for college credit hours.
- Individual student dual credit awards: Outstanding Student Award from the Del Mar Foreign Language Department (1 of 2 students recognized), National Society of Leadership & Success Award from *Sigma Alpha Pi*, and Silver & Blue Cord Award for a student earning at least 24 credit college hours.
- The National Honor Society for the first time this year included Juniors, and weighted grades for students with a grade point of 3.5 or higher.
- National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholar & National Hispanic Recognition Program sponsored by College Board
- 50% of our teachers have master's degrees.
- Quiz bowl Champions and 2nd place in KEDT Challenge!
- 20 honors courses offered & 10 dual credit courses
- Student named Semper Fidelis All-American by the United States Marines. 1 out of 100 in nation!

PERSONNEL & STAFFING

- We are moving towards a dedicated full-time principal for both the middle school and the high school.
- This year Mrs. Priscilla Vela was Dean of Academics and Student Affairs. Next year Ms. Jeneva Tilley will be the Dean of Student Affairs, that oversees the new Student Formation Discipline Policy whereby expectations and consequences are clearly outlined, and Mrs. Vela will focus full-time on Academics.
- JJ Trujillo is moving from Athletic Director to Development and Marketing, while remaining head baseball coach.
- Laura Okoniewski is moving from Development and Marketing to the Enrollment Manager and Registrar position.
- Coach Andrew Leon has been appointed our new Athletic Director and head football coach. He takes pride in his Catholic faith, the Coastal Bend Community, and is willing to make sacrifices necessary to ensure our athletes are given the best possible opportunities to succeed.
- Alex Rodriguez has been named the new Plant Operations Manager and will continue to bring students in the bus from Alice and Robstown.
- Rachel Dimas, from the Vocations Office, is coming on board to be the bookkeeper for the high school.
- Marco Hernandez has been named the Health Coordinator and will also remain as coach for various sports.
- Ms. Carissa Reyes will direct the music program full-time and begin a program for the middle school.

ATHLETICS

- TAPPS 5A / Football Division 2
 - All-State Team Members: 5
 - Academic All-State Team: 6
 - State Meet Qualifiers for Individual Sports: 17
 - All District Members: 50
 - First Team All-District: 15
 - Second Team All-District: 27
 - Honorable Mention: 8

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

- A placement test for incoming 9th graders has been implemented to better determine their class placement, to better serve each student.
- The No Pass No Play Policy for next year has been strengthened and simplified. Strengthened by beginning at progress report time, during the first nine weeks, and no longer determining re-eligibility two weeks after report cards have been issued. Simplified by determining eligibility every progress report time, every nine weeks, for every class.
- We received a donation to install a new synthetic field and track, currently under construction, that will be completed by the Fall.
- We received a technology grant to outfit both the middle school and high school with wi-fi (currently under construction), allowing us to begin using Chromebooks in the classrooms this Fall.
- This year 70% of our families received some amount of tuition assistance from our endowment, the diocese, the Office of Catholic Schools and the Kenedy Foundation.
- We completed our first year with a daily bus route from Alice and Robstown, and will be offering this service for free in the fall.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- We completed 7,545 hours of community service (Solidarity Hours) this year, which is equivalent to 314.4 days non-stop helping the disadvantaged of this community. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Special Olympics & Special Hearts Prom
 - A Cut Above/Wigs for Kids/Locks of Love hair donation projects for cancer patients
 - Four Eagle Scout Projects
 - Organizing Christmas food baskets for Sarita, Texas
 - Service in a variety of hospitals, nursing homes, and homeless shelters
- We had 150 students participate in our Live Nativity, with thousands of visitors reminded of the reason for the season.
- Over 100 students participated in March for Life in Austin, Texas.
- Participation in Rotary International's Interact Service Club, whereby by students:
 - Helped to build a wheel chair ramp for elderly couple
 - Helped to build a Habitat for Humanity House
 - Raised funds for 20 XO tablets for poverty stricken children in Guatemala