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John Paul II High School
2025-2026 Annual Report



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WELCOME FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Cardinal family,

With gratitude to God and deep appreciation for your generosity, I am pleased to welcome you to this year's edition of our *Cardinal Insider*. This publication is a testament to the faith, commitment, and partnership that sustain our mission each day; and a connection to our Cardinal family as we continue to grow.

At John Paul II High School, education extends far beyond the classroom. We strive to form young men and women who are intellectually prepared, spiritually grounded, and committed to lives of service and leadership. The opportunities our students experience, from academic excellence and faith formation to athletics, arts, and service, are made possible through the support of dedicated benefactors like you.

Your generosity is an investment in the lives of our students and in the future of our Church and community. Every scholarship awarded, every program enhanced, and every facility improved reflects your belief in the transformative power of Catholic education. Through your support, students at JP II are encouraged to discover their God-given gifts, pursue their dreams, and answer the call to become disciples who walk in the footsteps of Saint John Paul II.

As you read through these pages, I hope you will take pride in the impact of your generosity and the many lives you have helped shape. The stories, accomplishments, and milestones highlighted here are a direct result of our shared commitment to providing an exceptional Catholic education that impacts our students today and their lives as JP II alumni.

On behalf of our students, faculty, staff, and families, thank you for your continued partnership and trust. May God abundantly bless you and your loved ones for your faithful support of our mission.

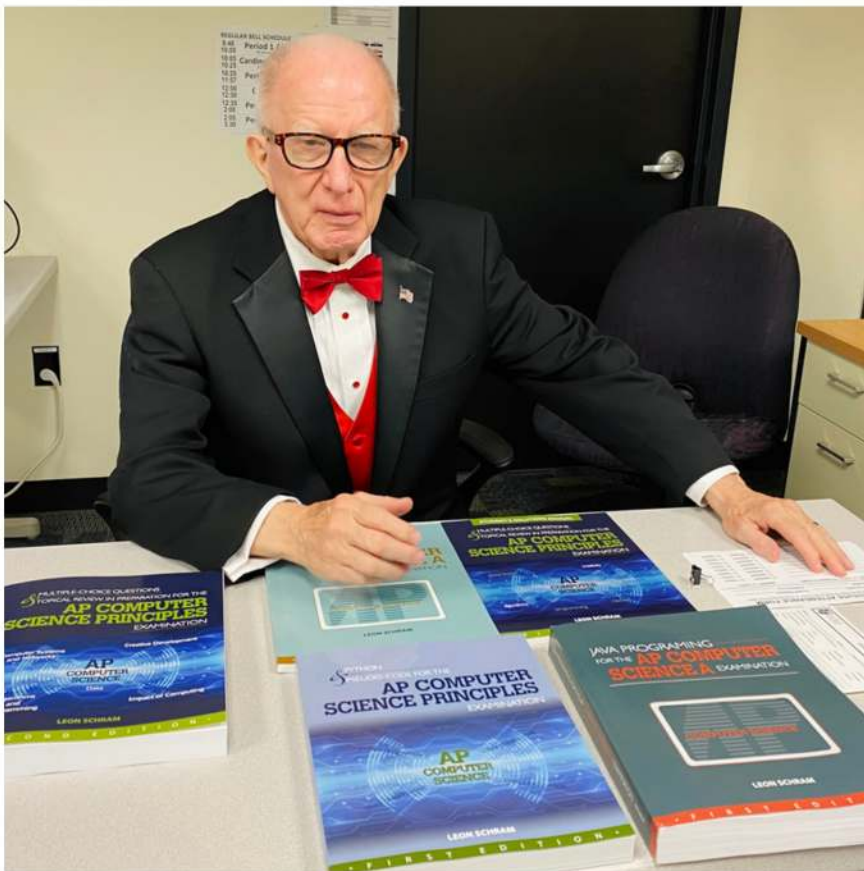
Grace and Peace,



Casey Buckstaff
President
John Paul II High School



John Paul II High develops leaders who are critical thinkers and effective communicators, committed to service and rooted in faith.



LOGGING OFF: CELEBRATING MR. SCHRAM



**“Learning is
about going from
*bewilderment to
obvious.*”**

Since its inception, John Paul II High School has been blessed with outstanding Catholic educators. Among them is founding faculty member Leon Schram, who retired at the end of the 2025–2026 academic year after reaching an extraordinary milestone, 50 years in the classroom. Although he will no longer be present in the daily life of the school, his impact will continue to reverberate throughout the school's halls and classrooms.

Mr. Schram approached education with the mantra, “learning is about going from bewilderment to obvious.” By helping students grasp new concepts and develop new skills, he guided countless young people toward deeper understanding and confidence in their abilities.

Regardless of their interest in computer science, all of Mr. Schram's students benefited from his energetic and positive approach to daily life and the thoughtful perspectives he shared. A gifted educator, grounded in his personal faith, he connected with students on a personal level. He helped them recognize their unique talents, build lasting friendships, learn a few ballroom dance steps, and move toward their futures with confidence.

As Leon and his sweet wife, Isolde, of 59 years, enjoy a retirement filled with ballroom dancing, cruises, and time with family. Those fortunate enough to learn from or work alongside Mr. Schram will continue to feel his impact wherever life leads them.





Open House



Saturday, November 7th



2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

At John Paul II High School, we believe the best way to experience our community is to step onto our campus and see it for yourself. In our hallways, classrooms, fields, and stages, you'll find students discovering their passions, building friendships, and growing into the leaders they are called to be. With opportunities in athletics, fine arts, clubs, service, campus ministry, and student leadership, every Cardinal has the chance to get involved, share their gifts, and find where they belong.

OPEN HOUSE EXPERIENCE



- ✓ Mock Classes
- ✓ Leadership Presentations
- ✓ Campus Tours
- ✓ Meet Students, Faculty & Coaches

WHY CHOOSE US?



- ✓ Catholic Identity: Rooted in faith, values, and community service.
- ✓ Coed Advantage: Preparing students for real-world collaboration
- ✓ Collin County: Top-tier private education close to home.
- ✓ "Both/And" Spirit: Excellence across academics, athletics, and the arts.

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A LIFELONG CALLING TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION

For JP II Board member Tom Reidy and his wife Catherine, Catholic education isn't just a personal experience but a lifelong mission that has shaped their family, their community, and their faith for decades.

Both Tom and Catherine were formed by Catholic schools from their earliest years. Tom's educational journey began at St. Gabriel's Elementary in Concord Township, Ohio, continued through Lake Catholic High School in Mentor, Ohio, and culminated at the University of Notre Dame. Catherine's path took her through La Lumiere School in La Porte, Indiana, before she, too, pursued higher education at Saint Mary's College.

In the 90s, when Tom and Catherine were raising their daughters, they saw a need to expand access to Catholic education and formation in northern Collin County.

In 1996, they helped establish St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in McKinney, Texas. Not long after, in the early 2000s, they helped launch a Catholic preschool at St. Gabriel's that continues to thrive today, giving generations of young families a place to begin their faith journey.



For Tom and Catherine, each of these efforts was part of a larger vision: ensuring Catholic education wasn't out of reach for families in a rapidly growing region. When John Paul II High School opened its doors, the Reidys saw it as another sign of hope — a continuation of the work in which they'd already invested decades into. John joined the JP II Board of Directors in 2021. His involvement with JP II builds directly on that history of expanding access to Catholic education, reflecting his belief that schools should form students in mind, body, and spirit alike.

TOM & CATHERINE REIDY

Their philosophy centers on academic excellence anchored in faith — an education that doesn't just prepare students for college or career, but equips them to navigate a world full of distraction and confusion with clarity, truth, and a heart oriented toward service.

Tom's dedication to Catholic ministry extends far beyond the walls of John Paul II High School. Drawing on his professional background in technology, Tom serves on several nonprofit boards, including The Catholic Foundation, Catholic International University, and ManeGait. One of his most impactful leadership roles is serving as Board Chair of Mother Teresa Catholic School.



Mother Teresa Catholic School is an innovative regional Catholic school model that brings together five North Texas parishes, including:



St. Gabriel the Archangel (McKinney), St. Michael the Archangel (McKinney), St. Jude (Allen), Our Lady of Angels (Frisco), and St. Francis of Assisi (Frisco). The school will also serve as a feeder school for John Paul II High School, strengthening the future of Catholic education in the region. Tom's leadership and visionary initiative will make a lasting impact on generations of students and families in Collin County.

Catherine, an Oncology Nurse Navigator, lives out the same mission of service through her vocation in healthcare. Providing compassionate guidance and care to patients during some of life's most challenging moments, she exemplifies the faith, leadership, and commitment to others.

Together, they remain active parishioners at St. Gabriel the Archangel, the very community they helped build nearly three decades ago, and they credit their faith for their many blessings.

Learn more about
Mother Teresa Catholic School



TRANSFORMATIONAL ATHLETICS & FACILITIES UPGRADES

BUILDING A NEW LEGACY AT JP II

John Paul II High School (JP II) is pleased to announce a capital project that will significantly enhance the school's athletic facilities for teams, fine art programs, and expand opportunities for its growing student communications program. The project, made possible through the extraordinary generosity and vision of donors Mary and Rich Templeton, includes a new full-size turf competition field and an expansion of the main stadium's home side grandstand and press box.

This landmark donation reflects the Templetons' commitment to JP II's mission to develop leaders rooted in faith and committed to service, extending their support to student-athletes, performing arts groups, and student media.



“This investment is a game-changer that provides our student-athletes and coaches with the elite facilities they need to excel both on and off the field.”

**GEORGE
TEAGUE**



NEW FULL-SIZE TURF COMPETITION FIELD

Multi-purpose field for soccer, football, lacrosse, and more.



EXPANDED SEATING & FAN EXPERIENCE

More seating, improved fan atmosphere, and enhanced school spirit.



A NEW ERA FOR
JP II ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES



Expanded HOME GRANDSTAND & PRESS BOX

**More Space. Better Experience.
Stronger JPIL Community.**

The main stadium will see significant upgrades to the home side to support both fan experience and academic programs:

Press Box Expansion: The expanded press box will include more space to accommodate JPIL's growing Mass Communications and student livestream programs. It will feature a separate coaches' box from the main announcers' area, a space for guests and hospitality, and access via a staircase behind the press box.

Improved Seating and Fan Experience: The project adds expanded seating on both sides of the main grandstand, allowing the Cardinal Belles and marching band to join the student section. The structure will feature viewing decks on either side of the press box and be wrapped with JPIL branding.



COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA SPACE:

Expanded press box
designed for today's
student media.



Class of 2026 College Acceptance





JPII CLASS OF 2026

COLLEGE READINESS, ACADEMIC DISTINCTION & SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT

A snapshot of admissions, achievement, and family value.

1 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS & PLACEMENTS



220+
ACCEPTANCES

Different institutions



180
UNIVERSITIES

Across the U.S. and abroad



ELITE PLACEMENTS

Cornell - Northwestern - Vanderbilt - Notre Dame



MILITARY ACADEMIES

U.S. Naval Academy - U.S. Merchant Marine Academy



TEXAS POWERHOUSE PLACEMENTS

UT Austin - Texas A&M - TCU - SMU



SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

Colorado School of Mines - SCAD

2 ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS & ELITE PREPARATION



AP SCHOOL HONOR ROLL PLATINUM

Named a Platinum
recipient for the
3rd consecutive year



HISTORIC MILESTONE

Senior Ana Paiva
became the first
student in school
history to earn the
AP Capstone
Diploma before
graduation



10 NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS

Top 50,000
students
nationwide



When we see our students excelling in the AP Capstone program, we see them master the same research and presentation skills they will use at universities like Cornell or Northwestern.



Dr. Daniel Ledbetter, Principal

3 SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL MILESTONES



184
GRADUATES



82%
MERIT AID RATE

Of graduates were offered a merit-based scholarship



\$29,193,491
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP VALUE



\$158,660
AVERAGE VALUE
PER GRADUATE



Record-breaking
jump from the
Class of 2025
total of

\$24.9 MILLION

4 DUAL CREDIT & FAMILY SAVINGS

	JPII DUAL CREDIT RATE	STANDARD SLU RATE
COST PER CREDIT HOUR	\$75.00	\$660.00
TOTAL COST FOR 396 CREDITS	\$29,700.00	\$261,360.00



DIRECT TUITION
SAVINGS:
\$231,660
SAVED COLLECTIVELY



13.2
ACADEMIC
YEARS SAVED

Collective college
attendance time saved
at 30 credits per
academic year



**\$390,000 TO
\$850,000**
TOTAL OPERATIONAL
SAVINGS

Estimated family savings
including tuition, fees,
room & board, books,
and supplies

5 WHY IT MATTERS



More college
options for
families



Stronger academic
preparation for
university-level work



Record
scholarship
outcomes



Meaningful time
and cost savings
through dual credit



**JPII STUDENTS ARE GRADUATING PREPARED,
DISTINGUISHED, AND POSITIONED FOR THE FUTURE.**



CLASS OF 2026 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fourteen Cardinals turned their dreams into reality this year, signing letters of intent to compete in collegiate athletics while pursuing their academic goals.

Neal Brewer - Henderson State
Gabriel Castaneda - Centre College
Pierce Davis - Our Lady of the Lake University
Aubrey Easterwood - Providence College
Elijah Estonilo - United States Naval Academy
Landry Ferguson - Trinity University
Karime Gallardo - West Texas A&M
Carson Hess - Dallas Christian College
Summer Hodge - Lehigh University
Madison Niebuhr - Midland University
Toby Rafique - University of Alabama-Huntsville
AJ Ricci - Southeastern Oklahoma State
Jaclyn Silva - Trinity University
Amir Weems-Bey - Cornell College



The JPII Cardinal Women's Auxiliary (CWA) Scholarship Committee awarded Tessa Devasia and Bernadette Angel 2026 CWA Service Scholarships. The purpose of these scholarships is to recognize students who place a high priority on community service and embody the John Paul II motto of "Seek to Serve." Each winner received a \$1,500 college scholarship.

Class of 2026 Top 10

These 10 seniors from the Class of 2026 have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence. Their hard work, perseverance, and dedication have led to remarkable achievements, and we couldn't be prouder of all they have accomplished. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

Karson Aronsson

Tessa Devasia

Sofia Floriani

Caroline Grein

Eryca Hausner

Jack Houstoun

Noah Kempf

Justin Melek

Dylan Venhaus

Reagan Wiss



2 Cardinals headed to United States Service Academies



Elijah Estonilo

United States Naval Academy



Martin Zsoka

Merchant Marine Academy



This prestigious honor is awarded to the top 50,000 students nationwide based on their exceptional performance on the PSAT.

JPII ANNUAL FUND

INVESTING IN THE CARDINAL EXPERIENCE



Every year, gifts from JP II faculty, staff, parents, alumni, grandparents, and friends unite us in advancing our mission and vision. These gifts directly enhance technology, security, and campus facilities, while helping us retain exceptional faculty and providing a premier Catholic coeducational education.

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ALUMNI ENGAGEMENTS,



Mimi Law '07 married Colin Mitchell in May 2026.



Ally Allen '08 married Onwar Shaheer on February 28, 2026.



Erin Theis Lahutsky '09 and her husband, Nick, welcomed their second child, Holden, in April 2026.



Michelle Dubret Obi '09 and her husband, Joseph, welcomed their second child in February 2026.



Nikki Cupit '11 is engaged to Blake Kasparian.



Caroline Pajda Lavey '12 and her husband, Jake, welcomed their first child in June 2025.



Matthew Abernathy '15 married Taylor Duke '15 in May 2026.



Courtney Schumacher '15 married Evan Duff on October 11, 2025.



Natalie Royer '16 is engaged to Merek Pierce '15.

WEDDINGS & BABIES!



Matt Cook '16 is engaged to **Lizzie Thompson '17**.



Patrick Quinn '16 is engaged to **Addison Seeley**.



Ryan Mackey '16 married **Sydney Brown** in August 2025.



Colin Brignola '17 married **Brigid Carroll** in May 2025.



Abigail Morgan Shoonmaker '17 and her husband, **Andrew**, welcomed their second baby, **Charlie**.



Coco Villasana '17 married **Brandon Viik** in February 2025.



Lauren Mackey '18 married **Daniel Packard** in April 2026.



Kendal Kennedy '19 is engaged to **Davis Moye**.



Anthony Goss '20 and his wife **Allison**, who teaches at JP II, welcomed their first baby, **Kennedy Marie**.



Alex
Goldstein, MD '07

Dr. Goldstein is a physician practicing critical care medicine and nephrology in the greater Austin area. He serves as the ICU medical director at Baylor Scott & White in Marble Falls. He is most proud of his family: his wife, Paige, and their two children, Emmy & Graham.



Mitchel
Norton, DO '08

Dr. Norton is a family medicine physician living in Northwest Arkansas and practicing in rural Missouri. When he's not providing comprehensive primary care to patients at the Mercy Clinic in Cassville, he enjoys taking in all the Ozarks has to offer and spending time with his family.



Natasha
Pajda '08

Natasha finished her twelfth year teaching theology for the Catholic Diocese of Dallas by earning a Work of Heart Award for her work at Bishop Lynch High School. This is the second time Natasha has earned this prestigious award.



Tessa
Barrientos
Czerkiewicz '09

Tessa began a new role in Fall of 2025 with The Coca-Cola Company as the Customer Marketing Director leading marketing strategies for two top customers.



Amy
Boring Gamache '09

Amy is a School Psychologist in Allen ISD who helps students overcome challenges and reach their full potential.



Kiernan
King '11

Kiernan recently achieved a longtime professional goal by accepting the role of Director of Programming and Training with the Peace Corps in Rwanda. A former Peace Corps Volunteer in Botswana, he now provides leadership, coaching, and support to volunteers while advancing the mission of global service and cultural exchange in East Africa.



Dr. Megan
Nieberding '11

Dr. Nieberding is a Lecturer in Physics at the University of North Texas. She especially enjoys teaching classes featuring 500-and 250-year-old books from Special Collections that illustrate how the study of astrophysics has evolved over time.



Tara
O'Reilly Gibson '11

Tara serves on the Board of Directors for JPIL. She is an owner/operator of several local McDonald's restaurants. She lives in McKinney with her husband, Gaines, and their three children, Annie, Albert, and Charlie.



Brandon
James Rose '14

Brandon founded Watch Innovation Straps (WIS Watch Straps) and has since hired 6 employees, opened a showroom and retail location in Uptown Dallas on McKinney Ave, and reached a quarter billion people last year.



Mahesh
Krishna, MD '16

Dr. Krishna is a physician-scientist and third-year internal medicine resident at Yale New Haven Hospital, pursuing gastroenterology and hepatology. He holds a BA in Biochemistry & Cell Biology from Rice University and an MD from Johns Hopkins (Alpha Omega Alpha). His research on inflammatory bowel and cholestatic liver diseases has produced 16+ publications and several awards, and he serves on the board of PSC Partners Seeking a Cure.



Ben
Gitzinger '18

Ben graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He went on to earn his Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center in May 2025. Ben is now practicing as a patent attorney with Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox in Washington, D.C.



Sean
Sachnik '18

Sean graduated from Texas A&M University in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He went on to earn both his Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration from The University of Texas at Austin in May 2026. Sean is currently studying for the Bar Exam and will begin his career as an associate in November 2026.



Jessica
Chen '20

Jessica graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in May 2024 with a double major in Computer Science and Economics and a minor in Business. She is currently working on a Master's of Business Analytics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Anna
DeFrancisco '22

Anna graduated from the University of Arkansas in May 2026 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Media Studies. While a student, she was a member of the Cheer Team.



Julia
Rock '23

Julia is a senior at the University of Arkansas pursuing a double major in English and Italian. This summer, she presented her undergraduate research at the American Association for Teachers of Italian (AATI) Conference at the University of Arkansas Rome Center, where she examined the construction and evolution of female self-fashioning in Italian literature.



Caitlyn
Herrin '24

Caitlyn is a junior at the University of Maryland pursuing dual degrees in Information Science and Criminology & Criminal Justice. This summer, she is interning with the Homicide Division of the Prince George's County Police Department, gaining hands-on experience in criminal investigations and law enforcement.



Taylor
Russo '24

Taylor has been accepted into the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) School of Nursing! This is an incredible accomplishment and a testament to Taylor's hard work and dedication.



Ben
Alfred '24

Ben spent the summer interning with Downtown Dallas, Inc., where he served as a seasonal ambassador for the organization as it welcomed visitors from around the world for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.



Clara
Paynter '25

Clara, a forward for the University of Texas at Dallas, made an immediate impact during her freshman season, starting 15 games and appearing in every contest. She averaged 5.6 points and 3.1 rebounds per game, recording four double-digit scoring performances during the 2025–26 season.



Mark
Saloma '25

Mark recently traveled across Japan through the Asia Technology Management Program at Texas A&M's Mays Business School, exploring the intersection of technology, business, innovation, and culture through immersive learning experiences

ALUMNI: Celebrating a Remarkable Milestone?

Career Change

Marriage

Cool Travel

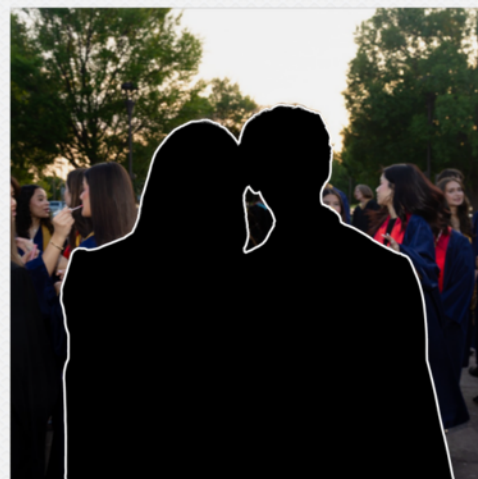
Baby

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Promotion

**Your milestone featured
in the Cardinal Insider!**

Submit before
June 1, 2027



Your Name

Your Milestone.



Join the Cardinal Network

Network with fellow alumni, reconnect with
classmates, post career opportunities, and more.
Get the most out of our incredible network!

Seek to Serve



CATCHING UP WITH RACHEL GREEN LAWLER '18

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."
-1 Peter 4:10*

Rachel Green Lawler '18 has been a part of John Paul II High School since its doors opened in 2005, when her oldest brother enrolled as a freshman. At five years old, she began attending school events, Masses, and athletic competitions, allowing her to meet other students and members of the faculty and staff. From this young and impressionable age, as Rachel experienced the Cardinal spirit in both of her older brothers and the school community, the seeds of her personal mission of service were planted.

By the time she began her freshman year, Rachel had developed a particular affinity for the elderly. Her grandparents regularly took her with them to volunteer at an assisted living facility, where they brought the Eucharist to residents and spent time with them. During her time at JP II, she continued to volunteer, and as she spoke with residents and heard their stories, she appreciated the wisdom that came out of a long life well lived.



After graduation, Rachel attended Kansas State University and majored in Kinesiology with plans for a career as a physical therapist. Over the course of her early studies, however, she felt called to incorporate her roots in service to a vulnerable population into her work. By adding a Gerontology major, she gained more comprehensive insight into the aging process and the elderly population. Combining the knowledge gained from both of her majors, she was ready to flourish in her current vocation. Today, Rachel serves as Wellness Coordinator at Presbyterian Village North, a Senior living community. She leads a variety of wellness classes that focus on balance, dexterity, and physical fitness. Her work keeps residents active and engaged, but her impact extends far beyond the limits of a simple class. She finds meaning in the relationships she builds each day. "The relationships are everything," Rachel shares about the residents with whom she works. "Hearing their stories and learning from their experiences is the most meaningful part of what I do."

Rachel, who is married to her high school sweetheart, Aidan Lawler '17, continues to live out the JP II motto as she seeks to serve her community.

ALUMNI GIVING CIRCLE

INVESTING IN THE CARDINAL EXPERIENCE

Your support of John Paul II High School directly impacts every aspect of the Cardinal experience by helping provide resources for academics, athletics, arts, student life, faith formation, and campus enhancements. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our students.

To encourage participation across all graduating classes, Alumni Giving Circle levels are based on graduation year:

Classes of 2007–2010: \$500

Classes of 2011–2015: \$250

Classes of 2016–2020: \$100

Classes of 2021–2025: \$50

Rowan '09 and Terésa '09 Burch

Addisyn Burlage '17

Nathan '11 and Shenny '11 Donnelly

Gaines and Tara '11 Gibson

Kyle Jutras '09

Aidan '17 and Rachel '18 Lawler

Kristen McCaffery '07

Kevin '12 and Mason Muhlenpoh

Michael Murray '22

Abigail Morgan Schoonmaker '17

John '09 and Katie '10 Templeton



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From Cardinal to Chief Resident

Q&A with Dr. Kendall Wermine '15

We caught up with JPII alumna Dr. Kendall Wermine, a general surgery resident at Baylor Scott & White in Fort Worth, to hear about her remarkable journey from the halls of John Paul II to the operating room.

Tell us a little about yourself and what you've been doing since graduating from JPII.

After graduating, I earned a degree in biochemistry from Abilene Christian University and was selected for the Joint Admission Medical Program — a competitive Texas initiative that selects just 100 students statewide and guarantees admission to a Texas medical school, along with a scholarship, as long as students meet the requirements. You interview at multiple schools, rank them, and they rank you. I was fortunate to match with my first choice, UTMB — the oldest medical school in Texas, where 1 in 6 physicians in the state have received training.

I received a full scholarship there. In my fourth year, I applied for residency and matched with Baylor Scott & White in Fort Worth. Since then, I've completed over 1,200 surgeries, and I'll be serving as Chief Resident this coming year. My next step is applying for a fellowship in vascular surgery. I've also had the opportunity to present research both locally and internationally, and I've published 26 articles in scientific journals.

Looking back, how did your experience at JPII help prepare you for your journey?

My first year of college was so much easier because of JPII. AP Chemistry especially prepared me and I did so well in Chemistry that I was invited to become a teaching assistant. JPII instilled in me a commitment to giving back. I helped start Cardinals Without Borders, and that spirit of service followed me into medical school, where I co-founded First in the Family, a program supporting students who are the first in their families to pursue medicine. It has grown into the largest student organization on the UTMB campus.

What advice would you give a high school student considering medicine?

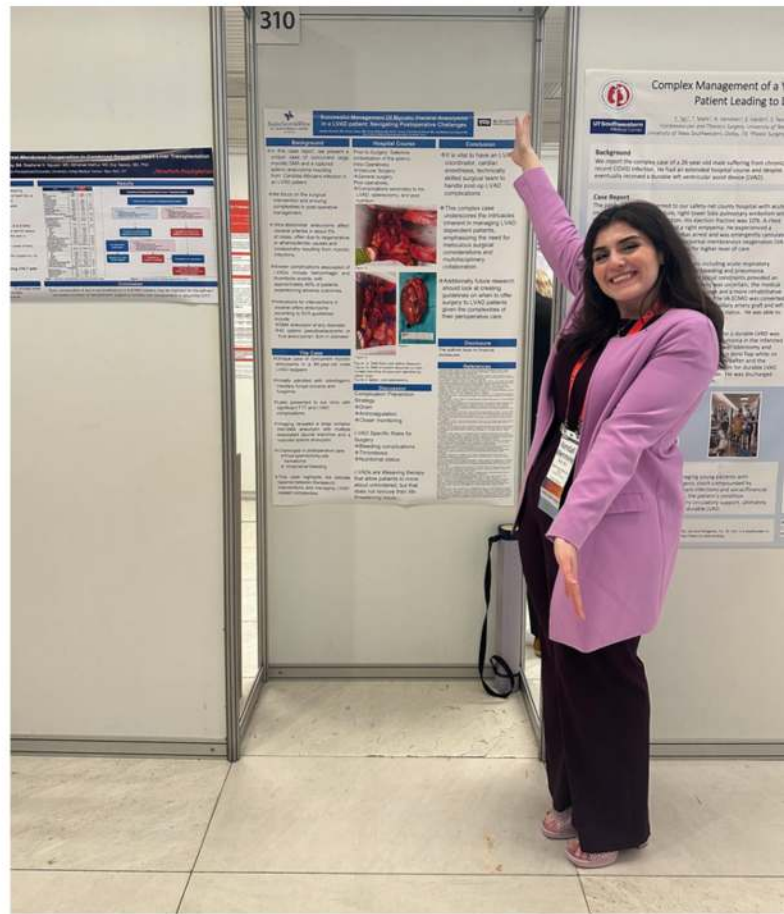
Make sure you truly want to pursue a career in medicine, and never be afraid to ask for help from your community. Medicine is a long road, and the people around you matter more than you might expect.

“I wouldn't be where I am today without God's intervention in my life.”

— DR. KENDALL WERMINE

How does the Joint Admissions Medical Program work, and how did you find out about it?

The Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP) is an undergraduate pipeline program established by the Texas Legislature to help close gaps in access and success for economically disadvantaged students pursuing careers in medicine. Because every public university in Texas partners with JAMP, I first learned about the program through ACU. Students apply at the beginning of their sophomore year of college and, if accepted, participate in internships and professional development opportunities throughout their sophomore and junior years. JAMP's mission is to increase the number of physicians serving Texas. As our state continues to face a physician shortage, the program plays a vital role in preparing and retaining the next generation of Texas doctors.



How has your faith played a role in your career?

It has been central to everything. I pray before every surgery, asking God to guide my hands. I've had the privilege of praying with patients before they go into the operating room, and I love working alongside the chaplains at All Saints. I genuinely enjoy talking with my patients about faith. I wouldn't be where I am today without God's intervention in my life — that's something I hold onto every single day in that operating room.

If a JPII student or alumnus has a question, where can they reach you?

One of the most rewarding parts of my career is mentoring future physicians. If you're considering a career in medicine, I would be happy to connect and share my experiences. Please feel free to reach out to me through the Cardinal Network.



\$425K

in total annual fund donations



\$413K

tuition assistance donations

Financial Aid



\$7,604

Average Financial Aid Award

170

students benefit
from financial aid

Merit Based Aid

\$664K

awarded to
students

\$3,177

average per
student

Student/Families Recipient %

24 %

Families receive financial aid for JP II

30%

Students receive merit based awards
for JP II

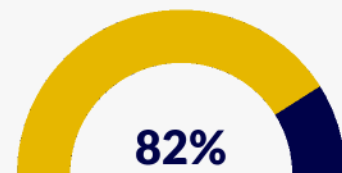
Class of 2026 Benefits

\$29M

merit scholarship money received
for college

\$158,660

average amount per graduate



82%

students received at
least one scholarship

Get Involved at JP II

The Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) at John Paul II High School is dedicated to fostering communication, collaboration, and support within the school community. The PTSO's mission is to connect parents, teachers, and students creating a cohesive and supportive environment that enhances the overall educational experience.

PTSO



The Cardinal Women's Auxiliary (CWA) is an inclusive organization open to mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, female legal guardians, and custodial caretakers of alumni and senior parents. This group is dedicated to supporting John Paul II High School (JPIIHS) and its alumni through various initiatives and activities.



The JP II Alumni Committee is dedicated to strengthening connections among alumni by growing participation in the Cardinal Network, hosting quarterly happy hours, planning alumni events on campus, sharing alumni milestones and accomplishments in our publications, and supporting class reunion efforts. Together, these initiatives help foster lifelong engagement within the Cardinal community. Interested? Join Today!

ALUMNI
COMMITTEE



JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 9, 2026



GOLF & PICKLEBALL
The Lakes
Castle Hills



FOR TICKETS AND INFO VISIT
johnpaulihs.org/balint-cup



Save the Date

CHOOSIN' TEXAS

Legacy Gala 2027



April 24, 2027



"SAVE THE DATE"



FOOTBALL GAMES

Come tailgate with us before the home games starting on the 28th of August.

28
AUGUST

16
OCTOBER

HOMECOMING

Join us for fun alumni tailgating activities before the big homecoming game!



UNDER THE LIGHTS

The JP II Community is invited to join us for some food, drinks and live music! (21yrs+ to attend)

17
OCTOBER

7
NOVEMBER

OPEN HOUSE

Come learn more about the JP II experience while mingling with current faculty, staff, and students.



BALINT CUP GOLF & PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

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MARCH

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Class of 2016



Ten Year
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Fill the Bus for Kerr County

In July 2025, heavy rains and flooding devastated the residents and landscape of Kerr County, Texas. The impact was severe and widespread. Tragically, more than 100 individuals lost their lives, and survivors faced the loss of homes, livelihoods, personal belongings, and, in many cases, hope.

With love of neighbor at the core of its mission to Seek to Serve, John Paul II High School responded quickly to support the immediate needs of those affected. President Casey Buckstaff was confident in the school community's ability to mobilize and recognized that the school possessed a unique resource that could be put to good use.

What began as a plan to collect emergency supplies and transport them using the school's buses quickly grew into a large-scale community effort. Ms. Buckstaff reached out to the presidents of two additional Dallas-area Catholic high schools, who eagerly joined the initiative and organized collection efforts on their own campuses.



Although summer break meant students and teachers were not in the classroom, athletic teams, student organizations, parents, faculty, and friends answered the call to serve through both action and prayer. Through what became known as the Fill the Bus Drive, community members donated essential items, including nonperishable food, cleaning supplies, paper products, hygiene products, gift cards, and monetary donations. Volunteers worked tirelessly to collect, sort, and organize the contributions.

As is so often the case, the outcome was far greater than the sum of its parts. Within a week, the volume of donations exceeded what could fit on a single bus. Ultimately, eight box trucks loaded with supplies collected across the three high schools made their way to Kerr County to be distributed by Catholic Charities. More than vehicles carrying material aid, the trucks delivered a message of hope, love, support, and solidarity to those facing unimaginable hardship.

With every item collected and every prayer offered, the JP II community answered Christ's call to serve. In the process, students gained invaluable lessons about compassion, generosity, and faith in action. Sophomore Evelyn Cooney, who volunteered alongside the girls' volleyball team, described the project as one of the most meaningful service opportunities she has experienced. "This has been my favorite service experience yet," she shared.

This spirit of generosity and commitment to service reflects both the school's mission and the Gospel values John Paul II High School seeks to instill in its students. The lessons learned through real-world initiatives such as the Fill the Bus Drive extend far beyond the classroom, shaping young men and women into faith-filled leaders who strive for excellence while serving others both now and in the future.



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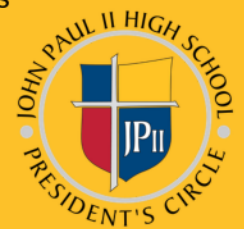
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JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL 2026-2027 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST

- 10 First Day of Classes
- 19 Meet the Teacher/Counselor

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Diocesan In-Service Day
- No Classes
- 7 Labor Day

OCTOBER

- 12-13 Fall Break - No Classes
- 16 Homecoming

NOVEMBER

- 7 Open House
- 9 Balint Cup & Pickleball
Tournaments
- 20 Grandparents Day
- 21 CWA Christmas Bazaar
- 23-27 Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

- 14 Study Day - No Classes
- 15-18 Semester Exams
- 21 Start Christmas Break

JANUARY

- 4 End Christmas Break
- 5 Classes Resume
- 15 Diocesan In-Service Day
- No Classes
- 18 Holiday - Martin Luther King Jr.

FEBRUARY

- 15-16 Winter Break - No Classes

MARCH

- 12 Field Day
- 15-19 Spring Break
- 26 Good Friday - No Classes
- 29 Easter Monday - No Classes

APRIL

- 24 Legacy Gala

MAY

- 10 Senior Study Day
- No Senior Classes
- 21 Baccalaureate
- 23 Graduation
- 24 Underclassmen Study Day
- No Classes
- 28 Last Day of School

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