

From the Principal's Desk
August 30, 2010

Parents and Guardians,

It's a privilege to recognize our theology department this week. The year is young and already they are in full swing.

Within the last year, the faculties at John Paul II High School and Incarnate Word Academy have been working together to incorporate ideas and activities that can be done in joint efforts between the two schools. One idea was a joint retreat for the student leaders of each school.

On last Saturday the retreat idea became a reality. Ten student leaders from JP II High School joined the student leaders from Incarnate Word at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church for the day long retreat. The retreat theme came from 1 timothy 4:12, "Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity." The workshops were entitled Faith, Speech and Conduct, and Love and Purity. The retreat ended with mass on Saturday afternoon. All ten students said the retreat went extremely well. They were glad to attend and felt that it was a great way to start the year. They also enjoyed interacting with the students from Incarnate Word. The students that attended the retreat were: Meagan Aguirre, Marina Garcia, Leslie Hernandez, Emily Kimmel, Isaac Kimmel, David Mirabal, Melanie Plata, Daniel Ramos, Christina Ruiz, and Alexis Ybanez.

I would like to thank Benjamin Nye, Jenny Stachiw, Caroline Nye, and John McFarland from our staff. They helped to facilitate the retreat and were with our students the entire day. Thanks for your dedication to our students and our school.

The John Paul II High School Theology Department is:

Caroline Nye – Theology I
Benjamin Nye – Theology II
Bishop Emeritus Edmond Carmody – Theology III
Deacon Bernie Vessa – Theology III
Jenny Stachiw – Theology IV

The retreats dates for each class have been set. If you could help with any of these retreats as a cook or chaperone, please notify the office.

Freshmen – October 23 – 24
Sophomore – November 13 – 14
Senior – January – 29 – 31
Junior – April 2 -3

The theology department is currently looking for members to join the John Paul II High School Altar Society. The society will be helping with our liturgies by cleaning the church after mass, washing linens, and preparing liturgical decorations.

The theology department is also offering parents an opportunity for special prayers for your son or daughter on their birthday. The donation is \$25 for flowers to be placed in the church plus a mass offered for the student's birthday. Please notify the office if you are interested.

Our school is truly blessed to have such a fine theology department. May our prayers be for all of our teachers who teach religion on a daily basis and for their dedication to John Paul II High School.

Yours in Christ,

Mr. Perry Le Grange