



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We believe that our two greatest responsibilities at St. John Paul II Catholic High School are to prepare our students for college and heaven.

To that end, we are excitedly gearing up for this year's class retreats.

Every year, SJPII offers four separate off-campus retreats, one for each grade level. Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors attend a day-long retreat, while our Seniors attend a 3-day retreat that students every year agree is one of their favorite parts of their entire high school experience.

This year's retreat dates are:

- August 24, 2022 - Junior Retreat at Good Shepherd Catholic Church
- August 25, 2022 - Freshmen Retreat at Good Shepherd Catholic Church
- August 26, 2022- Sophomore Retreat at Good Shepherd Catholic Church
- September 25-27, 2022 - Senior Retreat at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center

The purpose of these retreats is to give our students the opportunity to 1) encounter Jesus—through the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship, and adult prayer teams; 2) grow in spiritual community with their classmates through games and small group reflection time; and 3) reflect on how God is alive and active in their own lives—through talks given by our retreat team made up of teachers, youth ministers, and even an well-known speaker and musician.

The theme of our underclassman retreats this year is “**Behold the Light**”. We live in a time and culture where many people find themselves lost in darkness. The retreat talks will focus on connecting and focusing on the light through the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit so that we may be drawn ever more deeply into the radiance of their eternal life of love.

Our hope is that our students come away from these retreats with a deeper knowledge of God's abundant love for them, a greater desire to grow in their relationship with Him, and a greater sense of spiritual community with their peers.

**If you have not already please return the attached Permission Slip by August 22nd and pay \$10 for lunch.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out at [campusministry@jpiichs.org](mailto:campusministry@jpiichs.org).

In Christ,

Mrs. Sabo & Mr. O'Sullivan  
Campus Ministers