



*I am the Way and the Truth
and the Life*



JPII Catholic Schools Weekly Happenings

September 19, 2022

- Upcoming Events
- National Merit Scholar Finalist
- 2018-2023 Strategic Plan
- Friday Tailgating

VIRTUE OF THE
WEEK
TEMPERANCE

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JPII SCHOOLS UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sep 19 | Orv Kelly Golf Scramble |
| Sep 22 | SHS Freshmen Retreat |
| Sep 23 | SHMS 8th G Pilgrimage |
| Sep 25 | St. Anthony's Fall Bazaar |
| Sep 28 | JPII Parochial Cross-Country Meet |
| Sep 28-29 | SHMS/SHS Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Sep 30 | NO School |

National Merit Scholarship Program- Semifinalist Announcement

Typically, over 1.5 million juniors in more than 21,000 high schools entered the program by taking the 2021 PSAT/NMSQT exam, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalist, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

On Wednesday, September 14th National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$28 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and about half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

**Congratulations to Shanley High School's 2023
Semifinalist: Samuel Fetner!**

JPII CATHOLIC SCHOOLS UPDATE

2018-2023 Strategic Plan

JPII Catholic Schools is in the final year of the current strategic plan and have identified six goals that will be the focus of our efforts for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Continue progress of the Engage 360 Enrollment Plan
- Cultivate and enhance the relationships with sponsoring Parishes
- Deepen our students' relationship with Christ and foster the practice of the faith (Discipleship)
- Recruit, develop, and retain mission driven staff members
- Continue developing a rigorous, engaging, and supportive instructional curriculum designed to maximize student growth and achievement
- Strengthen students, staff, and parents in education of virtue and the "Deacon Way"

See the entire 2018-2023 strategic plan on our website <http://www.jp2schools.org> under News and Announcements on the homepage.

2023-2028 Strategic Plan Kick-Off

As the current strategic plan is wrapping up, we are simultaneously preparing for the future and excited to announce the kick-off for the new strategic planning process. Led by Bob Tift, Partners in Mission Consultant, Wednesday, September 21, 2022, will mark the official start of the planning.



Bob Tift

"I am happy to introduce Mr. Bob Tift, veteran Catholic school leader and consultant with partners In Mission, as our strategic planning guide for the coming year. I am confident that the combination of his leadership and the input of all our stakeholders will make us an even better school system." Mike Hagstrom, President JPII Catholic Schools, Parent survey invitation, June 2022

Mr. Tift will first meet with the JPII Board of Directors and Council on Wednesday, followed by all JPII Staff in the afternoon, and culminating in the evening with the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will be oriented on the process as well as receive directions on next steps. The overall goal of the Steering Committee is to create a strategic vision for our Catholic schools in a process called **Deacons on the Way: St. John Paul II Catholic Schools Strategic Plan 2023-2028** *"All the way to heaven is heaven, because Jesus said, 'I am the Way.'" – St. Catherine of Siena*

JPII CATHOLIC SCHOOLS UPDATE

2018-2023 Strategic Plan

The Steering Committee consists of two co-chairs and eight domain chairs in the areas of: Catholic Identity, Academics, Advancement, Enrollment, Facilities, Finance, Governance, and Student Life. Paul O'Donnell and Brenda Craft have graciously agreed to be the Steering Committee co-chairs. There are two to three additional members on each domain area to assist the domain chair. The Steering Committee will do the work of discerning strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities in the eight specific domain areas asking the questions: *Where have we been? Where are we now? Where do we need to go? How do we get there?*

Staff Liaisons are assigned to each domain, and they will provide the committees with a "Book of Knowledge" specific to the domain area. They will also assist the domain chairs in organizing any focus groups or other data collection needed to complete the domain narratives.

The Steering Committee will work to finish the report by the end of February and on March 18 there will be a Strategic Planning Retreat. At this retreat, goals and objectives will be written by the committee and submitted for review. Listening sessions will be conducted with a variety of stakeholders to finalize the goals and objectives. The finalized plan will be presented to the JPII Board of Directors for approval in April. Following Board approval, the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan will be unveiled and ready for implementation in the Fall of 2023.



DEACONS ON THE WAY

Shanley Deacons

Football



TAILGATING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:30-6:45PM

SID CICHY STADIUM ENTRANCE

FREE WILL OFFERING

BURGERS, HOT DOGS, CHIPS AND TREATS!

Join Deacon Fans for Fun, Fellowship, Games and Prizes!

Sponsored by Shanley Football Parents