

THE HAWKS NEST

BY THE JPPII NEWS TEAM

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School Events

Breakfast With Santa

On Saturday December 1st, we had our annual Breakfast with Santa! From 9:30 to 11:30 breakfast was served. If you came to this wonderful event and donated a hat, scarf, or gloves, your donation was much appreciated. Even Santa came and made a special visit! If this event interests you, make sure to join us next year!

By: Emily Monforto 7th Grade

Interview with Vincent Martinelli

By Jacob Michaud

Recently, members of the JPll school newspaper team interviewed a 6th Grade student, Vincent Martinelli. We asked him a series of questions about his experiences with the school. We consider Vincent a “veteran” to the school, since he has told us he has attended this school since Kindergarten. He told us, “Ever since I stepped into this school in Kindergarten, I always wanted to stay at this school.” He loves school, especially when he gets to hang out with his friends. He said, “School is great! I enjoy learning about new things every day. I really enjoy hanging out with my friends as well.” Although Vincent said he doesn’t have many friends, he loves spending time with the friends he does have. “My friends really brighten my day. They always tell me funny stories, include me in their games, and they are really nice to me.” Although Vincent is not enrolling in any after-school clubs this year, he did join one last year.

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Interview with Vincent Martinelli (Part 2)

The club was called Bridge. Bridge is a club that is available for 5-8 graders that go to JP11. Bridge club's goal is to help the students learn good team building. It shows the pros and cons of working together as a team, and how to deal with the cons. Bridge also has games for the students to make it fun to learn about team building skills. Bridge club also has "leaders" (one from each grade) that help the teachers organize the club and set up the different activities. Vincent was one of Bridge club's leaders. This is what he told us about Bridge: "I loved Bridge club. I always looked forward to it at the end of the day on Mondays. My favorite part about Bridge was playing all of the fun games. Being a leader was also very fun. I enjoyed helping the teachers setting up the club. I loved Bridge club because it was a way I can learn to help my friends out with different things, even when they are sad or upset. Bridge was one of my favorite things I liked doing at school last year."

Interview with Vincent Martinelli (Part 3)

In 5th grade, you keep all of your books inside your desk for the whole day, but in 6th grade, there are lockers so it can be a hard change for 6th graders at first. We asked Vincent for his opinion and how he handled the change. “Oh boy. At first it was *really* hard to get used to the change! I was struggling really badly with opening my locker. My friends had to help me open for the first couple weeks of school. It was very hard to get used to having lockers, but I got through it and I like having lockers a lot better because it is easier to fit all of my books in there. Another major difference from 5th to 6th grade is teachers. In 5th grade, you would have one teacher that would teach every subject except for one (science or social studies). Then the other homeroom teacher would teach the subject you didn't have with your main teacher. In 6th grade, you have five different teachers for the five subjects. We asked Vincent for his thoughts about the change. “Yes I enjoy having all different teachers for a change. I like it better than having the same teacher all day every day.” Vincent told us about his favorite subjects in 5th and 6th grade as well. He said “This year, my favorite subject is Social Studies, although last year it was Science. I like Social Studies a lot this year because we do a lot of notes, and that helps me study.” Overall, Vincent loves 6th grade, and he looks forward to the rest of the year.

Interview with JPII Alumni

interviewers: Anyah Griffin and Chichi Ottih

Alumni: Nneoma Ngene and Erika Ezeiraku

1. How do you think JP2 prepared you for high school?

Nneoma: I think JP2 prepared me to an extent, I was prepared for some things like writing wise, but the high school workload caught me by surprise and I was not very prepared for that.

Erika: The system of block scheduling at JP2 really gave me insight into the hustle and bustle of high school and the extremely busy schedules. It was a primary source of helping me to know what to expect at PVI and to better navigate the halls. JP2 also helped to set my expectations high with their repeated advice that high school would not be a walk in a park and that I'd have to work even harder.

Interview with JPII Alumni (Part 2)

2. If you could go back to middle school and redo the whole thing, what would you change and why?

Nneoma: If I could go back to middle school I would try to develop better studying habits earlier because it would help me in the future.

Erika: If I could go back to middle school I would have tried to better prepare myself for the workload and demand of high school by trying to procrastinate less and study more.

Interview with JP2 Alumni (part 3)

3. Are you still friends with anyone you attended JP2 with and how do you maintain that friendship?

Nneoma: Yes I am still friends with a majority of people I graduated with. I maintained the friendship by checking in with them now and then and making time to hang out with old JP2 classmates that I don't get to see every day.

Erika: Yes, I am still friends with people I attended JP2 with. Communication is the key to keeping the friendship strong. Don't be afraid to use social media as a way to stay involved in their lives and whereabouts by commenting and interacting with them. Texting, calling, planning activities and ways to meet up also helps. Try to continue to talk to your friends from junior high at school even if your groups change or you meet new people.

Interview with JPII Alumni (part 4)

4. Do you have any advice for eighth graders entering high school?

Erika: Don't fear change. It's natural and inevitable especially in high school. Allow yourself to grow as a student, friend, athlete, family member, etc. Embrace the beginning of something new and realize that nothing can stay the same forever.

Mrs. Tedesco Interview

Interviewers: Anyah Griffin and Chichi Ottih

1. What made you want to begin teaching?

I began working with children when I was about 18 years old. I was a Brownie troop leader, a CCD teacher, and volunteered in pediatrics at Jefferson Hospital. During this time, I didn't go to college and worked in an office, but I always enjoyed being around children.

Mrs. Tedesco Interview (Part 2)

2. What made you want to teach kindergarten?

I decided to attend Glassboro College (now Rowan) and got my degree in Early Childhood Education. I have been teaching over 15 years ranging in grades from 4th to Kindergarten. I enjoy working at the Kindergarten level.

3. When did you discover your passion for teaching?

I began working with children when I was about 18 years old. I was a Brownie troop leader, a CCD teacher, and volunteered in pediatrics at Jefferson Hospital. During this time, I didn't go to college and worked in an office, but I always enjoyed being around children.

Mrs. Tedesco Interview (Part 3)

4. What inspired you to teach you at JP2?

My inspiration to teach at JPII was my Catholic faith.

5. What is your favorite thing about teaching?

My favorite thing about teaching is when I am teaching and someone got it! You know, that light bulb moment!

6. What is your least favorite thing about teaching?

My least favorite is working over the weekends and people thinking that teaching is such an "easy" job!

Self Help

By: Ava Pilling & Julia Hancock

Study Tips:

*An organized study space will motivate you to study more.
Practice on old tests or exams
Organize a study group with friends to have fun while you*

study

Taking breaks and eating healthy snacks can help while you

study.

Drink plenty of water, which will help provide a “mental

boost”

Healthy Tips:

*Cut back on fried/fast food
Exercise regularly
Make sure you get 8-9 hours of sleep
Drink as much water as possible.
Take daily vitamins*

Self Care:

*You don't need a significant other to be happy
Take good care of yourself, i.e. wash your face, take*

showers, etc.

*Practice deep breathing
Surround yourself with good people, who make you happy
Cut out toxic/negative people
Say no to things that make you unhappy
Have a healthy relationship with God/Pray frequently*

How to be Closer to God:

*Remember he is always with you and watching you
Be thankful for everything he has done
Pray in bad times instead of being upset*

How to Prepare for High School:

*Make a list of extracurricular activities you want to try
Try to meet people that are going to your high school, or people
that already go there
Don't be shy when it comes to presentations
Learn your way around the campus
Start off on a positive note
Stay as organized as possible
Make sure the high school you choose is the best fit for you
Don't procrastinate
Keep an open mind*

How to be a better friend:

*Don't act like you're above them
Be there for them when they need you
Listen to what they have to say
Don't put them down
Stick to your word
Go the extra mile
Make them feel wanted*

Personal Development:

*Take risks
Work towards your goals as much as possible
Make good first impressions
Speak up when you want to, even when intimidated
Stay true to yourself
Make time for yourself
Schedule a self care day
Mental workouts
Do things that are important to you
Be responsible and reliable
Do charity work*

Video Games: By Alex Belmont and Tony Boaten

Here are some top picked games from the people running this segment.

1. **Super Smash Bros Ultimate** - in this game there are multiple modes, multiplayer, campaign, smash, and other. Each mode is well thought out and the sheer amount of pure **CONTENT** that is available is amazing with all the choices of fighters, spirits, items, and modes.
2. **Spiderman** for the PS4- A game with good graphics, quality, and effects. There are four modes: Story mode, The Heist, Turf Wars, and Silver Lining. It is open world with tokens all over the map. It also has different suits [each has its own power], gadgets, skills, power ups, and a lot of combat controls.

Video Games Continued

3. **Rainbow Six Siege** - This FPS (First Person Shooter) is set up in a 5 v 5, defenders and attackers format. There are currently 44 operators to play as in Siege, 22 on the attackers, 22 on the defenders. There are currently 18 different maps in the game and each has different terrain, spawn points, defending points, camera spawns, etc. With all this **CONTENT** who could say no to this game?
4. **Pokemon Let's go Eevee/Pikachu** - This is the latest installment in the Pokemon Franchise, being available on the Nintendo Switch, this game gives you a partner pokemon (Eevee or Pikachu depending on which game version you got) and allows you to have a pokemon alongside you from your party, there is much more to get to but sadly there is not enough space here.

Video Games One More Time

5. **Minecraft**- An adventure type game with 3 game modes, commands, and hacks. There are 3 dimensions [Overworld, The Nether, and The End], a void, mobs, ore, blocks, armor, weapons, and bosses.
6. **Fortnite**- A PC game with different game modes, lots of skins, guns, gun skins, parachute skins, starting melee weapon skins, pets, backpacks, emotes, dances, etc. You can drive golf carts and shopping carts.
7. **PUBG**- A online battle royale with different characters, guns, and vehicles. It is similar to Fortnite, but has only one gamemode.

Great VR Games to Play

By: Jacob Michaud and Dominic Salcedo

Great Multiplayer Games to play are:

- **Keep talking and Nobody Explodes** - It's a game where you use teamwork to defuse a bomb in a given amount of time. You can choose to either be the one who defuses the bomb or be the expert (The person that has a printed manual or on the tv screen to help the diffuser to defuse the bomb). It requires a lot of teamwork!

Great VR Games to Play (cont.)

- Rec Room - Rec Room is a multiplayer game where other people with VR can interact with you and it is a great place to make virtual friends that you can play other multiplayer games with. There are multiple games to choose in the game like quests, dodgeball, paintball, laser tag, and many more.

Great VR Games to Play (Part 3)

Great single player games are:

Ghost Giant, Job Simulator, and Tetris Effect

Job Simulator- Job Simulator is a VR game where you choose from one of many jobs. One of the jobs you can do is a car mechanic. Some store jobs you work at will occasionally have a robber who tries to take your money (Cheddar).

Movie (sequels)

- The sequel I think everyone is ready for is **EndGame**. This movie is the continuation of **Infinity War**, an **Avengers** movie that includes the **Avengers** and the **Guardians of the Galaxy**.
- Another popular sequel would be **How To Train Your Dragon 3**. This movie will come to theaters on February 22nd 2019 so stay tuned HTTYD fans!
- The **Lego Movie 2** should be coming out soon. This movie will be coming out earlier than **HTTYD 3**, which is coming to Theaters on February 8th 2019.

Movies (Sequels) (continued)

- **Frozen 2** would be a great movie for younger kids. There was supposed to be a teaser trailer in **Wreck it Ralph 2** at the last end scene. This is replaced by Ralph dancing and singing to Never Gonna Give You Up. this movie is planned to come out November 22nd, so be patient!
- **A Secret Life of Pets 2** is also going out. These series of trailers have all the characters from the movie, like Max and Snowball. This movie will be coming out on July 8th.

Movies

By: Emily Monforto & Ava McCarthy

In 2019, many movies are supposed to hit the box office. They range from comedy, documentaries, and romance. Children's movies include Lion King, Toy Story 4, Shazam, and How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World. If you are into scary movies, than in September It: chapter 2 is coming out. If you loved the movie avatar, than from the people that created that comes the new movie, Alita, the Battle Angel.

The Daily Life of An Eraser

Mr. Eraser was so happy



But...



wait what?

Not for long...



Ahhhhhhh



Erasing is hard!
stay in that pencil
case!



The End