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*"I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord? And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write four-score. And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations. He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." Luke 16:4-10*

*Hasty plans often lead to mistakes.*

Sir Jacob Epstein was a premier British sculptor in the early 1900s. His friend, writer George Bernard Shaw, once visited Epstein's studio and noticed a large block of stone in the corner of the workspace. "What is that?" asked Shaw. Epstein replied, "I'm not sure yet. I'm still planning it." Shaw

## Looking Ahead

was shocked. "You make plans? Why, I change my mind many times a day!" Epstein modestly replied, "Well that may work well with a four ounce manuscript, but not with a four ton piece of stone."

Epstein realized the importance of taking time to plan out his actions before beginning them. As he had learned, hasty plans often lead to mistakes. He dedicated time and effort to planning out something so important as carving a large stone piece.

We can learn from Epstein's planning. No, we may never carve a four-ton piece of stone, but in applying his concept to our lives, we must take time to plan our actions. As you look back over 2009 and assess your spiritual growth, did you think of things you wish you had done? Things that could have helped you? Let's see how careful planning can help avoid regrets.

A master heard of the improper dealings of his servant so he approached him and ordered him to give account. When facing punishment and perhaps termination of employment, the unfaithful steward thought ahead to how he would make a living after he was released, and planned a way to pick up work.

While planning doesn't avoid all mistakes, it helps lessen the possibility of them. Apply this to your life today. Think about 2010. Ask yourself these questions when planning for the future:

1. Where do I want to be spiritually at the end of next year?
2. What spiritual goals do I want to accomplish next year (Souls saved, verses memorized, etc)?
3. What area of my life do I need to work on (patience, faith, prayer life, specific sin, etc)?
4. What verses can I memorize to help me in the above mentioned area?
5. Who can I seek out to be my accountability partner to help me grow spiritually next year?

God desires that 2010 would be an even greater year of spiritual growth for you than 2009 was. Don't be discouraged when temptations come, and you fall into sin. We all do! None of us will live 2010 perfectly. Rather than becoming discouraged, pick yourself up and determine to remain faithful. If one year from now you can look back at 2010 and say you were faithful through all of life's ups and downs, you will have honored God.

## Honor Roll

We are excited to share with you the 42 JCA students to make the Honor Roll for the 2nd Quarter! Please congratulate them for a job well done!

### A Honor Roll

- Grace Sandefur
- Faith Cone
- Nicolas Flores
- Haley Skaggs
- David Sandefur
- Holly Ringgold
- Jazive Franco
- Tyler Hemphill
- Hannah Sandefur
- Tanna Barnes
- Garrett Ringgold
- Molly Dorton
- Josiah Sandefur

- Jocelyn Zornes
- Sylissa Segoviano
- Chase Barnes

### AB Honor Roll

- Kadence De La Fuente
- Bethany Harper
- Keylin Roberts
- Brylee Russell
- Jessie Robles
- Kaden Williams
- Trevor White
- Deidre Pederson
- Travis Millikan
- Daniel Sandefur
- Westley Dorton
- Cassie Barnes
- Jessica Land
- Cadence Richeson
- Jordan Cooksey

- Lexie Hobby
- JR Beaton
- Hannah Harper
- McKenna Griesser
- Rielly Bethmann
- Colton Allen
- Emmily Jennings
- Cody Dorton
- Gadivel Franco
- Matthew Eppars
- Jared Zornes

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."  
I Peter 5:7



## JCA Character Trait of the Month—Perseverance

a state, etc., esp. in spite of difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement. Does that define you today? Are you a person of perseverance?

Think about how easy it has become to quit things - especially when they become difficult. If we don't like a class or homework assignment, we just quit and won't do it. If we don't like how our coach treated us at practice, we quit our team. If we don't like something about our job, we quit. How many times have you heard the phrase, "I'm

done."? What is that person saying - they quit. Sometimes it seems like we, even as Christians, have lost our ability to persevere.

But what does God say about persevering? James 1:2-4 says, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." Verse 12 says, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to

them that love him." I Corinthians 10:13 says, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but **God is faithful**, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

So remember today that you can persevere. Don't quit. God is with you, and He will see you through. God is faithful so why would you not persevere?

The JCA character trait of the month is *perseverance*. The definition of perseverance according to Dictionary.com is: *steady persistence in a course of action, a purpose*

## Morning Routines



Just a few reminders as we start the new semester. Elementary parents, as you drop off your children in the morning, please use the parking spaces if you are going to

be walking your student into the Chapel building. The drive through is used for parents dropping off students only. Do not leave your car unattended in the driveway in front of the building.

Also, please remember to make your visit brief when coming into your

children's classroom in the morning. The teachers are ready to begin teaching as soon as the children are here. If you need to discuss any issues with your teacher, please schedule a conference with them. Thank you for your assistance in these matters.

*"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."  
Hebrews 11:1-3*

## School Projects due this Month

### SCIENCE

11th—Note cards due (25 cards for 7th & 8th, 30 cards for 9th & 10th)

22nd—First draft of background paper due

29th—Revised draft of back



ground paper due

### ENGLISH

7th - The Journeyman - notes due 01/28, test 01/29

9th grade - The Secret Hiding - notes due 01/28, test 01/29

## Christmas Program

Thanks to all the hard work that the JCA Students and Faculty put into our annual Christmas program, it was a great success. All of the students were truly a blessing this year to see. A great thanks to all of the staff who put in extra time and effort to get the

children ready.

Thanks also to the parents, grandparents, etc. for supporting the school with your attendance at the program. DVD's are available of the program for \$10.00 each. Contact the office to purchase your copy.

## Box Tops

Don't forget to bring in all those Box Tops you collected over the holidays! Keep up the great work. The classes who brought the most during the 1st semester will be announced soon.



## Upcoming Events in January

- 4th—JCA Teacher Work Day
- 5th—JH Basketball @ Christ Life 5:00 p.m.
- 5th—Varsity BB vs. Azle 7:00 p.m.
- 7th—Varsity BB @ Dallas Christian 6:00 p.m.
- 8th—JH BB vs. Weatherford 6:00 p.m.
- 11th—Varsity BB vs. St. Paul's 7:30 p.m.
- 12th—JH BB vs. Hill School Grapevine 6:00 p.m.



- 18th—22nd—SPIRIT WEEK FOR HOME-COMING
- 19th—JH BB vs. Burleson 5:30 p.m.
- 21st—JH BB vs. Christ Life 6:00 p.m.
- 21st—Varsity BB vs. Christ Life 7:30 p.m.
- 22nd—Progress Reports
- 22nd—Pre-K4 Fieldtrip to Build-A-Bear 9:00 a.m.
- 22nd—Varsity BB vs. Glenview 7:30 p.m.  
**\*\*HOMECOMING\*\***
- 25th—JH BB @ Weatherford TBA
- 26th—Varsity BB vs. Dallas Christian 6:00 p.m.
- 28th—5th&6th Grade Fieldtrip to Art Barn 10:00 a.m.
- 28th—30th—Varsity BB @ Von Erich Tournament in Lewisville

## Homecoming

Homecoming at JCA is always an exciting time. This year, we will be celebrating Knights Homecoming in several ways. Beginning on Monday, January 18th we will start Spirit Week. Each day of that week, the students will be showing their school spirit by wearing different things. On Monday, students will be wearing their “crowns”, Tuesday will be “slipper day”,

Wednesday will be dress your best”, Thursday will be “favorite team jersey/t-shirt” and Friday will be Spirit Day (wear school colors). Our cheerleaders & Spirit Team will host an exciting Pep Rally on Friday, January 22 in the gym. Spirit ribbons & mums will be on sale in the Spirit Store during the week.

Our homecoming game will be Friday night, Janu-

ary 22nd at 7:30 vs. Glenview. The Homecoming court this year is made up of Sylissa Segoviano, Kimberly Franco, Jocelyn Zornes, Chase Barnes, JT Zornes & Jared Zornes. The Homecoming King, Queen, Prince & Princess will be announced at half-time of the basketball game. Make plans now to attend & cheer on the Knights to a Homecoming Victory.

*“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”*  
*I Peter 5:8*