

Staying Connected

The newsletter for parents and families of JCU students

John Carroll University

Relay for Life is Coming!

Mark your calendars for April 25-26! The 3rd annual Relay for Life will be returning to the John Carroll campus – make sure that you or your student is a part of the event! To register for the event or make a donation, go to <http://www.jcu.edu/relay>



To JCU...and Beyond! Lil' Sibs Weekend 2009

One of John Carroll's most fun-filled events, the annual Lil' Sibs Weekend, will be held on campus **March 28-29**. The event is organized and sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, a student organization that works year-round to plan activities for the JCU community.

Lil' Sibs Weekend is for siblings, cousins, and/or nieces and nephews (ages 12 and under) of current on-campus JCU students. The weekend is an opportunity for younger children to experience college life and to spend some time with an older relative. We plan a variety of activities that ensure a fun and busy weekend! Last year's event included an indoor carnival with inflatable obstacle courses, face-painting, and various carnival games as well as an animal show, a movie for our little visitors, as well as fun meals in the dining hall.

In order to make this weekend fun for everyone, RHA is working with

JCU students to promote responsible behavior. Therefore, each student and the parent/guardian of the child who will be visiting will be required to sign the Lil' Sibs Agreement Form. Further information about the event will be mailed to parents of our residential students, including a schedule of this year's events as well as any necessary paperwork that need to be signed and returned. Please note that the registration materials must be returned to campus **by February 23**.

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A little visitor enjoying activities at Lil' Sibs Weekend!

Notes from the Dean of Student Development



Fr. James Prehn, SJ

Dean of Student
Development

Dear parents and others who support our John Carroll students,

The Student Affairs professionals at JCU seek to support university students in their development from being dependent on their parents into self-authored young adults. Just as there are stages of intellectual and physical growth, there are stages of moral growth as well. One of the more well-known theories of moral development is that of Lawrence Kohlberg. According to Kohlberg's theory, there are three general stages people go through in terms of their moral development.

First is the "preconventional" level in which someone chooses a right course of

action solely to avoid being punished. People at this level often never move beyond seeing moral choices in terms of how they satisfy their own needs.

The second level is "conventional" morality in which individuals follow rules to uphold social norms and fulfill their obligations. The third and final level of moral development according to Kohlberg is "principled" morality in which a person is able to consider the perspectives of all people involved in a specific situation. They then make ethical judgments based on principles even if the decision might cause personal pain or loss. Examples of this last stage of moral development would be individuals such as

Martin Luther King Jr. and Mother Theresa.

It might sound like a stretch to say that we are hoping to help students grow into people at this heroic third level of moral development. Even as adults, most of us don't quite get there. It is important, however, to encourage our students to reach for the best they can be and to not lose sight of what we are all capable of being for the world. Through their experiences as John Carroll students, it is our hope that our young men and women develop and evolve in their moral decision making as they prepare to engage the wider world.

Sincerely,
Fr. Jim Prehn, SJ, EdD

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SPRING SEMESTER DATES AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 5** Annual Career Fair
- 15** Day of Silent Prayer
- 26** Last day to file for August degrees
- 28** Spring Break begins *after* last class (residence halls close at 7pm)
- 28** Departure for immersion trips

MARCH

- 1** Departure for immersion trips
- 9** Residence halls open at noon
- 10** Last day to file for December degrees

28 - 29 Lil' Sibs Weekend

APRIL

- 6** First day for Fall 2009 priority registration
- 8** Easter break begins (residence halls close at 7pm)
- 13** Residence halls open at noon
- 14** Last day for course withdrawal
- 15 - 17** Campus Ministry's Manresa Retreat
- 19 - 25** Greek Week
- 25 - 26** Relay for Life
- 30** Last day of spring classes