

# Staying Connected

The newsletter for parents and families of JCU students

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## Christmas Carroll Eve is Coming!

Saturday, December 13

**Music to Celebrate the Season**  
*Kulas Auditorium @ 7:30p*

Join us for the highlight of the Christmas season at Carroll, Christmas Carroll Eve. We begin the evening with holiday music. Sponsored by the Department of Musical Arts, this special presentation will feature traditional carols and seasonal music from around the world presented by the JCU choral organizations. During intermission, warm your body and spirit with complimentary *Fair trade* hot chocolate and cookies, sponsored by University Dining Services, as Santa makes a guest appearance. After intermission, enjoy the musical colors of the season with JCU instrumentalists including the JCU Jazz Band. Admission is free.

### Reading and Caroling

*The Quad behind Kulas Auditorium - immediately following the concert*

Join the Grinch, Max, Cindy Lou Who and students from the Department of Communications and Theatre Arts in a staged reading of "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" by Dr. Seuss! The reading will be on the back steps of Kulas Auditorium facing the quadrangle and the caroling will begin from there.

### Tree Lighting and Caroling

*Outside the Student Center Atrium @ 10:30p*

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing!" You have heard the beautiful music at the Christmas Carroll Eve concert...now it is your turn to participate! Gather around the Christmas tree outside the student center as we watch the tree lighting, hear a special message from Rev. Robert Niehoff, S.J. and continue to sing our favorite holiday carols. Led by the members of the Rhapsody Blue, the men's a cappella choir, this is a special part of the evening you want to see and hear.

### Mass

*The Church of the Gesu @ 11:00 p.m.*

The traditional Christmas Carroll Eve Mass will be celebrated at the Church of the Gesu. Our celebrant for this Mass will be our president, Rev. Father Niehoff, S.J. Music will be provided by the JCU Schola Cantorum, the Chapel Ensemble, and friends under the direction of Dr. Cynthia Caporella, director of liturgical music and musical arts.

### Midnight Feast

*Schott Dining Hall @midnight*

What is Christmas without food and fellowship? End your evening with a delicious feast of holiday goodies. Reminiscent of a good-old-fashioned family Christmas atmosphere, this event will rival even grandma's recipes! Gain admittance with concert or Mass program or show your JCU ID.

For more information contact the Office of Student Activities, John Carroll University at [www.jcu.edu/campuslife/studentactivities](http://www.jcu.edu/campuslife/studentactivities) or call 216.397.4288.

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Students enjoying caroling during Christmas Carroll Eve

## 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 first-year students are closing out two months of their college careers. Mid-term grades were posted by many professors after the third week of October, providing students some idea of how they are progressing in their classes. In addition, Homecoming and Parent & Family Weekend have come and gone along with countless other student activities.

These first two months have been critical in every first-year student's decision to persevere at the university. John Carroll University takes pride in our retention rate from freshman to sophomore year, but we do not take it for granted. It takes a good deal of support from numerous parts of the university community to assure students that they

can be successful here.

We are working to prepare students for meetings with academic advisors so they can successfully register for spring classes. Faculty at JCU are committed to meeting with every first- and second-year student to advise them of what courses best meet their interests and possible majors. This is a labor-intensive, personalized effort for the benefit of our students.

Because of the historical election this year, we have also made a conscious attempt to make sure all eligible students are registered to vote either here or at home. There have been a variety of events and speakers on campus to elicit thoughtful engagement on the concerns facing the nation from a number of perspectives, including the Catholic "take" on the issues.

I encourage you to talk with your student about what activities and

groups they have gotten involved with and what inspired them to pick that particular group or cause. Encourage them to advocate for the issues that they care most about. When you speak to them next, ask them how their first year seminar is going and whether they have met with their advisor to talk about next semester. Students may not always communicate about their day-to-day lives, but you should know that there are numerous opportunities for students to engage both one another and the world here at JCU. Our hope is that they all take advantage of the time here to explore what talents and strengths they possess.

We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and please enjoy the time home with your students.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Jim Prehn, SJ, Ed.D.

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## FALL AND WINTER DATES AND EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- 4** Election day!
- 10** Priority course registration begins for Spring semester 2009
- 14-16** Campus Ministry's Manresa retreat
- 20** School of Americas Protest in Ft. Benning, Georgia
- 25** Last day to drop a class  
Thanksgiving Break begins after last class (residence halls close at 7pm)

### DECEMBER

- 1** Foundation meetings
- 12** Winter Formal
- 13** Christmas Carroll Eve
- 19** Winter break begins after last exam (residence halls close at 7pm)

### JANUARY

- 10** Residence halls open at noon (dining hall opens at dinner on 1/11)
- 12** Classes begin
- 19** MLK Jr, Day – no classes

# JCU Web4Parent is Here!

John Carroll University is pleased to introduce Web4Parent. Web4Parent gives freshmen and sophomore students the ability to allow their parent(s) to view the student's JCU education records on BannerWeb, if the student authorizes access to those records. Students control what information can be accessed and who can access it. Students can go to BannerWeb and allow their parent(s) to view all or some of the following information: the student account and/or financial aid information; grades; students' class schedules; and the current address, phone, and email information. Students will also be able to remove access they have previously authorized if they choose to do so. Once students have completed the authorization process we will mail a letter to their parents to provide that person with his or her own unique Banner User ID and PIN along with instructions for using Web4Parent.

If you are interested in Web4Parent, here are the instructions for students to activate this feature:

- Go to BannerWeb at <https://web4.jcu.edu:4459>
- Enter *Secure Area* with their Banner User ID and PIN
- Click on *Parent Access Menu*
- Click on *Authorize Student Information*
- Select a parent from the drop down menu (if they wish to authorize more than one parent to view their information they must process an authorization for each)
- Click in the box next to each type of information for which they wish to authorize access
- Click on the *Submit* button at the bottom of the screen to save their changes
- Exit the system completely when they are finished

We hope Web4Parent will enhance the JCU experience for both you and your student(s).

## Parent & Family Weekend 2008 a Success

Over 200 families visited the John Carroll campus to participate this year's Parent & Family Weekend, which was held October 25 & 26. Highlights from Saturday included the Coffee Hour with the Vice Presidents, Deans, and Department Chairs as well as a presentation by Dr. John Ropar, director of the University Counseling Center. This was a follow-up to his popular session during summer New Student Orientation. The first day was capped by the popular Casino Night, sponsored by our Student Union Programming Board. Sunday featured our Sunday liturgy, which was celebrated by Fr. Robert Niehoff, the President of John Carroll. After mass, there was a lively brunch in the dining hall, complete with a live jazz trio. Thank you to all who made the trip to University Heights and we hope to see you next year – the date should be selected soon!

## The Long Visit Home...

The trip home over Thanksgiving Break may be your student's first extended visit home if they are living on campus. One important thing to remember is that your son or daughter has been in control of his or her time while at John Carroll (perhaps resulting in very late nights). They might be surprised by the rules you have in place for your household, even though they had no problem abiding by them for many years before leaving for college. Some conflicts might be avoided if you can have a discussion with them about your expectations of them while they are home. Some topics that you might want to include in your conversation are:



- Seeing him or her during this visit
- Helping with chores
- When they are expected to be in at night
- Participation in family events