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TOYS FOR TOTS RALLY IS ALMOST HERE!

Our Toys for Tots Campaign is in full swing and we will hold a final rally on **December 12 from 4:00 – 6:00pm** in front of the Athletic Center. We will have the U.S. Marine Corps and WSAV at JPII to help us collect toys. The JPII Cheer Team along with the choir will help make the afternoon festive. There is plenty of time left to participate. If you are coming to the basketball game that night bring a new, unwrapped toy and receive free admission to the game for your family. Boxes have been placed in the main lobby of the school to donate by House. The House with the most toys will receive a future dress down day and pizza lunch. If every family and staff member participates we will donate over 300 toys that will stay local through Bluffton Self-Help. Tell your friends and neighbors to drive by. This is a great marketing opportunity for JPII as WSAV will be cutting in for live feeds on their newscast that evening.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DECA TEAM

DECA's mission is *to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges around the globe*. This program fits in well with the mission of JPII, particularly in the areas of leadership and innovation. Each year DECA sponsors competitions open to participating high schools and colleges. Although our program is still in its relative infancy compared to other schools, we fared extremely well at the regional competition this week.

- Bodie Daniel finished first in the Marketing Communications Series
- Paige Weniger finished first in Restaurant and Food Service Management Series
- Julia Delgado finished first in the Food Marketing Series
- Trice McClure finished second in the Food Marketing Series
- Lauren Weniger finished third in the Food Marketing Series (JPII sweep in this category)

- Kathleen Hammett finished in the top four in the Food Marketing Series
- Aadi Patel finished in the top 10 for the Entrepreneurship Series
- Isabella Perez finished in the top 10 for the Restaurant and Food Service Management Series!

Congratulations on a great showing at regionals and we look forward to the State Competition in February. Any high school student interested in joining DECA should see Mrs. Sklarin.

ADMISSIONS STATISTICS TO DATE

New applications submitted – 50 (7 more in process) This time last year – 19

An interesting trend in new applicants to date is that 68% are female. While this will likely somewhat balance off over the next few months, it is nevertheless noteworthy. JPII currently is 55% male and 45% female. Three years ago the ratio was 62% male and 38% female. We are trending towards a gender balanced enrollment. It is not that the male enrollment is declining, it's actually increasing, however the female enrollment is growing at a faster rate. What this all means for our future remains to be seen, but our school is on track to approach almost full enrollment by next year, even with the addition of another four-classroom modular building.

Re-enrollment to date 72 (24%) – Deadline to reserve your spot is **February 1**.

Deadline for tuition assistance is **January 1**.

SAVE THE DATE – OPEN HOUSE Scheduled for January 29 at 2:00pm!

One new student will win a \$1,000 tuition deposit, but you must be present to win.

PROJECT AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We have officially kicked off the “leadership phase” of the *Where Faith and Innovation Meet* capital campaign. Our goal is to raise \$20,000,000 to construct the new high school Innovation Center along with other campus improvements. While we are only a few weeks into the campaign, we have already received over \$1,000,000 in gifts. The leadership phase targets gifts of at least \$25,000 into the millions. It is the most critical phase of the campaign as typically over 90% of funds raised in capital campaigns comes from approximately 5% of donors. If you are interested in being part of the leadership phase please contact Brian Quinty, Director of Advancement. The public phase will begin on March 18th at our 10th Anniversary Gala.

The project is now in Phase I, which includes a new multipurpose sports field (slated to be ready for play in August 2023), a new 160-vehicle student and event parking lot behind the athletic center (December 2023), and new security gate and fencing (December 2023). Phase I also includes all the design work for site improvements and new construction, as well as a traffic

analysis study and permitting. We are pleased to announce we have entered into contracts with Ward Edwards Engineering for surveying and permitting, Whitmer Jones Keefer LTD for landscape architecture, Kimley-Horn for the traffic study, and a pre-construction agreement with Choate Construction. Phase II, the construction of the Innovation center with black box theater, is expected to begin in January 2024 with an occupancy date of August 2025. Phase III, the build out of the athletic fields, is dependent on the success in exceeding the \$20,000,000 goal.

PLEASE REVIEW US ON GOOGLE

As part of our marketing efforts we are strategically increasing our online presence. Included in this effort will be a complete redesign of our website coming in January. We need parents to review us on Google. There are currently 19 Google reviews, and some of them are not even for our school. Thank you to the 6 parents who recently took the time to add a wonderful 5-star review. Please take a few minutes to Google John Paul II Catholic School and write a review. Many families find schools through Google. Thank you.

SEMESTER I EXAM SCHEDULE

The First Semester is drawing to a close and the exam schedule has been set. Please note that only high school students, and middle school students enrolled in high school credit courses, will take exams. However, school is in session for all students whether you are taking an exam or not.

- All students in grades 9-11 will be required to take first semester exams.
- Middle school students will only take exams for high school credit classes.
- Because of the senior project requirement, first and second semester exams will be optional for all seniors.

Wednesday, December 14

- 8:25-9:35am Block A and Period 1
- 9:40-10:45am Block B and Period 3
- 10:50-11:55am Block C and Period 5 / **12:00pm Dismissal**

Thursday, December 15

- 8:25-9:35am Block E and Period 2
- 9:40-10:45am Block F and Period 4
- 10:50-11:55am Block G and Period 6 / **12:00pm Dismissal**

Friday, December 16

- 8:25-9:35am Block D and Period 7
- 9:40-10:45am Block H and Period 8 / **10:50am Dismissal**

FROM STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Next Week Overview

December 5 (Blue Day)

- o Regular Schedule
- o Daily Uniform

December 6 (Gold Day)

- o Regular Schedule
- o Daily Uniform or \$5 Dress Down-Need to Wear **Pink**
- o Blood Drive is Canceled

December 7 (Blue Day)

- o Regular Schedule
- o Daily Uniform

December 8 (Gold Day)

- o Mass Schedule
- o Mass Uniform

December 9 (Blue Day)

- o House Schedule
- o House Uniform

Upcoming Student Activities

- Snowball hosted by Kolbe House
 - o Middle School is Friday 12/9 @ 7:00 to 9:00pm in the Commons
 - o High School is Saturday 12/10 @ 7:00 to 9:00pm in the Commons
- Advent Service Projects
 - o Advent Families and Toys for Tots

Preview of Coming Attractions:

December:

6: \$5 Dress Down Sponsored by Warriors for Life Ministry

8: Immaculate Conception Mass

9: 8th Grade Retreat

9: Middle School Snowball

10: High School Snowball

12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

12: Toys for Tots Rally 4:00-6:00pm

14: HS Exams

15: HS Exams

16: HS Exams

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Varsity Girls Basketball: Nice win defeating Habersham 67-23. The entire team contributed in a big way and are seeing each other well. Every player scored. Brady Mahoney had another big night on both ends of the court with 18 points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals, and 5 assists. Gracie Henderson had a great shooting night with 10 points, and Lily Termini and Camryn Michael both added 8 points.

We got off to a slow start but pulled out a nice win 46-13 over Andrew Jackson. We were up at half 14-8, and then came out with strong defense in the 2nd half. Leading the charge was Brady Mahoney with 14 points, 12 rebounds, and 5 steals. Gracie Henderson had the hot hand with 4 threes and a total of 14 points.

JV Girls Basketball: The JV girls' basketball team defeated Heritage Academy 32-11. Everyone scored, led by Hollis Melnick with 11 and Emma McKamey with 6. Great defense and all-around team victory.

Middle School Girls Basketball: Behind a gritty defensive effort, our middle school Lady Warriors pulled out a 14-11 win against Hilton Head Prep in the consolation bracket of the St. Francis Tournament. Calleigh Geregthy, Sofie Hannagan, Emma Karrh and Gabby and Ellie Heathcott led a tenacious defensive effort that held HHP to only 7 points through three quarters. With the score 13-11 and 8 seconds left, Gabby Heathcott hit the front end of a key one-and-one to give our Lady Warriors a little breathing room in the last few seconds. On offense, Ellie Heathcott led the Warriors with another stellar effort, scoring 13 points.

The middle school girls' basketball team rallied from a 12-point deficit in the first half to cut the lead to 2 points before falling to Riverview, 39-18. A much-improved defensive effort by the Warriors resulted in several steals in the first half and throughout the game and even though the Lady Warriors were outsized once again, they held their own by battling aggressively on the boards. On the offensive end, Ellie Heathcott led the Warriors with 12 points and double-digit rebounds. Gabby Heathcott added 6 points while running the point and making several great passes/assists. Sofie Hannagan chipped in with great defense and several rebounds.

Varsity Boys Basketball: A strong run to start the second half saw the Golden Warriors pull to within 5 points versus visiting Habersham, but the Boys Varsity was not able to sustain the momentum and fell to the Patriots 64-40 on their home court. The team was once again led by the shooting and floor game of senior captain Austin Floyd, who tallied 13 points including three from long range.

The Boys Varsity lost for a second time in a week to the senior-laden side from Andrew Jackson, 82-43. The team was lead in defeat by senior captain Austin Floyd's effort and 13 points from freshman Logan Cotter.

Middle School Boys Basketball: The middle school boys started the St Francis Catholic School tip-off tournament with a win over Riverview. Final score was 42-15. Leading scorers were Adrian Spencer-Simmons with 10 points and Chase Cotter with 8 points.

The team had a tough game against Savannah Country Day, losing 40-32. The leading scorers were Deuce Kerschbaum with 10 points and Chase Cotter with 9.

Wrestling: In Wednesday's wrestling action the JP2 Warriors won 3 dual meets beating Bluffton HS 48-33, Savannah Country Day 72-6, and Bridges Prep 54-30. Individuals winning multiple matches were: Jack Brock, Peter Torinese, Kohl Woodham, Chris Orta, Brandyn Horton, Renzo Cedeno, Daniel Snyder, Matei Porcelli, Jack Hannigan, Jase Reynolds, Archer Dewig, Alex Mercer, and Aiden Winslow. Overall the wrestlers won 38 individual matches. The team wrestled well with a lot of intensity for their first matches of the season! The varsity will be in action Saturday at the Hammond Holiday Dual Tournament in Columbia.

Spirit Store is Now Open

We have decided to re-open our FanGear Store until 12/5 @ noon!! We have had some late additions to some of our sports teams and we want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to purchase their FanGear for Basketball, Wrestling and Archery as well as JP2 SpiritWear! The links are below so please don't hesitate, the stores won't be open long and this will be your last opportunity to purchase winter sport gear!

BASKETBALL - <https://jp2basketball2022.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

ARCHERY - <https://jp2archery2022.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

SPIRIT - <https://jp2spiritwearwinter2022.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

WRESTLING - <https://jp2wrestling2022.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Part-Time Custodian (4:00-10:00pm) \$17 per hour / 29 hours per week
- Substitute Teachers - \$75 per day
- Athletics
 - Boys JV Soccer Head Coach – stipend

Consider joining the BEST school in the Lowcountry. If interested, please email me at john.mccarthy@johnpaul2school.org or pass along to someone who might be.

Sincerely,

John E McCarthy

President