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TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN IS IN FULL SWING

Thank you to all who have donated so far to our **Toys for Tots Campaign** in association with 4M Metals, the Marine Corps, and WSAV. The goal is for every JP II family to donate at least one unwrapped new toy. We have well over 200 families so that's a lot of smiles on Christmas morning. We will also hold a drive-through rally for the campaign on **December 12 from 4:00 – 6:00pm** for donations from the public, so spread the word. All the toys stay local through Bluffton Self-Help. The House with the most donated toys will receive a dress down day after the Christmas break, and a pizza lunch. Lisieux has jumped out to a commanding early lead.

JP II will also be featured on WSAV's the Bridge show on November 23 to promote the event.

WARRIORS FOR LIFE MINISTRY

New this year! **Warriors for Life**: the first ever respect life ministry at John Paul II has begun. Warriors for Life is a respect life ministry that believes life should be protected from conception to natural death. The goal of this ministry is to make people aware of, both in and out of our school community, the importance of all life and its values. We strive to make sure that all groups of people have their voices heard, whether that's the unborn, the elderly, or whomever. Warriors for Life was started this year by 11th grader, Olivia Klepesky, who is also Co-Chaplain. Olivia has always had a passion for life and all its' values. Olivia's sister Madison Klepesky and her boyfriend Jon Paul Gonzales were struck by a drunk driver in a car accident last December, and tragically killed. Madison valued life and was the president of a respect life ministry when she was in high school, so Olivia decided to live out her sister's legacy by starting this ministry here at John Paul II. Warriors for Life is open to all high schoolers, regardless of religious affiliation. Warriors for Life meets on Wednesdays in modular classroom 1 with Deacon Heathcott as the moderator. If you have any further questions or would like more information,

feel free to contact Olivia Klepesky. You may contact her through her email which is olivia.klepesky@thejp2.org.

MARKETING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

The entire 8th grade at Riverview Charter School in Beaufort will be visiting JP II on December 2. Riverview is the only district sponsored charter school in Beaufort County and runs through grade 8. Each year, students from Riverview choose to attend JP II. Two have already applied for next year and we expect more applications to come. Welcome Riverview!

Enrollment Statistics to Date

New applications submitted – 32 This time last year – 16

Re-enrollment to date – 58 (19%) – 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.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FRIENDSGIVING

Friday we held our annual Friendsgiving Feast and Powderpuff Football finals. Thank you to all who graciously donated side dishes. The students love this event and we could not have done it without you. Congratulations to Kolbe House for winning the Powderpuff Championships. Thank you to Mrs. Williamson and her cast of student volunteers for a great day.

A special shout out as well to Tracee Spencer and the PTO for providing our faculty and staff with a special make-your-own trail mix bar on Thankful Thursday. Very much appreciated by all and quite delicious. Our next PTO meeting is Wednesday, December 14. Time is TBA.

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 only 13 Google reviews, and some of them are not even for our school. Please take a few minutes to Google John Paul II Catholic School and write a review. Many families find schools through Google. Thank you.

FROM STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Next Week Overview

Monday, November 21, 2022 (Gold Day)

- Regular Uniform and Bell Schedule

Tuesday, November 22, 2022 (Blue Day)

- Regular Uniform and Bell Schedule (**No DOCS, Dismissal @2:40**)

Upcoming Student Activities

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

Preview of Coming Attractions:

November:

23-25: Thanksgiving Break

29: MS FCA Huddle

30: HS FCA Huddle

December:

2: Riverview Charter School Visit

6: Blood Drive sponsored by Lisieux House and \$5 Dress Down Day 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

14: HS Exams

15: HS Exams

16: HS Exams

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Varsity Girls Basketball: Great win for our first night of basketball defeating Andrew Jackson 44-11. Every player contributed equal time and played strong defense. The team did an excellent job passing and finding the open man. Leading the way tonight was Brady Mahoney with 9 points, 8 rebounds, 2 blocks, and 2 steals and Karoline Rustad with 5 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 assists. Other stand outs were 8th grader Lauren Majorkiewicz with 9 points, Gracie Henderson with 7 points, Lily Termini with 6 points and 5 rebounds, and Cayce Graves making good decisions running the point.

JV Girls Basketball: The JPII JV Girls started off the season successfully with a 40-8 win at Coastal Hurricanes. Dominant defensive effort by the entire team! Hollis Melnick and Lauren Majorkiewicz led the offense w/ 13 and 12 points respectively. Trice McClure, Rachel Brenneman and Isabella Perez each scored 4 and Emma McKamey scored 3.

Varsity Boys Basketball: The Boys Varsity team lost a spirited defensive battle to the Coastal Hurricanes by the score of 40-36.

JV Boys Basketball defeated Andrew Jackson by the score of 34-26.

Middle School Boys Basketball season has started. The first game of the season was against Coastal Hurricanes and they started with a win by the score of 33-21. Top scorers were Brayden Frickel with 10 points and Aden Haskins with 6 points. Next game is at home on November 21 at 5:00pm. Come out and support us.

Congratulations:

All-Region Tennis: Anson Daniel, Cypress Daniel, Trice McClure, and Samantha Reilly

All- Region Volleyball: Emily O’Sullivan and Cayce Graves 1st Team, Lili Lutheran and Camryn Michael 2nd Team.

Lourdes Low signed a letter of intent to Oklahoma State University for equestrian. Lourdes becomes the first JPII athlete to sign with an NCAA Division I program.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Much to be Grateful For

Since there is no newsletter next Friday due to the Thanksgiving Holiday Break, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to all our faculty and staff, parents, and most of all, students, who make JPII the special place that it is. Over the past week we toured four families from other private schools in our area. All were equally impressed with our school environment and culture. No doubt they will all enroll. I best describe that culture as one of faith and family, where joyfulness abounds among our students. Those words are not easy to use when talking about teenagers and school...but so true. It is often said it takes a village to raise a child, but the same can be said for building our school. In our 10th year of existence, it has taken a community to build JPII into what it has become today. With only 209 students starting the 2019-20 school year, we are now on the way to doubling that number in just four years. Our school program gets better and better each year as we grow. An exciting campus expansion project is about to get underway, and the new Innovation Center will become the best educational facility in the Lowcountry. While we are far from perfect, we continuously strive to be the very best we can be according to God's plan for us. So as you sit around the Thanksgiving table next week and give thanks for your faith, family and friends, please remember JPII in your prayers as we remember you. Together in **one purpose** and united in **community**. God Bless.

Sincerely,

John E McCarthy

President

