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JPII ANNOUNCES TOYS-FOR-TOTS CAMPAIGN

In collaboration with WSAV, 4M Metals, and the United States Marines, JPII is launching a Toys-for-Tots Campaign now through December 12. Four boxes, one for each House, can be found in the main lobby of the school for collection of new, unwrapped toys. The House with the most toys collected will receive a future dress down day.

On **December 12, from 4:00 – 6:00pm**, WSAV along with the Marines will be on campus for the final toy collection of the season. Our cheerleaders, choir and other student groups will be involved in this event. WSAV will be doing live cut-ins to their newscasts from our campus. The public will be encouraged to drop off toys that day as well. All toys collected will be donated locally through Bluffton Self-Help, so this is an opportunity for our school to demonstrate service to the local community and get a little publicity in doing so. Hopefully all JPII families will get behind this effort. A special thank you to 4M Metals and the Michael family for making this happen.

THIS WEEK'S ENROLLMENTS STATISTICS

- New Applications Started 34 This Time Last Year 16
- New Applications Submitted 25 This Time Last Year 4
- Re-Enrollment Submitted 40 This Time Last Year 0

I am sharing this information to emphasize that interest in our school is growing and is not expected to slow down anytime soon. We strongly encourage current families to re-enroll no later than **February 1** and to apply for tuition assistance no later than **January 1**. We have moved deadlines earlier. Failure to meet these deadlines could jeopardize your child's enrollment and aid award.

MARKETING EVENTS COMING IN NOVEMBER

This Sunday we will be at St. Peter's Catholic Church for the 9:00 and 11:00am masses. Please stop by to say hello and enjoy complimentary coffee and donuts.

Tuesday, November 8th from 9:00 – 11:00am will be a prospective student visit day and parent coffee. The public schools are not in session that day due to the election. If you know someone who might be interested in attending please have them contact Anne McClure, anne.mcclure@johnpaul2school.org.

We will visit St. Francis by the Sea Catholic Church on Sunday, November 13th at the 9:00 and 10:30am masses.

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

One family will win a \$1,000 tuition deposit – You must be present to win.

SPRING MUSICAL ANNOUNCED

The Fine Arts Department is pleased to announce that *Fiddler on the Roof* will make its JP II debut this spring. We are also announcing the appointment of Grace Brown as our new theater director. Mrs. Brown is a native of Texas where she was an actress and musician through high school and college. She has performed locally with the May River Theater and sings in the choir at St. Peter's Church. We are excited for her to make her imprint on our growing theater program and directing our students in *Fiddler on the Roof*! Auditions signups are now open. Students need to scan the QR code on the posters throughout the school to sign up for an audition.

TAKE THE CATHOLIC IDENTITY SURVEY

Each year JP II conducts a survey to measure students, staff and parent satisfaction as it relates to Catholic identity and overall school culture issues. We use the results of the survey in our school improvement planning. The parent survey can be accessed at <https://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#/action/203998/p883>. The survey will close November 18. In order for us to get reliable data we need strong parent participation. Please take the survey as soon as possible.

PLEASE REVIEW US ON GOOGLE

As part of our marketing efforts we are strategically increasing our online presence. We need parents to review us on Google. There are currently only 13 Google reviews, and some of them are not even our school. Please take a few minutes to Google John Paul II Catholic School and write a review. Thank you.

EUROPE TRIP 2023

There will be a brief fundraising meeting on November 9 from 3:00-3:30 for any students interested or already enrolled in the Europe '23 trip. In addition, that evening at 6:00pm, Mrs. Woodham will host a virtual meeting for anyone with lingering questions. The price will increase on 11/10, so this will be a great opportunity to learn what this trip entails and how the travelers can help pay for it. Visit Explorica.com/Woodham-4082 to enroll at the lowest price of the year and email kefrin.woodham@johnpaul2school.org for the link to join the virtual meeting on 11/9.

PROJECT AND CAMPAIGN UPDATE

I will be providing you with a monthly update on the masterplan project and ensuring capital campaign. Here is the November update.

Work continues on the new multipurpose field. The field has been graded and is now ready for installation of irrigation. We expect to sprig the field before March and it should be ready for play by next August. Surveying is now complete for Phase I of the plan allowing Ward Edwards Engineering and WJK Landscape Architects to begin the final design of the new parking lot located behind the athletic center, design a new security gate at the front entrance while improving traffic flow, and create a secure campus with fencing. Phase I is expected to be completed by the end of 2023. While Phase I is underway, we will be entering into Phase II construction documents with LS3P Architects. Phase II, the construction of the Innovation Center, is expected to begin by 2024, with an opening planned for the Summer of 2025.

Our initial traffic study has been completed and we will be submitting our proposal for a traffic signal at the front entrance to the SCDOT for consideration. While we expect an uphill challenge to accomplish this goal due to the lack of consistent traffic over an 8-hour period, we will remain steadfast in our efforts to improve the safety of entering and exiting our campus.

The capital campaign, entitled Where Faith and Innovation Meet, will officially kick off on November 15 at our annual donor appreciation dinner. We already have over \$1,000,000 pledged

and we haven't officially begun. The campaign goal will be to raise \$20,000,000 by June 2026. The first six months is considered the leadership phase, with pledges of \$25,000 and up. If you, or someone you know, wishes to be part of the leadership phase please reach out to Brian Quinty, Director of Advancement, at brian.quinty@johnpaul2school.org for additional information on how you can help. It is going to take a community effort to make our plan become a reality, and we look forward to participation from our families to reach the goal. The public phase, which will provide opportunities to pledge at any level, will launch on March 18 at our 10th Anniversary Gala Celebration.

PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes are **Tuesday, November 8th**. If your student has not been photographed for the yearbook (an email was sent on Wednesday), or wishes to have a retake of their yearbook photo, **please have them wear their mass uniform to school** Tuesday morning. Students will be called out of class in the morning to get their pictures taken with our yearbook company, Jostens.

VETERANS DAY MASS NEXT FRIDAY

We will have our annual Veterans Day Mass and Honoring next Friday, November 11 at 11:00am. Parents are welcome. We particularly welcome our parents and grandparents who are veterans to this moving ceremony. Students need to be in mass uniform next Friday. There will be no mass on Wednesday.

FROM STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Next Week Overview

Monday, November 7, 2022 (Gold Day)

- Regular Uniform and Schedule

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 (Blue Day)

- Regular Uniform and Schedule
- Picture Retake (mass uniform)
- Prospective Student Tours from 9 to 11

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 (Gold Day)

- Regular Uniform and Schedule
- Vocation Awareness Session for Juniors and Seniors from 10:00-10:45
- NO MASS TODAY

Thursday, November 10, 2022 (Blue Day)

- Regular Uniform and Schedule

Friday, November 11, 2022 (Gold Day)

- Veterans Day
- Mass Uniform

Preview of Coming Attractions:

November:

- 4: Powder Puff Round 2 and Varsity Football Play-Offs
- 6: Fall Back One Hour/Out of the Darkness Walk at 1:00pm
- 8: Make-up Pictures/Prospective Student Visit-Non-Feeder Schools
- 11: Veterans Day Mass and Celebration
- 14: USC Field Trip (CSP, POE, AERO, CYBER)
- 18: Friendsgiving and Powder Puff Finals
- 23-25: Thanksgiving Break
- 29: MS FCA Huddle
- 30: HS FCA Huddle

December:

- 2: Riverview Charter School Visit
- 3: Snowball Hosted by Kolbe House
- 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
- 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
- 14: HS Exams
- 15: HS Exams
- 16: HS Exams

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Cross Country

Congratulations to our Cross Country team and the performance at the SCISA Class 3A Championships held last Saturday at Heathwood Hall. We had two athletes medal in the top 10: Brady Mahoney was 10th in the 3A race, with a time of 21:18, and Sebastian Frickel was 4th in the boys 3A race, with a time of 17:19. Our boys team was 4th place overall with 116 points, and an average time of 18:34.

Girls Results: Brady Mahoney: 21:18 10th place; Rose Witkowski: 26:16; Gracie Henderson: 26:46

Boys Results: Sebastian Frickel: 17:19 4th place: Blake Hubik: 18:00; Zac Henderson: 18:07; Jase Reynolds: 19:37; Kelon Reynolds: 19:47; Matthew Yanachik: 20:18; James Hook: 20:38

Our team had a wonderful season and saw great sportsmanship and several personal records. Most runners will return next year, and with hard work, the team should be back competing for region and state titles.

Football

The Varsity Football Team finished 4-6 and qualified for the SCISA 3A Playoffs. Their first round game will be tonight at Wilson Hall in Sumter.

Fan Gear Now Available

As our Fall season is winding down and our Winter sports season is about to begin we have opened our Winter Fan Gear Store. The link is below or you can access it from the "Athletics" portion of the schools website and the "Fan Gear" tab. The store will be open until November 14th at noon and will be offering Basketball, Wrestling, Archery and Spirit Wear options for the whole family! We will be offering some new items as well as holding over some popular items. Please remember that a portion of the proceeds of every order goes directly towards helping our growing athletic department!

https://www.johnpaul2school.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=367128&type=d

Strength and Conditioning

Afterschool Strength and Conditioning has started back up. It will run on Mondays from 3:00-4:00 and Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Part-Time Custodian (4:00-10:00pm) \$16.50 per hour / 29 hours per week
- Athletics
 - Boys Tennis Head Coach – stipend
 - Boys JV Soccer Head Coach – stipend
 - Girls Basketball MS Assistant Coach – stipend
 - Girls MS Soccer Head Coach - stipend

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