



VOLUME IV ISSUE X

October 7, 2022

STATE-OF-THE-SCHOOL ADDRESS

Each fall I provide the JPII community with an update on the state of the school. This year, because we are expecting another large influx of new students applying, we have moved this virtual meeting earlier in the year to **October 12 at 7:00pm**. The primary purpose of the meeting is financial, although we do update the community on recent accomplishments and future plans. We will be announcing tuition rates for 2023-24, as well as changes to our leadership structure, the tuition payment schedule, deposit, and tuition assistance application. It is very important for all parents expecting to enroll their children next year to attend this meeting. **We will be entirely virtual**, so please visit the **JPII Facebook page on October 12 at 7:00pm** to participate. If you are unable to attend, a letter will be sent out that shares the important details of the meeting.

LOOK FOR THE LIGHT MAGAZINE

Families should be receiving our new magazine, *The Light*, this week. Some of you may receive more than one copy. We use an outside company to mail the magazine and they neglected to eliminate some duplicate addresses from the database we shared with them. If you have an alumni student, and we do not have their updated current address, we sent it to the address on record when they graduated, so please pass it along. If you have extra magazines please share it with friends and neighbors. It's a great marketing publication for our school.

ADMISSIONS EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Speaking of marketing, the best recruitment we have is word of mouth. Current students and families play an important role in this by sharing their experiences with friends and families. It provides our community the opportunity to shape the culture of the school for years to come.

JPII in the Neighborhood events are parent-to-parent socials featuring wine and appetizers. If we are coming to your neighborhood we need you to attend and bring friends. If we are not coming yet, please contact Anne McClure and help us get into your neighborhood in November.

Admissions-related events in October

- October 12: State-of-the-School on Facebook @ 7:00pm
- October 15-16: Habersham Harvest Festival @ 10:00am-6:00pm
- October 16: Coffee and Donuts after Mass at SGG @ 9:00 and 11:00am
- October 17: Prospective Student Visit / Non-Feeder Schools (must pre-register)
- October 20: Bluffton Farmer's Market @ 1:00 – 5:00pm
- October 21: JPII in the Neighborhood at Oldfield @ 5:30 – 6:30pm
- October 23: Coffee and Donuts after Mass at Holy Family @ 8:00, 11:15 and 1:00
- October 25: JPII in the Neighborhood at Cypress Ridge @ 5:30-6:30pm
- October 27: Bluffton Farmer's Market @ 1:00 – 5:00pm

THE PTO MEETS NEXT WEEK

The first meeting of the PTO will be next **Wednesday, October 12 at 4:00pm**. We will begin planning our 2022-23 events, including the **10th Anniversary Gala to be held on March 18**. Save the date! All parents are welcome to our initial meeting.

UPDATES TO THE EUROPE TRIP

We have a great group already signed up for the Europe 2023 trip, traveling to London, Paris (and Versailles), Assisi, Florence and Rome. This trip will take place June 5-14 and is open to all current JPII high school students (and their families)! Visit <http://explorica.com/Woodham-4082> to sign up and take advantage of the lowest price of the year, as the cost increases on November 10. Enrolled students will have a meeting to discuss exciting fundraising options soon.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY AND 12:30 DISMISSAL WEDNESDAY!

FROM STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The Storm somewhat interrupted our Homecoming Spirit Week activities so we have rescheduled for next week. Below is the revised schedule of events.

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 (Blue Day)

- Regular Uniform or Back to the Future the Movies! Savio-80's, Lisieux-50's, Kolbe-Future, Sebastian-Western

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 (No Color)

- Regular uniform (Seniors are allowed casual dress for testing)
- Testing PSAT/SAT
- **Early Dismissal at 12:30 – No DOCS/Advisory**

Thursday, October 13, 2022 (Gold Day)

- Regular Uniform or Vintage Blue and Gold
- Pep Rally (mass bell schedule)
- Tailgate: Burgers will be served to students and staff during regular lunch time
- Doubleheader Football Games: Middle School at 4:00pm and Varsity at 7:00pm
- Homecoming Court Presentation at 6:30pm

Friday, October 14, 2022 (Blue Day)

- House Uniform and Schedule
- Together for Mental Health Day
 - The high school will be focused on suicide awareness and prevention
 - Middle school will be in small groups led by Acts 29 focused on- who is your trusted adult, how can you show empathy to others who are struggling, how do you handle bad days/negative thoughts, etc.
- Homecoming Dance 7:30-10:00pm in the gym (grades 9-12 only)

Preview of Coming Attractions:

October:

- **10: No School-Columbus Day**
- 12: PSAT Testing/SAT Testing/No Color Day/**Early Out @ 12:30**/6th grade Field Trip
- 12: State-of-the-School Address @ 7:00pm on Facebook Live
- 13: Homecoming Football Game: Middle School at 4:00 High School at 7:00pm
- 14: Homecoming Dance 7:30 – 10:00pm
- 17: Prospective Student Visit-Non-Feeder Schools
- 20: Senior Retreat
- 21: JPPII Day of Service/No Color Day

- 21: JPII in the Neighborhood at Oldfield @ 5:30-6:30pm
- 22: Robotics Tournament
- 24-28: Gym Closed-floors being redone
- 25: JPII in the Neighborhood at Cypress Ridge @ 5:30-6:30pm
- 26: Make-up Pictures/Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-7pm-No Advisory/DOCS
- 27: 7th Grade Retreat
- 28: Powder Puff-Round 1 and Senior Night Home Football Game / Staff Tailgate

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Football

The Varsity Football Team will face off against Hilton Head Prep today at 4:00pm at Prep in a big Class 3A game.

The Middle School Football Team remained undefeated as they were victorious over Hilton Head Prep 20-12. The defense as well as the offense fought extremely hard throughout the night to catapult the Warriors to another win! This team is doing an amazing job!

Volleyball

The Middle School Volleyball team defeated St. Francis Catholic School to start off a successful week. The Warriors made great adjustments from the last time they played them and came out on top in 3 hard-fought sets. Stellar serving from Saida Willis helped push the team ahead, and an entirely strong team effort made for a great win! On Wednesday, the team defeated region rival Hilton Head Christian Academy in two sets, 25-22 and 25-21. The Warriors put up points early in both sets and fought hard until the end. Ava Stabak, Cia Douglass, and Finley Borgan had multiple aces. Attacks from Saida Willis, Audrey Litchfield, and Annalise Litchfield helped the team succeed. Finally, to cap off a great week, the team defeated Hilton Head Prep in their second match up in two sets. Ava Stabak, Saida Willis, Cia Douglass, and Madison Murphy all had multiple aces.

The Varsity Volleyball team welcomed region 3A rival Hilton Head Christian for their first meeting of the season. The Eagles came in as the favorite, but the Warriors were not willing to go down without a fight! The Warriors came out hot and took the first set from the Eagles 25-22 with great all-around play. The second set went to the Eagles 14-25. The next two sets were a seesaw battle back and forth but the Eagles were victorious 25-19, 25-19, taking the match 3-1. Hitting was the order of the night with the Warriors notching 24 kills on the night, led by Senior Emily O'Sullivan with 8, Lily Termini with 5 and Savannah Trott with 4! Lili Lutheran offered up some amazing defense and Cayce Graves led with 17 assists. On Thursday they travelled to Hilton Head Prep for their second match in as many days. The Warriors took the match 3-1 downing 3A region rival Prep for the second time this season. It was a huge night for the hitters with a team total 30 kills on the night. Emily O'Sullivan led with a season high 14 kills on the night, Bela Crespo, Savannah Trott and Lily Termini each added 4 as well.

Tennis

The Girls Tennis Team has fought its way through injuries and illness to qualify for the SCISA State Tournament. They will begin their quest for a state title next Tuesday.

Cross Country

The Cross Country team had a fantastic race at Jasper Park. Despite having many out with the flu this week, they had many personal records.

Boys varsity placed 2nd behind HHP. Sebastian Frickel won the varsity boy's race, beating out HHCA's best runner by 5 seconds, Zac Henderson was 11th at 19:56, Jase Reynolds 17th at 20:33, Kelon Reynolds 18th with 20:42, Matthew Yanachik 29th at 21:55, James Hook 35th at 22:34, Alec Yanachik 43rd at 24:35, Nick Rauch 44th at 24:40, Aadi Patel 50th at 26:14, and Abe Brown 63rd at 32:25. Great team effort!

In the Middle School race Jonathan Yanachik placed 20th with a 4k time of 18:33 and Ryan Jenkins 36th at 19:29.

On the girl's side: Middle School: Samantha Cordero placed 30th with a 4k time of 25:22. High School: Ayla Reynolds won her race with a 21:03 5k, Abigail Brock 3rd at 22:45, Hollis Melnick 4th at 22:50, and Rose Witkowski 23rd at 27:45.

The team will compete again at Jasper Park next Tuesday at 5pm.

There will be sign-up meetings next Wednesday after mass for students interested in playing boys tennis this spring, as well as future clay shooting and lacrosse opportunities. In all three cases, these sports require prior experience and equipment. They are not intended for beginners.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Part-Time Custodian (4:00-10:00pm) \$16.50 per hour / 29 hours per week
- Bus Drivers (must possess valid CDL with passenger endorsement) \$25 per hour
- Spring Musical Director – Stipend
- Girls Basketball Middle School Assistant Coach – Stipend
- Boys JV Soccer Coach – Stipend
- Boys Tennis 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

Principa