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## WHAT IS BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT?

**Back-to-School Night** is our “*must attend event*” of the school year. It is the one day all year long where we have the most parents gathered on the campus at any one time. We typically hold it the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the school year, however this year due to the modular classroom delay, we are holding it on **Wednesday, September 14 starting at 5:30pm**. This is a great opportunity for all our new families to become better acquainted with our school and community.

The evening begins in the Athletic Center for a brief welcome and overview from the Administration. We will review what’s new at JP II for 2022-23, let you know all the ways to get involved with our school, and give you a sneak peak of the campus expansion plans. At 6:00pm you will begin attending classes just as your child does. Teachers will provide a brief overview of the course and how you can support and assist with learning. Please bring your child’s schedule with you. If you have two or more children, you will need to team up with a spouse/partner or choose where you prefer to be. Back-to-School Night is not the time to discuss your child’s progress, so please be respectful of the teacher’s limited time to present information.

## IT’S PICTURE TIME

Student portraits, for grades 6-11, will be taken next **Thursday, September 15**. The required dress is Mass uniform. That makes two consecutive mass uniform days next week. Digital and physical copies of photos will be available to order from Jostens approximately two weeks after picture day. Details will be emailed to you. If you have any specific questions, please reach out to [Sam.Richardson@johnpaul2school.org](mailto:Sam.Richardson@johnpaul2school.org). We ask that all garments are freshly ironed and cleaned prior to coming to school. No outerwear (sweatshirts, hoodies, etc.) will be permitted during the photoshoot. If a student is not in proper uniform or is otherwise out of dress code (hair, nails, pants, etc.), they will not be allowed to be photographed until the make-up day in mid-October. There are 18 gentlemen who will receive notices starting today that they are in need of a haircut. Parents will receive an email as well. No haircut no picture.

## REVIEW OF START AND DISMISSAL TIMES

Now that we are finally hitting the rhythm of the new school year, I would like to remind students and parents of our start and dismissal times.

School begins at 8:20 each day. Students may arrive starting at 7:45 and report to the Commons or the Athletic Center Lobby. Any student arriving after 8:25 is considered tardy.

Monday dismissal is 2:40pm for all students. Buses will leave campus at 2:50pm. Sports begin at 3:00pm.

Tuesday and Thursday dismissal is at 2:40pm.

Wednesday dismissal is at 2:45pm.

Friday dismissal is at 2:10. Because of the high volume of traffic of Fridays, we are working on a staggered dismissal schedule. This will be announced at Back-to-School Night.

DOCS and Middle School Advisory take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons immediately after school until 3:25pm. Buses depart at 3:35pm. (Note: Advisory is required for all middle school students. DOCS is optional for high school students but may be required by the teacher). Students who are not in Advisory or DOCS must report to the Commons.

Extracurricular clubs also meet after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Sports start at 3:30pm.

Morning drop off occurs in front of the school. When arriving try to pull as far forward (to the mailbox if possible) so that we do not start backing up on 170.

## HEAVEN'S TREASURE THRIFT STORE

"Heaven's Treasure", a thrift store benefiting John Paul II Catholic School and St. Gregory the Great Catholic School, should be ready for business in September. The store will be located at 4371 Bluffton Parkway, Suite 102. We ask that you save any high quality furnishings, household goods, and clothing to donate to this great opportunity for our Catholic community. In the meantime, we are looking for any shelving for storage, as well as anyone interested in volunteering. Please email [manager@heavens-treasure.org](mailto:manager@heavens-treasure.org), or leave a message at 843.707.7373, if you are able to fill any of these needs.

Why support this worthy cause? **This is not just for the benefit of students from St. Gregory the Great.** Every JPII student will benefit from the thrift store so everyone should get behind this endeavor. Please consider donating those treasures you no longer need or volunteering if you have the time.

# FROM STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## Preview of Coming Attractions:

### September:

- 14: Back to School Night at 5:30pm
- 15: School Picture Day
- 19: Blood Drive sponsored by Lisieux
- 20: Jostens returns for orders
- 26-30: Homecoming Spirit Week
- 30: Homecoming Football Game vs. Cardinal Newman

# FROM THE SPORTS DESK

## Football

The Varsity Football Team evened their record at 1-1 with a convincing win over St. Andrews. Jackson Ogden scored a remarkable 6 touchdowns to go along with a 2-point conversion. Tonight the team travels to Savannah to take on Memorial Day, weather permitting.

The Middle School Football team defeated Bethesda Academy 28-22 in a hard fought back and forth game. Alan Wolf lead the Warriors offense with 3 touchdowns. Clinching the game with a 60 yard touchdown with 11 seconds remaining in regulation. Deuce Kerschbaum and Sean Phalen solidified the defense as they applied pressure to Bethesda's offense! Aden Haskins came up with a pivotal late game interception as well! Great first win for the Warriors!!

## Tennis

The tennis team continues their undefeated season by defeating Heritage Academy 6-3, Colleton Prep 7-2, and Bluffton HS 9-0. The girls are now 4-0

## Volleyball

The volleyball program continues to put up very impressive numbers. The middle school team lost to Bridges Prep but came back to beat Cross tonight in two sets. Kills by Madison Murphy and Ellie Heathcott added to the strong team victory.

The JV girls took their record to 10-0 on this season last night defeating visiting Veritas Academy. It was strong serving that was the nail in the coffin for the Gryphons, led by Miranda Moulton, Caylin Gecy and Madison Burke. Alainna Hill & Emma McKamey were strong at the net and helped propel the girls to a 2-0 sweep with scores of 25-9, 25-21.

The Varsity Volleyball team welcomed visiting Veritas Academy for their second meeting of the season. The Warriors swept the Gryphons 3-0 to win the match and win both season meetings.

Emily O’Sullivan was strong at the net once again for the Warriors with 7 Kills, Sara Swanson, Bela Crespo and Camryn Michael all added to a great offensive performance.

### **Cross Country**

The Cross-Country team had their first meet of the season at Habersham. Everyone ran extremely well and showed off their past few weeks of training. The muddiness of the trail didn't stop them from running very solid times. Some highlights of the evening:

Sebastian Frickel placed 2nd with a time of 18:47, Blake Hubik placed 5th with a time of 19:14, Zac Henderson placed 8th with a time of 20:10, which helped the boys varsity to secure a 2nd place finish.

Ayla Reynolds placed 1st in the Middle School girls' race, with a 4k time of 16:29, and Brayden Frickel placed 6th with a 4k time of 17:58.

The Cross-Country team will have the varsity boys competing this Saturday at Bluffton High School, and the entire team will compete next Tuesday at Meadowbrook Baptist.

## **WELCOME MRS. JONES**

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Mary Jones to JPII as our new Marian Center for Learning teacher. Mrs. Jones holds a B.A. in English and an M.Ed. in Special Education from the College of Charleston. She is licensed to teach both English and special education and is National Board Certified in AYA/English Language Arts. She has 30 years of experience as a teacher, most recently having taught English and in the Learning Lab (similar to the Marian Center) for 8 years at Bishop England High School in Charleston. She was also the Sophomore Class disciplinarian at B.E. We are thrilled to have someone with Mrs. Jones experience join our already talented faculty.

Have a great weekend and stay dry.

Sincerely,

*John E McCarthy*

Principal

