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BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT IS COMING

Our **Back-to-School Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14 at 5:30pm.** There are no athletic events scheduled that evening allowing all parents the opportunity to attend. We will begin with a presentation at 5:30pm in the Athletic Center. This will be an opportunity to hear about what has changed for the new school year and also get a first peek at the new Innovation Center and other planned campus improvements. Following the presentation you will follow your child(ren)'s schedule and have the opportunity to meet their teachers and hear about expectations for the school year. Please be sure to have their schedule with you. If you have more than one child, and only one parent is able to attend, choose the classes you most want to learn about. This is the night when you hear from teachers, not the time to discuss your child's progress. That will come later this fall with our annual parent conferences.

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, 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.

CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

In last week's edition of the Weekly Warrior we inadvertently left off Sara Swanson ('23) as one of JPII's first AP Capstone Diploma recipients. Congratulations Sara!

Also, congratulations to Nathaniel Prado who was recently recognized by the College Board for his academic achievement in school and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and/or AP® Exams.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY

One of the hallmarks of JPII is the academic support students receive from their teachers. D.O.C.S. (Daily Opportunity for Classroom Success) has been around for several years allowing our students the extra help needed to strive for excellence. Middle School D.O.C.S. will be referred to as Advisory. Also, this year we will change up the schedule slightly. Advisory/ D.O.C.S. will occur on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:45 – 3:25pm. High school students may stay after school voluntarily, or they may be required to stay by one or more of their teachers. **All middle school students (grades 6-8) are required to attend Advisory.** If your child is required to stay but unable to do so, please inform the main office before school is dismissed. For those picking up at 2:45 it will occur in front of the school. Pick-up at 3:25 will be in the back of the school with buses in the front. Please note buses do not leave until after D.O.C.S. Any high school student waiting for the bus and not attending D.O.C.S. must report to the Commons. Students remaining on campus must be in a classroom or the Commons. Athletic practices will not start until after 3:30 on days when D.O.C.S. is held. Clubs will meet during D.O.C.S. on a regular schedule.

MS Advisory starts Tuesday, September 6. HS D.O.C.S. starts September 13.

FROM STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Preview of Coming Attractions:

September:

- 5: Labor Day-No School
- 6: Middle School Advisory Begins – **Middle School Dismissal @ 3:25pm**
- 9: 9/11 Remembrance and Prayer Memorial/Jostens Visit for Juniors and Seniors
- 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

As of Wednesday, August 31, 2022, here were the results for the JPII sports teams. Results from Wednesday through next week will be covered in next week's newsletter.

Football

The football team lost its home opener to an athletic Bethesda Academy team last Friday night by the score of 40-24. It was a hard fought contest with lots of emotion on both sides. The final score is not indicative of how closely the game was played and it was really in doubt until the final minutes of the 4th Quarter. Thank you to all the fans who came out in support of the Golden Warriors. This was likely the largest crowd ever to watch a JPII home football game.

Tennis

Finally, the girls tennis team played a match, and what a match it was. With the addition of several new players along with the return of a talented veteran group, the Golden Warriors completely outplayed Beaufort Academy by a 9-0 shutout. Cypress Daniel, Trice McClure, Anson Daniel, Paige Weniger, Samantha Reilly, and Alexa Eaddy all won their single matches in straight sets, and so did the doubles tandems of Reilly-Eaddy, Brie Suiter-Ann Elise Harrell, and Alivia Ogden-Gracie Henderson.

Swimming

The swimming team finally got into the pool in the HHCA Invitational. The results were as follows: Nel Winslow 7th grade: 50 freestyle (33.31) 21st place, 500 freestyle (7:00.51) 9th place. Aubrey Porada 8th grade: 500 freestyle (5:47.27) 4th place, 100 breaststroke (1:18.16) 3rd place. Riley McGoldrick 9th grade: 50 freestyle (28.86) 5th place, 100 freestyle (1:04.05) 4th place. Overall, JPII girls got 9th place with a team of three swimmers. Looking forward to next meet with our full squad of 5 swimmers!

Volleyball

The middle school volleyball team advanced to 4-0 with a 2-set victory over Cross Schools. Audrey Litchfield led the team with 5 aces and Finley Borgan added 3 aces of her own. Audrey Litchfield, Saida Willis, Ava Stabak, and Ellie Heathcott each had some key kills to add to the scores. The middle school volleyball team also defeated rival Colleton Prep to improve to 5-0. Saida Willis led the team serving with 7 aces, followed by Ava Stabak with 5. Standout players in tonight's match were Audrey Litchfield, Ellie Heathcott, Gabby Heathcott, and Saida Willis with consistent and effective passing, setting, and hitting.

The JV Volleyball team travelled to Beaufort High for a matchup with the Eagles. It was all about the serving tonight and the Warriors were on point! Notching 20 aces for the match, led by Miranda Moulton with 11, the girls made quick work winning the match 25-11, 25-9. The JV girls then hosted Colleton Prep on Tuesday night with their 7-0 record on the line. The Warriors did not disappoint as they took the match decisively 25-7, 25-9! The night belonged to the servers with a whopping 26 aces on the night, Miranda Moulton owned the line putting up 16

aces. Caylin Gecy, Isabella Perez, Rachael Brenneman, Madison Burke, Lauren Majorkiewicz, Alainna Hill and Emma McKamey all tallied for the Warriors as well. A record of 8-0!

The Varsity girls started their busy week with a quick trip to face the Beaufort High Eagles. The girls were fresh and ready to play, and they wasted no time knocking off the Eagles in straight sets 25-18, 25-14 and 25-14. The defense stood strong picking up the Eagles attack and creating offensive plays all over the court! Lili Lutheran, Emma Sauls, Sadie Moulton and Karoline Rustad were stellar on defense. The defense at the net was just as strong with Bela Crespo having 5 blocks, Emily O'Sullivan with 3 and Camryn Michael and Savannah Trott notching 2 apiece. With 12 aces on the night as well, Cayce Graves leading the team with 7, the Warriors were in the groove. The Varsity Volleyball team hosted the War Hawks of Colleton Prep. The girls coming off a strong road win continued their winning ways knocking off Colleton Prep 25-14, 25-14, 25-17. Strong serving was once again the highlight of the night led by Karoline Rustad, Lili Lutheran and Cayce Graves.

THANK YOU MRS. MARTOS

We wish to thank Mrs. Carol Martos for her nine years of dedicated service to John Paul II Catholic School. She has officially tendered her resignation effective September 2. While all of us can be replaced, Mrs. Martos will truly be missed.

Mrs. Martos came to JP II in 2014 as the school's first, and only, Director of the Marian Center. The Marian Center has served students with learning disabilities and challenges for 9 of the school's 10 years in existence. Even though the Marian Center was created for specific students, it has really served all JP II students with academic, social and emotional support. Without it, many students would not have achieved all they were capable of. Mrs. Martos made it happen by providing love, compassion and understanding for any student who had the opportunity to interact with her. Long before there was a Counseling Department, Mrs. Martos was the counselor. As Dean of Savio House, she inspired all Savio students to care for one another and for the causes they sponsored. Savio has always been one of our more spirited and united Houses.

The search for Mrs. Martos' successor is underway and we will likely have an announcement in next Friday's newsletter.

Sincerely,

John E McCarthy

Principal

