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## **COME TO THE COLLEGE FAIR**

John Paul II Catholic School is pleased to announce the first full College Fair in the history of the school on **Monday, August 29 at 6:00 – 8:00pm in the Athletic Center**. With the growth of JP II, we are now able to attract college recruiters who may have passed us by in the past. Notre Dame was just on campus this week. We hope to make this an annual fall event, however turnout is critical. We have invited public and private high schools all over the region, but we also need a significant number of JP II students and parents in attendance. This is not just for juniors and seniors. All JP II students and parents are welcome!

Among those attending are Charleston Southern, Coastal Carolina, College of Charleston, Full Sail, Georgetown, Georgia Southern, High Point, Lander, Mount St. Mary's, Penn State, Providence, SCAD, TCL, Temple, U.S. Army, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Marine Corps Recruiter, U.S. Naval Academy, Mississippi, Notre Dame, USC-Aiken, USC-Upstate, Tennessee, USCB, Winthrop, and Wofford. There are opportunities at all levels for students to explore their future. Please plan on attending.

## **CAMPUS EXPANSION UPDATES**

The new modular classroom units are now on campus and being prepared for use after Labor Day. We thank everyone for their patience during the first three weeks of school.

Traffic consultants will be on site next week to examine morning traffic at our entrance in the hope of the school receiving permission from SCDOT to install a traffic signal, as well as in the afternoon to make recommendations on traffic flow, both now and in the future. As part of the school's masterplan we are studying the installation of a security gate at the front entrance. This study will help inform our architects on how best to create a secure campus environment.

Work on the new multipurpose sports field located beyond the baseball field is underway and should be completed this fall. Expect this field to be ready for use in time for the soccer season. This field will be a significant improvement on the existing one behind the athletic center. Once this field is completed, and the design and permitting is in place, we will turn the existing multipurpose field into a much needed parking lot.

## CODE OF CONDUCT ENFORCEMENT

Now that school has been in full swing for a couple of weeks, all students had the opportunity to hear from Mr. Collar, our Dean of Students, on the rules and regulations of JP II. With so many new students, it's important to be clear on our behavioral expectations. It's also a good reminder for returning students.

There are a couple of areas where parents can be of help in enforcing the rules. The first is students **arriving to school before 8:25am**. We know traffic can be a bear in the morning, and some teenagers like to sleep like a hibernating bear, however arriving to class ready to learn by the 8:25 bell is required. Please leave plenty of time for traffic delays. Those who struggle with this concept will soon become well acquainted with Mr. Collar.

The second is dress code and grooming. Please be sure students are compliant before they leave the house. One of the things we have noticed early is hair style. While the mullet may be making a return engagement, or perhaps it never really left, boys hair styles must not cover the ears or touch the collar. It's that simple. We will begin stricter enforcement now that everyone is aware, so please schedule those haircuts ASAP. As for hair color, it must be a natural color (black, brown, blonde, natural red), and not pink, blue, green, etc. Become familiar with our dress code and grooming requirements and be the enforcer at home so we do not have to do it at school.

## HEAVEN'S TREASURE THRIFT STORE

"Heaven's Treasure", a thrift store benefitting John Paul II Catholic School and St. Gregory the Great Catholic School, should be ready for business in early fall. 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 JP II 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

## John Paul II Catholic School Celebrates Its First AP Capstone Diploma Recipients

Over 2,200 schools participated in the AP Capstone Diploma program, a project-based learning experience valued by colleges and universities across the U.S. and around the world.

At JPII, four students have earned the AP Capstone Diploma,<sup>™</sup> and one student earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate<sup>™</sup> during the 2021-22 school year. The AP Capstone Diploma program helps students develop the critical thinking, research, collaboration, and presentation skills that are critical for academic success.

We proudly recognize the achievements of students who participated in the AP Capstone Diploma program. Our AP Capstone<sup>™</sup> students and teachers showed extraordinary commitment while facing historic challenges. This is a meaningful college readiness program that will serve our students well after high school.

To receive the AP Capstone Diploma, students must earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and on four additional AP Exams. To receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate, students must earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research. Students are increasingly participating in the AP Capstone program. Over 2,200 schools participated in the AP Capstone program worldwide during the 2021-22 school year. Approximately 14,100 students earned the AP Capstone Diploma, and 9,200 earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate.

Unlike traditional AP<sup>®</sup> subject exams with a single end-of-year assessment, AP Seminar and AP Research assessments are project based and evaluate skills mastery through group projects, presentations, and individual essays completed throughout the year. Instead of focusing on one specific academic discipline, AP Seminar and AP Research are interdisciplinary: students are empowered to create research projects based on topics of personal interest. Students are assessed on the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills needed to complete their projects.

Of the students who participated in the AP Capstone Diploma program at JPII:

- Four were awarded the AP Capstone Diploma by earning scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and on 4 additional AP Exams. They are **Asheley Burke ('22)**, **Caroline Gilmour ('22)**, **Alyssa Rembold ('22)**, and **Paige Weniger ('23)**.
- One student was awarded the AP Seminar and Research Certificate by earning scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research. She is **Samantha Reilly ('23)**.

The College Board Advanced Placement Program gives students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school. A 3 or higher on an AP Exam has multiple benefits for students, including earning college credit, advanced placement, or both for

successful performance on AP Exams, saving them time and money. Research shows AP students are better prepared for and more likely to enroll and remain in college, do well in classes, and earn their degrees on time. Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers, ensuring that AP Exams align with their high standards.

## A LEGACY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

### Endowment Named for Bishop Guglielmo

“Catholic education aims not only to communicate facts but also to transmit a coherent, comprehensive vision of life, in the conviction that the truths contained in that vision liberate students in the most profound meaning of human freedom.” —St. John Paul II

Thirteen years of service as the shepherd to the Diocese of Charleston can hardly go unnoticed. Bishop Robert E. Guglielmo faithfully shepherded his flock and left a priceless impact on the history of Catholicism in South Carolina.

One of the bishop’s most enduring accomplishments was his legacy of Catholic education. His mission — to center Catholic education on truth, beauty and goodness and to create warriors for Christ — led to the education and catechization of over 44,850 students across the state.

Bishop Guglielmo’s commitment to education also provided for over 800 jobs for Catholic teachers and a diocesan-wide accreditation for all Catholic schools.

Under his leadership, the diocese saw the opening of three new Catholic schools — Holy Trinity, John Paul II and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton — and made major capital improvements to the schools of St. Anne, Our Lady of the Rosary, Cardinal Newman and St. Anthony of Padua, expanding the reach of Catholic education.

Most notably, because the bishop believes in equal access to education for all students, he promoted the inclusion of special needs children in Catholic schools across South Carolina. Through the foundation of Exceptional SC in 2016, a tax-credit scholarship for special needs students, the diocese serves over 740 special needs students today.

With great joy and gratitude, the Diocese of Charleston founded the **Bishop Guglielmo Catholic School Endowment** for all he has done for the state and the championing of Catholic schools. The purpose of the endowment is to provide affordable access to a Catholic education by awarding annual tuition assistance to families. Currently, the endowment has collected over \$32,000 for education in the Palmetto State.

TO LEARN MORE about the endowment, please visit: [charlestdiocese.org/bishop-school-fund](http://charlestdiocese.org/bishop-school-fund), or if you prefer to mail a donation, please send a check made payable to: +REG Endowment, Attn: Carrie Mummert, 901 Orange Grove Road, Charleston, SC 29407.

# FROM STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## Preview of Coming Attractions:

### August:

- 26: First Home Football Game @ 7:00pm, Richard Gray's Sports Complex, Hardeeville
- 29: College Fair @ 6:00pm in the Athletic Center
- 31: All School Mass

### September:

- 5: Labor Day-No School
- 6: DOCS/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

While rain has wreaked havoc on our athletic schedule this past week, the volleyball team, as the only indoor fall sport, continues to enjoy a successful season.

### Football

The Varsity Football season kicks off tonight at 7:00pm with a home game against Bethesda Academy of Savannah. For those new to JPIL, our home field is the Richard Gray Sports Complex at 205 Main Street, Hardeeville (behind Town Hall). The theme is Luau.

### Volleyball

The Varsity Volleyball team welcomed Thomas Heyward last Friday night to a packed crowd. The Warriors took the match 3-0, but not without a fight from the Rebels. A solid team effort put down the Rebels 25-23, 25-10 and 25-21. The Warriors tallied 23 kills on the night with Emily O'Sullivan leading with 6, Savannah Trott with 5 and Lily Termini with 4. The defense stood tall as well, led by Lili Lutheran with 15 digs and Cayce Graves with 7 and Sadie Moulton with 6. The final blow came from the serving line where the girls racked up 15 Aces on the night. The team will travel to Savannah tonight to face a tough St. Andrews team.

The JV Volleyball team also welcomed rival Thomas Heyward last Friday for the first of their two meetings. The girls were sharp out of the gate and took the match 2-0 winning the sets 25-

11 and 25-12. Once again the Warriors serving led the way with Isabella Perez with 6 aces and Miranda Moulton with 5 and Caylin Gecy with 2.

The Warriors then traveled to Savannah to face the 4-1 Lions of St. Andrews. The night started out with the Lions taking the first set 25-17 but the Warriors didn't let it phase them. The girls rose to the occasion battling back and forth to take the second set 28-26 and the third set 25-19. The fourth and final set went to the Warriors as well with a hard-earned win of 26-24 to take the match 3-1. The battle was up at the net most of the night with 19 total kills. Emily O'Sullivan put up 6 blocks and 6 kills, Bela Crespo added 3 blocks of her own and Camryn Michael put down 8 kills!

The JV girls also traveled to St. Andrews for a tough match against the Lions. The Warriors took the first match 25-21, but the Lions roared back in the second set to win it 25-20. This pushed the match to a third set, the first time this season the girls had gone the distance. They answered the call with a tight victory 15-12, for a 2-1 win over St. Andrews. Miranda Moulton had hot hands with 14 assists along with Alainna Hill who had 5 kills, Elle Borgan with 4 and Emma McKamey with 3. The girls tallied 9 aces on the night as well.

The Varsity girls hit the road again heading to North Charleston to face their first 3A opponent of the season - Palmetto Christian Academy. The girls came out strong taking the first set 25-14. The Eagles however had other plans and struck back at the Warriors defeating them in the second set 25-12. With the stage set for a long night, a back-and-forth 3rd set went to the Eagles 26-24. With their backs against the wall the Warriors played their best Volleyball of the early season winning the fourth set 25-20 and finished the Eagles off in the 5th set 15-11!! A total team effort made this victory possible.

### **Upcoming Events**

- 8/26 Varsity Football Home vs Bethesda Academy 7:00pm
- 8/29 MS Volleyball Away @ Cross 4:00
- 8/29 Volleyball Away @ Beaufort High School (JV 5:00 V 6:00)
- 8/30 Girls Tennis Away @ Beaufort Academy 4:00pm
- 8/30 Volleyball Home vs. Colleton Prep (MS 4:00 JV 5:00 V 6:00)
- 8/30 Cross Country Away @ Sgt. Jasper Park (Cross/Heritage)(MS 5:00 V 5:45)
- 8/31 Volleyball Home vs Beaufort Academy ( MS 5:00 V 6:00)
- 9/1 Girls Tennis Away @ Bluffton High 4:00
- 9/1 Volleyball Home vs Riverview Charter (MS 4:00)
- 9/1 Volleyball Home vs Habersham (JV 5:00 V 6:00)
- 9/2 Varsity Football Away @ St. Andrews 7:30

Busy week ahead...***GO GOLDEN WARRIORS***...and No Rain!

## **AUTOMATED EMAIL RESPONSE FOR ATTENDANCE**

Parents will be notified by automated email if their child was marked absent for a class. As the email says, if they know about this absence and/or they have already spoken with someone at school, they can disregard the email.

## **OUR MISSION**

John Paul II Catholic School educates students of all faiths in a caring, distinctively Catholic, Christ-centered environment. We prepare students to be *scholars with a soul* in accordance with the traditions of the Catholic faith through intentional commitment to our core beliefs of service, high expectations, innovation, excellence, leadership, and discipleship.

Treat everyone you meet with a little LUCK (Love, Understanding, Compassion, and Kindness). It's what we strive to do every day with our students. Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

*John E McCarthy*

Principal

