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TRAFFIC PLAN

As the new school year has begun, veteran JPII families may have noticed an uptick in traffic congestion, both on and off campus. While some of this is related to the opening of schools in Beaufort County and will eventually settle down a bit, some of it is related to the growth of our school and the growth of the region in general.

We have engaged Kimberly-Horn Associates of Charleston as a traffic consultant to study this issue. Specifically, they will (1) conduct an analysis of morning and afternoon traffic and prepare a recommendation to the SCDOT for a possible traffic light at our entrance, (2) study and provide recommendations to improve traffic flow now and during construction of our new building, and (3) provide us with a traffic flow pattern for the long-term masterplan. In the next few weeks you may notice someone filming as you arrive and leave school. While there is no guarantee we will be successful in our effort at installing a traffic signal, there is no doubt it would help with those left hand turns in and out of our campus. The school will also study this issue to ensure we are not contributing to this congestion with our school start and end times.

In the meantime, the traffic pattern for morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up will remain as follows.

Morning Drop-Off: Parents should drop off at either the main entrance to the school or the athletic center (it depends on where 1st period/block class is...the modulars or the school). For the school entrance, please pull as far forward as possible so as not to create a back-up when unloading. For the athletic center you should drop off only in the cutout in front of that building.

Afternoon Pick-Up: When the cones are up you will need to go around the back of the school to pick up in the lane closest to the school. Buses will load in front. Once the buses have departed the cones will be removed and the front of the school is available for pick-up. If the cones are not up, and the buses are not there, you can pick up in front. This will occur on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 2:45 dismissal when DOCS/Advisory is in session. The 3:30 dismissal after

DOCS/Advisory is still in back. Pick-up congestion subsides after about 10-minutes. If you can delay your arrival on campus until after the traffic congestion has subsided, it will make for a much smoother process for you and for us.

Parking: Spaces are becoming a premium and will get even tighter when the modular classroom building arrives next week. Senior Class drivers will park in the “senior lot” next to the athletic center, behind the new modulars. Juniors and Sophomores will park in the back of the school, as will faculty and staff. Students must remember to register their vehicles at the main office to secure a spot. Visitor spots are located to the right just past the athletic center.

Please remember to always drive with caution on campus at all times. Students and pedestrians have the right of way.

CAMPUS EXPANSION UPDATES

As mentioned, the modular classrooms will arrive next week. We will be closing the senior lot to the right of the athletic center for the week as they are assembled. All on-campus parking must occur in the rear of the school. The lot should reopen by the weekend. Once the modular building, consisting of four classrooms plus a center corridor, is assembled, we begin the process of hooking up electric, data, fire alarms, phones, intercom, etc, as well as installing whiteboards, tv monitors, and furniture. Fortunately, everything is on campus and ready to go. Once all of the above is finished and the ramps, sidewalks and stairs are in, we will schedule the inspections required for an occupancy permit. It’s a big job, however we are still confident we will be in shortly after Labor Day.

I was asked the question why more high school classes are scheduled in the modulars than middle school classes are. For this year, the answer is simple. Because middle school classes meet every day for 40-minutes, there are times when no passing period exists between classes. Therefore classrooms must be adjacent to one another, and we need a science classroom close by. That is primarily why most middle school classes take place on the 1st floor of the main building. The former art room behind the Commons is now middle school science and art. High school science, tech, art, and math are on the second floor because of the equipment required to teach those classes and our goal of integrating STEAM. World languages are all taught on the 1st floor because they include middle and high school students. High school social studies and English classes, as well as a few electives, are in the modular classrooms or multi-purpose room in the athletic center. The modular classrooms are not a negative, other than students must walk a little more. It gives them a glimpse of what college will be like as they move from building to building. **You will get to experience this when you attend our Back-to-School Night on September 14.**

You may have also noticed construction of a new playing field beyond the baseball field. This will be our future multipurpose field for all sports, and specifically the soccer game field. It will be ready for play by spring. By moving the multipurpose field we will make room for a new, desperately needed, 160-vehicle parking lot to be located behind the athletic center. Another four-classroom modular building will be added next summer in preparation for an enrollment of 400 students. That will complete Phase I of our expansion project.

While this is going on, we will be doing the necessary designing, surveying and permitting for Phase II, the new Innovation Center. Construction of this high school building is targeted to begin sometime near the start of the 2023-24 school year. Once complete, this start-of-the-art educational facility will house up to 340 students in grades 9 – 12, with the current building becoming the middle school and administrative offices. Also planned as part of the Innovation Center is a multipurpose black box theater for the performing arts and other school uses. We are studying the possibility of adding dining services to the campus along with a security gate at the front entrance.

Depending on the success of our capital campaign, we are also planning for the expansion of athletic fields to include a synthetic turf multisport stadium with track, a field house, tennis courts, and a x-country trail. Lights would be added to the baseball and softball fields, as well as the multisport stadium. This would fulfill our goal of bringing most of our sports teams on campus.

The project will be paid for through a combination of fundraising and financing. Phase I is being paid for through a \$1,000,000 restricted gift to the Bishop's Bicentennial Campaign designated for JP II. This gift allows us the seed money necessary to get started. We will also need to obtain permission for a capital campaign from the Diocese. Hopefully that will occur sometime in September. Once permission is granted we will engage Partners in Mission as our campaign consultant and begin the "silent phase" of the campaign. The public phase will likely launch this spring. We will look to obtain a loan through the Diocese to bridge the gap between funds raised and the cost to construct, which as you might imagine will be quite expensive.

All of this would not have been possible without the generosity of so many gracious donors, many with no connection to our school, and the growth in enrollment of our school. The combination of the two has helped JP II become a shining success for Catholic education in South Carolina and, for that matter, across the country. By the start of the 2023 school year, it is possible that we will have doubled enrollment in less than five years. That type of growth is almost unheard of in Catholic education and could not have been imagined five years ago. We have our students and parents to thank for continuing to spread the word about what a great educational experience and environment is provided at JP II. Keep spreading the word and the dream will be realized.

FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

The school counselors spent this first week of school getting schedules solidified and prepping for our **Senior Parent Night and College Application Workshop on August 24 at 6:00pm**. Sister Mary Beth and Mrs. Buckland visited senior English classes to review steps in the college application process while Mrs. Bowman scheduled time for us to visit our middle school students next week, where we will review all the services available to them in the school counseling office.

Next week brings our Senior Parent Night where we will review the college application process with students and parents while also working individually with them on any specific questions they may have. Then we will be quickly ramping up for our **1st Annual College Fair on August 29th from 6:00-8:00pm** in our athletic center, where we will be hosting approximately 25 college admissions representatives. **This event is open to all JPII students and their families**, as well as other high school students in our area. Please spread the word. If we have a great turnout that will ensure our ability to provide even bigger college fairs in the future.

FROM STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Lunch Options: Unfortunately, Lucky 7 has decided not to continue providing lunch service. Students will have the ability to order Chick-fil-A on Wednesdays and pizza on Fridays. The cost is \$6.00 cash paid on the day of, however students must sign up the day before during their lunch to participate. There is also a burrito machine stocked by Underground Burrito. As of now, students will need a debit/credit card to pay. Also, students can have Door Dash delivered. Any delivery must arrive before their lunch so students can pick it up at the front office on the way to lunch.

Next Week's Overview:

Monday, August 22, 2022 (Blue Day)

- Daily Uniform and Regular Schedule

Tuesday, August 23, 2022 (Gold Day)

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- Sign up for Chick-fil-A on Wednesday

Wednesday, August 24, 2022 (Blue Day)

- Mass Uniform
- Senior Parent Meeting and College Application Workshop @6pm in the Commons

Thursday, August 25, 2022 (Gold Day)

- Regular Uniform and Schedule

Friday, August 26, 2022 (Blue Day)

- House Uniform and Schedule
- Meeting with Mr. Collar during House
- First home football game

Preview of Coming Attractions:

August:

- 20: 6th Grade Retreat 8:30-12:00 on campus
- 24: All School Mass and Senior Parent and College Application Workshop @6pm
- 26: First Home Football Game
- 29: College Fair
- 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

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Volleyball

The volleyball teams had a heavy week of action. Varsity Volleyball travelled to Colleton County last weekend to take part in the annual Colleton County Pre-Season Tournament. The girls went 3-0 in pool play, defeating Bridges Prep, Battery Creek and Colleton County to move onto the Gold bracket playoff game against Woodland defeating them 2-0. This put the girls in the Championship game against rival Patrick Henry. The warriors took the championship match defeating Patrick Henry 2-0. A complete team effort the whole day propelled the warriors in every facet of the game! The attack led by Emily O'Sullivan, Camryn Michael, Lily Termini, Savannah Trott and Sara Swanson was off the charts. Matched equally by the defensive play of Emma Sauls, Karoline Rustad, Lily Lutheran and Sadie Moulton. The setting duo of Cayce Graves and JoJo Hill put it all together. A great day and a sign of things to come for the Golden Warriors!!

On Monday, the varsity girls hosted rival Patrick Henry for the second meeting of the young season. The Patriots came with revenge on their minds after losing the championship game to the Warriors over the weekend. Patrick Henry took the match in 3 sets winning 25-20, 25-18 and 25-17. The Warriors were back on their heels most of the night with the defensive group

getting the lion's share of the work. Lili Lutheran racked up 10 digs, Emma Sauls had 7 and Karoline Rustad and JoJo Hill had 6. The offense sputtered unfortunately but Emily O'Sullivan found her way with 8 kills on the night followed by Sara Swanson with 3. The JV Volleyball team defeated Patrick Henry 2-0 with scores of 25-18 and 25-13! Serving was the key and Lauren Majorkiewicz led the way with 7 aces on the night, Isabella Perez tallied 5, and Miranda Moulton added 4. The hitting of Alainna Hill, Elle Borgan and Emma McKamey powered the Warriors to a strong finish.

On Tuesday, Volleyball teams travelled to Savannah to take on the Veritas Griffins. The Warriors came to play winning the match 3-0 with scores of 25-19, 25-13 and 25-12. Once again it was Emily O'Sullivan hitting away racking up 8 kills, 5 Aces and 2 blocks. Cayce Graves led in assists with 7 adding 3 aces of her own and 1 kill. The JV Volleyball came out strong and defeated the Griffins in straight sets 25-23 and 25-17. Once again their strength at the serving line paved the way with 10 aces on the night led by Isabella Perez with 3 and Miranda Moulton and Lauren Majorkiewicz both with 2. The hitters were not to be outdone with 11 kills on the night led by Emma McKamey with 5. The Middle School volleyball team defeated Veritas Academy. Maddie Murphy led the team in serving with 6 aces, followed by Ava Stabak and Ansley Reilley who also had multiple aces.

Upcoming Events

- 8/19: Volleyball Home vs Thomas Heyward (MS 4:00 JV 5:00 V 6:00)
- 8/22: Volleyball Away @ St. Andrews (JV 5:00 V 6:00)
- 8/23: Girls Tennis Away @ Beaufort Academy 4:00
Cross Country Away @ Habersham (Holy Trinity/Riverview) (MS 5:00 V 5:45)
Volleyball Away @ Palmetto Christian (JV 5:00, V 6:00)
- 8/25 Girls Tennis Away @ Heritage Academy 4:00
Volleyball Away St. Vincent/Beach HS (Tri Match Beach 6:30/St. Vincent 7:30)
- 8/26 Varsity Football Home vs Bethesda Academy 7:00

The online school spirit store has reopened! The store site will be available from 8/9 – 8/23 @ noon. We've added some new gear, so please come check us out! Click below.

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

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.

Sincerely,

John E McCarthy

Principal