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READY, SET, GO...WELL ALMOST

The floors have been waxed and the teachers have been back for a week preparing for the start of a new school year. All we need now are the students, and the modular classrooms. If you have been on campus you may have noticed that while all the prep work has been done to receive the four new classrooms, supply chain issues and labor shortages (are y'all getting a little tired of those terms?) have delayed their arrival until the week of August 22. It will then take a few more weeks to finish them. With a record number of 335 students ready to begin school, where will all the students go? We have developed a contingency plan to overcome this obstacle that will be shared with the students next week. Fortunately, the plan will have no disruption to the learning process. We anticipate a certificate of occupancy for the new modulars on September 6.

WHAT'S NEW AT JP11

In the last newsletter we introduced you to some of our new faculty and staff that have joined us this year as well as campus changes that are taking place. We have added a couple of more faculty members to our performing arts team.

Mrs. Kathy Tucker has joined the faculty as a general and instrumental music teacher. She brings 38 years of music instruction and directing, with the last four at Lady's Island Middle School. Prior to her relocation, Mrs. Tucker spent 34 years in Virginia public schools. **Mrs. Leslie Gereghty**, currently the Director of Music at St. Peter's Catholic Church, brings over 15 years' experience in music education and choir directing, much of it in California. She will direct our choir accompanied by Mr. Sam Richardson. We are very excited to see the continued growth of our music program under their direction and leadership.

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM

With the addition of Grade 6, JPII will now be able to deploy a true middle school team approach in Grades 6 – 8. There are 128 students enrolled in the middle school grades. The team of core teachers assigned to middle school are; Mrs. Ann Lentz – math, Mrs. Kim McNab – social studies, Mrs. Sonia Merrick – English and religion, Mrs. Rebekah Kane – science, and Mrs. Karen Floyd – religion. They will be joined by our high school crossover teachers, Ms. Haley Pina – Spanish, Mrs. Jennifer Cohen – Spanish, Dr. Annie Chen – Mandarin Chinese, Mrs. Kelly Strasser – English, and Mrs. Tracy Sklarin – math. Finally, specialist teachers Ms. Bri Sapienza – P.E., Mr. Stephen Gaylets – P.E., Mrs. Jamie Roberts – Art, Mrs. Kathy Tucker – music, and Mrs. Cadra Rooney – technology, round out the team.

A team approach is the best educational model to support middle level students academically, socially and emotionally. The teachers will meet weekly as a team to co-plan and support students so that no child falls through the cracks. Middle school will be located on the first floor of the main building creating a small and nurturing environment, separated for the most part from high school. Middle schoolers will only need to cross the campus for P.E. and music class. They will not have any classes in the modular buildings. All middle schoolers will receive a locker and school agenda and are expected to use both. Laptops will be distributed next week. Finally they will have a separate lunch period, all 128 of them...that should be fun?

Middle school core classes (English, math, science, social studies, religion, and 8th grade languages) will meet every day. Specials (P.E., music, art, technology, introduction to world language, and study skills) will rotate based on the color of the day (Blue or Gold). This is a change for our rising 8th graders who had a block schedule last year. Rest assured, the teachers will coordinate homework and tests so as to not overwhelm students. All middle school students are required to attend afterschool Advisory on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:45 – 3:25, starting September 6. This was formerly called DOCS.

Middle school teachers have created a **school supply list**. This is just for Grades 6 – 8. High school teachers will review their individual supply lists with students next week.

- A three-ringer binder (3")
- 1 set of dividers
- Composition books (at least 2)
- Spiral notebooks (at least 2)
- Sketch book for art
- Pencils, pencil case
- Notebook hole punch
- Colored pencils
- Glue sticks

Middle school students must also wear a JP II PE uniform. They are available for purchase in Mary's Market Bookstore.

BUS ROUTES

JP II is fortunate to have a fairly new and modern bus fleet consisting of three 14-passenger buses, two 24-passenger buses, and one 44-passenger bus for transportation to and from school and to transport our athletic teams. We will also be offering a late activity bus to Hilton Head Island this year on a trial basis.

Because transportation costs are not included in your tuition, there is a fee to ride the bus to and from school. Space is limited and first come is first served.

Transportation Fee Schedule

- AM and PM - \$1,000 for the 1st student, \$800 for additional students
- AM or PM only - \$500 for the 1st student, \$400 for additional students
- Late Activity Bus - \$500*

*the late activity bus is for Moss Creek and Hilton Head Island only

JP II 2022-23 Bus Routes start Tuesday, August 16 (with one exception noted below)

Beaufort Routes

- **St. Peter's** 70 Lady's Island Dr.
Pick up and drop off in church parking lot.
Pick up time 7:25(depart for school at 7:35)
- **Shell Point (Parker's)** 12 Savannah Hwy
Pick up and drop off in parking lot
Pick up time 7:50

Hardeeville/Bluffton Route (DOES NOT BEGIN UNTIL SEPT. 7th)

- **St. Anthony's** 24110 Whyte Hardee Blvd.
Pick up and drop off in parking lot
Pick up time 7:20 (depart for Publix at 7:30)
- **Publix Super Market**
2501 May River Xing
Pick up and drop off in parking lot
Pick up time 7:50

HHI/Moss Creek/SGG/Oldfield Route

- **St. Francis** 45 Beach City Rd.
Pick up and drop off by the gym (until parking lot construction is complete)
Pick up time 7:25

- **Moss Creek**
Pick up at empty parking lot across from **Circle K gas station**
Pick up time 7:40
PM drop-off - **BP gas station** on the way going to HHI
- **St. Gregory the Great** 38 St. Gregory Dr.
Pick up & drop off in parking lot
Pick up time 8:00AM
- **Oldfield**
Pick up by gate
Pick up time 8:10AM (**NO PM DROPOFF**)

Hilton Head Island Late Activity Bus

- John Paul II Catholic School
Departs Athletic Center Mon-Thurs. @ 6:00PM (**NO BUS ON FRIDAY**)
PM drop-off - BP gas station on the way going to HHI
PM drop-off – St. Francis by the gym

If you are interested in riding one of these bus routes please contact Serena Chandler at Finance@johnpaul2school.org . Space is limited and is provided on a first come, first served basis. Stephen Gaylets is coordinating the bus routes. You may contact him at Stephen.Gaylets@johnpaul2school.org . He will provide a Remind email to notify parents when changes to the schedule or cancelations/delays occur. The remind code is called JP II BUS. For instructions to join text @jpiibu to 81010.

PLEASE NOTE: There are no buses scheduled for **Tuesday, September 6**. Some of our drivers are obtaining their CDL that day in order to be able to drive the larger buses. Parents will need to arrange transportation that day only.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL TIME CHANGES

- **School begins each day at 8:25AM.** Students arriving to 1st Period/Block class after 8:25AM will be considered tardy to school. Please account for increasing traffic delays. Students may be dropped off no earlier than 7:45AM.
- **School dismisses at 2:45PM Monday – Thursday, and 2:10 on Friday.**
- Middle School Advisory (required in Grades 6 – 8) and DOCS will occur Tuesday through Thursday from 2:45 – 3:25PM. Pickup time for middle school on those days is 3:30PM. Clubs will meet those days. **ADVISORY/DOCS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 6.**
- **Pickup time on Monday is 2:45PM** for those students not staying for athletics.
- **Pickup time on Friday is 2:15PM** for those students not staying for athletics.
- Please note the school cannot assume responsibility for supervision beyond these times. Parents are advised to drop off and pick up according to the schedule.

NEW AFTERNOON PICK-UP PROCEDURES

With our growing population, we have revised our afternoon pickup procedures. All morning car drop-offs will occur at the main entrance of the school or the Athletic Center as we have done in the past. Buses will drop in the back of the school. However, **in the afternoon, all car pick-ups will occur in the back of the school building.** Buses will load in the front. As always, please drive slowly on campus and obey all directional signage.

Student parking is in the rear of the building. After the completion of the modular classrooms, a “senior only lot” will be created adjacent to the modulares. This will be considered a senior privilege.

UNIFORM INFORMATION

Some students may not have obtained school uniforms yet. Not to worry. If you ordered after August 1 they may not have arrived. Turnaround time can be up to 10-15 business days. Khaki shorts and pants with a white and/or navy blue polo shirt is fine until JP11 uniform shirts arrive. If a student has not received a “mass shirt” they may wear a plain white oxford or plain white polo in lieu of the official uniform mass shirt until it arrives. We have plenty of school ties and mass approved sweatshirts for sale in the school store.

Uniform for the Week of August 15

- Monday – New Student Orientation – relaxed dress
- Tuesday – regular school uniform
- Wednesday – mass uniform
- Thursday – regular school uniform
- Friday – dress down with House t-shirt (new students get them on Monday)

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

We welcome all new students for orientation on **Monday, August 15 from 8:30AM – 1:30pm.** Students may be dropped off at the Athletic Center starting at 8:00AM. Parents are welcome to join us at 11:30AM as we celebrate mass in the Athletic Center. This will be a learning mass as some students may not be familiar with a Catholic mass service. Mass will be followed by a cookout at 12:30PM. If you can't join us for mass please come to the cookout.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT IS NOW WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14 AT 5:30PM – SAVE THE DATE

August Schedule

15: New Student Orientation

16: First Day of School (Blue Day)

17: All School Mass and Senior Class Group Photo

20: 6th Grade Retreat 8:30-12:00 on campus

24: All School Mass and Senior Parent Meeting and College Application Workshop @6pm

26: First Home Football Game

29: College Fair

31: All School Mass

GREETINGS FROM CAMPUS MINISTRY

We're looking forward to having our hallways and classrooms overflowing with activity again, and we're excited about all the things the Lord has prepared for us throughout the coming year! One thing we want to introduce is our Annual SCHOOL-WIDE THEME:

PURPOSE=One commUNITY, One Mission, One Purpose

Each of us in our JPII community bring our own story and our own gifts, and when we bring those stories and gifts together, what emerges is OUR STORY...One community united in mission and purpose! The Scriptural basis for this year's theme is Romans 8:28, "*We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to HIS purpose*", and our prayer throughout this year is that our JPII community continues to reflect our call to Intentional Discipleship by accompanying our students, our families, and one another in growing our community of Faith and building the Kingdom the God!

May all we accomplish throughout this year be done, "*...according to HIS purpose!*"

Please keep praying for us, know that we're always praying for you, and have a wonderful weekend!

We'll see y'all soon, KP

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

The Volleyball team traveled to Savannah Thursday night for the opening match of the season against The Habersham School. The JV team took the court first and came out strong winning the match 2-0. Strong serving from Emma McKamey, Miranda Moulton and Tevi Mullen solidified the strong play as well as a tough defensive showing led by Caylin Gecy and Rachael Brenneman.

The Varsity girls followed suit defeating Habersham in straight sets 25-20, 25-18 and 25-16. The team tallied 19 kills on the night led by Savannah Trott with 4 and 3 kills apiece for Emily O'Sullivan, Bela Crespo and Lily Termini. The team's strength at the serving line was on display as well with 10 aces on the night, Cayce Graves led with 5 as well as 2 for Emily O'Sullivan and Lili Lutheran. The team will head to Colleton County this weekend for a tournament and will open at home Monday 8/15 against Patrick Henry.

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

So now it all begins anew. A time for learning...a time for discovering...a time for renewed friendships...a time for spiritual growth. As our theme for this year is purpose, I am reminded once again of my purpose. My story, as many of you know, was to come out of retirement to lead JPII...it was not MY plan, it was GOD'S plan. The plan is not yet complete, but we are on our way. A balanced budget for the first time in school history. An enrollment growth of 35% in just the past two years. A new building on the horizon. All things are possible with purpose.

We each bring our own story to JPII; students, families and staff. Collectively our stories weave together the narrative of the school year that lies ahead. While those stories are many, there can be only one purpose... *"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to HIS purpose"*.

May God Bless each and every one of you and may this school year be the best year of your life.

Sincerely,

John E McCarthy

Principal

