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THE COUNTDOWN IS ON

Three weeks remain before the 2022-23 school year kicks off at JP II with our **New Student Orientation on Monday, August 15**. All students report for **the first official day of the year on August 16 at 8:20am**. I'm sure everyone, particularly parents, are as excited as we are to get our 10th anniversary year started.

All new students should report to the Athletic Center by 8:30am for Orientation. The AC will open at 8:00am for early arrivals. Parents and family members are invited back at **11:30am for mass in the Athletic Center**. This mass will be instructional in nature introducing new students to our faith in the event they have not attended a service in the Catholic Church before. Dress is casual. A cookout with students, staff and families will follow.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

JP II continues to be the hottest school in the Lowcountry as over 120 new students will enter our doors this year. Tours are continuing with new families coming in this week and it is possible our enrollment could approach 340 students by August 15. This represents a growth of over 30%! Even when we factor out the addition of 6th grade, growth is close to 24%. With a year-to-year retention rate of 94%, it is no wonder we are full in several grades.

Grade	New	Return	Total	Status
6	22	X	22	Full
7	46	X	46	Full
8	17	43	60	Full
9	24	42	66	
10	9	47	56	
11	3	47	50	
12	1	35	36	

CAMPUS UPDATES

While growth of this magnitude is a good thing overall, it does present some challenges, the most pressing being classroom space. A four-classroom modular building was ordered last March in anticipation of this growth. The modulares were scheduled to arrive in June, then July, and now the first week of August. It will be a race to the finish to get them ready for August 16. We've already done much of the prep work as you can see if you have visited the campus recently.

Once complete, the new modular building will increase capacity to 360 students. We are now referring to the six modular classrooms and the Athletic Center as the **East Campus**. This will be home to all high school theology, social studies, and English classes, along with middle and high school performing/media arts and physical education. The main school building will find middle school (grades 6-8) and world languages on the first floor and all high school STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) classes on the 2nd floor. This is the beginning of our STEAM integration as we prepare for our new building.

We all know that the modular buildings on campus are only temporary. Throughout the summer we have continued to work with LS3P Architects of Charleston and Dan Keefer of Witmer Jones Keefer, Ltd., and JPII parent, on the schematic design for the new building and revised master campus plan. The designs are almost complete and we hope to be able to share a sneak peak with parents at our annual Back-to-School Night in August. Once cost estimating is completed by mid-August, we will approach the Diocese to obtain permission to execute the plan and begin our capital campaign. We remain committed to opening the new STEAM Innovation Center as our primary high school building in 2025.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

We are pleased to announce the hiring of a new boys head basketball coach to replace Mac Tamminen. **Mr. Alan Lewis** will be joining the JPII Faculty as a math teacher and coach. Mr. Lewis brings a wealth of experience, having coached in the very competitive New England Prep School Athletic Council, a conference that annually sends multiple athletes to Division I college programs. He spent 10 years at Bridgeton Academy in Maine, and the last 13 years coaching at Storm King, a co-ed boarding/day independent school in Cornwell-on-the-Hudson, NY. His teams were NEPSAC champions in 2016 and 2017 and he has been recognized as NEPSAC Class D Coach of the Year. He is a 1996 graduate of Hamilton College where he captained the basketball team in his senior year. We are fortunate that a coach with his experience and stature has made his way to JPII to build upon the foundation laid by Coach "T" and his coaching staff. Welcome Coach Lewis. We can't wait to see the up-tempo style of basketball you will bring to our program.

With the hiring of coach Lewis (basketball), we now have several head and assistant coaches teaching at JPII. A goal of mine has been to increase the number of coaches on staff as it only

helps to strengthen the student-teacher relationship as well as improve the overall athletic experience. Joining Coach Lewis as “on-campus” head program coaches will be Mrs. Louise Sanders (volleyball), Mrs. Jamie Thomas Roberts (cross country and track), Mrs. Anissa Sauls (cheerleading), Mrs. Karen Floyd (girls basketball), Mr. Bill Damude (wrestling), Mr. Stephen Gaylets (baseball), Ms. Bri Sapienza (softball), and Mr. Asa Haskins (strength and conditioning). Several other faculty and staff serve in assistant coach roles.

Fall sports begin the end of this week. Below is a list of fall sports with start times and head coaches listed. Please note, all student-athletes must have a physical form on file to be able to compete. Please contact Mrs. Louise Sanders (Louise.Sanders@johnpaul2school.org) if you have any questions regarding your child’s eligibility. All coaches now have a JPII email address (Firstname.Lastname@johnpaul2school.org). Please contact them if you have any sport specific question. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for updates.

- Varsity Football – Start 7/28 @ 7:00am (Chris Myers)
- MS Football – Workouts resume 8/1 (evenings), 1st practice 8/8 (Asa Haskins)
- Varsity & JV Volleyball – 7/28 @ 7:00-9:00am (Louise Sanders)
- MS Volleyball – 7/28 @ 3:30-5:30pm (Bri Sapienza)
- Swimming – TBA (Kathleen Parada)
- Sailing – TBA (Teresa Fitzgibbons)
- HS & MS Cross Country – 7/28 @ 8:00am (Jamie Thomas)
- Girls Tennis – TBA (Ed Neal)
- Cheerleading – Week of 8/1 @ TBA (Anissa Sauls)

Upcoming Games

- 8/5 – Football Varsity Home Scrimmage @ 6:00pm in Hardeeville
- 8/10 – Volleyball Home vs. Bluffton HS @ 4:00 and 5:00pm
- 8/11 – Volleyball Away @ Habersham @ 4:30 and 5:30pm
- 8/12 – Varsity Football Scrimmage @ Branchville HS @ TBA
- 8/13 – Volleyball @ Colleton County HS @ TBA

A new policy approved by the Advisory Council will go into effect starting this year. Because Sunday is considered the Lord’s day, and should be a day for worship, family and rest, school-related Sunday practices, rehearsals, etc. are prohibited. Exceptions will only be made under extenuating circumstances and with administrative permission. This policy will also apply to some Holy Days. Use of the JPII facilities by any school or outside group, with the exception of religious services, are also prohibited on Sunday.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

With growth comes the need for more teachers and staff. While the hiring process continues, we are able to announce the following additions to JPII for the 2022-23 school year.

Mrs. Karen Floyd (middle school religion). Mrs. Floyd joins the JPII faculty after a distinguished career at St. Gregory the Great Catholic School. A graduate of Coker College, she has over 25 years of experience in private and public schools teaching at the elementary and middle school level in math, social studies and religion. She has been the girls varsity basketball coach at JPII for a number of years and is the mother of JPII senior Austin Floyd.

Mrs. Rebekah Foster (middle school science). Mrs. Foster comes to JPII from Lady's Island Middle School in Beaufort where she taught 7th grade science and was the lead team teacher. She is the head coach of the Beaufort HS swim team. Prior to relocating to Beaufort, She taught 8th grade science at Chattanooga (TN) Girls Leadership Academy where she was also the VEX robotics advisor. Mrs. Foster is a 2016 graduate of University of Tennessee Chattanooga with a B.A. in Biology: STEM.

Mr. Stephen Gaylets (physical education and assistant athletic director). Mr. Gaylets has been the head baseball coach at JPII since 2018 but now joins our faculty full-time. He is entering his 7th year teaching physical education and health, first at Ridgeland Elementary and most recently at Bridges Prep in Beaufort where he was also the assistant athletic director. He is a graduate of Marywood University in Scranton, PA where he played collegiate baseball.

Mr. Richard Jennings (Director of Buildings and Grounds). As our school has grown in size, so has the need to increase the size of our maintenance staff. Mr. Jennings is a proud alumni dad (Hayden '21) and has contributed numerous volunteer hours with the JPII Boosters and in building our new baseball field. He has many years of experience in the construction industry that will serve us well as we build out the campus over the next 3-5 years. Mr. Jennings is also an assistant baseball coach at JPII and will be driving a morning bus route for us.

Mr. Alan Lewis (math). Our aforementioned new head basketball coach will also teach math. Besides his coaching experience, Mr. Lewis brings 23 years of teaching and administrative experience in prep schools across Maine and New York. He has taught math, SAT Prep, English, philosophy, and most recently AP Psychology. He finished his 13 year career at Storm King School as the Assistant Headmaster for Student Life. Besides basketball, Mr. Lewis has also coached soccer and baseball. He has a B.A. in Psychology from Hamilton College and a Masters in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern Maine.

Same Faces...New Places. Several familiar faces have taken on new roles at our school.

Louise Sanders (Athletic Director). Mrs. Sanders was a former physical education teacher, as well as head volleyball coach and assistant boys soccer coach. She will also teach Sports Psychology during the 2nd Semester.

Kim McNab (middle school social studies). Mrs. McNab has been at JPII for the past two years working in student support services with the Marian Center. She has co-taught in several classes.

Bri Sapienza (physical education). Ms. Sapienza has coached softball and volleyball at JP II, served as a permanent substitute, and taught one section of P.E. She now joins JP II in a full-time capacity.

Rachel Schneider (history and theology). Mrs. Schneider completed her student teaching at JP II this past year and has now taken on a part-time position teaching 9th grade world history and 10th grade theology.

Asa Haskins (physical education). Mr. Haskins was our afterschool and summer strength and conditioning coach this past year. He now joins the P.E. Department in a part-time role and will teach strength and conditioning courses. He will also coach our middle school football team and continue with the afterschool and summer conditioning program.

We are still in the interview process for part-time music, theater, and Spanish, as well as full-time special education. We hope to be able to announce these hires by mid-August.

STUDENT LAPTOP DEPLOYMENT

All students receive a laptop as part of their tuition. No added technology fee like some schools. To ease the pressure of the first week of school deploying laptops to 340 students, we have initiated a pre-deployment program. If you are able, laptops may be picked up **Thursday, August 11 from 12:00-4:00pm or Friday, August 12 from 8:00am-12:00pm in the Dining Commons**. Students who are unable to pick up laptops in advance will receive them on August 15 or 16.

CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

We recently received our AP results from the College Board and our students and teachers hit it out of the park this year. We had an average score of 3.14, a very high score considering we encourage and allow almost all students to take AP courses and require everyone to take the exam. Not all schools do this. We also had 29 students earn the AP Scholar designation, had our first 4 Capstone Diploma recipients, and had one student earn the AP Seminar and Research Certificate. Below is a list of students who were recognized.

Anfinson; Collin	AP Scholar
Burke; Asheley C.	AP Capstone Diploma and AP Scholar
Capell; Claire L.	AP Scholar
Clarke; Maura E.	AP Scholar
Delgado; Julia A.	AP Scholar
Dewig; Anderson J.	AP Scholar with Honor
Gilmour; Caroline A.	AP Scholar with Distinction

Graves; Cayce A.	AP Scholar
Hammett; Kathleen K.	AP Scholar
Heathcott; Madison L.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Kessinger; Hannah E.	AP Scholar
Krebs; Jacob R.	AP Scholar with Honor
Low; Lourdes H.	AP Scholar
Mast; Zoe G.	AP Scholar
Mazzeo; Thomas H.	AP Scholar with Honor
Montgomery; Cooper M.	AP Scholar
O'Sullivan; Emily M.	AP Scholar
Orta-Carrillo; Christopher Y.	AP Scholar
Quinty; Benjamin R.	AP Scholar
Reilly; Samantha A.	AP Seminar and Research Certificate and AP Scholar
Rembold; Alyssa C.	AP Scholar and AP Capstone Diploma
Rembold; Samuel	AP Scholar
Shaw; Amanda T.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Shaw; David C.	AP Scholar
Suiter; Briean S.	AP Scholar
Swanson; Sara G.	AP Capstone Diploma and AP Scholar with Distinction
Tibbitt; Aidan	AP Scholar
Villalobos; Benjamin L.	AP Scholar
Weniger; Paige R.	AP Scholar with Distinction and AP Capstone Diploma

Congratulations to these amazing students, their parents, and the teachers who prepared them. The bar has been set high, let's see where the next few years take us. It has been an amazing journey so far...and it just keeps getting better.

Enjoy the remainder of summer break.

Sincerely,

John E McCarthy

Principal