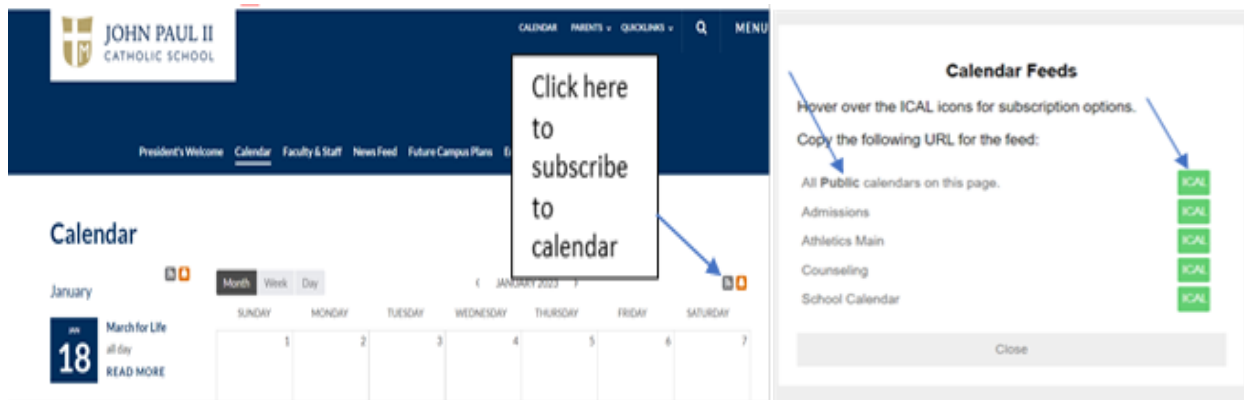


New Website set to Launch Today

We have been busy at work over the past two months constructing a new school website. The new site will be easier to navigate and present an improved image of our school for those visiting for the first time. Please be patient as the website gets fully built out over the coming weeks. I would like to thank Mrs. Mary Beth Dever, Director of Communications, and her team for the amount of work put in on this project. Check it out! We think you will like the result.

While our website address will remain the same for now, the current website managed by Educational Networks will disappear. What that means for you is that if you have subscribed to our calendar RSS feed, the information in the calendar will likely disappear from your devices. Not to despair as our new website still has the ability for our families to subscribe to our calendars and the functionality has improved! You will need to take a couple of actions. First, you are going to unsubscribe to the old RSS feed before subscribing to the new one. When you click on the calendar button at the top of the new website it will take you to our main calendar. From there you will click on the RSS feed where you will have the option to subscribe to our calendars. Click on the RSS Feed button and a window will pop up asking what calendars you want to subscribe to. If you want to see everything that is going on at JP II, and we know you do, then be sure to click on “subscribe to all public calendars on this page”. When you click on the green iCal button you will get several links to be able to load the calendar app of your choice! If you choose specific calendars, such as “school calendar” or “athletics” you may miss key dates, so be sure to “subscribe to all public calendars on this page”. See images below for help.



The screenshot shows the John Paul II Catholic School website's calendar page. A modal window titled "Calendar Feeds" is open, displaying a list of calendar categories with green iCal icons for subscription. A callout box points to the calendar icon on the page with the text "Click here to subscribe to calendar".

Calendar Feeds

Hover over the iCAL icons for subscription options.

Copy the following URL for the feed:

- All Public calendars on this page.
- Admissions
- Athletics Main
- Counseling
- School Calendar

Close

Admissions – It's Enrollment Weekend

First round admissions and tuition assistance decisions have been communicated. The next step for **new students** is to complete enrollment by paying the **\$1,000 deposit**. New families will need to create a FACTS account and choose a payment plan. Current students will be required to complete re-enrollment by paying the **\$500 deposit**. **This must be completed no later than February 1** to (1) ensure your spot for next year is secure and (2) to lock in your tuition assistance award and/or scholarship, if applicable. Failure to do so by February 1 will jeopardize both. Any tuition assistance award not claimed through re-enrollment will be redistributed in the next round. If you have any questions please reach out to Anne McClure, Admissions Coordinator at anne.mcclure@johnpaul2school.org or Serena Chandler, Director of Finance, at Finance@johnpaul2school.org

From Admissions: Open House is January 29

Open House is this **Sunday, January 29 at 2:00pm** as we kick off Catholic Schools Week. If you have a child entering JP II next year you should plan on attending, even if you have other children already enrolled. You never know what you will learn and we will have a drawing for \$1,000 towards the tuition deposit for anyone in attendance. You must be present to win!

Upcoming Admissions Events:

February 1 – 2nd Round Admissions Deadline (acceptance notification by mid-February)

February 6 @ 9:00am – Student and Parent Visit Day

February 10 @ 9:00am – Student and Parent Visit Day

March 5 – St. Francis Fellowship Sunday after Mass

Thank you Ms. Mitchell

Due to unforeseen personal circumstances, Ms. Susan Mitchell's last day at JP II is Friday, January 27th. We thank Ms. Mitchell for her unwavering love and support for the students at our school. She has often remarked that "JP II is the best school in the Lowcountry". We wish her the very best in her future endeavors. Fortunately, we have skilled teachers who are available and ready to help our students finish the year strong!

Mrs. Pat Whyte, our former AP coordinator and an English teacher of 30+ years, will begin teaching AP Literature. Most recently, Mrs. Whyte has worked as a College Board consultant, training other AP Literature teachers to teach this Advanced Placement class with a high degree of rigor, as well as serving as a reader and scoring AP Literature exams. She is excited to get started with our seniors in AP Literature.

Mrs. Cara Buckland, already a member of our JP II staff in our Counseling Office, is also a certified English teacher with over 8+ years in the English classroom and 25 + years in

education. She is going to begin teaching our English IV/H English IV class for the remainder of the year. She has been working with all our seniors this year, helping them on the journey of applying for colleges. She has established relationships with these seniors which will make for an easy transition.

Sister Mary Beth Kubera, also a certified English teacher for 30+ years, will begin teaching our Emerging Scholars English I class. Many of these students have worked with Sister in the counseling office or within the St. Anthony's community. She is looking forward to stepping back into the classroom, as well.

Mrs. Jodi Butterworth, currently a substitute at JP II, will begin teaching both sections of PreAP English II and English II. She comes to us as a certified English teacher. Among her other areas of certification include a Master of Divinity. She has been subbing regularly at JP II throughout the course of the year and is familiar with many, if not all, of our students. Her experiences include teaching literature and composition on a variety of levels. We are excited and grateful that she has agreed to come on board as we make this transition.

It is a blessing to have four very qualified educators who have embraced the opportunity to meet our students where they are at this point in the year and push them to finish at their very best. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Heather Rembold. I am sure that you will all hear from your child's new English teacher sometime within the first week or two.

Congratulations Ms. Sapienza

The JP II "Baby Boom" continues as Ms. Bri Sapienza welcomed Maeve Juliet on Tuesday, January 24th. She was 6 lbs. 9 oz and 19 inches long. We will miss Coach Sapienza in our physical education classes as she takes a sabbatical to care for Maeve, but we are delighted for her as she begins this new journey in life! She will return to the softball field when the season begins, and we look forward to visiting with her and meeting Maeve soon! Mr. Edward Kenny will take over Ms. Sapienza's classes for the remainder of this school year.

Europe '23 Trip Virtual Meeting February 1

There will be a virtual meeting via Google Meet for those enrolled in the Europe '23 trip on 2/1 at 7:00pm. This meeting is required for all currently enrolled travelers, as we'll be going over time sensitive information. You will receive the Google Meet joining information via email, using the email address used to log in to your Explorica account. For any JP II high school students not yet enrolled but interested in getting more information, visit the link below or email Mrs. Woodham kefrin.woodham@johnpaul2school.org. There are still a few spaces available, although the price increases on 2/15. The trip visits London, Paris, Florence and Rome, traveling on from June 5-14, 2023. <http://www.explorica.com/Woodham-4082>

From Student Activities

Next Week is Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week

**Catholic Schools
Week 2023
Jan 29 - Feb 3**



Catholic Schools
Faith. Excellence. Service.

Sunday, January 29
Open House, 2-4pm

Monday, January 30
Dress - PJs (no slippers)
10 snacks to donate to an after-school program

Tuesday, January 31
Dress - 10 years older (grades 6-8)
10 years younger (grades 9-12)
School-wide FCA Huddle

Wednesday, February 1
Dress - \$10 Million
All-school Mass
Bring in 10 Dimes for March of Dimes

Thursday, February 2
Dress - Billboard Top 10
favorite music artist/group/genre

Friday, February 3
JPII 10th Anniversary Celebration
Dress - Blue and Gold
Pep Rally
Bring in 10 school supplies for an area school in need

Coming Attractions

January:

28: IQ Robotics Tournament in the Commons and Academic World Quest

29: Open House 2:00 to 4:00pm and Start of Catholic Schools Week

30-Feb 3: Catholic Schools Week

30: Blood Drive sponsored by Lisieux House

February

6: Prospective Student Visit Day from 9:00-11:00am

7: Dr. Chen's Lunar New Year Student Presentations at 2:15pm

9: 9th Grade Retreat

10: Prospective Student Visit Day from 9:00-11:00am

6-10: Student Leadership Rose Sale

20: President's Day-**No School**

21: Black History Month Presentation @11am (Tentative)

22: Ash Wednesday

23: Junior Career Day

24-26: DECA State Competition

27-1: Kairos Retreat

Juniors Important Dates

February 23: Junior Career Day (All Juniors are off campus)

February 27-March 1: Kairos (All Juniors and select Seniors off campus)

March 22: SAT Testing (Juniors opting in will miss morning classes, will return at noon)

April 4: ACT Testing (All Juniors will miss morning classes, will return at noon)

April 28: Junior/Senior Prom (Juniors and Seniors attending prom will be dismissed at noon)

TBD: ASVAB Testing

10th Anniversary Gala Tickets on Sale Now!

The JP II social event of the decade is coming March 18 and we are providing our parents the first opportunity to purchase tickets. This event is sure to be a sellout so buy you tickets now before invitations are sent to our entire community. Click on the link or the QR code below.

<https://johnpaul2school.hometownticketing.com/embed/event/250>



You are invited to celebrate with us
AT OUR
10th Anniversary Gala

T H E M E
Denim and Diamonds | The Number "10"

E V E N T D A T E
March 18 at 6:00pm

L O C A T I O N
Athletic Center at John Paul II Catholic School

A C T I V I T I E S
Dinner, Dancing and Donating to the Capital Campaign (no auction)

C O S T
\$110 per person / \$1,110 for a reserved table of 8 plus sponsorship (15)

S P O N S O R S H I P
Event (1) - \$10,000 | Entertainment (1) - \$5,000
Alumni Table (1) - \$1,010 (Invite a teacher or two to your table)

T I C K E T S
Scan QR code for link
to purchase tickets



Welcome by President John McCarthy followed by a cocktail hour and seated dinner. After dinner, we will have an introduction of the Where Faith and Innovation Meet capital campaign that will include brief testimonials from alumni, a video, and a campaign pledge request. Dancing to follow.

JPII Choir to Appear with the Notre Dame Glee Club

On March 15, at St. Gregory the Great Church, the JPII Choir under the direction of Mrs. Leslie Gereghy will open for the University of Notre Dame Glee Club. The Notre Dame Glee Club is an all-male choral ensemble. Founded in 1915 in the tradition of English and American glee clubs, it is the oldest Glee Club at a Catholic University in the United States. Sponsored by the Notre Dame Club, all proceeds from this event will go towards supporting the JPII music program. Tickets for this event may be purchased using the link below. We hope to see you there!

<https://johnpaul2school.hometownticketing.com/embed/event/251>



From the Sports Desk

Girls Varsity Basketball: We picked up another good win against Hilton Head Prep. 45-31. Gracie Henderson played excellent defense in the win. Brady Mahoney did her thing with 16 points, 14 rebounds, and 3 assists. Emily O'Sullivan added 11 points and 6 rebounds. Camryn Michael had 9 points and 6 rebounds. Our record is now 14-2 overall and 1-0 in region play.

Fatigue reared its ugly head against Thomas Heyward as the game got a little sloppy at times. The girls fought through it and cleaning it up in the 2nd half for the 44-14 victory. Brady Mahoney had 12 points, 10 rebounds, 5 steals, and 2 blocks. Gracie Henderson had 8 points and 3 steals. Camryn Michael had 7 points and 4 rebounds. Emily O'Sullivan had 4 points, 9 rebounds, 3 assists, and 2 blocks.

The girls showed great resiliency in their 45-27 win against Patrick Henry. Brady Mahoney led the team in points and rebounds again with 17 and 14, respectively. Lauren Majorkiewicz was our defensive MVP tonight. She was given the hardest assignment and was very effective on the defensive end. Savannah Trott added 7 points and 8 rebounds and did an excellent job of distributing the ball.

Girls JV Basketball: The JV Girls' basketball team defeated Cross School Monday night 35-22. The girls once again played fabulous team defense. JPll was led in scoring by the Melnick sisters, Hollis and Evelyn, each scoring 13 points. Madison Burke had 4 points and Trice McClure had 3. Great job Warriors!!!

Girls Middle School Basketball: Poor shooting and lax defense led to a 21-8 halftime deficit for the middle school Lady Warriors, but an inspired second-half rally with lock-down defense and improved shooting resulted in a furious rally that fell just short, losing 27-23 to Hilton Head Prep. Offensively, six different girls scored for the Warriors, led by Ellie Heathcott's 12 points, which included a 3-pointer. Alivia Ogden added 4 points, with Gabby Heathcott also nailing a 3-pointer for her 3 points. Sofie Hannigan added 2 points, while Emma Karrh and Calleigh Geregthy each scored 1 point. Next up is HHCA Friday at home. Game time is 4:00pm.

The middle school girls' basketball team survived the meat-grinder at Thomas Heyward, winning 29-10 to earn their seventh victory of the season. The Lady Warriors built on a 14-5 halftime lead by turning up the heat on its half-court trapping defense, forcing turnovers that led to transition baskets and a 15-5 advantage in the second half. The play was rough, but our girls hung tough and did not let the wild play of the Lady Rebels rattle them. Ellie Heathcott led the Warriors and all scorers with 11 points. Gabby Heathcott and Alivia Ogden each scored 6, while Emma Karrh chipped in with 4 points and Kiera Doran added 2.

Boys Varsity Basketball: The Boys Varsity lost an overtime thriller to Thomas Heyward, 64-63. The Golden Warriors jumped out to an early double-digit first quarter lead, but THA chipped away and claimed a five-point lead with two minutes to play. The home team fought back and in the closing second Finn Mahoney hit a 70-foot two-handed heave that swished through the basket and sent the crowd into a frenzy. The teams then exchanged baskets in overtime with the game-winner scored by THA in the final second of overtime. The Warriors were paced by 29 points from Christian Tilton.

Boys JV Basketball: The Warriors were playing their fourth game in five days, but that didn't slow them down. They jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. The Warriors dominated on the defensive end led by Merrick Baroni and Sean Phalen patrolling the paint. Garrett Heathcott led the team with 14 points and Stewart Misko chipped in with nine points. The Warriors lockdown defense and unselfish offense was key in the 47-7 victory over Thomas Heyward. The JV Boys Basketball team has now won six games in a row.

Boys Middle School Basketball: The team had a tough loss at Hilton Head Prep 47-36. We were led by Leiland Fripp's 9 points and Alan Wolf with 8 points. We are at home Friday vs. HHCA.

The team finished last week with another win. Final score over Cross was 48-32. Leading scorers were Deuce Kerschbaum with 13 pts and Ricardo Angulo with 8 points. Moving us to 13-1 on the season. We are on the road Monday against Thomas Heyward.

Wrestling: The Golden Warriors fell on the road last night to Bishop England 48-30; victorious for JP2 were: Jude Witkowski, Brandyn Horton, Jack Brock, Gavin Byrne, Kohl Woodham, and Jacob Vortisch. The wrestling team will be back in action for our final home match this Saturday beginning at 11:00am. Be sure to come out and support your wrestlers!

Employment Opportunities

- CDL Bus Driver – Part-Time, \$25 per hour.
- Custodian/Maintenance – Part-time evenings \$17 per hour

Come join the BEST school in the Lowcountry!

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Thank you to the JP2 PTO for providing our faculty and staff with a delicious soup lunch. All were incredible, yes I tried all six. The only thing better than the soup was how wonderfully supportive our PTO members are. Any parent is welcome to join the PTO. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm. The PTO at JP2 is not a fundraising organization...it is a support organization. The next meeting is February 8 where we will be planning for the Gala.



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