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Gala Location has Changed

We have changed the location of *The Diamonds and Denim Gala* to celebrate the 10th anniversary of John Paul II Catholic School. As of Wednesday, ticket sales had not exceeded the capacity of our preferred location. Therefore, the gala will now be held at **Hewitt Oaks**, the event space of Southern Graces, 205 Stillwell Drive, Bluffton. Many of you have attended past events we have held at this location. Not only will we have a beautiful space to celebrate our ten years, but it will save us the time and expense of setting up and breaking down the athletic center. Because of the venue change, only a very limited number of tickets remain. Please click on the link below before it's fully sold out. See you next Saturday.

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

We are in the Homestretch for Admissions

JPII has already achieved a new record enrollment for the 2023-24 school year and capacity is being approached in some grades, particularly 7th. If you were accepted into 7th grade, and have not yet enrolled, you need to do so before it's too late. If you know someone thinking of JPII, who would be a great fit for our school, please encourage them to contact Anne McClure for a tour and interview. With our reputation continuing to grow and the excitement of the new building on the horizon, we anticipate space will be at a premium. While four new modular classrooms are on the way, we will be losing the original two-classroom building to make way for a new road. Therefore, we do have limits on the number of students who can attend per grade.

The second round of placement tests will be held on **Saturday, April 1**. All students entering grades 6 – 9 must take a placement test before selecting their classes. Some incoming 9th graders already took their test as part of the scholarship competition. Students currently enrolled at JPII do not need to take the test. Those currently enrolled at one of our feeder schools, St. Peters, St. Gregory, or St. Francis, will take the test at their school.

On the **evening of April 1**, we will hold our middle school dance for all students enrolled in grades 6 – 9 next year. This will provide new students the opportunity to have an evening of fun with our current middle schoolers and become better acquainted with JPII. The dance will take

place in the athletic center from 7:30-9:00pm. While the middle schoolers are dancing, their parents are invited to a social at **Southern Barrel, 375 Buckwalter Place in Bluffton**. All new parents as well as current parents who have children attending the dance are invited. Come and meet your new school community.

Upcoming Admissions Events

March 25 – Beaufort Twilight Run at Habersham from 2:00-6:00pm

March 28 – Prospective Student Tour Day @ 9:00am

April 2 – Rose Hill Charity Polo Classic

Congratulations Scholarship Winners

For the first time ever, JP II is awarding four merit-based scholarships to rising 9th grade students. To be eligible, students were required to take the HSPT (High School Placement Test), write an essay, and sit for an interview. Both current 8th graders as well as newly enrolled rising 9th grade students were eligible. We are pleased to announce that the winner of the inaugural Monsignor Cellini Scholarship, a recurring 4-year \$5,000 award, is Marie Sophie Alvarez. Three other students will receive a one-time \$2,500 scholarship for grade 9. Those students are Aubrey Porada, Jackson Reilley, and Zachariah Reardon. Congratulations to all four of these outstanding young men and women. Interesting that all four currently attend JP II. Next fall we will have another round of 9th grade merit-based scholarship applications.

Also, congratulations to senior Samantha Reilly who was awarded a four-year scholarship by the Heritage Classic Foundation Scholarship Committee on Friday. Samantha is only the second JP II student to earn this prestigious recognition. She will be attending Auburn University in the fall where she will major in aeronautical engineering.

JP II Choir to Appear with the Notre Dame Glee Club

On March 15, at St. Gregory the Great Church, the JP II Choir under the direction of Mrs. Leslie Gereghty 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 JP II 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>

Do You Know Someone Interested in Working at JP II?

Due to our unprecedented growth, JP II seeks high quality teachers to fill several anticipated openings. If you know someone who is experienced in working with middle and high school age students, has an authentic joy for teaching, and is committed to working in a faith-based environment, then please encourage them to apply. We are interviewing throughout the months of March and April with the goal of being fully staffed for next year by May. See below for specific openings or visit our website at www.johnpaul2school.org.



JP II EMPLOYMENT

John Paul II Catholic School, educating grades 6-12, is one of the fastest growing private schools in South Carolina and one of the fastest growing Catholic schools in the United States. As a result, we seek passionate, faith-filled educators and support staff to join our growing family. If you enjoy working in a rigorous academic environment, building authentic relationships with students inside and outside of the classroom while preparing graduates to be scholars with a soul, then consider employment at the school recently voted **BEST MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, and PRIVATE SCHOOL** in the Lowcountry. Anticipated openings for the 2023-2024 school year are:



INSTRUCTION

- Art Teacher
- English Teachers
- Math Teacher
- Performing Arts Teacher
(vocal, music, & theater)
- Physical Education Teacher
- Science and Technology Teacher
- Spanish Language Teacher
- Special Education Teachers
- Social Studies Teacher
- Theology Teacher

SUPPORT STAFF

- Technology and Information
Systems Specialist
- Grounds Maintenance Supervisor
- Custodian *(part-time evenings)*
- Campus Security *(part-time)*
- Bus Drivers

COACHING

- Head Varsity Football

EDUCATING *Scholars* WITH A *Soul*
[Learn, Lead and Serve]

If interested in any of the above positions, please email a letter of interest and current resume to: **John McCarthy, President** at john.mccarthy@johnpaul2school.org. *Positions are open until filled.*

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From Student Activities

Coming Attractions

March

- 14: St. Patrick's Dress Down Day \$5 donation for Prom (Wear Green)
- 16: Junior Career Day (Juniors off Campus)
- 17: Grade Check
- 18: *Denim and Diamonds Gala*
- 20-24: Tech Week for Fiddler on the Roof
- 22: SAT Testing (Juniors Only) and No mass
- 23: Feeder school performance of Fiddler on the Roof @10am (Cast/Crew Out of classes)
- 24: Fiddler on the Roof performance @7pm (Cast/Crew Out of classes)
- 25: Fiddler on the Roof @1pm and 7pm
- 28: Prospective Student Tours
- 27-29: IQ Vex Robotics National Competition in Iowa
- 29-31: Model UN

April:

- 1: Placement Testing for New 6th – 9th graders
- 1: Middle School Dance 7:30-9:00pm and New Parent Mixer
- 3: Mass Schedule for Stations of the Cross
- 4: ACT Testing
- 5: 10th Grade Retreat
- 6-14: Easter Break – No School
- 17-21: Senior and AP Research Presentations
- 18: ASVAB Testing
- 24: Blood Drive
- 28: No House-Amended Schedule and Prom 7:00-11:00pm

Juniors Important Dates:

- March 16: Junior Career Day (All Juniors are 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 18: ASVAB Testing
- April 28: Junior/Senior Prom (Juniors and Seniors attending prom will be dismissed at noon)



JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL
THEATRE PRESENTS

Fiddler on the Roof

MARCH 24, 7PM
MARCH 25, 1PM AND 7PM

JP II ATHLETIC CENTER
4211 N. OKATIE HWY
RIDGELAND

SCAN CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR VISIT
WWW.JOHNPAUL2SCHOOL.ORG



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Celebrating our Alumni

We recently received this from Lisa Mazzeo, mother of Thomas Mazzeo ('22)

I just wanted to say THANK YOU to all the fabulous teachers at JP2 who made sure Thomas was prepared for the academic rigors of Tufts. He made the Dean's list as a varsity athlete on the Tufts Sailing Team <https://gotuftsjumbos.com/sports/sailing/roster> John Paul II has the best staff around! We appreciate everything you did to make sure Thomas received the academic, emotional and spiritual preparation to succeed in college. Kind regards, Lisa Mazzeo

From the Sports Desk

Girls Varsity Soccer: The girls defeated Whale Branch High School 10-0. Just 38 seconds into the game Hollis Melnick scored one of her two goals. Paige Weniger, Evelyn Melnick, and Savannah Trott each had two goals apiece. Brady Mahoney and Ayla Reynolds each had one goal. Hollis had 3 assists, Brady, and Ayla each had 1 assist. Trinity Grace Maxwell had 4 saves in goal. The next game will be on Monday at home.

Girls Middle School Soccer: The Warrior MSG Soccer team played really well in their game against Cross. Although we tied 3-3, we were up 3-1 until they got a little unlucky at the end. I have no doubt the girls will have a better result when they play them again March 30. The game against Hilton Head we did much better with a decisive victory. The girls are improving on a game to game basis. Really proud of them. Go Warriors

Boys Varsity Soccer: The Golden Warriors battled a strong Bluffton side for 80 minutes on Tuesday night, but came up a goal short. Brennan McDermott put JP2 up early with a composed finish in the box. Bluffton answered before the half. Anthony Hill placed a shot in the back of the net to give the Warriors a 2-1 lead. Bluffton later capitalized on a pair of handballs, one resulting in a finish from the penalty spot and the other on a direct kick. As a coach, I cannot explain how proud I am of this effort. The boys gave a strong program everything that it could handle and then some. Austin O'Quinn earned a lot of respect in the net this evening as he made several key saves to keep JP2 in the game.

JV Softball: The JV girls' softball team opened its 2023 spring season with a resounding 17-2 victory against Riverview. Ellie Heathcott was the winning pitcher for the Warriors, striking out four and giving up no hits and no runs in two innings of work. Saida Willis came on in relief and pitched one inning while striking out one. Leading the Warriors' offense were Alivia Ogden, Gabby Heathcott and Anya Patel with base hits, including a double by Gabby Heathcott that scored two runs. Alivia Ogden also drove in two runs with a single. The Lady Warriors travel to Hilton Head next Monday for a 5 p.m. game.

Varsity Baseball: The Golden Warriors grabbed an early lead on its way to an 11-2 victory over Memorial Day. The Warriors tallied five runs in the sixth inning. Logan Cotter, Hamrick Hurst, Brandyn Horton, and Garrett Heathcott each had RBIs in the frame. Hurst lasted three and a

third innings, allowing two hits and one run while striking out six. Snyder led the Warriors with two hits in four at bats, both being triples. Stewart Misko led the team with 2 stolen bases.

Track and Field: Our track team attended a practice meet at Hilton Head High School. It was a chilly night, but the Warriors showed promise. Sebastian Frickel and Blake Hubik both hit qualifying standards for the 1600 (5:01 and 5:16) and everyone started the season with solid times and marks. Our varsity will be traveling to May River on Saturday for the Shark Invitational.

Boys Tennis: The JP II Boys Tennis team won their inaugural match at Oldfield against Beaufort Academy. Winning for the Warriors at singles were Bodie Daniels (6-2 and 6-0), Angelo Iskandar (6-4 and 6-3), and Leo Iskandar (6-1 and 6-0). JP II swept the doubles for the win; Landon Low and Leo Iskandar (6-0, 6-0) Jonathan "Bodie" Daniel and Angelo Iskandar won (6-7, 6-3, and 10-3 tiebreak.), and then capped off by Sullivan Homer and Nathan Lyle (6-1, 6-3).

Golf: JP II finished in the middle of an 8-school match with a total score of 167. Leading the way for JP II was George Ryan with a score of 38 followed by Dylan Folscroft with a 39 and finishing the four counting scores were Adrian Simmons and Will Debrovner with 45"s. The next match for JP II is next Wednesday the 15th at Palmetto Dunes.

Have a great weekend. See you at the Gala!



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