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The Gala is Sold Out – Thank You!

The Diamonds and Denim Gala to celebrate the 10th anniversary of John Paul II Catholic School is now officially sold out. Thank you to all those who purchased tickets to be part of this special night for our school. **Please note that the location has changed to Hewitt Oaks in Bluffton.**

Broadway Comes to JP II Next Weekend

Well, almost. The JP II Theater Department will perform *Fiddler on the Roof* next Friday, March 24 at 7:00pm and again on Saturday, March 25 with two shows at 1:00 and 7:00pm. Please come out and support our fabulous cast and crew who have been working so hard to put on a memorable show.

The JP II Theater Department has come so far in such a short period of time. Last year's production of *Beauty and the Beast* was one of the best high school musicals I've ever seen, and after having worked in high schools for over 30 years, that's a lot of plays. They do this all in a gym without the benefit of a theater or stage which makes the accomplishment even more special. No promises, but I've been told this production is as good, and perhaps even better, than last year's performance. So please go to our website www.johnpaul2school.org today and purchase your tickets. Seating is limited due to the large stage and is likely to sell out. See you at the show.

JP II Choir Appears 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 Gereghy, opened for the University of Notre Dame Glee Club. This was the first time our choir had a public performance outside of their school. It was only a few short years ago that the choir had basically only three student performers. To see the growth of the choir over the past two plus years has been nothing short of miraculous. Despite missing a few members due to sport commitments, the choir delivered with a performance that brought tears to the eyes. Bravo!

Course Selection Process Begins

The course registration process for the 2023-24 school year will begin next week. We will meet with students by grades to review the process. Only students currently enrolled for next year are eligible to select courses. This is for current JPII students only. New students will select courses at a later date.

The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, G block—RISING 12th grade (c/o 2024) @ 1:15
- Tuesday, G block--RISING 11th grade (c/o 2025) @ 2:00
- Wednesday, D block--RISING 10th grade (c/o 2026) @ 1:30
- Wednesday, D block (8th period!)--RISING 9th grade (c/o 2027) 2:00
- Thursday, G block (7th period)--RISING 8th grade (c/o 2028) @ 1:15
- Thursday, G block (8th period)--RISING 7th grade (c/o 2029) @ 2:00

From Student Activities

Coming Attractions

March

- 17: Grade Check
- 18: Gala @Hewitt Oaks
- 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* @10:00am (Cast/Crew Out of classes)
- 24: *Fiddler on the Roof* performance @7pm (Cast/Crew Out of classes) NO HOUSE
- 25: *Fiddler on the Roof* @1:00pm and 7:00pm
- 28: Prospective Student Tours
- 27-29: IQ Vex Robotics National Competition in Iowa
- 29: Student Activities Group Photos after Mass
- 29-31: Model UN

April

- 1: Middle School Dance 7:30-9:00 and Parent Mixer at Southern Barrel, Bluffton
- 3: Modified Schedule for Stations of the Cross
- 4: ACT Testing
- 5: 10th Grade Retreat
- 6-14: Easter Break
- 17-21: Senior and AP Research Presentations
- 18: ASVAB Testing

24: Blood Drive

28: No House-Amended Schedule and Prom 7:00-11:00pm

Important Dates for Juniors

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 after second block)

Spring Fling Middle School Dance is April 1



*Tickets must be purchased online.

From the Sports Desk

Girls Varsity Soccer: A great team effort from start to finish from the girls in defeating Beaufort Academy 2-1. Trinity Grace Maxwell had a standout game in goal collecting 15 saves. Mila Baroni scored the winning goal and had an assist. Paige Weniger scored one goal and Lauren Weniger collected an assist. Once again, our defense was led by Lauren, Arden Lister, Brady Mahoney, and Jayden Sylvester. Our next game is Friday at HHCA.

The girls faced a tough Coastal Hurricanes team on Monday and closed a 2-goal deficit to finish the game tied at 2-2. Hollis Melnick scored both goals assisted by Brady Mahoney and Abby Brock. Once again, our whole defensive line was solid lead by Lauren Weniger and Julia Delgado with Trinity Grace Maxwell collecting 8 saves in goal.

Girls Middle School Soccer: The Warrior MSG Soccer team played really well in their game against St. Francis. Another win for the girls who are currently undefeated. We had to utilize our back-up goalie Lauren Urquizu who did a great job. The back line which includes Ava Stabak, Bryden Rickenback, Gelena Mejia, Sammy Cordero, Sydney Renner, Calleigh Geregthy, and Eileen O' Sullivan did a great job of only allowing one goal against a good St. Francis team.

Boys Middle School Soccer: The JP II MS Boys started on the right foot with Alan Wolf scoring the first goal within the first 10 minutes. The next goal came in the second half when Tommy Rembold crossed in the ball and Sean Phalen tapped it in. St Francis kept pushing and finally had a breakthrough by scoring their first goal in the 40th minute. Then with only 2 minutes left to go, and with JP II not maintaining a tight defensive shape, St Francis tied the game. JP II final push resulted in St Francis goalie making a last minute save. Final Score...JP II 2 and St. Francis 2.

Varsity Softball: On Wednesday the varsity softball team had another late night as they travelled to Edisto High School. The Warriors won 15-5, with many great plays and hits. Lauren Majorkiewicz hit an inside-the-park home run. Rachael Breneman and Shelby Pinski each hit a double. Cayce Graves, Alexa Eaddy, and Lauren Majorkiewicz all had triples. Again, aggressive baserunning all around helped score some runs. The Warriors travel to Orangeburg Prep this Friday at 6:00pm.

Monday was a big night for the varsity softball team as they defeated Hilton Head Island High School 12-4. The Warriors took an early lead scoring three runs in the first inning and continued to score in all but two of the seven innings. Aggressive baserunning by Shelby Pinski, Cayce Graves, Tevi Mullen, Samantha Reilly, Caylin Gecy, and Lauren Majorkiewicz all helped lengthen the lead with 11 stolen bases. Shortstop Cayce Graves had a double. Tevi Mullen pitched the entire game with 5 strikeouts and 0 walks.

JV Softball: The JV softball team blew open a 3-2 game after two innings to beat Thomas Heyward, 17-2. Alivia Ogden and Megan Fox each had two hits for the Warriors to lead the offensive attack. Ogden had three RBI and Fox two while scoring four times. On the mound,

Ellie Heathcott dominated in three innings of work, allowing no hits while striking out five. The Lady Warriors improved to 3-0 and will travel Friday to play Orangeburg Prep.

The JV softball team started fast on Monday and kept its early momentum going in route to a 14-6 win against Hilton Head High. Megan Fox and Alivia Ogden each had a hit and three RBI for the Lady Warriors. Saida Willis and Gabby Heathcott also had hits for the Warriors. Gabby Heathcott, Megan Fox and Kendall Roppelt each scored three runs. On the mound, Saida Willis and Ellie Heathcott each pitched an inning for the Warriors, with Heathcott striking out three.

Varsity Baseball: Hilton Head Prep defeated JPll for the second time by the score of 7 – 0. Garrett Heathcott was on the hill for the Warriors. The righty surrendered five runs on five hits over four innings, striking out four. Logan Cotter and Casey Rizzo entered the game from the bullpen, throwing one and two-thirds innings and one-third of an inning respectively. Brandyn Horton, Archer Dewig, Ayden Kollstedt, and Stewart Misko each collected one hit to lead the Warriors. Next up we will be home on 3/20 against Patrick Henry.

The Warriors lost a very tough battle to HHP 11-2 in a complete game. A few timely hits by HHP helped them seal the game despite a 3-2 game in the fifth inning. Jason Putnam led things off on the mound, going five innings while allowing three runs on four hits and striking out four. Archer Dewig threw two innings out of the bullpen. Caleb Snyder led the offense going 3 for 4 increasing his season batting average and RBIs.

Track and Field: Our Warriors were at May River on Saturday competing against top notch local public schools. There were some stunning performances by our team. The standout moment the coaches enjoyed was the immense support our 4x4 crews displayed towards our 3200 runners. This reminds us of the amazing sportsmanship JPll athletes have and their commitment to their team and school. Some highlights: Rose Witkowski was 9th in the 1600 with a 7:01; The girls 4x4 A and B teams battled out to place 1st and 2nd in their heat; Blake Hubik was only 4 seconds off the state standard in the 1600 with a 5:20; Tim McGuire and Alec Yanachik were in the top 10 for the 3200 with times of 12:51 and 13:02; Andrew Boyden and Jonah Mast placed 4th and 5th with best throws of 92'8" and 86'9". Great job Warriors!

Boys Tennis: The JPll boys tennis team hosted Hilton Head Christian Academy at Oldfield on Thursday. HHCA came out on top by a score of 6 – 3. Winning for the Golden Warriors were; Angelo Iskandar (7-6, 6-3), Leo Iskandar (6-4, 6-1) and Landon Low and Leo Iskandar in doubles (8-5). Our next match is Thursday vs. Heritage at Port Royal at 4:00pm.

Golf: John Paul II placed 3rd out of 8 teams in a regional match held at Hilton Head CC and hosted by Heritage Academy. The winning score was 151 posted by Heritage, followed by Hilton Head Prep with a 154, and then JPll with a score of 171. Players and scores for JPll were Dylan Folscroft 41, Ryan George 41, Adrian Simmons 43, Freddie Weniger 46, and Michael Fitzgibbons with a score of 52. The next match for John Paul will be on March 29th at Parris Island.



JPII 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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JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL
THEATRE PRESENTS

Fiddler on the Roof

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

JPII ATHLETIC CENTER
4211 N. OKATIE HWY
RIDGELAND

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Have a great weekend. See you at the Gala!

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