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Tradition Starts Today at JP II

This weekend the JP II Theater Department will perform *Fiddler on the Roof*. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday night at 7:00pm, with a matinee on Saturday at 1:00pm. Come hear memorable songs such as *Tradition, If I Were a Rich Man, Matchmaker Matchmaker, Sunrise Sunset*, and many others. Tickets are selling fast so please reserve yours today before it's too late. This is a show you will not want to miss.

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 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.

Course Selection Process is Underway

The course registration process has begun for the 2023-24 school year. Students should consult with their teachers, counselors and parents before selecting courses. We expect to wrap this up for currently enrolled students by Easter Break, while students new to JP II will start selecting courses afterwards. Placement tests are being administered at JP II on Saturday, April 1 as well as at St. Peter's and St. Gregory's for rising 6th and 7th graders from those schools. All students entering JP II in grades 6, 7, 8, and 9 must take a placement test to ensure they select classes that have an appropriate level of academic rigor. For students entering grades 10, 11 and 12, we will rely on transcripts and standardized test scores to place them. While parents always have the ability to override a recommendation, we strongly urge against this. We have experienced teachers, counselors and administrators who always have your child's best interest at heart. Remember, it's not how you start but where you finish that matters.

From Student Activities

March

- 24: *Fiddler on the Roof* @7pm
- 25: *Fiddler on the Roof* @1:00pm and 7:00pm
- 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



From the Sports Desk

Girls Varsity Soccer: The girls defeated the homeschooled Coastal Hurricanes 5-2 after previously tying them 2-2 earlier this season. Hollis Melnick scored the team's first hat trick of the season. Brady Mahoney and Ayla Reynolds each collected a goal. Evelyn Melnick had two assists and Abby Brock and Ayla each had one. Our defense was led once again by Lauren Weniger, Arden Lister, and Trinity Grace Maxwell collected 10 saves in goal.

The girls got their first region win of the season against Palmetto Christian 5-2. Hollis Melnick had 2 goals. Ayla Reynolds had a goal and 2 assists. Paige Weniger and Brady Mahoney each had a goal. Our defense was led by Lauren Weniger and Arden Lister. Trinity Grace Maxwell collected 7 saves in goal.

Boys Varsity Soccer: The Golden Warriors continued their streak of strong play on Thursday night, beating the Coastal Hurricanes in a convincing 8-2 victory. Anthony Hill scored 4 first half goals and Brenden McDermott, Jackson Sanders, Sebastian Slusne and Larry Racey-Rubalcado rounded out the scoring. Hill, and newly minted captain Austin Floyd, proved to be too much for the Hurricanes to handle, early and often. This moves the Warriors to 6-1 on the season. They travel to St. Andrews today.

The Golden Warriors finally got the chance to finish what they started against Northwood Academy two years ago when they were sent home from the playoffs on a lightning strike. The JPII boys played inspired soccer on their way to an 8-2 victory at home on Tuesday. Jose Rayo lead the scoring with 4 goals on limited minutes, Jackson Sanders scored 2, and Anthony Hill and Austin Floyd each added a goal. Hill and Kelon Reynolds also added assists on the evening. Rayo, Reynolds, and Sebastian Slusne contributed strong minutes in the midfield. This win pushed the Warriors to 5-1 on the season and they remain at 1-0 in region play.

Boys Middle School Soccer: The Middle School boys soccer team traveled to Hilton Head Christian Academy to face off with the Eagles for their 2nd meeting this season. The Eagles played a predominately defensive game to hold the Warriors from scoring. With just under a minute to go, Eddie Merrick played a long ball and Liam Gilroy hit a volley which went off a HHCA defender and into the goal for a dramatic 1-0 for the Warriors.

The Middle School Boys Soccer team hosted Riverview last night for their first meeting of the season. With the score tied at halftime the Stingrays came out and scored early in the 2nd half and then tallied another. With the Warriors down 0-2 the boys rallied tying the game 2-2 with an own goal scored off a cross from Luca Madhere and another goal scored by Sean Phalen. The Boys travel to face Cross School on Thursday.

Varsity Softball: The varsity softball team defeated SCISA 4A Cardinal Newman in their home opener Thursday, 13-1. The Warriors had 13 hits in the 4 inning game. Cayce Graves added another home run to her record book. Caylin Gecy and Lauren Majorkiewicz both had a triple, and Samantha Reilly and Tevi Mullen hit doubles. Tevi recorded 9 strikeouts and no walks. The Warriors travel to Columbia to play CNHS again on Monday, 3/27.

The varsity softball team defeated Patrick Henry 10-2 led by strong offense. Caylin Gecy hit a triple to deep left field in the first at bat of the game. Cayce Graves hit an out-of-the-park home run to add 2 runs. There was a total of 19 hits for the Warriors. Tevi Mullen threw ten strikeouts on the mound across seven innings while walking zero.

JV Softball: Overcoming an early first-inning deficit, the JV softball team exploded with a 13-run second inning to beat Orangeburg Prep, 16-8. Megan Fox and Ellie Heathcott each had singles with 2 RBI in the Warriors' big second inning. Gabby Heathcott and Alivia Ogden each scored 3 times and had 1 hit apiece. On the mound, Ellie Heathcott went the distance, striking out 5.

Varsity Baseball: The Warriors clung to a 7-6 victory over Battery Creek Thursday night. Garrett Heathcott was the starter on the mound. The righty lasted five and 2/3 innings, striking out 5 and surrendering only 1 earned run. Logan Cotter led the team with 3 RBIs and played a perfect 3rd base. Hamrick Hurst, Ayden Kollstedt, Bryant Jolley, and Stewart Misko each collected one hit. The Warriors are HOME on Monday against their cross-town rival Thomas Heyward at 4pm.

Our team showed how resilient they can be. With a 1-6 record on the season, down 10-0 in the bottom of the fifth after giving up 6 runs, we were 3 outs away from getting 10 run-ruled by Colleton Prep. We survived by scoring 1 run, but that was only the beginning. The next inning the Warriors scored 12 runs to take the lead 13-10. Garrett Heathcott led the Warriors attack going 3-4 with an RBI and scored 3 runs. Brandyn Horton broke open the game with a huge double and led the team with 3 RBIs. Stewart Misko, Archer Dewig, Logan Cotter, and Ayden Kollstedt all contributed with RBIs. Bryant Jolley went 2-2 on the night and scored 2 runs. Ross Putnam started the game on the mound. He struck out 6 in 4 innings, giving up 4 earned runs. Archer Dewig came in relief giving up 0 earned runs with only 1 walk. Final score 13-10.

The Varsity baseball team fell behind early and could not come back, losing 10-1 to Patrick Henry Academy. Bryant Jolley went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead the Warriors in hits. Caleb Snyder, Brandyn Horton, Ayden Kollstedt and Garrett Heathcott all had base hits. Stewart Misko had 1 RBI.

Middle School Baseball: JPII Middle School Baseball lost a heartbreaker to the Battery Creek JV squad 6-5 in the bottom of the final inning. Russ Spencer, Talon Putnam and Jackson Reilley led the team with 2 hits each. Casey Rizzo and Russ Spencer both had excellent pitching

performances. The Golden Warriors record is currently even at 2-2. The boys will look to get back above .500 this Friday as they travel for a game against Hilton Head Middle School.

Track and Field: The Golden Warriors had an amazing meet at Hilton Head High School. We had several PRs from the group, and some truly outstanding performances. The highlights: Sebastian Frickel placed 1st in the 1600, setting a new school record of 4:56. Trice McClure became our first athlete to participate in the 400m hurdles, placing 4th with a time of 1:26. Our 4x400 boys set a new school record with a time of 3:56. The Track and Field team will continue to set records this weekend at Whale Branch for the annual Coaches Classic. This is a large regional meet, where we have been invited to participate with the public schools of the area.

The Track team competed at the Marwin Kline Invitational at Whale Branch. We had several PRs throughout the day. Some highlights: The boys 4x8 team set a new PR for the year. The boys and girls 4x4 teams hit PRs for their races. Blake Hubik was 9th in the 1600m, with a PR of 5:13. Brayden Frickel and Sam Marcinkoski were 6th and 9th in the 3200m, with times of 13:14 and 13:49.

Boys Tennis: The JPII varsity boys tennis team was defeated by a strong Heritage Academy team 8-1. Winning for the Warriors was Nathan Bradford who won over future Warrior Bailey Homer (6-4, 6-0)

Golf: No match this week but looking good.





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

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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

JP II ATHLETIC CENTER
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RIDGELAND

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