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## Construction Project Update

As we continue to work our way through Phase I of the campus expansion plan, I would like to provide our families with an update on what to expect over the coming months.

Irrigation is being installed this week on the new multipurpose field located on the east side of the baseball field. Once installed, the field will be sprigged with seed by Nimmer Turf and should be ready for play by late August. Thanks to a very generous donation from a JP II family to our capital campaign and designated for the soccer field, we will be able to completely fence the field, purchase bleachers, and install a new scoreboard.

The design of the new front entrance, complete with security fencing and a guardhouse, has been completed and bid. Choate Construction has been selected as the general contractor. This will not only create an attractive entrance for John Paul II, but allow us to become one of the safest campuses in the area. The guardhouse will be manned with professional security between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm on days when school is in session. Construction will commence in early June and will likely continue through most of August. Students coming for summer conditioning and programs can expect possible rerouting of traffic during construction. For those wondering about the status of our traffic light, we were turned down by SCDOT, but continue to work through a variety of channels to make our case.

The new parking lot, to be constructed behind the athletic center, has been designed and is awaiting final permitting. We expect this to go out to bid soon with a start date in the late summer/early fall. This parking lot will add 140 new spaces for student and event parking, as well as improve traffic flow through the campus. Expected completion is by January 2024.

We will add another four-classroom modular building this summer to accommodate the continuing enrollment growth. The original two-classroom unit will be removed to make way for a road from the new parking lot. We will have a total of eight modular classrooms creating a pod for high school social studies, theology, English, and world languages. When the innovation center is opened in 2025, these are the subjects that will occupy the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Science, art and

technology will continue to use the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the current building and will then move to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the innovation center. Middle school will occupy the first floor. When the new building opens as the high school, the current building will function exclusively as the middle school and administrative offices.

The innovation center, or Phase 2, is entering into design development. There will be a kickoff meeting in early May for selected faculty members and students. Once the design is completed, final pricing will take place. Choate Construction has been chosen as the general contractor. We have tentatively set a January 2024 groundbreaking, but this will be contingent on the success of fund raising.

The capital campaign is in its fourth month of the leadership phase. This phase targets pledges from \$25,000 into the millions. We already have had several of our families make significant donations to this phase. If interested, please reach out to Brian Quinty or myself to discuss how you might help bring us that much closer to our final destination. We will launch the public phase of the campaign in September.

## **From Student Activities**

### **April**

24-28: AP Seminar and Research Presentations  
24: Blood Drive  
28: No House-Amended Schedule and Prom 7:00-11:00pm

### **May**

1: AP Exams – GOPO and Chemistry  
3: AP Exams – Literature and Composition and Computer Science  
4: AP Exams – Human Geography, Seminar and Statistics  
4: Senior Night  
5: AP Exams – European History, American History and Art History  
8: AP Exams – Calculus and Computer Science Principles  
9: AP Exams – Language and Composition  
10: AP Exams – Biology  
11: PLTW End of Course Exams-GYM CLOSED  
12: House Olympics/Final day for Seniors  
15-19: Senior Mission Trip  
22: Sports Banquet  
25: Baccalaureate Mass  
26: Senior Breakfast/Graduation Practice and Underclassmen Awards  
27: Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony on the Green

29: No School-Memorial Day  
30: Exams/New Family BBQ  
31: Exams

## June

1: Exams/Last day of school

## From the Sports Desk

**Girls Varsity Soccer:** The girls lost the replayed game against Hilton Head Prep 3-1. After Hollis Melnick's lone goal assisted by Abby Brock, fatigue set in, and we could not capitalize on our opportunities. Trinity Grace Maxwell was the MVP in goal collecting 15 saves and kept us in the game. Our defense was once again led by Lauren Weniger, Ayla Reynolds, Julia Delgado, and Brady Mahoney. The girls will have a much needed rest and are back at it again on Monday at home against St. Andrews. The girls are 9-1-2 and 2-1 in region.

The girls dominated for their second region game this week and beat Palmetto Christian 2-0. Abby Brock and Paige Weniger scored one goal each. Hollis Melnick and Ayla Reynolds collected one assist apiece. Once again our defense was led by Lauren Weniger and Julia Delgado and Trinity Grace Maxwell collected 6 saves in goal.

The girls came out strong from the start and never let up beating region opponent, HHCA, 4-1. Hollis Melnick had two goals and Evelyn Melnick and Paige Weniger collected one apiece. Arden Lister, Hollis and Evelyn each collected an assist. A strong defensive effort was led by Lauren Weniger, Julia Delgado, Ayla Reynolds, and Brady Mahoney. Trinity Grace Maxwell collected 9 saves in goal.

**Middle School Boys Soccer:** The Middle School boys' soccer team hosted St. Francis at home yesterday for their 2nd meeting this season. Liam Gilroy tapped in a well-placed corner kick from Luca Madhere to put the Warriors ahead halfway into the first half. The visitors leveled the game with about 5 mins to end the half. The first half ended with the game tied 1-1. The Warriors dominated most of the possession time in the second half until a shot from Tommy Rembold ricocheted off the goal post into the net giving the Warriors the much-needed win. The final score: JP II 2, St Francis 1. The boys will face Hilton Head Prep on Friday 4/21 at 4pm to wrap up the regular season games.

**JV Softball:** The JV softball team rallied from a sluggish start Thursday to roll past Colleton Prep, 12-2. The Warriors won in convincing fashion by scoring 8 of its 12 runs in the final two innings. Saida Willis (2 RBI), Jordan French (1 RBI) and Anya Patel led the Warriors offensive attack with two hits apiece. Alivia Ogden added a double and 3 RBI. Gabby Heathcott and Ellie Heathcott

had one hit apiece and each scored three times. On the mound, Ellie Heathcott pitched four innings to get the win, giving up two hits and one unearned run while striking out five. French pitched the final inning in relief. The Lady Warriors put their 10-0 record on the line Monday against rival cross at home. Game time is 4 p.m.

The JV softball team picked up where it left off before spring break, pounding out 11 hits in a 22-4 road win at Thomas Heyward. Ellie Heathcott and Saida Willis each ripped doubles and Anya Patel added three hits to lead the Warriors. Gabby Heathcott, Megan Fox, Jordan French, Murphy Miller, Kendall Roppelt and Ansley Reilley all added singles. On the mound, Ellie Heathcott got the win, giving up two hits while striking out seven. The Lady Warriors improved to 9-0 on the season.

**Varsity Baseball:** The Warriors couldn't keep up with Hilton Head Prep as they fell 13-1 on Thursday. Archer Dewig led off the bottom of the first with a triple and Garrett Heathcott drove him in to get us on the board. Bryant Jolley, Ayden Kollstedt, and Stewart Misko all had one hit to lead the Warriors. We are back in action Monday against Bridges Prep 5pm at Home.

JPII defeated Memorial Day 16 – 8. Four RBI day for Garrett Heathcott spelled out victory for the Warriors. Heathcott showed timely hitting, driving in 4 runs on 3 hits to lead the Warriors. Other big bats came from Brandyn Horton, who came extremely close to hitting his first home run. Ayden Kollstedt had a base clearing triple to break the game open. Archer Dewig was a Home Run away from hitting the cycle. Bryant Jolley, Stewart Misko, Logan Cotter, Daniel Snyder, and Cooper Montgomery all contributed with hits. Stewart Misko earned the win striking out 4 batters. Archer Dewig threw four innings in relief.

The Warriors built a four-run lead in the first inning and then held off HHCA's charge for a 5-4 victory. Archer Dewig, Garrett Heathcott, Bryant Jolley, Logan Cotter (1 RBI), Stewart Misko (1 RBI), Brandyn Horton (1 RBI), and Ayden Kollstedt all had 1 hit. Jackson Reilley led the team going 2-3 at the plate. The defense backed up great pitching by completing 2 double plays throughout the game. Garrett Heathcott had the start on the mound, pitching 3 hitless innings, 0 earned runs and striking out 3. Ross Putnam came into the game and retired the next 12 batters. Putnam gave up 1 earned run on only 2 hits, striking out 4.

**Middle School Baseball:** JPII Middle School beat Hilton Head Christian Academy on Monday by a score of 9-5. The offense was led by Talon Putnam with 2 hits. Griffin and Russ Spencer each had 2 RBI's to lead the team. Chase Cotter threw 2+ innings of hitless, scoreless relief to hold onto the victory. The Golden Warriors currently have a record of 7-2. They return to action on Wednesday when they take on Riverview. They end their season with 3 consecutive home games.

**Track and Field:** The Track and Field team traveled to Porter-Gaud for a fantastic meet. Our first all private school meet of the season was a great success. The highlights: Zac Henderson placed 4th in the 800, qualifying for States with a time of 2:13.75. Blake Hubik placed 6th in the 1600 with a time of 5:10.26. Sebastian Frickel placed 2nd in the 3200, qualifying for States with a time of 10:46.54. Lily Termini placed 4th in the 400 with a time of 1:09.57. The 4x400 girls team was only 1 second from qualifying, placing 2nd with a time of 4:41.37. The team will have their last regular meet of the season today at Whale Branch.

**Golf:** JP11 hosted a home match at Belfair with 7 visiting schools. JP11 finished 4th out of 8 with a score of 175, leading the way for JP11 was Dylan Folscroft with a score of 40. The low score for the event was posted by Michael Gavin of Heritage Academy with an even par 36. Other scores for JP11 were Ryan George with a 43, Will Debrovner with 44, Freddie Weniger with a 44, Adrian Simmons with a 48, Brayden Freckle with a 51 and 2 55"s posted by Sofie Hannagan and Matt Carbone. The team now heads to the state tournament next Monday and Tuesday in Conway SC at the General Hackler Golf Course.

**Boys Tennis:** The JP11 Boys Tennis team lost 7-2 to Hilton Head Christian Academy. Results: Singles: Line 1: Bodie Daniel lost to Harrison Arnholt 6-2, 1-6, 10-7 in the tie breaker. Line 2: Angelo Iskandar won vs. Elizabeth Drozd; 6-2, 6-2. Line 3: Leo Iskandar lost to Nate Grunkemeyer; 6-3, 6-2. Line 4: Landon Low won vs Chase Johnson; 6-4, 1-6, 10-4 in the tie breaker. Line 5: Sullivan Homer lost to Jack Guarisco; 6-0, 6-3. Line 6: Ryan Jenkins lost to Maddox Norcross; 6-0, 6-1. Doubles: Line 1: Bodie Daniel and Angelo Iskandar lost to Harrison Arnholt and Elizabeth Drozd; 8-4. Line 2: Leo Iskandar and Landon Low lost to Nate Grunkemeyer; 8-2. Line 3: Nathan Bradford and Nathan Lyle lost to Jack Guarisco and Robert Parrish "Ivey" Taylor; 6-8. Highlights: Landon Low had his first singles win! Nate and Nathan had an amazing comeback at line 3 doubles. They were down 7-2 and almost brought their match to a tie break with their fantastic net play! They ended up losing at 8-6. These boys continue to get better each day! I am so proud of their progress!

## Support the Lowcountry Autism Foundation

Sophia Townes, one of our JP11 parents, is the director of services and programming for the Lowcountry Autism Foundation. They are having their only fundraiser for Beaufort County tomorrow, April 22 from 5:00-10:00 at Southern Barrel Brewing Company. See details on the next page.



## 6th Annual Ales for Autism

Join us for an evening of live music and libations!  
Commemorative glass with first pour, Specialty LAF  
beer, 50/50 Door Raffle, and Silent Auction with all  
proceeds benefiting  
the Lowcountry Autism Foundation

Saturday, April 22, 2023  
5-10PM

### Southern Barrel Brewing Co.

375 Buckwalter Pkwy  
Bluffton, SC 29910

For more information see our website:  
[www.lafinc.org/fundraisers](http://www.lafinc.org/fundraisers)

### JPII Golf Classic is Almost Sold Out!

If you are planning to play in the JPII Golf Classic on May 1 at Wexford, sign up this weekend before all the spots are gone...only four remain!

Go to <https://www.johnpaul2school.org/support-jpii/events> to learn more and sign up.

## Employment Opportunities

While we have filled some of our openings, we continue to search far and wide for the very best teachers and support staff we can find. The following positions remain open until filled.

- English Teacher
- Spanish Teacher
- Theology Teacher
- Science and Technology Teacher
- E-Sports Teacher
- Special Education Teacher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Maintenance (part-time)
- CDL Bus Drivers

If you know of someone who will make a great addition to an already exceptional staff, please have them email either me or Mrs. Rembold ASAP. We are looking for teachers who are passionate about their subject matter, love working with teenagers, and are Christian role models for our students. The ability to coach a sport or lead a club is highly desired. Our goal is to complete our hiring before the end of the school year so that we can begin building the master schedule.

Have a great weekend.



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