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JPII Named PLTW School of Distinction

We received word this week that JPII was named a Project Lead the Way school of distinction for STEM curriculum and career readiness. We are one of only 212 middle schools and 262 high schools across the U.S. to receive this honor for providing broad access to transformative learning experiences and our rigorous curriculum in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. Our unique combination of recognition at both the middle and high school puts us in a very elite category of grade 6-12 schools across the country.

The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. To be eligible for the designation, John Paul II Catholic School had to meet the following criteria in the 2021-22 school year:

- Had 25 percent of students or more participate in PLTW courses, or of those who participated in PLTW, at least 33 percent took two or more PLTW courses;
- Offer and had students enrolled in at least three PLTW courses;
- Have strategies in place that support reasonably proportional representation with regard to race, ethnicity, poverty, and/or gender.

"We are proud to recognize John Paul II Catholic School for their commitment to providing students with exceptional educational experiences while ensuring equitable access to PLTW programs," said Dr. David Dimmett, PLTW President and CEO. "We congratulate them on this achievement and celebrate their important work empowering students with the knowledge and skills to succeed, not only in STEM subjects, but also more generally in life and career."

I would like to commend Mrs. Cadra Rooney who has been a strong advocate for PLTW at JPII and has assisted with growing the program. I would also like to commend our science teachers, Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Wood, and Mrs. Shaw who have put the time into professional development to be able to teach these engaging, high level courses. This is just one more way JPII separates itself from the rest of the schools in the Lowcountry.

From Student Activities

May

- 8: AP Calculus and Computer Science Principles Exams
- 9: AP Language and Composition Exam
- 10: AP Biology Exam
- 11: PLTW End of Course Exams
- 12: House Olympics/Final Day for Seniors/**12:30 Dismissal**
- 15-19: Senior Mission Trip
- 22: Sports Banquet
- 25: Baccalaureate Mass
- 26: Senior Breakfast/Graduation Practice and Underclassmen Awards
- 27: Class of 2023 Graduation
- 29: No School-Memorial Day
- 30: Exams/New Family BBQ
- 31: Exams

June

- 1: Exams/Last Day of school

Underclassmen Exam Schedule

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

- 8:25-9:35 Block A and Period 1
- 9:40-10:45 Block B and Period 3
- 10:50-11:55 Block C and Period 5
- 12:00: Dismissal

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

- 8:25-9:35 Block E and Period 2
- 9:40-10:45 Block F and Period 4
- 10:50-11:55 Block G and Period 6
- 12:00 Dismissal

Thursday, June 1, 2023

- 8:25-9:35 Block D and Period 7
- 9:40-10:45 Block H and Period 8
- 10:50 Dismissal

From the Sports Desk

Girls Varsity Soccer: The girls lost a hard-fought battle to region opponent HPP 2-1 in the last two minutes of the game. Mila Baroni had the lone goal assisted by Hollis Melnick. A true team defensive effort was led by Lauren Weniger, Julia Delgado, Abby Brock, and Brady Mahoney. Trinity Grace Maxwell collected 15 saves in goal. The girls finished second in the region and are awaiting playoff seeding for Monday. We want to thank Paige Weniger, Julia Delgado, and Emma Sauls, our three seniors for their contributions to this program for the past 4 years. They will truly be missed by the whole team.

The girls collected their 10th win of the season Monday against Colleton Prep, 9-0. Emma Sauls, Evelyn Melnick, Ayla Reynolds, and Hollis Melnick collected two goals apiece and Savannah Trott scored one goal. Paige Weniger and Arden Lister collect two assists each, and Brady Mahoney, Mila Baroni and Hollis each had one. The defense was led by Lauren Weniger and Julia Delgado and Trinity Grace Maxwell collected 6 saves in goal.

Middle School Boys Soccer: The Middle School boys' soccer team hosted St Francis at home on 4/17, 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.

Varsity Softball: The varsity softball team fell 14-1 against Orangeburg Prep in Tuesday's game. After scoring 10 runs in the first inning, the Warriors were unable to answer the call, but were able to hold them to only 3 more runs across the next 4 innings. Rachael Brenneman had the single hit for the warriors tonight. Our next game is this Friday at 6:00 pm vs. Colleton Prep.

JV Softball: Despite costly baserunning mistakes and untimely fielding errors, the JV softball team scored a run in its final at-bat against Orangeburg Prep to earn a 4-4 tie Tuesday evening. Kendall Roppelt was hit by a pitch, stole second and third base and scored on a wild pitch to tie the game for the Warriors in their last at-bat. Alivia Ogden led the Warriors with two hits and Saida Willis added a key infield hit that scored two runs. Ellie Heathcott was on the mound for the Warriors and gave up just two hits while striking out seven. The Lady Warriors (11-0-2) will finish their season Friday with a home game against Colleton Prep at 3 p.m.

The Varsity Girls and the Varsity Boys Soccer teams will be advancing to the playoffs. The Varsity Boys won their game last night defeating Hilton Head Prep 4-0 sealing the Region Championship for the second year in a row! The Varsity girls will be home for the first round of the playoffs hosting Spartanburg Christian @ 5:30 on Monday 5/8. The boys will be home as well hosting Florence Christian on Tuesday 5/9 – 6:00pm. Tickets are available on our website and must be purchased, as this is a SCISA event/booster passes do not apply for playoff games. We hope you'll join us for our first ever Back/Back Soccer Playoff games!!

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
- Special Education Teacher
- 2nd 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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