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It's Time for Back to School Night

One of the highlights of the start of the school year is our annual **Back to School Night** for parents on **Wednesday, August 23 starting at 5:30pm**. We will convene in the Athletic Center for a brief, but important, introduction from the Administration. Following this, parents will follow their child(ren)'s schedule for both Blue and Gold days, blocks A – H. If you have more than one child we suggest splitting duties between spouses if possible. If only one parent attends, we suggest choosing the courses you deem most important. Student ambassadors will be on hand to assist you with navigating our growing campus. **Please bring your child(ren)'s schedule with you.**

Teachers will present an overview of the school year and their requirements for student success. They will provide parents with ways to support their child's learning and how best to keep the lines of communication open. Each class session will be 8 minutes with 5 minutes allocated for passing time and wayfinding. Eight minutes is not enough time to have individual conversations about your particular child. We view parents as partners in the education of our students and Back-to-School Night is the beginning of forming that partnership.

The Schedule

- 5:30 – Presentation in the Athletic Center
- 6:05 – Block A
- 6:18 – Block B
- 6:31 – Block C
- 6:44 – Block D
- 6:57 – Block E
- 7:10 – Block F
- 7:23 – Block G
- 7:36 – Block H

DOCS will not take place on August 23. Dismissal will be at 2:45 with bus departure at 2:55. Please note that Back to School Night is for parents only. **Students do not attend.**

School Picture Day is Next Thursday

Thursday, August 24 is school picture day for students in grades 6-11. **All students must be in mass uniform for pictures.** Please be aware that pictures will not be taken of any student who is non-compliant with grooming standards. For young men, clean shaven and hair not over the ears, eyes or beyond the top of the collar. Seniors are to be in regular school uniform.

Project Update

You may have noticed a lull in construction this week. There was a slight delay in the cast stone for the front wall and therefore the completion date will now likely be sometime during next week. The construction fence should be down by August 28. Landscaping will be underway any day now. We expect the guardhouse and gates will be fully functional by August 28. Staff, students and parents will be required to have stickers on their vehicles by that date. Stickers for parents will be distributed beginning with Back to School Night on August 23. The front gate will not only create a beautiful entrance to our campus but serve to help create the safest school in the area.

We realize parking on campus is a challenge. We anticipated that would be the case which is why the East lot will be constructed this year. It will add over 140 spaces. The lot has been designed, estimated and a contractor secured. We are waiting for final approvals from the SC Office of Coastal Resources as well as the end of the football practice season before beginning construction. We anticipate a three-month construction period with a target completion date by the end of January. Not only will this project allow for more than enough parking for students by day as well as athletic events afterschool but will create a safer “loop road” for student pickup at the end of the day.

The new soccer field should be ready for play by February. We will be relocating the sand volleyball court slightly to the North to accommodate the new parking lot and loop road. Depending on funds, we would like to add an outdoor basketball court adjacent to the volleyball court. A metal storage building and maintenance shop will complete the parking lot buildout.

The Innovation Center, the cornerstone of our campus expansion, has reached a major design milestone. This summer, LS3P Architects completed the design development phase and the project was estimated. We will be meeting with the Diocese in early October to discuss financing and a construction schedule. Meanwhile, the capital campaign to raise funds required to start construction continues in its leadership phase. The leadership phase represents pledges from \$25,000 into the millions. To date we have reached \$4 million, however it will take at least

three times that to reach our goal. If you would like to join our list of leadership donors please reach out to either me or Brian Quinty, Director of Advancement. We plan to launch the public phase of the *Where Faith and Innovation Meet* campaign the week of November 12. We ask our parents to prayerfully consider joining this very worthwhile campaign. We've had three families already contribute at the \$100,000 pledge level, and several others with substantial leadership pledges of \$25,000 and up. Once our campus is fully built out, there will be no other school that even comes close to the facilities we will have. Please help make it happen!

From the Sports Desk

The Varsity Volleyball team hosted 4A Northwood Academy Thursday night for their first meeting of the season. Both teams came out strong with the Warriors taking the first set 25-23. The Chargers stood tall in the 2nd set defeating the Warriors 25-22. The Warriors would not be denied taking the 3rd set 25-16 and the final set 25-19. It was a strong competitive match on both sides with JPIL's hitters making their mark in the last two sets. Emma McKamey had the hot hand last night contributing 8 of the teams 23 total kills. Camryn Michael and Lily Termini had impressive nights as well. Cayce Graves and JoJo Hill both had strong nights setting, but it was their serving that made the difference. Graves contributed 6 aces and Hill with 4 of the teams total 14 aces on the night. The girls head to Thomas Heyward on Monday and Host Veritas Academy on Tuesday.

The team hosted St. Andrews Wednesday night for their first Home game of the season. The girls dropped the first set in a tight battle 24-26 and then proceeded to sweep the Lions in the next three sets: 25-18, 25-11 & 25-12. Good solid defensive anchored by Lili Lutheran made for a strong night at the net! The Warriors were sharp on attack with 28 kills on the night. Both Lily Termini and Savannah Trott led with 6 kills apiece as well as Camryn Michael and Alaina Hill each putting up 4 kills!

The Varsity girls travelled to Veritas Academy in Charleston on Monday for the opening match of the regular season. Offense was the order of the day with the team tallying 28 Kills on the night led by Lily Termini with 6, and Emma McKamey and Lili Lutheran with 5 apiece. The Warriors took the match defeating the Gryphons 3-1 on the night.

The team hit the courts over the weekend at the 2023 IP Builders Tournament at Colleton Prep. The girls came out victorious winning the tournament, defeating Charleston Collegiate, Jefferson Davis Academy and Cross School in the Championship. A total team effort marked the long day of play with the girls dominating offensively and defensively, dropping only one set the whole tournament. This marks the second year in a row the team has begun the season with a tournament championship!

JV Volleyball defeated St Andrews in 2 sets. 8th grader Blakely Gecy led with 4 kills as well as a stuff block. Freshman Sammy Beadon had 3 service aces.

The team defeated Veritas Monday evening 2-1 in their season opener. Setters Sammy Beadon and Miranda Moulton led the team in serving aces with 4 and strong passing, respectively. Outside Hitter Alex Crocker led the offense with 4 kills.

Varsity Football kicks off its schedule tonight at 7:00pm vs. crosstown rival Thomas Heyward at the Richard Gray Sports Complex, 205 Main St, Hardeeville. Come out and support the beginning of the Coach Milligan era.

Play Like a Champion Today for parents is this **Saturday, August 19, 9:00 – 10:30am**. All parents of students participating in a sport at JP II this year should plan on attending. If you are unable to make it Saturday, a makeup day will be scheduled. However, this Saturday we will have a guest speaker from Notre Dame specifically to kick off the event so this is the one you want to attend if possible. We realize y'all lead busy lives and there will be conflicts. All we ask is that you do your best.

Late Start Fridays

A new schedule for Fridays began today. We will have a delayed start every Friday so that teachers are able to meet for professional development. Today's meeting was a training on the new classroom technology called vivi. To learn more about vivi go to <https://www.vivi.io/>. We are very excited about the possibilities of this transformational classroom technology.

First block for students begins at 9:00am on Friday. They may enter the building beginning at 8:50. Students arriving before 8:50 should report to the modular building closest to the athletic center. Super Sub Mr. Kenny will man the modulars while teachers are in training. Buses will run their normal schedule. There is no DOCS on Friday. Dismissal is at 2:40pm.

Revealing the Warrior Way

Character matters, and character creates culture. That is why we are refocusing our attention this year on school culture and rolling out The Warrior Way. Today, during our weekly "Way-In" time, we gathered our entire school community in the athletic center for an introduction to The Warrior Way, and here it is...

In gratitude for the immeasurable gift God has bestowed on us through our John Paul II Catholic School Community, The Warrior Way is the guiding light that illuminates our vision, directs our mission, and leads us into an encounter with Jesus Christ every day; the Warrior Way is our culture. Using our S.H.I.E.L.D. core values as the foundation, we focus on defining and instilling

these values not only in our students, but our faculty and staff and parents as well. The Warrior Way is about putting our Faith in action today and preparing souls for eternity.

Please join us as we journey together on The Warrior Way.

In His Purpose,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John C. McCarthy". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light beige rectangular background.

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