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Thank You for Coming to Back to School Night

We had a great turnout for our annual Back to School Night. We thank parents for coming out and staying throughout the entire program. I realize many of you had quite the physical workout walking between buildings in 90 degree temperatures. Please keep in mind your children do not do that. They have 4 classes at 80 minutes each day. You had 8 classes at 8 minutes each so it created lots of movement. We trust you and your child(ren)'s teachers began the important process of building a strong school-home relationship. Education works best when we are in all in sync.

Security Gate Update

Good news! The contract has finally been signed between Coastal Security Services and the Diocese of Charleston. Starting Monday, we should have a security guard stationed on campus between 7:00am and 7:00pm. For now, it will not change anything other than placing a guard on campus. As the gate and guardhouse get finished over the next few days you will see the fence come down and the landscaping underway. Starting **Tuesday, September 5**, we expect the gate to be fully functioning. Students, staff and parents will need to display a sticker in the upper left corner of the driver's side windshield to gain access to the campus. Two parent stickers will be mailed starting next week, and students and staff will receive theirs in school. If you need more than two parent stickers please contact Anissa Sauls in the main office.

An Update on Food Service

People are asking if we will have Chick-fil-A this year. The answer is we are trying to work with them to create a cashless payment system, so hopefully yes. JPII has made a concerted effort to move away from cash. We are also continuing to seek pizza delivery for Friday. In the meantime, we are introducing something new to the JPII food service program. Starting **Tuesday, September 5, *The Sippin Cow*** of Bluffton will begin providing hot lunches on Tuesdays

and Thursdays. Orders can be placed online at www.sippincow.com starting next week. Orders must be placed no later than 2:00pm the day before delivery.

Make-a-Wish Foundation



Student Brad Campbell has chosen Make-a-Wish as his senior project and is reaching out to the JP II community for help in spreading the word.

For over 50 years, the Make-a-Wish Foundation has granted wishes for severely ill children. A wish grants an ill child an experience or gift that will replace their fear with confidence, sadness with joy, and anxiety with hope. Research shows children who have wishes granted can build the physical and emotional strength they need to fight a critical illness.

The fight against serious life-threatening illnesses such as cancer is a constant uphill battle that nobody should fight alone, especially children. No matter the circumstances, every child deserves a childhood. Life-changing wishes wouldn't happen without the power of donors like you. Your support gives children much-needed hope for brighter days ahead.

There are currently over 250 children in South Carolina who are waiting for their wishes to be granted, and not a single school in South Carolina has a program that donates to the Make-a-Wish Foundation. In accordance with our S.H.I.E.L.D values, John Paul II is proud to announce our new JP II Wish Program. With the help of our school community, we hope to become the first ever school in South Carolina to help these ill children on their journey to recovery. Hope is essential for children with critical illnesses, and you can unlock its life-changing power today.

Please consider donating today and help make a child's wishes come true.

Thank you for your support!

Donation Link:

https://secure2.wish.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=4723&team_id=39288#.Y8CWi_7MI2w

From the Sports Desk

The Varsity Volleyball team continued their winning ways Tuesday night defeating Veritas Academy 3-0 in their 2nd meeting of the season. Offensively the team came out swinging with 25 kills on the night. Camryn Michael had the hot hand with 9 kills of her own, Lily Termini tallied 5 and Savannah Trott added 4. The defense was led by Lili Lutheran, Sadie Moulton and Caylin Gecy.

The Varsity Volleyball team visited Thomas Heyward Monday night for their first meeting with the Rebels. The team looked strong on offense and defense taking the match 3-0. The girls tallied 17 kills on the night led by Bela Crespo with 6 and Savannah Trott with 4. Defensively it was Lili Lutheran and Caylin Gecy shutting down the Rebels. Cayce Graves led the way from the serving line with 5 of the teams 18 aces on the night.

JV Volleyball The Junior Varsity squad defeated Veritas Academy Tuesday night in two sets. Blakely Gecy led the offense with 3 kills along with setter Miranda Moulton's 5 assists and 3 service aces. Defense was led by Rachael Brenneman with 5 digs

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.

Middle School Volleyball faced the Riverview Stingrays Thursday with a 19-25 and 23-25 loss. The Warriors kept it close with strong serving from Lauren Urquizu and Brayden Rickenbach. The defense was led by Annalise Litchfield, Cia Douglass and Grace Buckland. Alivia Ogden was aggressive at the net with 4 kills. The Warriors played well but came up short. Next week we have a tough rematch against Bridges Academy on Tuesday and Colleton Prep on Thursday.

The team added another win Tuesday against the Veritas Gryphons in three sets. The Warriors overcame a 3 to 11 first set deficit led by strong defense from Lauren Urquizu and 7 aces from Cia Douglass but the Gryphons eked out a 25-23 win. Grace Buckland had 7 aces to help secure a 25-19 win in the second set. Alivia Ogden lead the team with excellent passing and 3 kills. Annalise Litchfield was unstoppable serving 11 points on the way to the 15-6 3rd set victory.

On Monday, Middle School Volleyball had a straight set win against the Thomas Heyward Rebels (27-25, 25-23). Strong serving from Lauren Urquizu and Seanna Hill, each with 5 aces, got the team going. Outstanding defense from Cia Douglass helped the Warriors defeat the Rebels.

Varsity Football kicked off its season with an exciting 28 – 21 victory over crosstown rival Thomas Heyward Academy. It was the Golden Warriors first victory ever over the Rebels. "It was an amazing game for our players, school, community, and myself said Coach Milligan. I was impressed with the school spirit and support from our fans, the atmosphere was electric. Our

players new that it was going to be a tough physical game because of the rivalry between THA and JPII. I was pleased with the effort that our players showed throughout the game. I try to put extra emphasis on the team aspect of everyone doing their job and responsibility. If every player does what the scheme or game plan intends of them and doesn't try to do someone else's job, victory is typically the outcome. Our coaching staff has a focal point of doing the little things correctly. If you focus on fixing one little thing at a time they will add up to big time results that will benefit our program. Offensively, Christian Tilton had a great game running the ball with 240+ yards, 4 touchdowns, and a 2 pt. conversion accounting for 26 points. Lukas Yackley had a great night opening up running lanes on the offensive line for our backfield. Brandyn Horton and Bryant Jolley came up with some big first down runs late in the game that kept the ball in our possession which was huge for us eating up time on the clock. Defensively, Daniel Snyder, younger brother of THA Quarterback, Caleb Snyder; came up with some big-time tackles and was all over the field. Sebastian Slusne had a good night holding the line on our defensive front and made tackles throughout the game and contributed on special teams with his kicking duties. Dante Aiken contributed with 2 interceptions and Jackson Reilley had an interception and forced a fumble for our secondary. It was truly a team effort and I consider myself very lucky to coach this group of guys. We're going to enjoy this win and then get back to work for a tough opponent Friday night at Bethesda Academy of Savannah."

Play Like a Champion Today for parents and coaches took place last Saturday. We had a great turnout and the program was well received. This program is part of larger effort to ensure that the JPII Warrior Way is evident in every aspect of our school, including athletics. I would like to thank all the parents who showed up, as well as our coaches who were trained separately that afternoon, for your commitment to parenting and coaching like a champion. We are stronger together and your commitment to putting the *Play Like a Champion Today* principles into practice will help us achieve our goal. Any parent unable to attend will have the opportunity to be trained on September 16th from 9:00-10:30am.

In His Purpose,



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