



THE WEEKLY

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What is a Virtual School Day?

One of the changes that came out of the COVID era was the ability of schools to pivot to at home learning if necessary. Schools and families became adept at managing an online school schedule. While in person learning is always best, there are times, such as pausing for a hurricane to pass by, where school is physically closed but learning continues. That was the case this past Wednesday and Thursday. Teachers use Google Classroom to deliver their lesson. Sometimes a video will be posted and/or assignments provided. Students are to log in and complete their work for the day. We stay on the same Blue/Gold rotation so that students are not overwhelmed with too much work. Teachers provide virtual "office hours" for students to check in if they need assistance. We thank our parents for monitoring their child(ren)'s work ethic when virtual learning days occur. Hopefully Hurricane Idalia will be our first and last of the season, but with an active tropical season predicted, we must always be prepared.

The Warrior Way

The Warrior Way is our school's effort to rediscover the foundation upon which JP II was built. It is not a new program, but rather the opportunity to bring our **S.H.I.E.L.D.** values front and center. It becomes the guiding light for our school's **MISSION** and **VISION** to come to life in each of our students, faculty and staff, and parents.

The **VALUE** for the month of September is **SERVICE**. We introduced it today to students during the Warrior Way-In at the end of the day.

Service - *We know, love and serve God by loving and serving others.*

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

As the starting point of our Core S.H.I.E.L.D. values, service is at the heart of our mission at John Paul II Catholic School. While students are encouraged to seek opportunities for service, we do not simply ask our students to "check a box" by meeting a minimum requirement; instead, we provide students, faculty, staff, and families with multiple opportunities to serve our school community, local parishes and missions, our greater community, and through our Annual Senior Mission Trip, far beyond. Our hope is that every member of our community discovers

the beautiful and intrinsic desire to live out the Good News in service to others. We emphasize the importance of living our lives centered on caring for our community on the feast day of our patron, Saint John Paul II, through our Annual Day of Service. As we celebrate the life and ministry of Pope John Paul II, we are reminded that there is no better way to become the image of Jesus Christ than through serving others. In an effort to allow students to explore various forms and areas of service, we encourage them to seek service opportunities from multiple sources and not from just one specific type or source of service.

Faculty & Staff:

- Support our commitment to service by exemplifying servant leadership every day in and out of the classroom
- Accompany current and prospective students, alumni, families, greater community members, as well as one another through a variety of extracurricular service opportunities

Students:

- Embrace the Truth that every person is created by God with the same, infinite human dignity; we are called to honor, serve, care for, and Love every person, every day
- Recognize how service and servant leadership take on many forms ALL founded in the commandment, "Love one another as I have Loved you."

Families:

- Model good stewardship and care for our community by offering and sharing their time, talent, and treasure throughout the year
- Exemplify servant leadership every day

"We must reflect the light of Christ through lives of prayer and joyful service to others." (Saint John Paul II). Please accompany us as we journey along the Warrior Way.

New to JP II? Save the Date!

We would like to welcome all parents who have children new to JP II, even if you are not a new family, to a **New Parent Social on Friday, September 15 from 6:00 – 8:00pm** at Southern Barrel in Bluffton. This is our way of building unity in the JP II CommUNITY. Please join us if you can for a night of appetizers and fellowship. This is an adults only event.

Security Gate Update

Due to the hurricane interruption, family stickers are now being mailed today. When you receive yours please place it in the upper left corner of your windshield (driver's side) so it is closest to the security guard. He/she will do a visible check as cars arrive. We know not all of you will have the stickers on by next Tuesday so we will not be as strict about stopping cars without them. That will begin the week of the 11th. If you need more than two stickers per

family please reach out to Anissa Sauls in the Main Office. Students will receive their stickers today in school.

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. JPIL 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 JPIL 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.

From the Sports Desk

Middle School Volleyball gave a great effort in their rematch against Bridges Academy but fell short in straight sets, 18-25 and 23-25. Lauren Urquizu led the team's defense with exceptional passing along with Cia Douglass and Eileen O'Sullivan. Our serving is what kept the Bucs on their toes with the Warriors only having one service error the entire match. Annalise Litchfield, Azalea Slusne, Cia Douglass and Eileen O'Sullivan were all stellar from behind the line.

Varsity Football evened its record at 1-1 with a 44-0 defeat at the hands of a talented and experienced Bethesda Blazer team. The boys will head to St. Andrews tonight to face the Lions @7:30pm.

Cross Country athletes and coaches hit the beach for the Hilton Head Big Fish 5k. Zac Henderson took 3rd overall with a new PR of 16:30! Trice McClure, Gracie Henderson, and Caylin Gecy placed 8th, 10th, and 11th in their division. Trice's dog, Blue took 1st in the dog division!

Swimming had a spectacular first meet of the season led by our girls' team; Cypress Daniel, Nel Winslow, and Anson Daniel; and our boys' team; Leonardo Iskandar, Ross Putnam, Beau Ryan, Brinson Brosman, and Everett Belmonte. Our team did an amazing job and congratulations to our state qualifiers!

Highlights from the 2023 HHCA Invitational:

- Cypress ranked in the top 3 of the 50 Free finishing 3rd (28.32) and qualified for States! She also finished 7th (1:22.75) in the 100 Breaststroke and qualified for States. Cypress has an extensive background in competitive swimming, and she joined the JP2 Swim Team this year.

- Nel finished 7th (1:21.28) in the 100 Fly and qualified for States. She also finished 16th (1:09.10) in the 100 Free and qualified for States. Nel swims competitively, year-round, for many years and this is her 3rd year being a part of the JP2 Swim Team.
- Anson finished 10th (1:21.11) in the 100 Back and qualified for States. She also finished 10th (1:24.52) in the 100 Fly and Qualified for States. This is Anson's first year with the JP2 Swim Team, and she also has an extensive background in competitive swimming.
- Leonardo finished 13th (28.88) in the 50 Free and qualified for States. Leo swam competitively in Lebanon for many summers and joined our JP2 Swim Team this year.
- Ross finished 22nd (31.58) in the 50 Free, and he also finished 21st (1:14.32) in the 100 Free. Ross almost qualified for States in both of his events! This was Ross's first swim meet. Ross wanted to try something different and he had amazing results as a first-year swimmer!
- Beau finished 22nd (1:15.18) in the 100 Free, and he also finished 23rd (31.69) in the 50 Free. Beau joined the JP2 Swim Team last year and has been swimming competitively for a couple of years. Beau almost Qualified for States in both of his events!
- Brinson finished 41st (38.08) in his 50 Free. This was his first SCISA Meet, and there were 59 swimmers in this event! Brinson began his competitive swim career this year just before joining the JP2 Swim Team!
- Everett finished 39th (1:37.15) in the 100 Free. This was Everett's first SCISA swim meet, and there were 48 swimmers in this event! He also finished 45th (41.18) in his 50 Free. Everett took a break from competitive swimming and most recently decided to start swimming again for JP2!

Looking forward to our next meet on September 7th hosted by HHIHS where we will have all of our team members with us.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

Believe it or not, our Admissions Season for 2024 – 2025 officially kicks off October 1. The best marketing JP2 provides is word of mouth from current students and parents. We encourage all of you to share your experiences with your friends and neighbors. We expect to approach our current maximum enrollment limit of 400 students by next August so it's never too early to begin the process. Below is a list of upcoming Admissions events.

- Sunday, Oct. 1 – St. Francis Parish Picnic @Honey Horn Plantation 1-4pm
- Thursday, Oct. 4 – Homecoming Pep Rally and Bonfire @ JP2, Time TBA
- Saturday, Oct. 7 – St. Peter's Fall Bazaar
- Saturday, Oct. 14 & Sunday Oct. 15 – Habersham Harvest Festival
- Wednesday, Oct 25 – SGG Trunk or Treat 5-7pm

- Friday, Nov. 3 – SGG Fall Festival 5-9pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 7 – prospective non-feeder school students visit 9-11am @JPII
- Sunday, Nov. 12- Open House 12-2pm – *Discover Catholic Schools Week* Kick-Off
- Wednesday, Nov. 15 – Feeder school visits 9:30am-12pm @JPII
- Friday, Dec. 1 – Riverview Charter School visit 9:30am-12pm

Enjoy your three-day weekend.

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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