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Traffic, Traffic Everywhere!

For those who have lived in this beautiful area of the Lowcountry for awhile you have witnessed many changes, some for the better, and others perhaps not. One of those better changes has been the growth of JPII. However, with growth comes challenges and one of those is traffic, both internally and externally. I realize that traffic around here can be as unpredictable as the weather. I always encourage parents and students to leave plenty of time to work around whatever obstacles may be presented on any given day. Students need to be in their 1st block class by 8:25, Monday to Thursday, and by 9:00 on Friday or they are marked as tardy.

As for solutions, the internal traffic flow on campus will improve when the new parking lot is completed, hopefully by February. School roadways and parking were never designed for the number of students we now have, much less the 500 we expect to have in the near future. We are working with a traffic engineer on the internal flow so that we do not get backed up onto 170, and to create the safest possible situation for pedestrians and vehicles. In the meantime, coming a little later at pick up time helps alleviate traffic on campus, particularly on Fridays when all students are dismissed together.

The external traffic obstacles present more of a challenge. For those coming from Beaufort, the back up now occurring on 170 is directly related to the light at 462. There is a plan in place to address the intersections at 462, Oldfield and Argent Boulevard, as well as widen 170, however some of these projects are a ways out in the future. We continue to advocate for a light at our intersection while these longer term projects are completed. A light would at least make it safer for those needing to make left hand turns into and out of our campus. We applied to SCDOT for a light last year and were turned down due to not having a sufficient traffic count over an eight hour period. We will continue to pursue the traffic light options with Senator Tom Davis and the Beaufort County Engineering Division.

We will explore all options to make your trip to JPII as safe and convenient as possible. While we cannot control everything, we can improve those areas within our control. We know the

long-term traffic situation should improve, and we thank you for your patience as infrastructure improvements on and off campus catch up with the population growth occurring in our region.

Project Update

As you know, our front entrance project is almost completed and it looks beautiful! What a statement it makes as you drive onto the campus. The security gates should be fully operational next week. A networking issue had to be resolved to make the gates compatible with our access controls. The landscaping is almost completed and the accent lighting is on. A temporary gate has been installed to the right as you head towards the athletic fields. This will help keep our campus secure from vehicle access afterhours. Once the new school building is open and the modular classrooms removed, permanent brick pillars and a gate to match the others will be constructed. We did not want to put something permanent in and have it destroyed when the modulares are pulled out.

The new soccer field is being sodded next week. Later this fall we will be fencing in the entire field and adding bleachers and a scoreboard for both soccer and baseball. Once completed we will begin work on the next field, since we will lose the current practice field when construction of the Innovation Center begins. Below is the revised Masterplan showing the location of fields. The new parking lot should begin construction by the end of October.

John Paul II



Catholic School



OVERALL MASTER PLAN

Join us for the New Parent Social on September 22

In an effort, to connect families new and old to our **JPII FAMILY**, we invite all parents with a child(ren) in their first year to join us at the **New Parent Social on Friday, September 22 from 6:00 – 8:00pm** at Southern Barrel in Bluffton. Even if you are a veteran JPII parent, as long as you have a new student you are invited to this event. This is our way of building unity in the JPII CommUNITY. The football team is playing away at Florence Christian that night. While we know this will unfortunately take away some football parents, we expect only a few will be making the three-hour drive north. Please join us if you can for a night of appetizers and fellowship. Drop in any time. This is an adults only event.

Food Service at JPII

We are pleased that Sippin Cow of Bluffton has graciously developed a food service program for JPII, including delivering Chick-fil-A on Wednesday. Food is delivered Tuesday through Thursday. To order, go to www.sippincow.com and click on the JPII tab. In the notes section, please put your child's name and grade, and remind your child you ordered lunch for them. We've had a few occasions where students did not know they had lunch waiting. All orders must be placed by 2:00pm on the previous day to ensure delivery.

From the Sports Desk

Varsity Volleyball traveled to Colleton Prep Thursday to face the War Hawks. The Warriors took control early taking the first set 25-7. They kept control through the 2nd and 3rd sets dominating 25-10, 25-13 for a 3-0 sweep. The team tallied 22 kills on the night with Bela Crespo, Lily Termini and Emma McKamey all with 5 Kills apiece. Caylin Gecy has the hot hand at the serving line with 6 aces and Cayce Graves led with 9 assists on the night. The Warriors will host Hilton Head Prep on Tuesday for their first regional match of the season @ 6pm.

JV Volleyball swept Colleton Prep in just two sets. Our kill leader for the night was Alex Crocker with five kills! Miranda Moulton led the team in both assists and aces! She had eight assists and ten aces. Finally, Saida Willis had a perfect night of passing! Great game Warriors!

On Monday, The JV volleyball team had an outstanding win against Bridges Prep Academy in 2 sets, winning 25-17 and 25-22. Evelyn Melnick was the kill leader with 4. Assist leader was Sammy Beadon with 6. Libero Rachael Brennehan had an outstanding 2.2 passing average and strong defense, along with Lauren Majorkiewicz who had 5 digs, 1 block, and added 2 kills. The JV team has a record of 11-1.

Middle School Volleyball took the HHCA Eagles to three hard fought sets (25-22, 19-25, 9-15). Cia Douglass, Eileen O'Sullivan and Ansley Reilley led the team in an excellent night of passing.

Overall the team's serving greatly improved. Cia Douglass led with 11 points, Grace Buckland had 6 points with 5 aces, Lauren Urquizu had 4 points with 3 aces, and Ansley Reilley added 4 points and 2 aces. Teamwork was the name of the game.

On Wednesday the Middle School Team lost to Riverview (20 - 25, 22 - 25). Solid passing from Alivia Ogden, Cia Douglass and Grace Buckland kept the Warriors competitive. Emily Boulware and Ansley Reilley served well in the first set. Lauren Urquizu and Annalise Litchfield each added 6 points in the second set, but it wasn't quite enough.

Girl's Golf competed against Hilton Head Prep and Hilton Head Christian tonight at Colleton River's Nicklaus course. Each member of the JPII team improved on their last match score and were led by Sofie Hannagan with a score of 38 followed by Sydney Folscroft with a 47, Megan Fox with a 66, and Keira Doran with a 67. The overall score for the JPII team improved by 13 shots over their last match. The match today was won by Hilton Head Prep with a total score of 184. JPII finished second with a score of 218.

Girls Varsity Tennis John Paul II Catholic School fell to defending champion Hilton Head Prep Thursday by the score of 8 -1.

Singles:

- Line 1: HHP's Millie Pulliam defeated JPII's Cypress Daniel (4-6, 6-4, 1-0).
- Line 2: HHP's Mika Shimada defeated JPII's Anson Daniel (6-4, 6-3)
- Line 3: HHP's Maria Herrman defeated JPII's Chloe Maillet (6-1, 6-0)
- Line 4: HHP's Carly Dowe defeated JPII's Alivia Ogden (6-0, 6-1)
- Line 5: HHP's Samantha Fenstermarker defeated JPII's Ann Elise Harrell (6-3, 3-6, 1-0)
- Line 6: JPII's Lainey Low defeated HHP's Molly O'Reagan (6-3, 6-1)

Doubles:

- Line 1: HHP's Millie Pulliam and Mika Shimada defeated JPII's Anson Daniel and Chloe Daniel. (8-2)
- Line 2: HHP's Carly Dowe and Maria Herman defeated JPII's Cypress Daniel and Lauren Weniger. (8-1)
- Line 3: HHP's Samantha Fenstermarker and Lucy Yellon defeated JPII's Alivia Ogden and Lainey Low. (8-4)

On Tuesday defeated Colleton Prep 5-4.

Singles:

- Line 1: JPII's Chloe Maillet defeated CP's Anne Hatcher-White (6-4, 6-7, 1-0)
- Line 2: CP's Sidney Bailey defeated JPII's Alivia Ogden (6-1, 6-1)

- Line 3: JPII's Ann Elise Harrell defeated CP's Makenzie Pellum (6-2, 6-2)
- Line 4: JPII's Lainey Low defeated CP's Masie Molinari (6-1, 6-2)
- Line 5: JPII's Lauren Weniger defeated CP's Makayla Odum (6-0, 6-1)
- Line 6: JPII's Joya Iskandar defeated CP's Lizzie Sheffield (6-1, 6-2)

Doubles:

- Line 1: CP's Sidney Bailey and Mackenzie Pellum defeated JPII's Ann Elise Harrel and Alivia Ogden (6-3, 6-0)
- Line 2: CP's Anne Hatcher-White and Masie Molinari defeated JPII's Becca Anderson and Alex Hahn (8-3)
- Line 3: CP's Makayla Odum and Caroline Molinari defeated JPII's Roxy Remigio and Leighton Wenzel (8-7)

Cross Country John Paul II and St. Peter's co-hosted the middle school and varsity cross country meet at Habersham on September 12th. What an exciting and successful evening for our runners. Their hard work truly shows!

Our girls varsity team took 1st place! Ayla Reynolds led the girls with a 1st place finish and a new personal record at 20:20, almost one minute ahead of teammate Abby Brock who also ran a PR finishing in 21:09 and placing 2nd. Brady Mahoney finished 4th with a time of 22:39, Hollis Melnick 13th at 25:23, Rose Witkowski 18th at 27:57, Shelby Pinski 21st at 29:04, and Gracie Henderson ran a 30:14 placing 24th. Great job by the entire team! Being successful at cross country requires depth and our depth showed in this race.

The boys varsity team placed a close 2nd. Zac Henderson led our boys with a 2nd place finish and a time of 17:45, just a few seconds off 1st place. Blake Hubik ran a 17:51 finishing 3rd. Matthew Yanachik placed 6th at 19:36, Jimmy Hook ran a 20:28 and placed 12th. Tim McGuire set a new PR at 22:05 finishing 21st. Keenen Hill ran a 22:06 placing 22nd. Jude Witkowski ran a 22:12 for 23rd. Nathaniel Prado set a new PR at 27:15. and Griffin Spencer finished with a time of 36:16. Awesome job by all runners!

Two of our middle school boys raced in the varsity race and did an outstanding job! Brayden Frickel finished in a time of 20:40 and Moses Witkowski ran a 23:00. The middle school runners did great in their 4K race. Jonathan Yanachik ran a 19:49. Nate Miller ran a 19:56. Jackson Probst ran a 20:43. James Bulatao ran a 24:18. Logan Greiner ran a 24:41. Emma Karrh ran a 28:28. Samantha Cordero ran a 28:31. Janette Trejo finished with a time of 35:23.

The boys and girls varsity teams will travel to Chapin on Saturday to race in the Lake Murray Invitational. Both the varsity and middle school teams will race next Tuesday at Sergeant Jasper Park. The middle school team will run at 5:00 and the varsity at 5:45. Come out and support the team.

HELP SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

FOR THE BENEFIT OF NOTRE DAME, JP II, SGGCS, ST PETERS, AND ST FRANCIS

24th Annual Golf Outing

Sea Pines Country Club
Monday November 13, 2023

To Benefit the Scholarship Fund
Notre Dame Club of Hilton Head



Best Ball Scramble – 12:30 Shotgun Start

- Cocktails – @ 5:00pm, Dinner @ 5:30pm
- Men and Women Invited
- Individuals Welcome
- Prizes Galore, Raffle, Silent Auction

Mac and Cheese, southern fried chicken, pulled pork BBQ,
potato salad, corn on the cob, cheese burger sliders,
greens table, oven fresh cookies and brownies

Golf and Dinner - \$150 per player (\$125 per player for couples)

Dinner Only - \$50.00 (Diners eligible for prizes)

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FALL FESTIVAL @ THE SARGE

October 9, 2023 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Sergeant Jasper Golf Club
50 Country Club Drive, Ridgeland

Join the Congaree Foundation, community partners, and local friends for an evening of family-friendly games, activities, and food. Free to attend. Please RSVP below.



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GOLF CLUB

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JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL
COMMUNITY EVENT

HOMECOMING PEP RALLY

THURSDAY 10.05.23, 6-9PM

FREE ADMISSION ALL ARE WELCOME

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
A BONFIRE
FOOD TRUCKS SOUTHERN PEEL PIZZA
& LA BIRRIA LOCA
GAMES MUSIC PRIZES

Pizza with the Principals Returns

Pizza with the Principals (Mr. McCarthy, Mrs. Rembold, Mr. Collar) will begin again at JP II on September 22. The goal of PwtP is to include student voice as we make decisions impacting the school. In the past, many changes brought to JP II came from listening to students. We will start with new students in order to get to know them and then work our way through the entire student body. Every student's voice will be heard by the time the year ends. Students will receive an invite from Mrs. Sauls the day before so they know not to bring lunch that day.

The Warrior Way

This month we continue to focus on the core value of Service. On Wednesday, after mass, senior Brad Campbell spoke about his senior project to help JP II become a supporter of Make a Wish in South Carolina. Mrs. Mary Beth Dever, JP II Director of Communications, spoke about her family's experience with Make a Wish while her son was battling cancer as a child. If you would like to support Brad's effort to raise \$7,500 for Make a Wish click on the link below.

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

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it in under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and gives light to all in the house. In the same way, **let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works** and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Mathew 5:14-16)

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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