



## Tracking the Growth of JP11

For those brand new to JP11 you are probably not fully aware of the remarkable growth of our school. It's been both an intentional development as well as a blessing. When I first arrived in the summer of 2019 our school had experienced a four-year period of relatively flat enrollment that hovered right around 200 or so students in grades 7-12. While some may still long for that time of a quieter and less hectic campus, we soon realized that the number of students would not sustain us very long into the future. The school needed to grow to remain viable, and thus emerged the strategic plan to get us there.

A quick look at the statistics from the past five years is a glimpse into the rapid growth of our school over a relatively brief period of time. It is why we needed to plan for a new building, and it is why we have temporary modular classrooms in place to absorb the growth.

### Enrollment 2019 – 2024

- 2019-20      209
- 2020-21      217    + 8 = 4% growth
- 2021-22      257    +40 = 18% growth
- 2022-23      332    +75 = 29% growth (added 6th grade)
- 2023-24      362    +30 = 9% growth

While the rate of growth will begin to gradually slow down as the upper grades graduate larger classes, the growth will nevertheless continue. We project to enroll 395 students next year based on 90% retention of current students and 110 new students enrolling. Exceeding either of these metrics will mean we could exceed 400 students. We have calculated our capacity to be right around 400, so it's quite possible we will be full for the first time in the history of the school. This year, more than any other, will be the year to pay careful attention to re-enrollment and tuition assistance deadlines.

This is why the need to construct the innovation center is so critical. We simply will no longer be able to grow beyond the 2024-25 school year without additional classroom space. We do not plan to add additional modulars and the current leases expire in July 2025. Opening the innovation center in August 2025 will require us to break ground no later than March 1, 2024. While we have been in the quiet phase of the capital campaign for almost eight months now, the larger public launch of the *Where Faith and Innovation Meet Campaign* will formally be announced the week of November 12. We will invite our entire JPIL community to participate with us in making the dream of our founders become the reality of tomorrow.

While bigger does not necessarily mean better, there are indicators everywhere that the growth of JPIL has resulted in a better educational product. Our ability to offer up to 22 Advanced Placement courses has positioned us to be among the most rigorous private schools in our area. With the AP Capstone Diploma now firmly in place, our graduates will be able to compete for admission at the very best colleges and universities across the country. The growth of Project Lead the Way programs in engineering, biomedical science, and computer science has helped us be recognized as a PLTW School of Distinction for both middle school and high school. A Counseling Department that provides academic as well as social and emotional support, in addition to the well-staffed Marian Center for Learning, creates a student support system second to none. Our ever-growing athletic program is the largest of any private school in our area, while our teams are quickly starting to emerge as championship contenders.

Our greatest challenge, therefore, will be retaining the faith-first, strong family culture that JPIL was always admired for. Where every child is known, supported and belongs, and where Gospel values are not just talked about, but remain alive in the culture of the school. A positive school culture means everything, so our reemphasis on the core values of what it means to be a Golden Warrior will ensure that no matter the number and variety of students, the heart of JPIL will always beat strong. We look forward to that day in the not-so-distant-future where 500 students attend JPIL in arguably the best school facilities in South Carolina. However, we shall never forget our humble beginnings where 57 students and a small group of dedicated faculty set up school in the little Baptist church down the road. It is from those humble beginnings that the core of who JPIL is remains today, and no matter how we've grown and transformed, will continue to define our bright future.

In the words made famous by our patron saint, "*Nolite Timere*" or "*do not be afraid*", of the growth that lies ahead and the challenges yet to be met. It was the motto for the papacy of Pope John Paul II and it is the motto of JPIL that allows the light of Christ to shine down upon our school and show us the way to the place that He alone knows.

## Calling all New Parents – See you Tonight!

In our continuing effort to welcome new families into the JP II community, we have two events that are not to be missed. Tonight, September 22, we invite all parents with a child new to JP II this year to join us at Southern Barrel in Bluffton from 6-8pm for an opportunity to mingle and socialize. We will serve light appetizers and the first drink is on us. Again, you do not have to be a new family to JP II, just have a new student. This is an adults only event.

## Pep Rally for all Golden Warriors Past Present and Future

The second major event is the inaugural community pep rally to usher in Homecoming Weekend. All alumni, current JP II students, future JP II students, and all their parents, are invited to campus on **October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm** for an evening of school spirit, games, prizes, food trucks, music, a bonfire, and more. This will bring back memories for many of Homecomings long since gone by. Please join us and bring a future Golden Warrior family.



## From the Sports Desk

**Varsity Football** took on the Pinewood Prep Panthers last Friday evening in Hardeeville. It was a hard-fought battle and our young men battled to the very end. Pinewood came out of the game victorious 48-28, however; there were bright moments for our football team. Alan Wolf stepped in for his first start as Varsity Quarterback and managed the football game very well. He completed 6-9 passes for 63 yards and a touchdown. Sean Phalen was on the receiving end of that touchdown. Bryant Jolley had a solid game at running back carrying the ball 17 times for 63 yards and a touchdown. Brandyn Horton contributed on both offense and special teams with 12 carries for 48 yards, a rushing touchdown and a 90-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Sebastian Slusne, Daniel Snyder, and Ephrain Jimenez were our leading tacklers on the defensive side of the ball. The team travels to Florence Christian tonight in hopes to build off the promising play from this past week.

**Middle School Football** went on the road last night to take on Thomas Heyward Academy. The game was played in the rain, as we battled the weather and the Rebels of THA. Our boys did not let the conditions prevent them from playing their best. Offensively, Dylan Gehm led the attack, rushing for 238 yards with 4 touchdowns. Zach Moulton connected with Matt Termini for a hard-fought touchdown. The defense kept THA out of the endzone the entire game. Russ Spencer had 3 SACs and Zach Mulieri had 1. Dylan Gehm, JJ Hall, Rials Gault, Jackson Millard all had tackles for loss. Final Score: JPII 38 - THA 0. The Golden Warriors are on the road again next Thursday for a 6pm kickoff against Northwood.

**Varsity Volleyball** faced their first region opponent of the season hosting Hilton Head Prep. The Dolphins came into the meeting with a 10-9 record, the Warriors sporting a 13-3 overall record. Hilton Head Prep came out strong in the first set taking it 25-19. But the Warriors, true to form this season, swept the next three sets 25-10, 25-20 and 25-15. The battle was at the net all night with the Warriors putting up a whopping 35 kills on the night led by Emma McKamey with 9, Camryn Michael with 7 and Bela Crespo and Lily Termini each putting up 6! Caylin Gecy had a strong night as well with 4 aces, 2 kills and 12 digs on the night. The girls will rest up for a big week next week which will see them host Colleton Prep on Monday, and a big region matchup on Wednesday as they host Hilton Head Christian and finally, they will head to Hilton Head Prep for a rematch with the Dolphins!

**JV Volleyball** defeated Hilton Head Prep in 2 sets by scores of 25-13 and 25-8. Evelyn Melnick had 3 service aces. Alex Crocker led the offense with 5 kills. Libero Rachael Brenneman led the defense. The Lady Warriors will return to the court September 25th against Colleton Prep.

**Middle School Volleyball** defeated the Hilton Head Prep Dolphins in straight sets (25-8, 25-15). It was another night of consistent serving. Cia Douglas led with 9 points and 4 aces. Alivia

Ogden added 7 points, 3 aces and Lauren Urquizu finished with 5 points, 3 aces. The Lady Warriors played well as a team, which contributed to their success.

On Monday, the MS Volleyball team defeated the St. Francis Wolves in three sets (24-26, 25-15, 15-8). The girls demonstrated excellent teamwork. Cia Douglass, Grace Buckland and Emily Boulware were our defensive leaders. It was another strong night of serving with Annalise Litchfield and Stella Shipman each adding 6 points. Lauren Urquizu and Destiny Godsun both added 5 points to secure the win.

**Girls Varsity Tennis** had great weather as they took to the courts and defeated Beaufort Academy 8-1. The team won each singles match in straight set shutouts.

Singles:

- Line 1: Cypress Daniel (6-0, 6-0) over Addy Norris
- Line 2: Anson Daniel (6-0, 6-0) over Kate Brosnan
- Line 3: Chloe Maillet (6-0, 6-0) over Lauryn Black
- Line 4: Alivia Ogden (6-0, 6-0) over Beatrice Dupont
- Line 5: Lainey Low (6-0, 6-0) over Skyler Holmes
- Line 6: Leighton Wenzel (6-0, 6-0) over Luna St. Onge

**Cross County** traveled to Chapin on Saturday to race in the Lake Murray Invitational. Even though we were missing 2 of our top 5 runners, we still finished 22nd out of 34 teams. This was a BIG race with over 1200 runners and great competition! Zac Henderson finished 34th with a time of 16:56, Blake Hubik ran a 17:27, Matthew Yanachik ran a new PR finishing in 19:00, Brayden Frickel ran a 20:02 PR, and Alec Yanachik finished with a time of 22:02 also running a PR. Gracie Henderson pulled the sled for the girls, running her best race so far this year, with a time of 28:42. Our next race is the Lowcountry Invitational this Saturday on John's Island.

**Girls Golf** competed in a 3-team match with Hilton Head Christian and Hilton Head Prep at the Barony Course on Hilton Head Island. JP11 finished second with a score of 227 behind Hilton Head Prep who had a score of 180 and ahead of Hilton Head Christian with a score of 242. Leading the way for all players was Bridget Wilke of Hilton Head Prep with a score of 33 and leading all other players was Sofie Hannagan of JP11 with a score of 41. JP11 players were Sofie Hannagan 41, Kiera Doran, 69, Megan Fox 61, and Sydney Folscroft 56. The next match for the Lady Warriors will be at Colleton River on Monday Sep 25th again against both schools on the DYE Course at 3:45.

## **Archery Coach Opening**

If interested, please contact

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## 24<sup>th</sup> 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, cheeseburger 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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## The Warrior Way – JPII Wish

In keeping with our focus on **SERVICE** this month, we received this letter from Erika Spracher, Corporate & Community Engagement Coordinator for Make-A-Wish® South Carolina regarding JPII senior Brad Campbell's project.

*Good morning, President McCarthy!*

*My name is Erika Spracher, and I am the Corporate and Community Engagement Coordinator with Make-A-Wish South Carolina. I am also a wish mom, so I know firsthand the power of a wish. Our chapter just wrapped up our 2023 fiscal year by celebrating the 255 wishes that have been granted this year! This is a huge record for our chapter, and we could not have done this work without the support of our Kids for Wish Kids community, including John Paull II Catholic School! I have had the honor of working with Brad Campbell to get the Kids for Wish Kids program up and running at John Paul II Catholic School and your school community is already halfway to granting a wish for a South Carolina kiddo!*

*Kids for Wish Kids is a program that empowers students and student organizations to raise funds and help grant life-changing wishes. This program encourages community service, leadership, volunteerism, and teamwork.*

*This year has included trips to Hawaii, Disney, a fly-fishing adventure in Montana, new golf carts, a hot tub, a shopping spree at the American Girl Doll Store in New York City, and so many other wishes that have brought hope, strength, and big smiles!! I have attached our fiscal year 23 Year in Review so you can check out some of the other exciting things that have happened in our chapter in the last year thanks to our awesome donors just like y'all!*

*We are so thankful to be working with your school community to grant even more wishes to critically ill children in our community. There are approximately 400 kids waiting for their wish to be granted in South Carolina, and of those, 13 are in the Hilton Head region alone. Thank you so much for partnering with us to bring hope to wish families just like my own. We appreciate you!*

Brad is halfway to his goal. If you would like to help Brad reach his goal, please go to this link.

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