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Virtual Parent Conferences and PSAT's Take 2

This coming Thursday, October 26, all students in grades 7 – 11 will be taking the virtual PSAT. This is our second attempt after the technical problems experienced by the College Board. Students are to be in regular school uniform on Thursday. Dismissal is at 11:30am.

Grade 6 will be on a beach cleanup service activity. Permission slips will be sent home and need to be returned for a student to participate. Students are to wear their Day of Service orange t-shirt and comfortable and appropriate bottoms for working. Students will return to school in time for the 11:30am dismissal.

Grade 12 will be working on their senior project. If students are caught up with their Senior Capstone class work, they will be provided time to work on the service end of their project. Seniors do not need to report to school unless required to do so, however they are on the honor system to work on the service component.

Virtual Parent Conferences will be held on Thursday from 1:00 – 7:00pm. All conferences are virtual. Teachers will create a *Sign-Up Genius* for parents to meet with them. This will be sent out today. Conferences will be 8 minutes long. Time slots are first come first served. The conference will take place via *Google Meet*. We recommend parents are in a confidential location while in the conference. The teachers will be in their classrooms to ensure confidentiality. If you are unable to sign up due to all spots being filled, or need more than 8 minutes, please contact the teacher to arrange another time.

There will be no school on Friday, October 27. Enjoy your fall break.

Day of Service

The Feast Day of Saint John Paul II is celebrated each year at JP II to commemorate the life and papacy of our patron saint. We began the day with mass celebrated by Fr. Rafael. His homily focused on the importance of saying YES to God. Using the example of Joan D'Arc and John Paul II, he explained how the lives of both of these saints began to change when they said YES, not in dramatic ways but in small incremental ways until they eventually changed the course of history. He challenged students to begin to make small, incremental changes in their own lives to see the results that will eventually happen. At the end of mass we had four students come forward to address the school on what High Expectations, our core value of the month, meant to them.

Following mass, we broke into our service groups, some going off campus and others staying on campus to clean the school, spread mulch, or participate in crafty projects. It was a great day of reflection, giving back, and enjoying community. The Day of Service officially launches the Year of Service where students will participate in service projects organized through Theology class. We ask that whenever students are on a service project, they wear their orange t-shirts, so everyone knows who we are and where we come from.

Open House

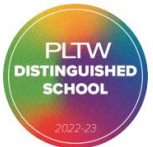
Sunday, November 12, 1 – 3pm



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Choose the School that Will Change Your Life

Please spread the word to all your friends that JPII's annual Open House takes place Sunday, November 12 at 1:00pm. Even if students have already decided they are coming to JPII, this is the time to begin the enrollment process. Plus, one lucky family will walk away with a \$1,000 tuition deposit. You must be present to win.

Share our social media pages to spread the word. We are now on LinkedIn, so if you have an account, please follow us. If you need more copies of The Light magazine you can stop by the front office.

Coming this November

Announcing the

Where Faith and Innovation Meet Campaign

to benefit John Paul II Catholic School.

Please consider supporting our school's Mission and Vision
for the Warriors of today and tomorrow.

The Warrior Fund	The Capital Campaign	The Endowment for JP II
Provides annual support for tuition assistance keeping the school affordable for all, salaries and benefits to attract and retain the very best teachers, and program enhancements for a well-rounded student experience. Without the Warrior Fund we could not be the BEST Middle and High School in the Lowcountry.	Provides immediate support to build the JP II of the FUTURE. This campaign will allow us to build a 45,000 sq. ft. Innovation Center, increasing enrollment capacity to 500. This building will include a Black Box Theatre for the performing arts. Funds will also support a kitchen addition to the current school and new athletic facilities.	Long-term sustainability requires an endowment into the millions. This will provide ongoing funding to offset future tuition increases, helping keep the school affordable for all income levels, as well as ensure your capital investment in facilities is protected and maintained. Consider leaving a legacy in your estate planning.

Plan your gift now. More information will be mailed during the week of November 12. We thank you for your past support in creating JP II and for the transformation of our campus about to happen!

From the Sports Desk

Cross Country Boys and Girls are Region Champs!

Cross Country Middle School and Varsity boys and girls teams competed in the Region Championships on Wednesday afternoon at Habersham. Our middle school runners did a great job! Moses Witkowski led our boys team finishing the 4K race in 16:31. Dominic Aiken ran a 17:24, Jonathan Yanachik finished in 17:25, James Bulatao ran his PR finishing in 18:22, Jackson Probst ran an 18:29, Roman Bodziony finished in 18:30, Nate Miller ran his personal best finishing in 19:05, and Logan Griener ran a PR finishing in 20:20. Emma Karrh led the JP2 middle school girls and also ran her PR finishing in 22:39. Samantha Cordero finished in 24:05 and Janette Trejo finished in a time of 30:26. We are so proud of our middle school team for such a great season!

The Varsity boys and girls cross country teams did it again... another race to victory becoming Region Champions for the 2023 cross country season. We had 5 of our boys finish in the top 10. Sebastian Frickel placed 1st overall running a time of 16:52, Zac Henderson placed 2nd overall crossing the finish line at 17:03, Blake Hubik placed 3rd overall running a time of 17:46, Matthew Yanachik ran his personal best in a time of 18:19 with a 7th place finish. Eighth grader, Brayden Frickel ran his best race placing 10th overall with a time

of 18:27, Jimmy Hook also ran his personal best finishing in 18:29, Jude Witkowski ran a 20:03, Tim McGuire ran his personal best of 20:09, Keannen Hill ran a PR of 20:32, Alec Yanachik ran a 20:56, Nathaniel Prado ran his best race finishing in 23:59, and Griffin Spencer ran a PR as well, finishing in 28:16.

Four of our varsity girls placed in the top 10. Ayla Reynolds placed 1st overall for the girls and ran her personal best, finishing in 19:17, Abby Brock placed 2nd crossing the finish line in 19:58, Brady Mahoney ran a great race placing 3rd overall running a new PR in 21:00, Hollis Melnick finished 7th for the girls running a 22:29, Trice McClure ran a PR finishing in 23:14, Shelby Pinski ran her personal best finishing in 24:32, Rose Witkowski finished in 26:08, and Gracie Henderson ran her fastest time this year at finishing in 26:20.

We could not be prouder of these amazing athletes! Their focus and dedication paid off and has surely shown in their races throughout the season. We can't wait to see what these runners will do at the State meet on October 28th. Good Luck to our Racing Warriors!

JV Volleyball ended their volleyball season with double wins over Ridgeville Academy of Excellence. Sammy Beadon led the team with 17 service aces. Tevi Mullen had a 1.8 serve receive passing average. Kills were shared by Blakely Gecy, Ellie Heathcott, and Evelyn Melnick with two apiece.

Swimming attended the 2023 SCISA State Championship on Saturday, October 14th. JPll was one of 24 schools participating in the competition. There were nearly 300 swimmers entered in this event from around SC. Our team had outstanding results at our year-end finale!

Final Results for 3A Schools Division

The Girls' Team came in 4th Place overall - 14 Teams participated from our division.

The Boys' Team came in 8th Place overall - 13 Teams participated from our division.

Girls Team Individual Events

First Place Finish

- Riley McGoldrick secured 1st Place Finishes for Division 3A in both events - 200 Freestyle (2:09.91) and 100 Butterfly (1:05.98). Congratulations, Riley - you crushed it!

Third Place Finish

- Nel Winslow secured a 3rd Place Finish for Division 3A in the 500 Freestyle Event (6:06.60) - Congratulations Nel - good work! Nel also secured a top 10 place in her 50 Freestyle (30.04).
- Cypress Daniel secured a top-10 finish in the 100 Breaststroke (1:24.17) and the 50 Free (28.04). Job well done, Cypress!
- Anson Daniel secured a top-10 finish in the 100 Breaststroke (1:24.24) and the 50 Free (30.25). Way to go, Anson!
- Delilah Waite-Kerns placed 11th overall in the 50 Freestyle (30.31) and 14th overall in the 100 Freestyle (1:09.54). Delilah reduced her event times overall by ~1.50. Excellent finish to the season, Delilah!

Girls' Team Relay Results

Our Girl's Team secured 2nd place in both relays - between the two relays, the girls reduced their times by ~8 seconds! Congratulations Girls Team!

- 200 Medley Relay (2:10.86) - Nel, Cypress, Riley, Anson.
- 200 Freestyle Relay (1:58.79) - Anson, Delilah, Nel, Cypress.

Boys Team

- Ross Putnam secured a top 10 finish in the 50 Freestyle (27.98) and continued to reduce his time by ~0.14. Super finish, Ross!
- Leo Iskandar placed 12th overall in the 50 Freestyle (28.96), continuing his success as a JP2 Swimmer! Very well done, Leo!

Boys Relay Results

Our Boys Team secured a 4th place finish in their 200 Freestyle Relay and 5th place in their 400 Freestyle Relay. Between the two relays, the boys reduced their times by 38.25 seconds! These are impressive results, great job, Boys Team!

- 200 Freestyle Relay (2:05.70) - Leo, Brinson, Beau, Ross
- 400 Freestyle Relay (5:07.42) - Leo, Brinson, Beau, Ross

Thank you to all who supported the team this year.

Have a great weekend.

In His Purpose,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John McCarthy".

President

