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Discover Catholic Schools Week is November 12 - 18

We have a series of events next week to allow others, both future students and families as well as prospective donors, a reason to BELIEVE in John Paul II Catholic Schools. Every member of our school community is invested in our growth, and we invite you to share the good news about JP II to all those you know.

Sunday, November 12 – Open House from 1:00 – 3:00pm. This is the largest Admissions event we will hold all year and provides the opportunity for prospective students and families to learn why our school is receiving so many accolades. With enrollment expected to reach 400 students next year, we will be at capacity so completing applications early is the best way to ensure a coveted spot. Even if a student has already applied to JP II, attending Open House is the next step in the enrollment process. One lucky family will walk away with a \$1,000 tuition deposit but you must be present to win.

Sunday, November 12 – State of the School Address at 4:00pm on the JP II Facebook page. This virtual only event is an opportunity for parents to learn about the recent accomplishments of the school and plans for the future. We use this event to announce tuition for the 2024-25 school year. Please join us live that day by going to our Facebook page. The meeting will be recorded and available for future viewing. We will also mail all families a letter summarizing the topics covered in the meeting.

Tuesday, November 14 – JP II in the Neighborhood at Rose Hill. Chris and Emily Trott will be hosting an event for all JP II Rose Hill parents as well as prospective donors who live in the neighborhood at 5:30pm at 18 Martingale E beginning at 5:30pm. This adults only event will discuss the future plans for JP II and the upcoming *Where Faith and Innovation Meet* Campaign.

Wednesday, November 15 – Catholic Feeder School Visit. Current 6th graders at SGG and St. Peter's, along with current 8th graders at St. Francis, will take a field trip to JP II to learn why our school is the next logical step in their Catholic education. Students will be transported to JP II via bus and will spend a couple of hours at school visiting classrooms, talking with current students, and attending mass. They will return to their respective schools following lunch.

Thursday, November 16 – Twelve Components of Executive Function Skills Seminar for student success at home, school, and life. This is the first in a series of workshops we plan to offer to our parents and community featuring the expertise of our faculty and staff. Please plan to join us for coffee at **8:30am in the Commons** for a presentation by Marian Center teacher Lauren Gehm as she shares with parents helpful techniques to support students organizational skills, improve brain functioning, and manage stress. This event is open to the

public and is a not to be missed seminar for any parent looking for better support for their child's learning. Mrs. Gehm brings a wealth of knowledge and experience on this topic, and we are confident all parents will take away some practical skills to change the trajectory of their child's experience both at school and at home.

Thursday, November 16 – JP II Celebrates its Leadership Donors at Berkely Hall Club at 5:30pm. This invitation only event provides the opportunity to recognize those who have brought us over the \$4,000,000 threshold in our campaign to date, as well as invite others to partner with us. We thank those who have contributed to the campaign to date and look forward to others who will help us get over the top of our goal.

By Friday, November 17 – The *Where Faith and Innovation Meet Campaign* will kick off to the public with a mailing to our almost 2,000 active donors. Building the Innovation Center will not be possible without reaching our goal of \$15,000,000. Every family reading this newsletter will be invited to participate. A pledge to this effort, no matter how big or small, is the only way JP II can maintain its phenomenal growth and development that has taken place in the past few years. This campaign will also serve as our annual Warrior Fund appeal that helps fund tuition assistance and other school enhancement projects. Please prayerfully consider supporting the cause.

Friendsgiving is Tuesday, November 21

In addition to bringing in sides and desserts for members of our school community to enjoy as we celebrate Friendsgiving on Tuesday, November 21, we are collecting food items for Mercy Mission. The Mercy Mission Food Pantry provides food to over 600 households per month; if we add the members of these households, the total is over 1000 individuals. Meat, bread, and some fresh produce are provided by Second Helpings with a weekly donation of over 3000 pounds of food. St. Gregory the Great, St. Anthony's Mission and other churches and parishes provide bi-monthly canned food and monetary donations. Residents of many of the local communities (Sun City, Margaritaville, Hilton Head Lakes, et. al.) also make periodic donations. What Mercy Mission needs most is canned peas, canned corn, canned black beans, one-pound bags of rice, and 34-ounce jars of spaghetti sauce. How about giving up chips, soda, candy, or a Starbucks or Dunkin' Donuts ONE DAY A WEEK to help supply these staples? Let's work together—students, parents, faculty and staff to surpass our last year's donation of 3000 cans to make sure that our brothers and sisters will have what they need as we enjoy our holiday meals! SERVICE in action is one of our core SHIELD values.

From the Sports Desk

Varsity Football competed in the 1st Round of the 3A SCISA State Playoffs last Friday Night. The Golden Warriors were a 7th seed and took on the 2nd seed Florence Christian Eagles. JP II found the endzone first on their first possession with a 56-yard touchdown run by Christian Tilton. The extra point was added by Brennan McDermott and the Warriors took an early 7-0 lead. Florence Christian struck back on their next possession, however; Daniel Snyder blocked the extra point attempt which kept your Warriors in front 7-6. The first quarter ended with your Warriors ahead 7-6. The Warriors defense forced a turnover early in the 2nd quarter and put the JP II offense back on the field with favorable field position. The offense drove down the field and once again struck first on a 4th and goal TD run by Christian Tilton. With Brennan McDermott's extra point, the Warriors led 14-6. The Eagles responded quickly with a 40-yard touchdown run. In an attempt to tie the game, Florence opted to go for the 2-point conversion, but this was snuffed out by the defense. Lukas Yackley forced a fumble and it was recovered by Alex Mercer. Your Warriors

remained in front 14-12. Late in the 2nd quarter, after the Warrior offense was forced to punt, Florence Christian completed a circus catch for a touchdown and converted the 2-point conversion to take the lead at halftime 20-14. Florence Christian received the ball to start the 2nd half and drove methodically down the field to score a touchdown and increased the lead to 27-14. The Warriors proved they were not done fighting as they came back quickly with a 49-yard touchdown pass from Christian Tilton to Jackson Sanders. With the extra point once again added by Brennan McDermott, the Warriors closed the gap with a score of 27-21 at the end of the 3rd quarter. During the 4th quarter, both teams battled hard to keep each other out of the endzone. Florence Christian was able to score on a field goal to add 3 points to their total. The game ended with Florence Christian winning 30-21 in a thriller of a football game. Christian Tilton provided 109 yards rushing on 17 carries with 2 touchdowns. He was also 2-2 passing for 67 yards and a touchdown. Brandyn Horton had 18 carries for 60 yards, while Jackson Sanders had 2 catches for 59 yards and a touchdown. The defense was led by Sebastian Slusne and Alex Mercer who both recorded 10 tackles. Lukas Yackley, Will Bryan, and Brandyn Horton also provided a spark to the Warrior defense with 5 tackles a piece for each.

Congratulations to Coach Milligan, his staff, and our student-athletes for a great effort, not only in this game, but in the way they conducted themselves on the field and worked hard to improve. Despite a losing record, the Warriors never quit as evidenced by this final game. With many players returning next year and hard work in the off season the future looks bright for your Golden Warriors.

Three Athletes Sign Letters of Intent

On Wednesday, Trinity Grace Maxwell (soccer @ Carolina University), Shelby Pinski (softball @ Lees-McRae College), and Ross Putnum (baseball @ Brevard College) all signed national letters of intent. This is the first time in JPII history that three athletes signed NLI's. Congratulations and we look forward to watching all three compete this spring.

Have a great weekend.

In His Purpose,



President

