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WHERE *Faith* AND *Innovation* MEET
[Learn, Lead and Serve]

The Campaign for John Paul II Catholic School has officially launched. This campaign, the third in the school's short history, is necessary to accommodate the phenomenal growth JP II has experienced in the past four years as well as to allow us to have exceptional facilities to match our academic program. On the 1st Friday of each month, for the remainder of the school year, I will let our community know how we are doing.

Below you will find a table of gifts. This is the roadmap for a successful campaign. The majority of gifts so far have been solicited through our leadership phase which targets pledges starting at \$25,000. This phase will continue until we have secured the required number of gifts in each category. We have several current JP II families who have contributed in the leadership phase but there is always room for more. Please consider whether your family possibly could be in one of these levels. However, equally as important, are the gifts under \$25,000. It is this level that requires the greatest number of participants. Two weeks ago, we mailed a campaign letter and pledge card to over 2,400 potential donors asking them to prayerfully consider how their contribution could change the trajectory of JP II for the next 20 years. If just 50% of those 2,400 participate at a level asked of them, we will exceed \$2,000,000. This is your opportunity, no matter how large or small, to make a difference in the education of your child(ren) and the generations of those to follow. Catholic education is alive and well in the Lowcountry because of you.

The campaign has two important objectives.

1. **To support the annual Warrior Fund.** Those unfamiliar with the Warrior Fund should know it's a critical component of our annual operating budget. The majority of this fund supports our tuition assistance and scholarship program. Over one-third of JP II families receive some form of assistance to afford the tuition. Think of where we would be without one-third of our students. Those students have names

and faces and are making a difference in our school as we make a difference in them. The Warrior Fund also supports programs beyond what the operating budget provides. Think of all the offerings we provide, from academic programs, to sports, to clubs, to class retreats. All happen because of the fund. Every student benefits from the Warrior Fund, so please consider contributing a portion of your one-time donation or recurring pledge to this cause.

2. **Capital to build the Innovation Center.** We all know how JPII has grown, 75% in just four years, however that growth was only made possible by the modular classrooms on our campus. While those classrooms address the need now, they are not the long-term solution. Enter the Innovation Center. At over 45,000 square feet of academic space, the Innovation Center is much larger than the current school building. It will serve primarily as the high school and feature 3 science labs, a makerspace and art studio for creativity, 8 traditional classrooms, 5 collaboration rooms for small group work, a performing arts classroom, a black box theater for performance and other use, and a large commons area with a café. There will be no school building like it in the Lowcountry. But construction cannot begin until a sufficient amount of money has been raised in both cash and pledges. We need our entire community of families, benefactors, and parishioners to make it happen.

Table of Gifts as of 11.29.23

\$ Amount	# Needed	# Received	\$ Amount	\$ Goal	% Goal
2,500,000	1	0	0	2,500,000	0
1,000,000	2	1	1,500,015	2,000,000	75%
500,000	8	2	1,000,000	4,000,000	25%
250,000	10	1	250,000	2,500,000	10%
100,000*	10	5	500,000	1,000,000	50%
50,000	20	10	510,000	1,000,000	51%
25,000	40	14	380,000	1,000,000	38%
Under 25,000	Many	32	151,150	1,000,000	15%
		65	4,291,165	15,000,000	29%

*Naming opportunities start at pledges of \$100,000

If you received a letter from us in the past few weeks with a pledge request, please consider if this is something that fits into your family's finances. If not, and tuition payments are all you can handle at this time, we remain appreciative of your families commitment to JPII. If you did not receive a letter, either you have already made a commitment, or we will likely be asking you to consider a pledge in a leadership category. Pledges may be made over multiple years, up to four, to ease the financial impact as well as increase total giving. If you believe this is a daunting task, it is. However, the long-term viability of our school requires an enrollment of 500 or more students. At our current growth rate, we will reach this number in the next three years. Without the new building we will be capped at 400, and that is only accomplished with the modular classrooms that, while providing additional seats, do not provide the labs, studios and the performing space needed for a school of our caliber.

“God’s love does not impose burdens upon us that we cannot carry, nor make demands of us that we cannot fulfill. For whatever He asks of us, He provides the help that is needed.”

— St. John Paul II

The Season of DECA is Underway

The JPII DECA students continued to shine at our region competition on Wednesday, November 29th. With 15 students making the trip to Mt. Pleasant to compete in the role-play portion of the competition, 12 qualified to compete at the State competition with two second place finishes and two third place finishes.

- Senior, Kathleen Hammett qualified placing third in MCS: Marketing Communication Series
- Senior, Collin Anfinson qualified placing fourth in AAM: Apparel & Accessories Marketing Series
- Senior, Lauren Weniger qualified placing fourth in RFSM: Restaurant and Food Service Management Series
- Senior, Ross Putnam qualified placing eighth in ASM: Automotive Services Marketing
- Senior, Ben Villalobos qualified placing eighth in SEM: Sports and Entertainment Series
- Junior, Elle Borgan qualified placing second in SEM: Sports and Entertainment Series
- Junior, Isabella Perez qualified placing fifth in BFS: Business Finance Series
- Sophomore, Michael Fitzgibbons qualified placing second in ASM: Automotive Services Marketing Series
- Sophomore, Maddy Burke qualified placing third in RMS: Retail Merchandising Series
- Sophomore, Blake Hubik qualified for state in HRM: Human Resources Management Series
- Freshman, Megan Fox qualified placing fourth in ACT: Accounting Applications Series
- Freshman, Leo Iskandar qualified placing fifth in FMS: Food Marketing Series
- Freshman, Aanya Patel qualified for state in ENT: Entrepreneurship



From the Sports Desk

Girls Varsity Basketball had another strong team effort Wednesday night with everyone contributing in the win against Charleston Collegiate, 75-21. Gracie Henderson was lights out again tonight with 20 points. Brady Mahoney also had a big game with 18 points and 8 rebounds. Evelyn Melnick and Karoline Rustad both added 8 points. Trice McClure was tough on the boards with 7 rebounds. We play Battery Creek Saturday.

A total team effort Tuesday night to pull out the win 53-45 against Cathedral Academy, who beat us last week. Gracie Henderson shot the lights out with 6 threes, finishing with 18 points and 4 steals. Brady Mahoney had 14 points and 7 rebounds and did a great job defensively to limit their best player down the stretch. Lily Termini had an all-around great game with 9 points, 4 assists, and 6 rebounds. Cayce Graves was given our toughest defensive assignment and handled it very well and added 6 points.

Boys Varsity Basketball rebounded on their home court Wednesday evening and defeated the Sun Devils from Charleston Collegiate 78-50. The home team was led by a combined 42 points from Nicholai Atkinson and Daniel Godsun, and all 13 players in uniform contributed, capped off by 5 impressive points in the closing minutes from junior Kameron Braboy in his first game action of the season. Next up is a road game at Battery Creek HS on Saturday at an adjusted tip time of 3:30 PM.

A plague of turnovers, numbering 31 unofficially, descended on the home court on Tuesday night as the Golden Warriors were humbled by the visiting Generals from Cathedral Academy by the score of 45-60.

Wrestling had its opening matches of the season as the Golden Warrior Wrestling team came out with intensity and grit, winning 1 of 2 matches in their tri-meet at Beaufort High. In the first match, the Warriors defeated the Cross Cougars by a score of 57-24. In the final match of the night, the Warriors fell to the 10th ranked 3A Beaufort Eagles in a close match by a score of 41-39. Hammer of the night was Jude Witkowski who secured 2 pins over his opponents. Also going 2-0 were Jase Reynolds, Bailey Homer (1 pin), Archer Dewig, Alex Mercer (1 pin), and Gavin Byrne (1 pin). Going 1-0 were Daniel Snyder (pin), Jack Hannagan, and Jose Rayo (pin). 1-1 on the night were Chris Orta (pin), KP Santos, and Renzo Cedeno.

The wrestlers are back in action again this weekend when they travel up to Columbia on Saturday for the Hammond Holiday Hustle Dual Tourney.

NCCA Eligibility and Recruitment Seminar: The second seminar in JP II's parent information series will take place on **December 11 at 8:30am in the Athletic Center**. Collegiate athletics can be an exciting and difficult process for student-athletes and their families. Athletes are best supported working together with parents/guardians, coaches, and college counselors to ensure the best outcome.

Join JP II as we welcome USCB Director of Athletic Compliance Shawn Becker, Coach Cory Cottrell (USCB Men's and Women's Golf), and Coach Ron Fudala (USCB Men's Basketball). The panel will also include Cara Buckland, JP II director of counseling & student support services as well as members of the JP II Athletic Department. This is a parent-only event. All parents, regardless if they are JP II parents or not, are welcome to this important JP II Parent Seminar. Please invite your friends and neighbors who may be interested in this important topic.

If you have any questions, please contact JP II Asst. Athletic Director Stephen Gaylets at stephen.gaylets@johnpaul2school.org

JPII CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 7:30 PM

JOIN THE JPII CHOIRS IN THE COMMONS FOR AN EVENING
OF ADVENT PRAYER, SPECIAL MUSIC, AND CAROL SING-
ALONGS

LIGHT RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2023 1st Semester Exam Schedule

Monday, December 18

8:25-9:45am Block A
9:50-11:05am Block B
11:10-12:25am Block C
12:30pm Dismissal

Tuesday, December 19

8:25-9:45am Block E
9:50-11:05am Block F
11:10-12:25am Block G
12:30pm Dismissal

Wednesday, December 20

8:25-9:45am Block D
9:50-11:05am Block H
11:15am Dismissal



Have a great weekend.

In His Purpose,

John C. McCarthy

President

