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Tuition Assistance Deadline is Monday, January 15

The deadline to apply for tuition assistance is rapidly approaching. All applications must be completed through FACTS **by Monday at 11:59pm**. This will ensure that you are considered in the first batch of applications. Historically, JPII's tuition assistance fund is not sufficient to meet the total need of those who apply. Submitting an application on time is the best way for families with identified financial need to receive aid. We will evaluate those applications received by the deadline and communicate the award in early February. Applications received after January 15th will be considered beginning March 4 and only if funds are available.

New this year is the Educational Scholarship Trust Fund. Any family with a child currently enrolled in a South Carolina public school and applying for tuition assistance will be asked to also submit an application for a \$6,000 scholarship from this fund. This will enable families who qualify for the opportunity to receive additional aid. Applications open on January 15th. To learn more information or to apply please click on the following link <https://www.classwallet.com/programs/southcarolinaestf/#parents-families>.

Below are answers to frequently asked questions.

Is applying online through FACTS the only way or can I fill out an application on paper?

We only accept online applications. The link is <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. You will need your login information or create one if you are a new user.

What type of documentation is required?

You will need to upload your 2022 Federal tax return. You may need additional documentation depending on what FACTS requires. If you do not upload the required documents your application will not be verified. Only verified applications can be considered.

Who makes the aid determination?

FACTS makes an initial recommendation for aid based on a number of factors reported. The school then takes that recommendation and determines the amount of aid to be offered based on funds available.

How much aid can I expect?

This is a difficult question to answer as there are so many factors that go into FACTS recommendation. If you received aid last year, you could reasonably assume the same amount, or a little more to offset part of the tuition increase, if there have been no major changes in your finances from 2023. The maximum amount of JPIL aid is 50% of tuition.

Even with 50% in aid, I cannot afford JPIL. Is there any way to receive more than 50%?

Yes, there are a few ways to receive greater than 50% in tuition assistance. We have scholarships (Daughter's of Charity, St. Anthony Hardeeville Fund, Promise) that are funded by donors to allow students of high need to attend JPIL. We have always been an economically diverse school and we intend to stay that way. There's no additional application needed to access these funds. The school, with input from donors, will make that decision. There's also the SC Educational Trust Fund Scholarship (see above).

Are there scholarships that are not need based?

While we do not offer athletic scholarships, we do annually offer four merit scholarships to rising 9th graders. Currently enrolled 8th graders as well as new students applying for 9th grade are eligible. To qualify, students must score in the top 25% of our students taking the High School Placement Test (HSPT). The qualifying students will be notified that they are finalists. All finalists will be required to then submit an essay and sit for an interview. A panel of three faculty (one administrator, one teacher, and one counselor) will select the winner who will receive the Monsignor Cellini Scholarship, a \$5,000 a year for four years award. The three second place winners will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship for one year.

Who do I contact if I have questions about applying for tuition assistance.

Most questions can be answered online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/platform/customer-service> . If you still need additional help, please call Anissa Sauls in the school office at (843) 645-3838. She will either answer your question or direct you to a person who can. If you need any help with the admissions process you can always contact Anne McClure at anne.mcclure@johnpaul2school.org

We realize that attending JPIL is a huge financial commitment for all families, regardless of income level or aid received. For that we thank you and trust that the investment you are making in your child today will pay dividends in the future, both in the person they become and the preparation for college, career and life they receive at JPIL.

Enrollment Deadline is March 1

All current students in grades 6 – 11 must re-enroll for the 2024-25 school year **no later than March 1**. A non-refundable \$500 per student deposit is required for returning students to secure your spot. This deposit is deducted from your 2024-25 tuition.

We just hit 370 students enrolled for this year with 2 more in process. Of these, 47 will graduate, leaving potentially 325 students eligible to return. Assuming we hit our target retention of 95%, we will enroll 309 returning students. This leaves less than 100 spots available for new students. Each year, for the past two, we

have enrolled more than 120 students. So, as you can see, space will be at a premium. Paying attention to the deadline is critically important. Over 35% of returning students have already re-enrolled.

For new admissions, applying by the early application deadline of January 31 puts you in the best position for acceptance. We will admit all qualified applicants who apply by January 31. If you wait until after the 31st, we will consider those applications after March 1 assuming space is available. A \$1,000 non-refundable deposit is required for the admission of all new students. This deposit is deducted from your 2024-25 tuition.

At an enrollment of 405 students, John Paull II Catholic School will be at capacity until such time as new classroom space can be built.

From the Sports Desk

Girls Varsity Basketball, after a great Christmas break of practices, the girls dominated Cross 62-40. We got off to a hot start, winning 26-7 at the end of the 1st quarter, and used that momentum through the rest of the game. It was a great team win, with every girl getting quality minutes. Our seniors really showed out tonight! Senior Brady Mahoney led the way with 24 points, 3 assists and 13 rebounds. Seniors Gracie Henderson and Cayce Graves added 6 and 2 points respectively but were also given the toughest defensive assignments and the task of running our offense, and they handled it very well. Junior Lily Termini also had a big night with 13 points, 4 assists, 5 rebounds, and 4 steals. WARRIORS!!

Girls Middle School Basketball defeated St. Francis Thursday night with a score of 18-14. The scoring was led by Alivia Ogden with 12 points. Adding 2 points each was Nel Winslow, Destiny Godsun and Grace Buckland. The team played a strong "box and 1" defense to keep the Wolves' leading scorer to only 3 points. The Warriors play their next game on Tuesday at HHP at 4:00pm.

Boys Varsity Basketball, after more than a month since our last game action, harpooned the Stingrays from Cross School 74-26. All five starters plus 6th man Dante Aiken scored between 8 and 10 points for the night, and twelve players in all scored at least one basket. We expect a much stiffer test tonight in a rescheduled game vs. Patrick Henry at home at 7:30 PM.

Middle School Wrestling competed at McCracken Middle School on Wednesday night and came away with wins. Patrick Merrick had two pins and Isaac Borgan had 1 pin. With a 5-1 record (all five wins by pin) for the week, Patrick earned wrestler of the week.

Enjoy your three-day weekend in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King.

In His Purpose,



President

