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## The Warrior Way...Leadership

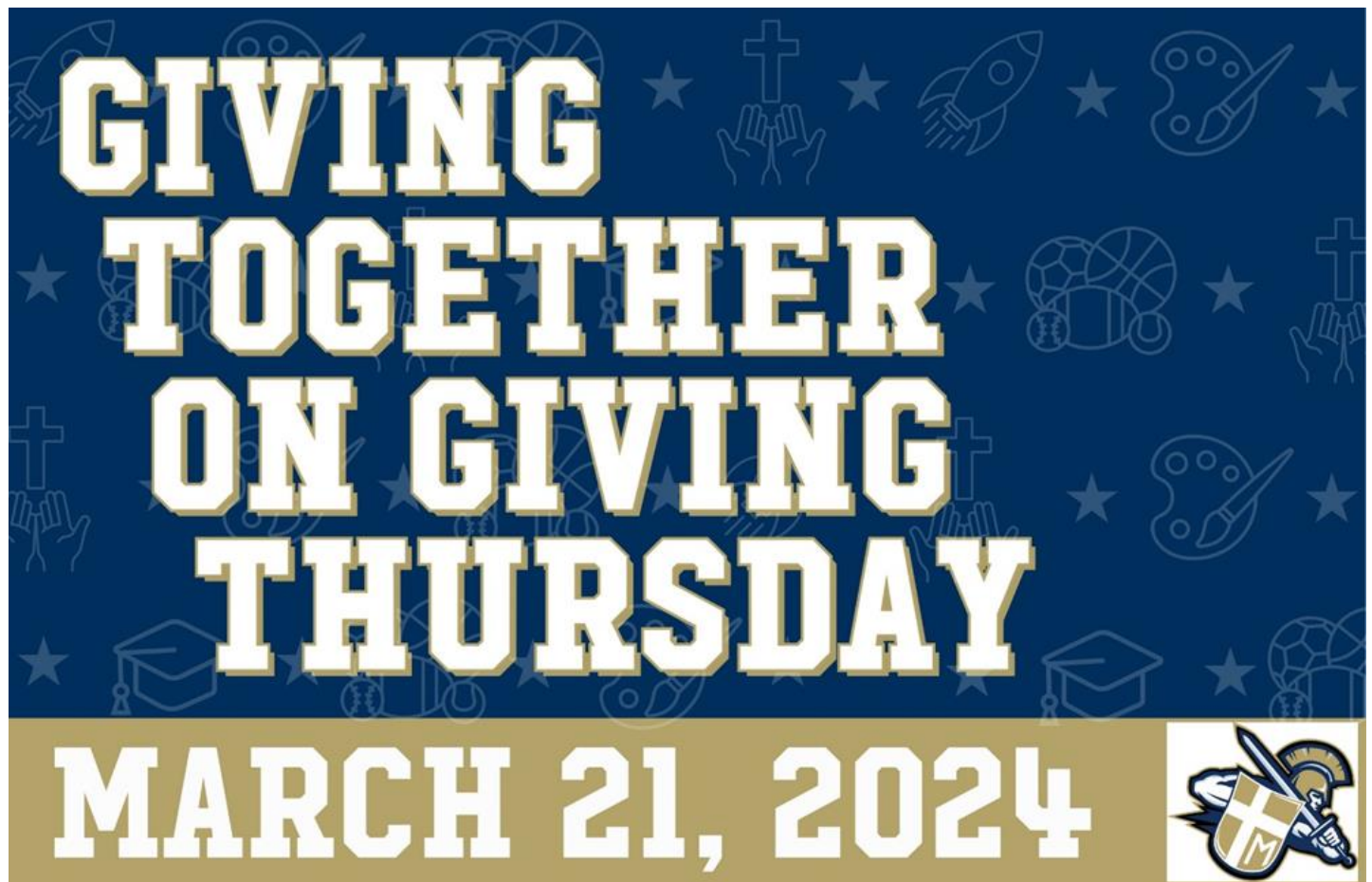
Today we introduced students to the core value of the month, Leadership. As we close out the school year, we will focus on what are perhaps the two most important SHIELD values, Leadership and Discipleship, yet are also the two most challenging to incorporate into the life of a teenager. Many students are more comfortable with being followers, content with letting others lead the way. Discipleship, a follower of Christ, often is viewed as something personal, not to be shared with others. Yet when combined, these two values are a powerful reminder of the impact a JPII education can have on a student's life far beyond high school. Just imagine what impact a JPII graduate can have in their future if they are disciples who leads others?

Today I had the opportunity to share my own leadership journey. Many years ago, when I sat where they are today, I never imagined myself to be a leader. In fact, I was quite comfortable being the follower. When I chose teaching as a career, I was quite content to remain in the classroom where I was comfortable and happy. It was not until I was asked to fill an assistant principal position on a short-term basis that I realized the impact I could make in a leadership role. The rest, as they say, is history. As I complete my 25<sup>th</sup> year in leadership I have come to the realization that God does not call those equipped to lead, but rather equips those who are called to lead. When viewed through this lens, anyone has the capability to become a leader as long as they trust in the purpose.

Today, seven current members of the senior class were chosen to briefly tell their leadership journey. Thank you to Brad Campbell, Sha'mya Jenkins, James Keefer, Christian Tilton, Kathleen Hammet, Lauren Weniger, and Chris Orta for sharing their inspirational leadership path. We called this segment "Passing the Torch of Leadership". Student leadership, after all, is the key ingredient to any successful school culture. The purpose of this activity was to inspire other students to pick up the void of leadership that will naturally form when the Class of 2024 graduates in three months. Our students are, and will always be, our greatest resource and our purpose for existence. As we close out one year and plan for the next, we challenge our underclassmen to pick up the torch of Leading, the Warrior Way.

## The Day of Giving is March 21

Please join with the entire community of JPIL supporters as we introduce our very first annual Day of Giving. The purpose of this day is to support the Warrior Fund. For those new to JPIL, the Warrior Fund is our annual fund that raises money for tuition assistance and for student co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The Warrior Fund helps deserving students attend JPIL while also supporting our vast program offerings. Think of things like robotics, retreats, the Day of Service, the Senior Mission Trip, and a host of other activities open to all students. The Warrior Fund allows these worthwhile activities to happen. So, every student benefits from the Warrior Fund. Please support us in any way you can, large or small.



### Important Dates to Put on Your Calendar

March 16, 8:45 – 11:45AM – Placement Test for New 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and HSPT for 9<sup>th</sup>

March 16, 7:30 – 9:00PM – Middle School Spring Fling Dance

March 16, 7:30 – 8:45PM – Middle School Parent Mixer at Southern Barrel in Bluffton

March 22 – 23 – JPIL's Theatre Department proudly presents The Sound of Music

# The Lowcountry is Alive with the Sound of Music

John Paull II Catholic School's Theatre Department proudly presents The Sound of Music on Friday, March 22 (7:00pm) and Saturday, March 23 (12:00pm, 7:00pm). Performances will be held in the JPII Athletic Center. Tickets are available to purchase by visiting <https://www.johnpaul2school.org/fine-arts/tickets-sales>. Purchase your tickets now before they are sold out.

See the talent that our students have to showcase with the following actors: James Keefer (Captain Von Trapp), Maura Clarke (Maria Rainer), Sha'mya Jenkins (Mother Abbess), Abigail Clarke (Sister Berthe), Hailey Heckert (Sister Margaretta), Bella Del Mazo (Liesl Von Trapp), Aiden Winslow (Friedrich Von Trapp), Serena Wilson (Louisa Von Trapp), James deBethizy (Kurt Von Trapp), Clare Jolley (Brigitta Von Trapp), Cate Jolley (Marta Von Trapp), Kim Ortiz (Gretl Von Trapp), Olivia Klepesky (Elsa Schraeder), Tim McGuire (Max Detweiler), Nathaniel Prado (Rolf Gruber), Alec Yanachik (Franz), Rose Witkowski (Frau Schmidt), Christian Tilton (Herr Zeller), Kam Braboy (Admiral Von Schreiber), Cooper Baroni (Baron Elberfeld), and Camryn Webster (Baroness Elberfeld). Our nun choir showcases the talents of Rose Witkowski, Ella Rae Hein, Leah Martinez, Emily Lampasona, Kennedy Schmitz, Bianca Ramirez, Marin Dyer, Mitchell Ramos, Sha'mya Jenkins, Abigail Clarke, and Hailey Heckert. Our German Soldiers are played by Ross Putnam, Brad Campbell, Jonathan Yanachik and Walker Benson.

## Congratulations Samantha Justini

Cheers to 6th grader Samantha Justini for earning a Gold 1 rating with a FABULOUS piano solo ("Summertime" by Hayward and Gershwin) at the 2024 SCISA Music Festival.

## From the Sports Desk

### Varsity Baseball

Tuesday, Senior and Brevard commit, Ross Putnam, etched his name in the JPII history books by throwing his 3rd NO-HITTER of his High School career. Ross gave up 0 hits and 0 runs over five innings, striking out 6 and only walking 4. Once again, our defense played a flawless game. The Warriors did not commit a single error on the field. Ross excelled on the mound and his younger brother, Freshman Talon Putnam, led the offensive surge. Talon collected 3 hits in 4 at bats with 2 RBIs. Our other trusty lefty, Archer Dewig went 3-3 with 1 RBI. Stewart Misko, Jackson Reilley, and Ayden Kollstedt went 2-3. Kollstedt added to our lead with 2 RBIs. Logan Cotter, Garrett Heathcott, and Spencer Murphy each had hits in our 5 innings.

Monday night Varsity Baseball lost to Colleton Prep by the score of 8 – 2. Logan Cotter stepped on the mound first for the Warriors. Our Warriors fell behind early and were not able to catch up. Archer Dewig and Garrett Heathcott were a one-two punch in the line-up, as each drove in one for our Warriors. We turned another double play in the game and once again we did not commit a single error through 7 innings. Logan Cotter had the most chances in the field with eight. Stewart Misko and Archer Dewig came in to pitch after Logan Cotter.

Last Saturday JPII faced St. Andrews in a doubleheader. JPII won Game 1 by a score of 8 – 1. The bottom of the lineup helped the Warriors capture the victory. Ayden Kollstedt, Bryant Jolley, and Jackson Reilley combined for four of the teams eight hits. They scored two runs and drove in five. JPII opened the scoring in the first

after Archer Dewig singled, scoring one run. We added to our early lead in the bottom of the second inning after Jolley walked, and Reilley scored after tagging up, each scoring one run. Talon Putnam, Stewart Misko, and Spencer Murphy all added to the offensive attack with one hit each. Ross Putnam stepped on the mound first allowing two hits and one run over three and two-thirds innings, striking out four and only walking one. Dewig threw next, holding SAS scoreless.

Game 2 was a little closer, JPII 4 - St. Andrews 2. SAS jumped to an early lead in the first inning, but the Warriors answered right back. Jumping right back into the lead in the bottom of the first inning, Stewart Misko and Jackson Reilley both singled and scored a run along with Logan Cotter. A double by Talon Putnam extended our lead to 4-1. Garrett Heathcott began the game for us on the mound. The righty surrendered four hits and two runs over three innings, striking out three and only walking one. Dewig, Kollstedt, Misko, Heathcott, Jolley, Putnam, and Reilley each collected one hit. Misko, Cotter, Putnam, and Reilley each drove in one run. Our defense played great in both games. Strong defensive play left the ERROR column blank for 2 games.

**JV Baseball** lost their first game of the season on Monday as they lost to Colleton Prep by a score of 8-4. The Golden Warriors continued to battle during the game after falling behind 8-0. Nick Feltner and Aiden Michaud each registered hits to fuel the comeback attempt.

JV Baseball won their opening game of the season over Patrick Henry by a score of 8-1. Russell Spencer had an excellent pitching performance giving up 0 runs in 3 innings while striking out 6 batters. 8 different players in the lineup reached base leading to 8 stolen bases.

**Middle School Baseball** lost to HHCA by the score of 11 – 2. The Golden Warriors started the game by taking a 1-0 lead with an RBI walk from Walker Benson scoring Capers Crosby. Jack Gehm and Hunter Kollstedt both collected 1 hit in 2 at bat. The Golden Warriors defense turned one double play, stopping HHCA from scoring more runs in the 3rd inning. Ryan Fox was the starting pitcher for the Golden Warriors, throwing 3 great innings for his first start of the season. Hunter Kollstedt came in the last inning to hold the eagles to 2 runs.

**Varsity Softball** traveled to Bluffton High. It was a tough loss against the Bobcats by the score of 14-6. Tevi Mullens pitched 6 innings with 4 strikeouts and 2 walks. Gabby Heathcott and Gracie Henderson each had 2 hits. Cayce Graves, Gracie Henderson and Rachel Brenneman each drove in 2 runs. Rachael Brenneman and Megan Fox stole multiple bases.

Varsity Softball traveled to Burton Wells to battle Bridges Prep. The Golden Warriors were victorious with a final score of 18-4. Tevi Mullen was the starting pitcher with 4 strikeouts and 1 walk in 3 innings. Ellie Heathcott stepped in as relief pitcher with 1 strikeout and 2 walks. The Warriors were the first to get on the board in the first. The Warriors scored 6 runs on 3 hits in the second. Shelby Pinski with a double, scoring 2 runs. Ellie Heathcott with a double scoring 1 run The Warriors then scored 5 runs on 5 hits in the third to put the game out of reach. Kathleen Hammett had a single, scoring 1 run. Ellie Heathcott hit a double, scoring 1 run. Rachael Brenneman with a single, scoring 1 run. Tevi Mullens with a single, scoring 2 runs. Ellie Heathcott, Shelby Pinski, Rachael Brenneman, Lauren Majorkiewicz and Megan Fox with multiple bases stolen. 21 total bases were stolen in the game.

The opening game for the Varsity Softball team was against Colleton Prep. It was an intense game as the Warriors held Colleton Prep 2-1 until the 5th inning when Colleton Prep pulled away to win 8-2. Tevi Mullen

pitched the game with 8 strikeouts and 1 walk. Lauren Majorkiewicz and Megan Fox each had 2 hits, both driving in a run. Cayce Graves stole 2 bases.

**JV Softball** came out ready to play Thursday afternoon against the Bluffton JV squad. On the mound for the Warriors was 6th grader, Sammy Justini who battled the whole game to get the win! Stellar catching by Ansley Reilley allowed for very few passed balls and helped our team to victory. Every player was patient at the plate and each of them made it on base! Audrey Litchfield secured her first putout of her career catching a fly ball at second base. Play of the game was a double play between Sammy Justini and Kendall Roppelt when a pop up was caught on the mound and quick thinking allowed for another put out at second base getting us out of the inning. The JV Warriors secured the win with a 23-10 score. Next game the Warriors travel to Andrew Jackson.

**Boys Golf** took first place in their home match at the Berkeley Hall Club. JPII won the event by two strokes with a total team score of 163, a record for this young team, against 8 other teams, including Hilton Head Christian Academy (165), Heritage Academy (192), Thomas Heyward (199), Holy Trinity, Beaufort Academy, Colton Prep, Cross, and Bethesda Academy. JPII was led by Ryan George, Adrian Simmons and Freddie Weniger all shooting 40 for the 9-hole tournament, followed closely by Brayden Frickel (43) and Dylan Folscroft (45). Truly a total team effort! Next week the Warriors will be competing again against these schools at a match hosted by Cross School at Halton Hall.

**Track & Field** competed in their first track meet of the season at Hilton Head Island High School. Several local schools were in attendance at the track meet (Hilton Head Island HS, HHCA, Beaufort, May River, as well as Savannah Schools). Although this track meet was considered a "practice" or "trial" meet; our JPII athletes came ready to perform. Alan Wolf placed 1st in Long Jump and was the anchor for our 3rd place 4x400 relay team (4x400m team-Ephrain Jimenez, Kam Braboy, Tommy Gehm, Alan Wolf). Trice McClure placed 1st in the 400m hurdles and 2nd in the High Jump. Sebastian Frickel placed 1st in the 1600m and 2nd in the 3200m. Lukas Yackley placed 2nd in both shotput and discus. Our girls 4x400m relay team placed 3rd (Cypress Daniel, Millie Cornejo, Lily Termini, and Mila Baroni). Our guys 4x800m relay team placed 3rd (Cullen Amagliani, Keenan Hill, Daniel Synder, and Angelo Iskandar). Blake Hubik placed 3rd in the 3200m race, rounding out our top 3 finishers on the night. We also had several athletes finish in the top 5. This includes Andrew Boyden for Long Jump, Zac Henderson in the 400m, Blake Hubik in the 1600m, and Mila Baroni in the 200m. Adding to the thrill of the first meet is the opportunity for several athletes to set school records in our next meet. Being that this meet was considered "unofficial" (the marks/times won't be posted) the record setting mark won't count. However, Alan Wolf (Long Jump), Trice McClure (400mH, High Jump), Lukas Yackley (Discus), and Mila Baroni (200m) all had marks/times that would have set or broken school track records for JPII. This looks to be the start of a very exciting track season!

**Varsity Boys Soccer** traveled to Beaufort Academy for their first game of the season. The team has high expectations for the season and a strong matchup with the Eagles was a perfect start. The game was scoreless in the first half as both teams jockeyed for field position. The Warriors started the 2nd half strong with a great pass from Kelon Reynolds to Brennan McDermott who after beating two defenders found the net off the crossbar! Strong defensive play held the Eagles off the scoreboard and the Warriors took their first game of the season 1-0! The man of the match goes to Freshman Goalkeeper Walker Patrick who tallied 10 saves for the clean sheet. The boys will travel to Beaufort High this Friday to face a strong Eagles squad.

You are invited to the  
JPII Middle School Spring Fling  
**Hollywood GLAM**

Saturday March 16

7:30-9:00pm

JPII Athletic Center

Tickets must be purchased online by 12pm on  
Friday, March 15!

<https://johnpaul2schoolorg.finalsite.com/athletics/tickets>

# JPII Golf Classic is at Spring Island on May 7

The JPII Golf Classic returns to Spring Island this year on May 7. This tournament is sure to be a sellout so reserve your foursome today. This course is one of the best you will ever play so join us for a great day of golf, community building, and support for our school.



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