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Welcome New Families

We are excited to announce that JP II continues to draw many new families. Our momentum is building as we look to break the 400 barrier for the 2024-25 school year. One of the comments we have heard in the past from new families is the challenge of breaking into a new school community after having spent so long in another one. So, in response to that recommendation, we have established a section on the website just for new families. Please click on <https://johnpaul2schoolorg.finalsite.com/admissions/new-parents> to find important information to help you transition to JP II. As always, new families should always reach out with any questions they may have as their child prepares to enter our school next year.

Along the lines of building community, JP II annually hosts a Spring Fling Middle School Dance and New Parent Mixer. This year's dance and mixer takes place **Saturday, March 16**. The dance is open to all current 5th – 8th graders who have submitted an application for next year, all current JP II 6th – 8th graders, as well as all current 6th graders at St. Peters and St. Gregory the Great Catholic Schools and current 8th graders at St. Francis. The dance will take place in the Athletic Center from 7:30 – 9:00pm. While students are dancing the night away, we welcome their parents to Southern Barrel in Bluffton for our New Parent Mixer. All new parents, prospective parents, and current JP II parents with middle schoolers are welcome to attend. Spread the word.

You are invited to the
JP II Middle School Spring Fling
Hollywood GLAM
Saturday March 16
7:30-9:00pm
JP II Athletic Center

Tickets must be purchased online by 12pm on
Friday, March 15!
<https://johnpaul2schoolorg.finalsite.com/athletics/tickets>

Join us

AT OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT
MIXER WHILE YOUR CHILD IS
ATTENDING THE JP II MIDDLE
SCHOOL SPRING FLING

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BLUFFTON

SATURDAY MARCH 16
7:30-8:45PM
NO RSVP NECESSARY

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 Margareta), 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.

Scheduling for Next Year

Students have begun the process of selecting their classes for next year. By the end of this week, the counselors will have met with each grade level to give scheduling directions (also attached here), a course selection worksheet and for upperclassmen, a copy of completed courses and an unofficial transcript of credits earned to date.

Each student will have a personalized course selection worksheet which includes courses recommended by his/her current teacher(s). **PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE COUNSELORS BY MARCH 22nd SO WE HAVE A RECORD OF THOSE REQUESTS.** We ask that you kindly consider a teacher's recommendation as they would have the most insight as to your child's future success in a given course.

If you have questions about a specific recommendation, PLEASE CONTACT THAT TEACHER DIRECTLY. The FACTS portal will be open from MARCH 18th through MARCH 27th for families/students to go in and select their desired courses for next year. Administration will staff classes based on your requests, so please select carefully.

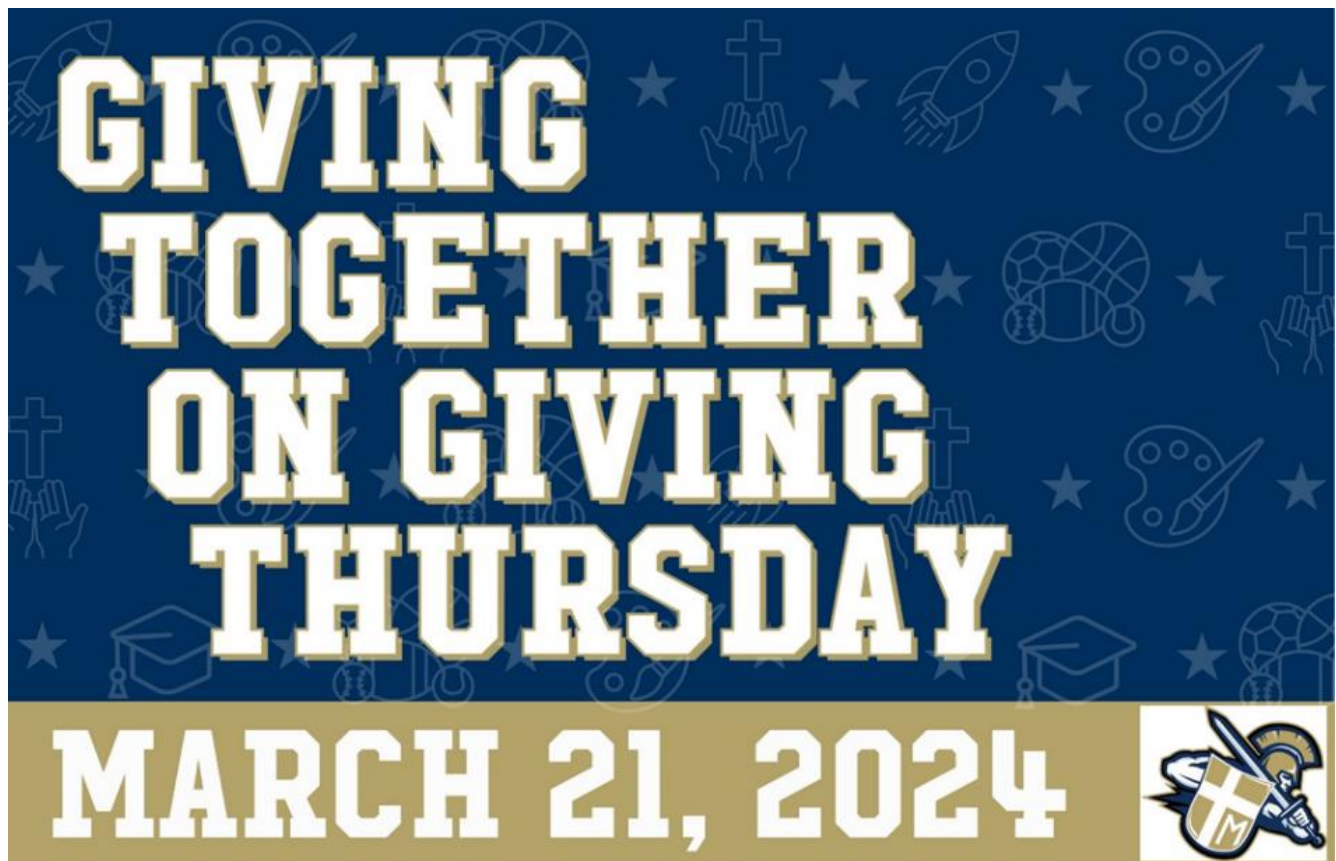
Counselors are available for meetings if you have specific questions. Miss Pina will be working with all rising 7th and 8th grade students, Sister Mary Beth will work with all rising 9th and 10th grade students, and Mrs. Buckland will be working with rising 11th and 12th grade students.

IMPORTANT! Please note that only students reenrolled for next year will be allowed to select their courses. While over 90% of students have enrolled, there are a few have not. Please do so ASAP. Students new to JPII will begin course selections in April.

The Day of Giving is March 21 – Please Join us in Supporting JPll

Please join with the entire community of JPll 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 JPll, the Warrior Fund is our annual fund that raise money for tuition assistance and for student co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The Warrior Fund helps deserving students attend JPll 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. Please donate now at,

<https://www.johnpaul2school.org/support-jpii/warrior-fund>



From the Sports Desk

Just Announced...JPll is Moving to SCISA Class 4A

Every two years the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) reconfigures classifications based solely on enrollment. Because JPll has grown so rapidly in the past four years, we have moved from Class I to II to III and now IV in a very short period of time. Believe it or not, we are now the 9th largest school in SCISA. While we did appeal this reclassification, JPll, like other schools who appealed, was turned down. There is a silver lining to this move, however. Our athletes will now be able to compete with the very best programs SCISA has to offer. While that may make it challenging initially, long-term our programs will only get stronger. So, try to look on the bright side. Many of our programs are already competing at an elite level. Wrestling, for example, finished 2nd in the entire state this year and both boys and girls cross country will likely give

perennial 4A powerhouse Heathwood Hall a run for their money, no pun intended. Other programs are stacked with young talent that will only get better over time. Being in 4A will also likely attract athletes to JP II.

Class 4A Region III will consist of Camden Military (boys only), Hilton Head Christian, John Paul II, Laurence Manning, Trinity Collegiate, and Wilson Hall. The first thing you may notice is these schools, with the exception of HHCA, are a good distance away from JP II. While not "regional" nor ideal, it is the nature of SCISA. To mitigate travel distance, particularly on school nights, the athletic directors from these schools will meet to develop schedules that are in the best interest of the student, and not the sport. You can expect to see things such as more multi-team tournaments and meets, games at neutral sites and/or on Saturdays, and doubleheaders. JP II will round out its schedule with local teams. Football regions have not been announced yet, but it can be assumed JP II is moving up to 4A in this sport as well.

While we already boast the most robust athletic program for private schools in our area, we are constantly reviewing our program to ensure we continue to offer opportunities for the greatest number of student-athletes. We are planning to offer Lacrosse for both boys and girls in the Spring of 2025. Lacrosse is a growing sport that offers tremendous college scholarship possibilities. We are also closely evaluating adding clay shooting as well as crew. Our procedure when adding any sport is (1) to ensure we have enough student-athletes to field a competitive team without cannibalizing another sport, (2) that adequate facilities exist on or within close proximity to campus, (3) it must fit in our budget, and (4) enough local competition exists.

Varsity Baseball lost a close game against Hilton Head Prep, 4-2. Garrett Heathcott took the mound tonight, only giving up 1 earned run. The righty gave up 5 hits over 4 innings. Stewart Misko came in relief and kept the Warriors within striking distance. The two sophomores were very impressive on the hill. Archer Dewig, Stewart Misko, Spencer Murphy, and Logan Cotter each collected 1 hit for the Warriors. Dewig and Murphy each drove in 1 run. In the last inning, the Warriors brought the tying run to the plate with 2 outs. A line-out to third base sealed the win for HHP. A heart-breaking loss for the Warriors. We will be back in action this Friday against THA. (HOME GAME) Please come out and support your Golden Warriors! We will be wearing Irish Green (if you don't recognize us) in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Come out in GREEN and cheer on your Warriors! A ceremonial first pitch will take place at 4pm, honoring the AOH Club. Game starts at 4:30!

Friday night our Warriors defeated Battery Creek by the score of 3-2. The Warriors got on the board in the top of the first inning after Archer Dewig singled, and Stewart Misko doubled, each scoring one run. Garrett Heathcott led things off on the hill. The starting pitcher gave up three hits and one run over three and two-thirds innings, striking out six and walking three. Logan Cotter appeared in relief. Leadoff hitter Talon Putnam led our offense with two hits in two at bats. Dewig, Misko, and Putnam each drove in one run. Our Warriors ran wild on the base paths, piling up five stolen bases for the game. Heathcott led the team, swiping 2 bags himself. Our defense struggled but kept it together by turning a key double play to stop the Dolphin's attack.

JV Baseball had a tremendous victory over a very experienced Hilton Head Christian team by a score of 5-2. Dylan Gehm pitched 5 no hit innings keeping the Eagles off balance during his entire performance. He was supported with some great outfield defense by Matt Termini, Jack Hannigan, Griffin Spencer, and Taylor Murphy who all recorded putouts. The offense was led by Chase Cotter who had a double with 3 RBI. Nick Feltner collected 2 hits to assist the cause.

JV Baseball got back on the winning track with a victory over Cathedral Academy by a score of 23-1. Nick Feltner and Chase Cotter both threw 2 innings of excellent baseball during the effort. 11 different Warriors reached the base paths during the contest. Dylan Gehm led the offense with 3 hits and 5 RBI.

Middle School Baseball dispatched Thomas Heyward Academy on Thursday, 12-1. The Golden Warriors started the game scoring in the first inning thanks to two singles, three of those scores came on Ryan Fox hitting a ball down the third base line scoring three runners. The Golden Warriors were able to get bases loaded in the second inning and with a walk from Kyler Rimsnider scored another run to lead 5-0. In the third inning Hunter Kollstedt singled, making the score 7-1. In the fourth inning, the Golden Warriors scored five runs to make the lead 12-1. Zachary Moulton took the mound for the Golden Warriors pitching a spectacular game. He pitched a complete game, giving up four hits, striking out eight batters and only walking four. He controlled the game from start to finish. Hunter Kollstedt led the team with two hits in three at-bats and Carter Whiteside walked three times. When the Golden Warriors were on base, they were able to steal nine bases in total. For the first time all season, the Golden Warriors committed no errors and were solid in the field. Next up for the Golden Warriors is a game at St. Francis Wolves, Friday 15 March at 5:30.

Middle School Baseball lost a heartbreaking game to Hilton Head Prep 2-0 on Tuesday. Chase Cotter took the mound for the Golden Warriors pitching a gem of a game. He only allowed four hits and two runs over four innings, while striking out four batters. Zachary Moulton came in and finished the game facing seven batters, throwing only 25 pitches and 14 of those for strikes. The Golden Warriors had their best night at the plate also. With Zachary Moulton going 2 for 2 at the plate, James Del Mazo going 1 for 2, and Lucas Mulieri also going 1 for 2. When the Golden Warriors were on base, they ran wild. They collected six stolen bases, with Zachary Moulton collecting three and Carter Whiteside, Jack Gehm, and Lucas Mulieri collecting one each.

Monday night, the Golden Warriors went on the road to take on Hilton Head Middle School, losing 15-1. The Golden Warriors started the first inning by scoring one run on a hard-hit ball from Jack Gehm. The pitcher who caught the line drive ball, tried to get Carter Whiteside out at second. He then threw the ball over the shortstops head which allowed Carter Whiteside to score from second base. While the Golden Warriors were in the field, James Del Mazo made an acrobatic catch at third base and then made a driving play to tag the runner out at third, turning a double play. Ryan Fox stepped on the mound first for the Golden Warriors allowing eight hits over two and one-third innings, striking out one batter. James Del Mazo was 1 for 2 at the plate to lead the Golden Warriors.

Varsity Softball came out with a BANG for the first home game of the season!! Shelby Pinski was THE big hitter Thursday night against Cross. She drove in 7 runs on 3 hits to lead the Warriors to victory, 16-0. Shelby tripled in the second scoring 3 runs, tripled in the third scoring 2 runs and finished it out in the fourth with a double scoring 2 runs. Lauren Majorkiewicz hit a triple in the first to get the Warriors on the board. The Warriors scored 7 runs on 5 hits in the second inning, the big hits being Gabby Heathcott's double, Megan Fox's single, Shelby Pinski's triple and Cayce Graves' triple. Tevi Mullens was the starting pitcher with 6 strike outs and no walks.

Boys Golf kept it going this week with another 1st place finish against 7 other schools in a match held at Hampton Hall. Leading the way for JP II was Ryan George with an even par round of 36, which was also the medalist for the event. Following Ryan was Will Debrovner with 43, Adrian Simmons and Dylan Folscroft shot a 44, and Bryden Frickel with 49. The Warriors will try for the three-peat next Wednesday at Cat Island in a

match being hosted by Beaufort Academy. The other schools participating in the match were Hilton Head Christian Academy with a score of 178 coming in second followed by Holy Trinity with a 179, Thomas Heyward 185, Colleton Prep 189, Cross 190, Beaufort Academy 190, and Bethesda Academy with a score of 212.

Varsity Girls Soccer after a slow first half and being down 2-0, the girls came out fighting defeating Coastal Hurricanes 4-2. Hollis Melnick had 2 goals to tie the game, Evelyn Melnick scored the game winning goal, and Ayla Reynolds sealed the deal all in the second half. Ayla collected 2 assists, Finlay Henderson, and Lauren Weniger each had one. Our defensive line was led by Lauren, Elizabeth Smith, Brady Mahoney, and Grace Buckland. Trinity Grace Maxwell collected 5 saves in goal. The girls, now 3 and 0 on the season, get a much-needed rest and travel to Beaufort Academy on Tuesday at 6.

Varsity Girls soccer came out strong defeating First Baptist School 3-0. Abby Brock, Ayla Reynolds, and Hollis Melnick scored one goal each. Grace Buckland and both Hollis and Ayla collected one assist. The defense was led by Lauren Weniger and Trinity Grace Maxwell who collected 6 saves in goal. The girls look to wrap the week against Coastal Hurricanes in Savannah.

The girls started this season scoring 3 goals in 3 minutes and finishing the first half 10-0, mercy ruling Patrick Henry. Evelyn Melnick started us off scoring 2 goals in the first minute of the game, followed by Hollis Melnick collecting two goals shortly after. Abby Brock, Sadie Moulton, Mila Baroni, Caroline Ware, Finlay Henderson, and Emma McKamey all scored one goal. Ayla Reynolds collected 3 assists, the Melnick sisters each had two, and both Karsyn Kaminsky and Finlay each had one assist. Lauren Weniger led the defensive line.

Varsity Boys Soccer was away Thursday night playing Coastal Homeschool Athletics Association at Hendrix Park in Savannah, GA. After a tough loss at home on Tuesday the team was hungry for goals and ready to work hard for a win. They came out strong and scored two goals in the first 10 minutes. Jackson Sanders had his first Varsity Hat Trick scoring 3 of the 10 goals. Collin Anfinson, Kelon Reynolds, Brennan McDermott, Seth Cano, Luca Madhere, Christian Tilton, and Brian Orta all scored one goal each to add to the score line. The team utilized great ball movement and kept possession through most of the game creating many scoring chances. The assists in the game came from Collin Anfinson with 2, Brennan McDermott, our team captain with 3, Seth Cano, Chris Orta, Brian Orta and Jase Reynolds each added an assist as well to help lead the team to a 10-2 victory. The defense was solid led by senior Renzo Cedeno. Jude Ryan was in at goalkeeper and had 3 saves for the night. Man of the match goes to Jackson Sanders.

The Warriors came out of the gate fast and furious as they hosted First Baptist School for their home opener. It was a Jackson Sanders cross that set up the first goal of the game by Brennan McDermott within the first minutes to take the lead 1-0. The Warrior continued their strong play throughout the first half, but were unable to capitalize on several opportunities, leaving it 1-0 at the half. Strong play continued in the second half, but the Warriors couldn't find the back of the net. At the 50th minute First Baptist scored their first goal of the night tying the game 1-1. With 10 minutes remaining, a collision in the box injured goalkeeper Walker Patrick, taking him out of the game. First Baptist capitalized scoring two goals late to take the match 3-1. Our man of the match was Brennan McDermott. The Warriors look to rebound as they travel to play Coastal Homeschool in Savannah.

Boys' Varsity Soccer team traveled to Patrick Henry on Monday night. The starting 11 came out ready to play and scored in the 7th minute with Colin Anfinson playing a cross to the far post for Jackson Sanders to finish, making it 1-0. In the 11th minute freshmen Tommy Rembold made it 2-0 after finishing a precise pass from

our captain Brennan McDermott. The 3rd Goal came from Jase Reynold who had an amazing bicycle kick finish which stands as the goal of the season right now and we named Jase man of the match for it. The 4th goal was a penalty kick won by freshmen Seth Cano who stepped up and finished it like a natural goal scorer. In the second half our 5th goal was scored by Jackson Sanders and another assist for Brennan McDermott. Finally, to seal the deal Brennan scored our 6th goal of the game making it a 6-1 victory for the Warriors.

Last Friday night we had our 2nd away game of the season. We faced Beaufort High School at their place and the boys were excited to play. The Warriors started out very strong by keeping possession of the ball and creating many scoring opportunities right out of the gate. Brennan McDermott had a couple chances inside the box that unfortunately hit the cross bar both times and bounced out. Jackson Sanders was flying down the right side and sending crosses in, but no one could finish in the first half. Start of the second half was Beaufort High coming out strong and our defense was holding them back. In the 65th minute Beaufort's midfield won a ball and played a through ball to their striker who finished it making it 1-0 Beaufort High. JP2 fought back hard creating many chances but not being able to finish gave us our first loss of the season. Walker Patrick played great again with 13 saves in net and our man of the match was Christian Tilton who held strong in the defensive position.

Boys Tennis defeated Beaufort Academy 8-1 at our first match of the season on Tuesday, March 12. Congratulations to our players! Singles: Angelo Iskandar defeated BA's Davis Bonebreak, 6-0, 6-2. Leo Iskandar defeated Hefner, 6-3, 6-1. Landon Low defeated Bathan Nash: 6-1, 6-0. Sullivan Homer defeated Aden Harrington, 6-0, 6-2. Bailey Homer defeated K.J. Brown, 6-2, 6-3. Nathan Lyle defeated Langdon Taylor: 6-0, 6-0. Doubles: Angelo Iskandar and Leo Iskandar defeated BA's Addy Noris and K.J. Brown, 8-3. Landon Low and Sullivan Homer defeated BA's Sarah Green and Jashon Williams, 8-1. BA's Aden Harrington and Jimmy defeated JP2's Cole Trott and Aiden Karrh, 9-7. Our next match is Tuesday, March 19 at home (Oldfield) vs. Heritage Academy with a start time of 4:00pm.

JPII Golf Classic is at Spring Island on May 7

Get ready to tee off! Join us on May 7, 2024, for our highly anticipated Golf Classic at the picturesque Old Tabby Links at Spring Island. When we hit the links here back in 2022 the tournament was a **SELL OUT!** Don't miss out this year to play on one of the best courses in the Lowcountry. It's not just about the golf; it's also a fantastic opportunity to connect with other JPII parents and build lasting relationships.

We are thrilled to offer a unique sponsorship opportunity, where you can secure a foursome for \$2,000, along with the privilege of exclusively sponsoring either the front or back nine tee boxes. Additionally, you can showcase your business by becoming a food and beverage sponsor for the same price. This is a fantastic chance to gain exposure for your brand while enjoying a day of golfing excellence. Green sponsorships are offered at \$200 per green.

This tournament serves a meaningful purpose as it supports the Warrior Fund, our annual fund dedicated to enhancing resources and educational programs at JPII. With a limited number of spots available, don't miss your chance to be part of this exclusive event, limited to 104 participants.

Join us for an incredible day of golf, business, fun, and an excellent opportunity to connect with others in our community and school supporters on May 7, 2024, at Old Tabby Links – where memories are made, and our Warrior Fund receives the support it needs to empower our school's growth and success.

LINK: <https://www.johnpaul2school.org/support-jpii/events>

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