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The Growth of the Performing Arts at JPII

Only five years ago, JPII was struggling to build a performing arts program. While not unusual for a small school, a vibrant performing arts program is an important component of a well-rounded education. Fast forward to the 2023-24 school year and the program has emerged as a strength of the school. Coming off an excellent Christmas concert by our choir, the Spring musical, *The Sound of Music*, thrilled a packed house. It has set the bar for future shows. This week, the first ever Spring Concert debuted. This was a combined concert by the choir and the new band program. Wow! Over 50 students performed to a surprisingly large audience in the athletic center. The band has only been together since January with many students playing instruments for the first time. Every song they played was recognizable. We even had a rendition of the JPII Fight Song, perhaps a forebearer to a pep band at football games next year?

A special thank you must go to our choir director, Mrs. Emily Brown, and our new band teacher, Mr. Victor Ney. These two experienced and talented musicians are true teachers of music and are able to bring out the best in student's talents in ways never imagined. We should also acknowledge our past performing arts teachers, Mrs. Kathy Tucker, Ms. Ava Nixon, and Mr. Sam Richardson for laying a solid foundation of growth from which the program could build. Behind the scenes, the encouragement of Mrs. Kefrin Woodham has provided the much needed support for the program to grow, particularly in its formative years. I would also be remiss if I didn't mention one of our benefactors, Mr. Al Urbano, who donated \$30,000 to provide much needed instruments.

Now, the future is brighter than ever for the performing arts. Students are signing up for classes in choir, band and theater in record numbers. We expect to have close to a full program next year. The opportunity for a fall play exists, perhaps participating in the SCISA One Acts. As previously mentioned, a pep band is likely on the way. The 4th leg of the stool is now complete. Faith, Academics, Athletics, and now the Arts will become part of the JPII story. When the new black box theater opens we will finally have a facility worthy of the talent that performs in it. Thank you to all who made that happen.

Learn About A.I. from a Local Expert

We are delighted to announce that David Roscoe, a Spring Island resident and expert in Artificial Intelligence ethics, has graciously accepted our invitation to return to JPPI and contribute to the JPPI Parent Seminar series. This promises to be a wonderful opportunity for parents to learn more about Artificial Intelligence and its implications for the future. **Please join us on Monday at 8:30am in the Commons.**

Mr. Roscoe, a former corporate board member at The Hastings Center, renowned for its impartial stance in bioethics research, will speak about his immersion into the dynamic field of AI ethics, where he contributed significantly to the ongoing discourse, shaping ethical frameworks for the ever-evolving landscape of AI.

All parents, regardless if they have a student enrolled at JPPI, are welcome to all JPPI Parent Seminars.





Students, please make sure to bring money for the JPII Wish lemonade and popsicle sale on Monday, 4/22/24! The sale will be run by students and proceeds will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, helping to grant wishes for critically ill children. Additionally, monetary donations can be made to the official website below. Thank you for your continued help in making a positive impact on the lives of kids in need!

Those who donated baked goods to the bake sale on 4/15/24 can pick up a personalized thank you card in the front office. Thank you for donating!

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From the Sports Desk

JPII Booster Club Meeting

Join us on **April 24th at 6:30pm in the athletic center** for our "State of The Booster" meeting. Booster leadership is in transition and the time is now for the next generation of Warrior Nation leadership to emerge. Please plan on attending and lending your support.

Varsity Baseball took Tuesday's "Senior Night" game in dramatic fashion, with a 9-8 walk-off victory off the bat of 8th grader Zach "Z-MO" Moulton. Down 8-6 in the bottom of the 7th, Talon Putnam lit the fire with a rope to right field. Logan Cotter singled on a hard ground ball to the left fielder scoring Talon Putnam. 8-7. With 2 outs and runners on 2nd and 3rd Z-Mo singled on a line drive scoring Logan Cotter and Archer Dewig for a 9-8 walk-off victory. Talon Putnam led the offensive surge going 3-3 at the plate batting in 2 runs. Garrett Heathcott, Zach Bryant Jolley, and Spencer Murphy each had 2 hits. Logan Cotter, Archer Dewig, Zach Moulton, and Brandyn Horton contributed with 1 hit a piece.

A tough loss for the Warriors Friday night at HHP, 3-2. Ross Putnam started on the mound. The righty went three innings, surrendering two runs (1 earned) on three hits, striking out three. Garrett Heathcott, Logan Cotter, and Archer Dewig came in the game in relief. Bryant Jolley and Spencer Murphy were tough to handle

back-to-back in the lineup, as each drove in one run. Archer Dewig went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead the Warriors in hits. Jackson Reilley scored a run after hitting a standup triple.

Varsity Softball ended in a tie against Colleton Prep. The Lady Warriors fought hard during the 7 inning game. Colleton took the lead in the 1st inning with 2 runs. JP2 tied up the game in the bottom of the 3rd on a double by Ellie Heathcott. An error by Colleton gave the Warriors a lead in the bottom of the 4th inning. Colleton then took back the lead in the top of the 5th inning in the seesaw game. Shelby Pinski singled to tie the game at 4-4 in the bottom of the 6th. Colleton took the lead in the top of the 7th, however Ellie Heathcott singled in the bottom of the 7th scoring Rachael Brenneman to score the tying run. Final score 5-5. Tevi Mullen gave up 6 hits and 4 runs with 9 strike outs and no walks over 7 innings. All the Lady Warriors showed up and showed out during this game. Every single player deserves a shout out for being a part of this HUGE game. I could not be prouder of every single one of them. Kathleen Hammett, Hannah Ketchledge, Gracie Henderson, Caylin Gecy, Lauren Majorkiewicz, Cayce Graves, Megan Fox, Tevi Mullen, Gabby Heathcott, Ellie Heathcott, Shelby Pinski, and Rachael Brenneman.

JV Softball continue to work hard and show up for every game. Despite the result on the scoreboard, we are showing great improvements on the mound and at the plate. Saida Willis is delivering on the mound and gets stronger each game, collecting six strikeouts and fewer walks. Willis also had a key hit early in the game, driving in two runs. Aanya Patel, Blakely Gecy and Ansley Reilley also had hits in the game. Ansley continues to improve behind the plate, even collecting an out tagging a runner at home plate from a stellar throw from Blakely.

Our JV Girls came out strong scoring 5 runs after two innings. Saida Willis stepped up once again pitching a solid game for the Warriors! Our bats were hot early on as Ansley Reilley was one hit short of hitting for the cycle collecting a double in the first inning, singled in the second followed by a standing triple in the fourth! Blakely Gecy also had some outstanding at bats hitting an in the park homerun that went all the way to the fence! Additional hits were earned by Sammy Justini, Alivia Ogden, Aanya Patel and Madi Murphy. Thomas Heyward came back with a vengeance, scoring multiple runs in the bottom of the third and our Warriors could not come back to take the lead after the 9-run inning

Varsity Girls Soccer came out strong, defeating Charleston Collegiate 8-0. Hollis Melnick had her first hat trick of the season scoring 3 goals, Ayla Reynolds and Finlay Henderson both had 2 goals, and Karsyn Kaminsky had her first goal of the season. Abby Brock had 2 assists, Ayla, Finlay, Sadie Moulton, and Emma McKamey each collected an assist. Our defense was led by Lauren Weniger and both Evelyn Melnick and Trinity Grace Maxwell collected a clean sheet in goal.

Girls Middle School Soccer played against St. Francis yesterday. There were several attempts at the net, but our team was unable to connect with it, despite their best efforts: Juliette Munoz and Lauren Urquizu had many breakaways. The final score was St. Francis 4 and JPII 0, with two goals scored in each half. Emma Karrh, Taryn McKamey, Lucianna Hahn, and Audrey Bowler lead the defensive line with April Hurtado in goal; they were true Warriors out on the field, trying their best to hold off the offense of St. Francis. The team will play against St. Peter's on their home field on Friday at 4:30.

Varsity Boys Soccer hosted Northwood Academy Thursday night for our first match up of the season. The Warriors played very well as a team and created many opportunities in the first half. Jackson Sanders started the night off with a 1v1 with the keeper and finished perfectly in the bottom right-hand corner making it 1-0 in

the first 2 minutes. We continued to dominate the rest of the game with possession of the ball and working together as a team. Jackson Sanders and Kelon Reynolds both had 2 goals on the night. Brennan McDermott, Brian Orta, Daniel Hurtado, and Blake Hubik all contributed as well with one goal each. Assists came from Nicholai Atkinson, Brian Orta, Chris Orta, Tommy Rembold, Kelon Reynolds and Colin Anfinson had 2 assists. Our Goal Keepers Walker Patrick and Jude Ryan both were able to play a full half to keep the clean sheet for us. Player of the match goes to Kelon Reynolds who played his heart out and had 2 goals and 1 assist. Final Score... JP11 8 – Northwood 0. We play Hilton Head Christian Academy next Tuesday at home.

Boys Tennis was defeated by Heritage Academy 6-3. Single Results: HA's Carly Anthony defeated JP11's Angelo Iskandar, 5-7, 6-2, 1-0. HA's Andrew Chase defeated JP11's Leo Iskandar, 6-2, 6-2. JP11's Landon Low defeated HA's David Morris, 6-2, 4-6, 1-0. HA's Everett Nason defeated JP11's Sullivan Homer, 6-0, 6-2. HA's Kash Kosto defeated JP11's Isaiah Hahn, 6-1, 6-0. JP11's Nathan Lyle won by default. Doubles: HA's Kash Kosto and Andrew Chase defeated JP11's Angelo Iskandar and Landon Low, 8-1. HA's David Morris and Everett Nason defeated JP11's Leo Iskandar and Sullivan Homer, 8-3. JP11's Isaiah Hahn and Nathan Lyle won by default. We remain 1-1 in region play and 3-3 overall. Our next match is away Monday, April 22 vs. Hilton Head Christian Academy. This is a region match up.

Boys and Girls Track & Field were in action Wednesday night at Orangeburg Prep. There were 11 teams in attendance and both our guy's and ladies' teams held their own. Our guys finished 3rd overall and our ladies finished 5th. Our guys 4x800m relay team took 1st place (Sebastian Frickel, Angelo Iskandar, Jimmy Hook, and Keannen Hill). Sebastian Frickel took 1st place in the 800m. Blake Hubik took 1st place in the 1600m. Brendan Gilroy placed 2nd in the 400m. Lukas Yackley placed 2nd in the Shot put. Matthew Yanachik placed 3rd in the 1600m. Dante Aiken placed 3rd in the triple jump. Sebastian Frickel was the leading point scorer for the guys with 12.5 points for the team. For the ladies, Brady Mahoney took 1st in the 800m and 2nd in triple jump. Mila Baroni placed 3rd in the 200m. Camryn Michael placed 3rd in the 400m. Our ladies' 4x100m relay team placed 3rd (Lili Lutheran, Camryn Michael, Trice McClure, Mila Baroni). Brady Mahoney was the leading point scorer for the ladies' with 20 points for the team. Your JP2 Track and Field Team will be back in action Saturday at Cane Bay High School. Go Warriors!

The Golden Warriors Track and Field Team competed in their largest track meet of the season last Saturday at Philip Simmons HS. There were 30 teams in attendance, with the majority of the opponents being public schools. The guy's track team finished 15th overall out of 30 teams and the ladies team finished 20th overall. Sebastian Frickel had the highest place finish for the guy's team finishing 3rd in the 1600m. Christian Tilton finished 5th in Long Jump. Sebastian Frickel finished 6th in the 800m. Zac Henderson finished 7th in the 1600m. Blake Hubik finished 7th in the 3200m. Sebastian Frickel was our leading male point scorer with 9 points on the day. Our ladies 4x400m relay team were the only point scorers for the ladies on Saturday finishing in 4th place. (Mila Baroni, Lily Termini, Camryn Michael, and Brady Mahoney).

JPII Golf Classic at Spring Island is Sold Out!

As expected, our JPII Golf Classic at Spring Island is SOLD OUT! However, there are still ways to support us and make this the best golf tournament ever. We have some hole sponsorship opportunities remaining. Please contact Brian Quinty at (843) 645-3838. All funds go to support our scholarship program.

We would like to thank some of our key event sponsors who have already committed: Jolley Law Group, Tidewater Trailers of Savannah, Valerie Keating Realtor, SERG Group, Heaven's Treasure Thrift Store, ACH Homes, and Weniger Plastic Surgery, Justini Construction, Burr & Froman LLC, and Karrh Land & Timber. Please grant these businesses your support whenever possible.

Teaching Position Available for Next Year

Do you know someone who would make a great addition to the JPII Faculty? We have an opening for an experienced "rock star" English teacher for the 2024-25 school year. Spread the word and let's make the best school in the Lowcountry even better. A cover letter and resume should be emailed to me. The position is open until filled so don't delay.

Have a great weekend everyone.

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