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The Month of May

As I look at the date and issue number of this newsletter (35), I realize the end of the school year is now in view and the month of May is just around the corner. For those who have ever worked in a school, particularly a secondary school, you know the month of May is both the busiest and most challenging of the entire school year. Gone are the days of unbridled excitement about being in school, replaced by the spread of senioritis disease and anticipation of the lazy days of summer ahead. The calendar is chock full of events, from season ending tournaments, prom, banquets and award ceremonies, Class Olympics, the senior mission trip, and ultimately commencement. I annually take this opportunity to remind our students, teachers and parents to **HANG ON**, the year is not over!

May is the month where we all must challenge ourselves to be our best. Teachers should be presenting the most rigorous and engaging lessons to motivate students. Our students should be working as hard as ever to ensure they do not let their grades suffer. I have seen many a student over the years fail a class because they let up during the last month. AP exams and final exams serve as the capstone of a course and must be approached with the upmost serious attention. Parents can support us by ensuring students are coming to school on time, in uniform, properly groomed, and ready to learn. If we all do our part, the month of May simply becomes a celebration of what has been an amazing year at JP11.

Food Service Possibly Coming to JP11 Next Year

Since the beginning of the school in 2013, JP11 has not offered a lunch program. The small size of the school and the financial challenges presented with that, did not make a lunch program feasible. This led to food such as Chick-fil-A and pizza being brought in, students leaving during the school day to grab a bite at Parkers, or more recently the steady stream of Door Dash vehicles entering campus. Now, with over 400 students and more than 50 staff members on campus next year, we have begun planning for a grab-n-go style similar to what's found on many college campuses and in airports. We always planned to add this when the Innovation Center opened, however we decided to move quicker than that out of necessity. While we are still awaiting

approval from the Diocese on the plan and cost, we have designed the space and engaged Choate Construction to begin the renovation in early June with plans to be ready to open in August.

The plan calls for the renovation of the Commons' catering kitchen and Mary's Market into a food service prep kitchen. Serving lines will occupy the area right outside of the kitchen. New furniture is being ordered to improve the seating capacity of a reduced floorplan due to serving lines. The outside patio area, popular with many students, is being expanded to accommodate more seating. Finally, a retractable sunshade structure will cover the entire area to protect students from UV rays while replacing the umbrellas.

The grab-n-go kitchen will serve both healthy breakfast and lunch items. The plan is for students to use an ID card tied to their FACTS account. No charge or debit cards or cash will be permitted. We are about ready to begin the search for a food service director to oversee the operation. If you know of someone with a food service background who might be interested, please have them contact me.

This will be just one of several construction projects on campus this summer. Work on the new parking lot will continue in order to be ready by next school year. A metal maintenance storage building will be erected on the far end of the parking lot to provide much-needed workshop space and storage. Two modular classrooms will be added to the east campus complex, increasing school capacity to 440 students. These new moduls will be science specific providing much-needed additional lab space for our growing program. This is all in addition to the regular ongoing summer maintenance of cleaning, repairing, and prepping for another school year. The JP II campus will be a very busy place. Buckle up...the best is yet to come.

See you this Weekend at St. Gregorys

JP II will be at St. Gregorys this weekend for the 4:00pm and 6:00pm masses on Saturday and the 9:00am and 11:00am masses on Sunday. Please stop by and grab coffee and donuts on Sunday. We also need a few more student ambassadors to act as greeters and to hand out literature after mass. If you are attending one of these masses with your JP II child, please consider asking them to be one of our student ambassadors. All students should be in mass uniform.

Update from the Yearbook Staff

Thanks for supporting our yearbook successes! We've worked hard climbing out of the challenges that loomed over us at the start of the year, but this staff has been incredible. I'll go on record saying that Tim McGuire has been the most stellar editor that our Shield staff has seen. Next year Cypress Daniel will serve as editor, and she will continue to do an incredible job. The link to purchase books is below and there will be a few books available for purchase during Warrior Olympics, when the books will be deployed to our students that have already purchased.

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From the Sports Desk

Varsity Baseball lost to HHCA 6 – 1 but defeated Whale Branch, 22 – 1. The Golden Warriors lost their final game of the regular season against HHCA. But, also won in their last game of the season against Whale Branch. Yes, that is confusing. The baseball team played 2 games, one home game with HHCA and one away with Whale Branch. Due to scheduling conflicts the varsity program needed to be creative. We used all players (within varsity limits) to compete. In our final home game of the season, Logan Cotter took the mound. The sophomore struck out 3 and only walked 2. Stewart Misko came into the game in relief of Cotter. Another sophomore, the righty did not give up a single run through two innings. Talon Putnam and Spencer Murphy contributed with 1 hit a piece. Zachary Moulton had one of the loudest singles of the game. The eighth grader, who has been working very hard behind the plate, tried to start a rally late in the game. The Warriors came up short, losing to the 3A region champions. In our other game, it was all JPll offense. Dylan Gehm drove in 5 runs off of 3 hits. Nick Feltner went 2-4 with 4 RBIs and 2 runs. Casey Rizzo went 2-3 with 2 RBIs and 2 runs. Griffin Spencer, Aiden Michaud, and Chase Cotter added to the offensive attack with 1 hit a piece. Casey Rizzo had the start; the freshman threw 3 innings of baseball. Rizzo threw 75 pitches, 51 of them being strikes, striking out 5 batters. The righty did not give up a single earned run. The varsity baseball team finished their regular season with a record of 11-10. With 11 wins, that sets the record for most wins in our 3A program's history.

Ross Putnam stepped on the mound for the Golden Warriors to defeat First Baptist, 4 – 2. The righty surrendered five hits and four runs over six innings, striking out six and only walking three. Archer Dewig and Spencer Murphy each collected two hits. Warriors were sure handed in the field, not committing a single error.

Middle School Baseball pulled off another win and this time vs Riverview Charter School 14-11. The Golden Warriors were behind 2-0 after Riverview scored 2 runs in the first inning. The Golden Warriors scored 1 run in the first and another run in the second inning tying the game up at 2-2. Zachary Moulton drove in 4 runs on 2 hits. Moulton hit a sacrifice fly in the first scoring 1 run, doubled in the fifth inning scoring 2, and singled in the third scoring 1 run. The Golden Warriors flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the third inning, scoring 8 runs on 4 hits to take the lead 10-2. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by James Del Mazo scoring 2 runs. Adam D'Orazio started on the mound for the Golden Warriors and also had a day at the plate. D'Orazio went 3-for-4 leading the Golden Warriors in hits. Ryan Fox appeared in relief, and they combined giving up 8 hits and also striking out 8 batters. Once again, the Golden Warriors were running wild on the base path, stealing 15 bases in the game. They also had 11 walks in the game. The Golden team finished a tough schedule with a 4-9 record. Over the last 7 games the Golden Warriors were 4-3, that was after starting the season 0-6. They came together after a slow start and proved they will be a team to watch in the future. Thank you to everyone for supporting us all season and GO WARRIORS!

The Golden Warriors pulled off another win and this time vs Cross 11-9. The Golden Warriors were behind 3-0 after Cross scored 3 runs in the first inning. In the second inning is when the Golden Warriors took over. Capers Crosby doubled after a 6 pitch at-bat, which helped tie the game at 3-3 with his 2 RBI's. Cross did score 3 more runs in the second inning however the Golden Warriors would not give up, scoring 3 runs also in the second inning. The Golden Warriors took the lead in the top of the fourth inning after Crosby grounded into a fielder's choice scoring a run and then Ryan Fox singled scoring another run. Hunter Kollstedt started the

game for the Golden Warriors, going two innings and striking out 3 batters. Jack Gehm came into the game and pitched 3 and 2/3 innings. Gehm pitched spectacularly in relief, only allowing one hit and striking out 9 batters. Crosby led the Golden Warriors with 3 runs batted in. Ryan Fox had an amazing day at the plate going 3-3. Carter Whiteside, Capers Crosby, Adam D'Orazio, and James Del Mazo each had 1 hit. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, amassing 13 walks for the game. Carter Whiteside and James Del Mazo each stole multiple bases and collectively the Golden Warriors stole 11 bases.

JV Softball turned out to play on Wednesday as they dominated Riverview winning 16-1. The team was led by pitcher, Saida Willis, who struck out three batters in the first inning. She was aided in the field by 2nd baseman, Kendall Roppelt who had two great putouts, Alivia Ogden at short stop, Saida on the mound and 1st baseman, Blakely Gecy. Defensively our girls didn't commit a single error! The Warriors collected six hits by Aanya Patel, Alivia, Ansley Reilley, Laura Thomas, Sammy Justini and Blakely. Blakely collected another in the park homerun with a smoking line drive down the first base line earning two RBIs. Annalise Litchfield added another RBI off of a solidly hit drive. Next up is a game vs Northwood! Go Warriors!

Varsity Girls Soccer came out strong defeating region opponent, Palmetto Christian, 5-0. Evelyn Melnick, Ayla Reynolds scored 2 goals each, and Emma McKamey scored 1. Ayla collected 2 assists and Finlay Henderson had one. The defense was once again led by Lauren Weniger, Abby Brock, Brady Mahoney, Elizabeth Smith, and Trinity Grace Maxwell collected 5 saves in goal. The girls face HHP Monday at 4pm at home.

A true team win defeating HHCA 4-0 to celebrate our four seniors! A beautiful pass from Hollis Melnick to her sister Evelyn Melnick for the first goal. Hollis, Mila Baroni, and Emma McKamey sealed the deal with one goal apiece. Ayla Reynolds was the play maker in the middle with two assists, Hollis, and Finlay Henderson each collected one assist. Our defensive line came out strong and led by Lauren Weniger, Abby Brock, Brady Mahoney, Grace Buckland, and Trinity Grace Maxwell collected 3 saves in goal. We couldn't be prouder of all the hard work and dedication our seniors have put into this program; they will be missed by their teammates and coaches. Thank you, Lauren Weniger, Brady Mahoney, Sadie Moulton, and Trinity Grace Maxwell.

Girls Middle School Soccer played Cross with Luciana Hahn connecting with the back of the net in the beginning of the first half. With a reconfiguring of our players, we held control of the ball longer: Emma Karrh played center midfielder, while Audrey Bowler stepped into the sweeper position. We were up 1-0. Luciana Hahn, Roxy Remigio, Nicole Orosco, Cami Pope, Annie Rose Kerschbaum and Emily Bastida switched into the offensive line. Once we started the second half, Cross had some lucky breaks: a penalty kick hit the post and went in; a few other connected plays led to them taking the lead. In the end, we lost 1-4. April Hurtado had a beautiful save, soaring through the air to pound out an incoming goal. The girls came up short but are eager to play again on Monday at Cross for the Tournament at 3:30.

The Girls Middle School Soccer Team played against Hilton Head Christian Academy. It was a close game, with only one goal being let in during the first half and another in the second. April Hurtado held the goals off with the defense assisting in shutting down their offense; the defense consisted of Taryn McKamey, Samantha Cordero, Audrey Bowler, Mitchell Ramos, and Emma Karrh. The final score was 0-2. Although the JP11 girls are still developing, they are really starting to rely on each other and work as a team.

Boys Tennis fell to HHP 9-0. This puts JP11 at 2-2 for region play and 4-4 on the season. Singles: HHP's Wyatt Harmer defeated JP11's Angelo Iskandar, 6-1, 6-0. HHP's Alex Zhu defeated JP11's Leo Iskandar, 6-3, 6-2. HHP's Jack Nail defeated JP11's Landon Low, 6-0, 7-5. HHP's JW Moody defeated JP11's Sullivan Homer, 6-0, 6-0. HHP's

Christian Arnold defeated JP II's Isaiah Hahn, 6-0, 6-0. HHP's Zander Fink defeated JP II's Bailey Homer, 6-0, 6-0. Doubles: HHP's Thomas Dine and JW Moody defeated JP II's Angelo Iskandar and Leo Iskandar, 8-3. HHP's Jack Cozza and Cole Mustard defeated JP II's Landon Low and Sullivan Homer, 8-5. HHP's August Dulenburt and Hopper Hull defeated JP II's Isaiah Hahn and Bailey Homer, 8-4. This concludes the regular season. We await news of state playoff possibilities.

JP II Boys Tennis won 7-2 over HHCA, made up primarily of girls since HHCA does not have enough boys playing tennis. Our region record is now 2-1 and overall 4-3. Singles: HHCA's Caitlyn Jackson defeated JP II's Angelo Iskandar; 6-0, 4-6, 1-0. JP II's Leo Iskandar defeated HHCA's Sophia Blackwell; 6-0, 6-0. JP II's Landon Low defeated HHCA's Carson Capenito; 6-0, 6-0. JP II's Sullivan Homer defeated HHCA's Zoe Solomon; 6-0, 6-1. JP II's Isaiah Hahn defeated HHCA's Booker Hanko, 6-0, 6-1. JP II's Bailey Homer defeated HHCA's Savannah Myers; 3-6, 6-4, 1-0. HHCA's Caroline Drozd defeated JP II's Cole Trott. JP II's Matthew Humphrey defeated HHCA's Addison Williams. Doubles: JP II's Leo Iskandar and Sullivan Homer defeated HHCA's Sophie Blackwell and Zoe Solomon; 8-2. JP II's Isaiah Hahn and Nathan Lyle defeated HHCA's Ivey Taylor and Addison Williams; 8-4. HHCA's Kate DuBose and Savannah Myers defeated JP II's Bailey Homer and Aiden Karrh; 6-3.

Boys and Girls Track & Field traveled to Hilton Head Island HS to compete against 10 other high schools in the Beaufort County Championship. This was the last regular season track meet of the year, so it was fitting that our athletes finished strong with some great personal best times and marks. We did have a handful of athletes make their way to the award podium last night but failed to secure any 1st and 2nd place finishes. Our men's 4x800m relay team placed 3rd (Sebastian Frickel, Dan Snyder, Blake Hubik, Zac Henderson) Sebastian Frickel also placed 3rd in the 1600m. Andrew Boyden placed 3rd in the Javelin. Lukas Yackley placed 3rd in the shot put. Brady Mahoney placed 3rd in the triple jump. Both men and women's track team finished 6th overall out of the 11 teams in attendance. Lukas Yackley was the leading point scorer for our male athletes with 9 points. Brady Mahoney was our leading point scorer for our female athletes with 13 points.

Friday, May 3rd, our State Qualifiers travel to Orangeburg Prep for the State Championship Track Meet. Good luck to our JP II State Qualifiers; Dante Aiken, Mila Baroni, Andrew Boyden, Kam Braboy, Millie Cornejo, Cypress Daniel, Sebastian Frickel, Tommy Gehm, Brendan Gilroy, Zac Henderson, Jimmy Hook, Blake Hubik, Angelo Iskandar, Lili Lutheran, Brady Mahoney, Jonah Mast, Trice McClure, Camryn Michael, Sean Phalen, Ross Putnam, Jackson Sanders, Dan Snyder, Lily Termini, Christian Tilton, Alan Wolf, Lukas Yackley, and Matthew Yanachik.

Boys Golf competed this week in the SCISA Championship Tournament. Hilton Head Prep won the title with a 581 total for the two day event, followed closely by Hilton Head Christian with a 588 total. Rounding out the top five were Spartanburg Day with a 638, Carolina Academy 653, John Paul II 654. Scoring for the 2 days for JP II were Ryan Folscroft with an 82/79 161, Ryan George 85/77 162. Adrian Simmons 82/86, Will Debrovner 84, Brayden Frickel 79, and Freddie Weniger 86 JP II finished 46 shots better than at last year's state tournament! With all players returning next year we expect even more improvement. Congratulations to the team for finishing 5th place overall in the 2024 State Tournament! !

JP II Golf Classic Sponsorships

As we approach the deadline for finalizing sponsorships for our upcoming, and **SOLD OUT**, John Paul II Catholic School Golf Tournament, we want to extend one last invitation for you to join us as a hole sponsor.

We're offering Green sponsorships at \$200 per green, providing you with an opportunity to showcase your support for our school while enjoying a day of golf, networking, and camaraderie at Old Tabby Links on May 7, 2024. With only a limited number of spots available, we encourage you to secure your sponsorship now to ensure your participation in this exclusive event, limited to 104 participants.

To ensure your name is printed on our sponsorship materials, we kindly request that you confirm your sponsorship by Monday. Your partnership means the world to us, and we truly appreciate your consideration.

Enjoy your weekend and the forecast of beautiful weather.

In His Purpose,

John E. McCarthy
President

