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Let's Finish Warrior Strong!

We are almost there, but not quite yet. The next three weeks are critical for academic success. It's been such a great school year for so many of our students and we want to be sure each and every one finishes **WARRIOR STRONG!** We all know that May is the most challenging month in the school year. Sports are winding down, the weather is warm, and the lazy days of sleeping in late are just around the corner. Teachers are working hard to keep the academic rigor right to the end while managing student engagement that may be waning. But fear not, we will make it, and with parents help, we will ensure that student grades do not suffer through the traditional May Malaise. Please ensure your child is completing their homework, even when they say they have none, getting plenty of rest, and arriving to school properly groomed and in uniform ready to learn. We can do this together.

Nominate and Vote for JPII as the Best School in the Lowcountry

It is that time again where we ask parents to nominate JPII as the BEST middle school, high school, and private school in the Lowcountry. Please click on the following link to nominate us <https://www.votelowcountry.com/>

For two years in a row JPII has secured the ranking as the Best middle school and high school, but somehow were beat out for BEST private school last year as we finished 2nd. How did that happen? We were just outvoted, it's that simple. So, it's time to start gearing up for the BEST campaign yet. **Voting begins on Monday, June 3 and lasts until Friday, June 21.** Each person can vote daily. Every student, staff member, parent, grandparent, relative, friend, and neighbor must pay attention and VOTE each and every day. The school will send regular reminders for you to vote, however it's up to every JPII family to spread the news far and wide to **vote daily.**

This is an important part of our marketing campaign each year and it starts now. We have purchased the prestigious inside cover to spread the good news about our school. Now it's up to you to do the rest.



Warrior Olympics is Next Friday

Warrior Olympics, formerly known as House Olympics, is scheduled for **Friday, May 17th**. This is a mandatory school day where attendance will be taken. Students can expect a fun-filled day whether they enjoy playing outside for hours, relaxing with arts and crafts, and/or jamming out to their favorite music. The activities available to students this year reflect the diversity of our student body and their interests. Talk to your child about which activities they are excited to participate in and what specific supplies, if any, they will need to bring with them on that day. All students are encouraged to bring a drawstring style bag with the following items: a refillable water bottle, a towel, sunscreen, and bug spray. Dress of the day is house shirt with appropriate sporty bottoms and tennis shoes. Yearbooks will be available for purchase, charged through FACTS. Students will not need to have any cash with them as access to vending machines will be closed for the day. Water will be available all day. Boxed lunches and Kona Ice will be provided to students (one lunch and one Kona Ice per student). Activities will end by 12:00 and buses will leave campus 12:15. When arriving to pick up your child(ren) please drive carefully as many students will be outside on the grounds. Please pray for a fabulous weather day as we are so excited to get outside and celebrate the 23-24 school year and the last day for our senior class!

A Few Yearbooks Remain for Purchase

Yearbooks are selling fast! Buy yours now before they are all gone. 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.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK: https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/2421070/John-Paul-II-Catholic-School/2024-Yearbook/2023070604184203079/CATALOG_SHOP

From the Sports Desk

SCISA Soccer Tournament Schedule

Girls Soccer earned a berth in the SCISA 3A Championship game vs. Hilton Head Prep on Saturday at 3:00PM. The game will be played locally at Hilton Head Christian Academy. Let's show our support for the girls with a huge Warrior turnout.

Varsity Softball has qualified for the SCISA playoffs and will travel to Sumter to play Williamsburg Academy today at 3:00pm. Good luck girls.



Please consider donating baked goods for the JPII Wish Bake Sale on Monday, May 13. JPII Wish is only \$400 away from reaching our goal of raising \$10,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation! The bake sale will be run by students and proceeds will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, helping to grant wishes for critically ill children. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please find the Sign Up Genius below. Donations can be dropped off at the front office on Monday morning, 5/13/24. Thank you!

The Link to the JPII Wish website can also be found below for direct monetary donations!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA9AD28A0FBC43-49614119-jpii>

<https://secure2.wish.org/site/TR/WishYourWay/Make-A->

[WishSouthCarolina?team_id=47103&pg=team&fr_id=5632](https://secure2.wish.org/site/TR/WishYourWay/Make-A-WishSouthCarolina?team_id=47103&pg=team&fr_id=5632)

We Have a Few Employment Openings for Next Year

We've had several excellent candidates apply to join JPII for next year and we are very excited to announce the lineup as soon as contracts become finalized. We still have a few openings we are searching to fill.

- Middle School Science Teacher
- Food Service Manger (TBD)

If you, or perhaps someone you know, would make an excellent addition to our team please contact me at john.mccarthy@johnpaul2school.org. Positions are open until filled.

Have a great weekend and bring home the Gold Warriors!

In His Purpose,

John McCarthy
President