



VOLUME VI ISSUE II

August 9, 2024

Back to School Night is Wednesday, August 21

One of the highlights of the year for parents is Back to School Night. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teachers, briefly hear about class expectations, and connect with the greater JP11 school community. There are so many of you who are new this year and this is the best way to experience the Warrior Way.

Back to School Night will begin at 6:00pm in the Athletic Center. Administration will begin with a 20-minute presentation on important updates to the school year. At 6:30pm high school parents will follow their child's entire schedule A – Z Block (Z-Block will occur at the end of the night). We will do something a little different with middle school this year. Middle school parents will remain in the gym as a group. Teachers will introduce themselves and then we will have an arena format where parents will circulate throughout the gym to briefly meet with their child's teachers. We believe this should make for a less hectic schedule for parents.

Parents, please have your child's schedule with you. This evening is for parents, not students, so you will be on your own to find your way around. We will have student guides available to assist you. You can download the FACTS App or simply type the schedule into your phone. Also, remember this is an informational night about expectations. It is not the time to discuss how your child is doing in class. If you need to set up an individual meeting with teachers, please contact them directly.

New Schedule Reminders

We want to remind our community that we have changed our school schedules this year. Not everyone has adjusted to the new times yet. Please make note of the following.

- **High School** – Starts every day at 8:55am and ends at 3:20pm. There is a Z-Block for a few high school students. This occurs from 8:00am to 8:50am, Monday through Thursday. No Z-Block on Friday. D.O.C.S also occurs during Z-Block.
- **Middle School** – Starts at 8:25am and ends at 3:25pm, Monday through Thursday. Friday's start time is 8:55am. On Wednesday and Friday middle school will dismiss at 3:20pm.

- **School Mass** will occur every Wednesday at 10:20am. Parents are welcome to join us.
- **Bus Times** – for accurate bus times please consult the website. Buses will run 30 minutes later on Fridays.

Afternoon Dismissal

With over 400 students on campus this year, we have reached our capacity. This makes traffic challenging at dismissal. Also, with the new schedule, middle and high school release around the same time. This makes every day feel like a Friday did last year. Once the frontage road is paved (Warrior Way), it will become a two-way road and ease congestion in the pick-up line. It will not change the fact that we have lots of vehicles exiting in one place at the same time. My recommendation is, if you can, pick your child up a little after 3:30pm once the congestion has eased.

Bus Drivers Needed

As our school population and routes increase, as well as athletic travel, our need for bus drivers increases. If you, or someone you know, would like to drive for us please contact Mr. Alan Lewis, Student Transportation, at alan.lewis@johnpaul2school.org. To be qualified, a driver must possess a valid SC CDL with passenger endorsement and pass a rigorous background screen, including a drug test. Day routes and athletic trips are both available. Pay is \$25 per hour for school routes and \$20 per hour for athletic trips.

Please Review the Student Parent Handbook

If you have not already done so, please take some time to review the Student-Parent Handbook found HERE on our website. <https://www.johnpaul2school.org/student-life/handbook>

Once you have reviewed the entire handbook, please login to FACTS Family Portal. Once logged in, click on WEB FORMS located under the SCHOOL dropdown on the left side menu. Click on WEB FORMS and you will find the 24-25 Handbook Acknowledgement form. Click on that hyperlink, and it will allow you to indicate that you have read and acknowledged all information found in our school handbook and that your family agrees to abide by the provisions and policies therein.

We have the same virtual sign off on every student's FACTS account as well, and students can navigate to the WEB FORM the same way the families do. We are asking that students sign off acknowledging that they, too, have reviewed the handbook. Our House mentors will be checking in with students about this acknowledgement.

Welcome Ms. Donna Wermann

We are excited to announce that Ms. Donna Wermann has joined the JPII Faculty as an 8th grade math co-teacher. She will be working side-by-side with Mrs. Ann Lentz to provide our 8th graders with the very best possible math experience. With 8th Grade about to top 80 students, we felt it was necessary to provide this team approach. Ms. Wermann is an experienced educator who will bring a special education background to the classroom. She has a B.A. in religion and a Masters in Special Education from Liberty University. Her experience includes working as a behavioral therapist in Pennsylvania, as a behavior specialist/teacher with Beaufort County Public Schools Right Choices Program, and as a 4th grade math/ELA teacher at Cross Schools

where she also coached volleyball. She was the Director of Children's Ministries at The Church of the Cross. She was recognized at the Beaufort County Public Schools Support Staff of the Year in 2021. Welcome Ms. Wermann.

Travel to Italy Next Summer

Attention travelers! Our high school students will have the opportunity to visit the best of Italy next summer as our Warriors travel to Milan, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rome, Sorrento and Capri. Travel through time as we see where the Renaissance began, walk through the famous ruins of the ancient Roman Empire, and see exactly what a Mediterranean coastal paradise looks like, first-hand. The trip includes visits to over 6 beautiful basilicas, including St. Peter's and the Sistine Chapel as well as excursions to some of Italy's most famous art museums and cultural sites. This experience is an ideal supplement for our AP Art Historians, or anyone interested in experiencing Italy's renowned history, enriching their faith, or taking in the beauty that these destinations have to offer (not to mention the food)!

Space is limited in this private tour, taking place June 10-20, 2025, so visit the link below for more information or to enroll with a down payment of only \$200. Enroll before September 30 to get the lowest price of the year. We'll have a brief information meeting 30 minutes prior to our Back to School night next week at 5:30pm on 8/21, to answer any questions that parents/students may have. Grazie!

<http://www.explorica.com/Woodham-3416>



Construction Update

Great news! After our three-day Debby delay, the science modular classrooms have received their certificate of occupancy and will be ready to open for classes on Monday. Thank you to our science teachers and students for their flexibility as we started the school year.

The new kitchen in the Commons also received a certificate of occupancy and most of the new equipment is in place. The kitchen is still on track to open on September 3. Please check out the new Commons at Back to School night.

The parking lot work continues with Dominion Energy installing the lights. We expect the access (frontage) road to be completed soon allowing for two-way traffic flow. Once that's completed, we will be painting stripes and installing speed bumps.

The storage building, outdoor basketball court, and relocated sand volleyball court remain works in progress and should be completed over the next month.

From the Sports Desk

Varsity Volleyball traveled to Veritas Academy last night for their first game of the season. After a big victory this weekend winning the IP Builders Volleyball Tournament the girls continued their winning ways with a 3-0 defeat of the Gryphons. Solid serving led by JoJo Hill, Savannah Trott and Lili Lutheran as well as a strong defense by Caylin Gecy, Karoline Rustad, Lili Lutheran and Rachael Brenneman gave way for the offense. The hitting attack put up 24 kills on the night led by Lily Termini, Camryn Michael and Blakely Gecy. The next game will be at home next Monday 8/19 – MS-4:00 & Varsity -5:00. Hope to see you there!

Varsity Football travels to Colleton Prep tonight for it's opener. Gametime is 7:30 PM at Colleton Preparatory Academy, 165 Academy Rd, Walterboro.

Boys and Girls Cross Country travel to the Skyhawk Invitational @ Hammond HS. Girls start at 8:00am with boys to follow. The meet takes place at Hammond High School, 8800 Guilford Rd, Columbia.

Booster Update

August 19th is the very first home sporting event of the year and your Booster Board is so very excited to be a part of each home game this fall. Monday, August 19th, at the MS and Varsity girls volleyball game, your Concession Committee Chair Nancy Aiken-Delano and her husband Jason will be opening up the concession stand in the gym for the first time this year. Please see her if you would like to volunteer to work one of the 15 volleyball matches, 4 varsity football games, or 4 middle school football games this fall. Something for everyone to remember, 100% of the profits from concessions go directly back into the Booster Club and support the 40+ sports and club programs at JP11.

The featured home game next week is our JP11 Varsity Golden Warrior Football team who will be taking on Laurence Manning Academy this Thursday August 22nd at 7pm. Josh Horton and the rest of the concession team members are excited to be serving you up some new menu items and selling heavily discounted Victory Monday shirts and JP11 hats (while supplies last!) All proceeds go directly back to supporting the Golden Warrior athletic program.

Boosters held their second meeting of 2024/2025 on Wednesday August 14th where we welcomed our new Vice President Randy Brown to the team. We also examined the current year's financials and sponsorship pace. We are so thankful for everyone who has already signed up to be a Booster supporter again this year. If you are on the fence about joining, please call me at (843) 683-1826 and maybe I can help talk you into getting your name "on the fence" and in the gym as certain levels of support have some great benefits of recognition.

Plus, all levels come with tickets to our home sporting events included. Become a Booster supporter before the close of business next Tuesday and Ms. Shaw will have your tickets to you well in advance of Thursday's first game. To join, please go to the JPll website, click on Athletics, and then Boosters. Joining is just a couple of clicks away.

We hope to see you in the stands next week cheering on our teams!

- Case Spencer-President
- Randy Brown-Vice President
- Joe Hubick-Treasurer
- Lisa Cotter- Secretary

Have a great weekend and GO WARRIORS!

In His Purpose,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John E McCarthy". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light yellow rectangular background.

John E McCarthy
President