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## Back to School Night Sets a Record for Attendance

Thank you to our parent community for the incredible show of support for our annual Back to School Night. Attendance was well over 400. Every parking space on campus, including the new lot, was filled.

With growth comes new challenges. While we tried to provide only one night for the convenience of parents, we quickly learned that an efficient and effective Back to School Night must span two separate nights, one for middle school and one for high school. The arena style for middle school in the gym was a bit chaotic, and in some cases difficult to hear and interact with teachers. We have such a strong team at the middle school level this year, so it is unfortunate if parents were unable to meet all of them. High school blocks could have also used a couple of extra minutes. You did get your steps in though.

I am pleased with the many positive affirmations received from parents on the quality of our teachers and the way the campus looks. We make such an effort to ensure your children have the best educational experience possible, one that will transform their lives. We are off to a great start, and it only gets better from here.

## Everyone Needs a New Gate Pass to Enter JPll

As part of our campus security measures, every vehicle that enters JPll must have a pass or will be required to stop at the security guard. **Even if you are a returning family, you need to obtain a new pass.** Many of you picked them up at Back to School Night, but for those who didn't, two passes per household are waiting for you in the front office. We will begin sending them home with your child. If you don't have confidence your passes will make it from your child's backpack to your vehicle, please email Mrs. Anissa Sauls at [anissa.sauls@johnpaul2school.org](mailto:anissa.sauls@johnpaul2school.org) and she will make sure it gets to you. Your pass must be displayed every time you enter JPll, so the line keeps moving. School safety is everyone's business, and we appreciate your cooperation.

## New Schedule Reminders

We made a few tweaks to dismissal to keep end of day traffic flowing. Here are important times.

- **High School** will dismiss at 3:15 Monday to Friday
- **Middle School** will dismiss at 3:25 Monday to Friday

Having 10 minutes between the dismissal times helps traffic to flow better getting off campus.

- **Buses** will leave at 3:35 daily

Dropoff at school begins each morning starting at 7:45. Please do not drop off prior to then as we cannot guarantee proper supervision. Students may go to the Commons (cafeteria) before school to wait. Also, please keep in mind that teachers meet every Friday morning 7:45 – 8:45, so school does not start until 8:55. There is no Z block on Friday. If you are dropping your child off before 8:45 on Friday, they will go directly to the modular classrooms. There they will be in a supervised study hall until it's time to head to 1<sup>st</sup> period/block.

## 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.

## Google Classroom is a Great Tool for Parents to Stay Engaged

We have had several parents reach out inquiring about Google Classroom access. I wanted to provide information and support before too much time passed. Google Classroom is a web-based learning environment. When logged into Google Classroom, students can collaborate with their peers & teachers. Google Classroom offers a digital space for students to view class announcements, access posted course content, view posted assignments, & turn in completed work. Only authorized JPJ users (students, teachers, and other designated staff members) can have access to JPJ Google Classroom. Google users outside the JPJ network are not granted permission to any JPJ Classroom.

Parents can access their child's teachers' Google Classroom in one of the following ways:

1. From any computer with internet access, click this Google Classroom link and have your student login with her/his JPII Google Apps for Education username & password. Please note that any activity in Google Classroom is documented under the student's login. Please note that a parent should not communicate with the teacher or other students via the Google Classroom platform. Parents should use their personal email to digitally communicate with the teacher.
2. From a phone or iPad, ask the student to login and launch the Google Classroom App, again using her/his JPII Google Apps for Education username & password.
3. As a parent/guardian, you should receive & accept an EMAIL INVITATION before you can receive email summaries. Only teachers from your student's classes can send these invitations. You have 120 days to accept an invitation before it expires.
4. Once you click accept, you can choose the frequency of the emails, such as daily or weekly.
5. You can unsubscribe or remove yourself from Classroom at any time.
6. The Guardian email summaries include:
  - a. Missing work—This is work that's late at the time the email was sent.
  - b. Upcoming work—This is work that's due today or tomorrow (for daily emails) or work that's due in the upcoming week (for weekly emails).
  - c. Class activity--Announcements, assignments, and questions recently posted by teachers

For further clarification or more details on the email summaries, visit

<https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6388136> As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Rembold.

## What's for Lunch?

The kitchen is just about complete, food has been ordered, and the point-of-sale system will be installed next week. Outdoor furniture will arrive soon. Students will receive I.D. cards tied to your FACTS account sometime next week. We are still on schedule for food service to begin September 3. Please check next week's newsletter for updates, menus, and pricing.

## Remind Communication Groups

If you already belong to a school Remind group, you do NOT need to join this year's Remind. Directions for new families who don't yet belong to a schoolwide Remind can be found on the following page. Please note, the first group is schoolwide in English and in Spanish. The bottom group is for bus riders only.

Remind is the best way to get instant and emergency updates from the school. All parents should join Remind.



Please join me in using the remind app. This is for IMPORTANT school reminders that you will receive via text message or push notifications.

After you follow the steps below, you will be entered into the school remind and you will receive important messages and updates.

\*standard text message rates apply\*

Download the Remind app from the App store on your phone.



The icon looks like the picture below:



And enter the following code: @jpi2425

OR

By Text Message:

To: 81010

Message:  
@jpi2425



Por favor, utilice esta aplicación para comunicarse conmigo. Esto es para recordatorios la escuela IMPORTANTES que recibirá a través de mensajes de texto o notificaciones.

Después de seguir los pasos a continuación, vas a recibir mensajes y actualizaciones importantes de mi class.

\* se aplican tarifas de mensajes de texto estándar \*

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# Student Activities Update

Good afternoon, JPII Families, and I hope you and your student(s) have all had a wonderful first “full” week of school. It was invigorating to meet so many of you on Wednesday at Back to School Night and I’m grateful that we had that time to lay down the foundations for a positive school year. Kolbe House, it has been a blast celebrating St. Kolbe’s Feast Day (August 14th) and I look forward to future Feast Days (St. Therese of Lisieux- Oct. 1st, St. Sebastian- January 20th, and St. Savio- March 9). In an effort to look ahead, please put some of our September student activities on your calendar so that you, your family, and student(s) can participate in all of the fun! Mrs. Kim McNab

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## School Pictures are Ready!

View and order at <https://shop.jostenspix.com/login>

- JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL
- Event Code: FE136824
- Images are secured using the email address(es) provided to us by the school.

## Upcoming Schedule

- September 2nd: Labor day, no school
- September 13th: picture retakes (6th-12th)
- September 15th:October 15th- Hispanic Heritage month
- September 18th-19th: Overnight Senior retreat
- September 23rd: Lisieux House Blood Drive (16+)
- Homecoming Bonfire, Sprit Week and Football Game details to come! Go Warriors!!

For those wondering, student clubs will be starting soon. We plan to have some club signup fairs starting next week to gauge student interest. If a student has an idea for a club that we currently don’t have, just ask and we will see if we can make it happen.

## From the Sports Desk

**Varsity Volleyball** travelled to Hilton Head Prep for their first meeting of the season. The Dolphins came out strong taking the first set from the Warriors 25-20. Our girls took note and went on a three-set sweep – 25-22, 25-14 & 25-18 to win the match 3-1. The match was dominated by the Warrior hitting attack who put up 50 kills on the night! Camryn Michael led the charge with 12, Emma McKamey with 11, Lily Termini with 9, and Blakely Gecy with 7. JoJo Hill was the hot hand with 32 assists and Lili Lutheran, Caylin Gecy, and Rachael Brennehan led the defense. This brings the Warriors to 7-0 on the season and they will host Hilton Head Prep next Tuesday for a rematch.

The Varsity Volleyball team hosted Veritas Academy for their second meeting in six days. The Warriors came out strong defeating the Gryphons 25-8 in the first set and taking the match in straight sets 3-0. The Warrior

attack was led by Lily Termini with 10 kills, Camryn Michael with 8 and Blakely Gecy with 4 kills on the night. JoJo Hill led the team in assists and Caylin Gecy and Lili Lutheran stood tall for the Warrior defense.

**JV Volleyball** opened their season by defeating Hilton Head Prep in 2 sets, with a big come-from-behind win in the second set. Libero Cia Douglass led passing along with 7 ace serves. Setter Grace Buckland added 5 more service aces and 5 assists. The team plays again Saturday in a tournament at Cross School.

**Middle School Volleyball** made quick work of the Hilton Head Prep Dolphins in their own waters. We won in two straight sets 25-6 & 25-9. The first set saw big streaks from Annie-Rose Kerschbaum with 7 Aces during her 9 straight points. Seanna Hill had an Ace in her 5-point stretch. In the second set Eileen O'Sullivan also had 7 Aces in an early 9-point run to establish a lead that couldn't be touched. The 3-0 team has a full week to prepare for our next match on Wednesday @ St. Francis.

Our first home match was a great win against the Veritas Academy Gryphons in straight sets (25-12, 25-12). Strong serving runs by Eileen O'Sullivan (13 Pts) & Gracie Cotter (11 Pts) got us off to early leads in each set. Solid defense by Ansley Reilley and Destiny Godsun protected those leads so that Ansley's 3 kills could lead the offense to the victory.

**Girls Tennis** had a great first Match on Monday defeating Colleton Prep 10-1. The players, coaches, parents, and fans from both schools enjoyed the hot evening together watching these young ladies play some great tennis. Results: JPIL's Cypress Daniel defeated Anne Hatcher White; 6-0, 6-0. JPIL's Anson Daniel defeated Marie Molinar; 6-0, 6-0. JPIL's Chloe Maillet defeated CP's Lizzie Sheffield ; 6-0, 6-0. JPIL's Lainey Low defeated Makayla Odum; 6-0, 6-0. JPIL's Ann Elise Harrell defeated Betts White; 6-0, 6-0. JPIL's Alivia Ogden defeated Carolina Molinari; 6-0, 6-0. JPIL's Alex Hahn defeating Maddie Howell; 8-0. CP's Anne Hatcher White and Marie Molinar defeated Lainey Low and Becca Anderson; 8-2. JPIL's Leighton Wenzel and Roxy Remigio defeated Lizzie Sheffield and Makayla Odum: 9-7. JPIL's Kelsey Anfinson and Reiley Covington defeated Cooper White and Ann Howell; 8-2. Reiley Covington was awarded the game ball by the team captains for her first JPIL match and win! Our next match is Wednesday, August 27th vs. Bluffton High School, 4:30 pm start.

**Varsity Football** travelled to Colleton Prep this past Friday for an opening season game. The atmosphere was electric as Colleton Prep invited everyone from Walterboro to attend. This was a defensive battle keeping it to a low scoring game. Turnovers (7) and undisciplined play (5 personal fouls) allowed this game to get away from your Golden Warriors with a score of 16-6. Key Offensive Performances: Bryant Jolley ran the ball well in his opening season debut rushing 15 times for 76 yards and 1 Touchdown. He also added 1 reception for 16 yards. Alex Mercer had a 5 yard rushing average with 7 carries for 35 yards. Alan Wolf had a 6 yard rushing average with 4 carries for 24 yards. Key Defensive Performances: Leading tackler for the Warriors was Daniel Snyder totaling 5 solo tackles (only played in the 2nd half due to a midweek shoulder injury). Sebastian Slusne covered the defensive stat sheet with 4 solo tackles, 2 assists, 1 TFL, 1 Sack, 1 Forced Fumble, 1 Fumble Recovery, and 1 Pass Break Up. Carson Hurst record 4 Solo tackles, 1 Assist. Alex Mercer recorded 3 Solo Tackles, 5 Assists, and Ephrain Jimenez recorded 3 Solo Tackles, and 4 Assists.

**Middle School Football** had an incredible victory at the Colleton Prep 40 Yard Shootout! We dominated in convincing fashion, taking down Colleton Prep, Hilton Head Prep, Thomas Heyward, and Andrew Jackson with sheer determination and unstoppable force. Our offense was nothing short of unstoppable—hard-nosed, old-school football at its finest, and we scored on every single possession. Our defense was absolutely lights out.



That 4th and 1 stop will go down in history as a moment for the ages! Every player stepped up, and it was clear that all of our kids were having a blast out there. The smiles on their faces said it all—this was their day.

A huge thank you to all the parents for your unwavering support and hard work so far. The coaches are beyond excited to see what this team is capable of, and after today, we're eager to start adding some exciting new wrinkles into our schemes. But for now, let's let our kids enjoy this victory. They've earned it, and they've earned a well-deserved day off tomorrow. Not only did they bring home a trophy and a banner for JP II, but they've also successfully generated a buzz within the MS SCISA League. The league is officially on notice—these Warriors mean business! Let's keep this momentum going.



**Victory Monday** shirts can be worn Monday in honor of our middle school boys football team. If your student needs to purchase a shirt, they can see Mrs. Brock in the athletic center beginning Monday.

**Parent Like A Champion Today** is Saturday September 7th 9:30am-11:00am in the Athletic Center. Parents of student-athletes now, or sometime this year, are required to attend. Please contact Stephen Gaylets if you are unable to attend and he will make arrangements for your presentation.

In His Purpose,

John E McCarthy  
President