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Save the Date for JPIL's First Parent Seminar of the School Year

Last year we began a program for our current and future JPIL parents to present important information in helping to navigate the challenging teenage years. These seminars dealt with topics such as the functioning of the teen brain, to managing teen emotions, to the college recruitment process for athletics. We used our own JPIL staff or brought in outside speakers. Seminars are typically held in the morning from 8:45 – 9:45. All current JPIL parents are welcome, and we encourage you to invite a potential future JPIL parent as well.

We have scheduled our first Parent Seminar for the 24-25 school year on **Thursday, September 26 at 8:45am in the Athletic Center**. Special Operations Lieutenant Bill Ferrelli will be presenting to parents about social media and the continuing impacts it is having on our youth. Even if your child does not have a cell phone, they are likely being exposed to and influenced by social media. This has the potential to have a significant impact on a teen's mental health and well-being. Lieutenant Ferrelli will address the following topics and more.

- What are the most common dangers or threats that children and teens face on social media today?
- What warning signs should you look for that may indicate your child is experiencing trouble online?
- What proactive steps can parents take to protect their children while still allowing them to engage with social media responsibly?
- How has the landscape of social media dangers evolved over the past few years, and what should parents be especially aware of now that they might not have been concerned about before?

If you would like to learn how to protect your child from some of the dangers of social media this is a must see presentation. While we realize not all parents can attend morning meetings due to work or other commitments, the morning hour has proven to be the time when the largest number of parents can attend as it does not conflict with afterschool activities

This is just the first in a series of parent seminars JPIL will present throughout the year as we look to build that all important partnership between home and school. Don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Rembold if you have a topic you would like to see covered.

Admissions Update

With the school year now a month in, Admissions for this school year have somewhat settled. We do expect to enroll additional students during the year; however it is unlikely we can accommodate many more middle schoolers. We do have room for additional high school students. Enrollment as of today stands at 407

- Grade 6 27
- Grade 7 59
- Grade 8 79
- Grade 9 56
- Grade 10 71
- Grade 11 60
- Grade 12 55

What does this mean for the future? Next year will be very tight! With 55 students graduating, and a similar retention rate to this year's of 92%, we will have room for only 96 new students (we have averaged over 120 in the last three years). If retention is better than 92%, which is quite possible as we get larger you get, the number of available new spaces decreases.

No new modular classrooms will be added. For the first time in JPII history we will not be able to accommodate all the students who wish to come. Current parents will need to pay careful attention to re-enrollment and tuition assistance deadlines. They will be earlier and stricter. Future Warriors will need to apply early to guarantee a spot. We will likely not be able to accommodate late spring or summer admissions or re-enrollment. We will approve tuition rates at the October 16 Advisory Council meeting and announce at the annual State of the School Address to be scheduled in late October.

Once the new Innovation Center (currently scheduled for August 2026) opens we will have breathing room again. For those curious, our target enrollment for high school will be 340 and middle school 200 for a total of 540 students in grades 6-12. This number will likely not occur until towards the end of the 2020 decade.

Student Activities

Good afternoon, this week I'd like to start by taking a moment to remember those who lost their lives on September 11, and all conflicts leading up to it and those that followed. Scores of military and civilian men, women, and children have lost their lives here in the United States and abroad because of Terror. Let us continue to pray for peace around the world. Looking ahead, our exciting Fall full of activities is upon us! Homecoming spirit days have been selected, and we are fully underway planning decorations for the dance. Details about our bonfire are at the end of this blurb. Our circus-themed Homecoming, ***Tents, Tricks, and Traditions*** is going to be full of fun!

Details for Spirit Week

- Monday, Sept. 23rd- Clowning Around Day: Dress like a clown! Goofy clothes, a clown nose, and (some) silliness are welcome
- Tuesday, Sept. 24th- Twin Day: Choose a friend, a group, or a picture for inspiration and dress in a fun pattern. Stripes, polka dots, bright colors! Mix and match, have fun with it.
- Wednesday, Sept. 25th- Dress as a Circus Animal: Think animal prints or fun accessories! Animal inspired outfits.

- Thursday, Sept. 26th- Cotton Candy Colors: Pick some pastels and turn yourself into the sweet, pillowy treat.
- Friday, Sept. 27th- The Greatest Show of School Spirit: Deck yourself out in JPII wear and be the ringleader of school spirit for our football game tonight!

During Homecoming Spirit week, we also have our 2nd annual **JPII Community Pep Rally and Bonfire on Thursday, September 26th from 6:45-9:00 pm**. We will have various food trucks, bounce and carnival games, a 50/50 raffle and various other fun and prizes. Music and acknowledgements for fall athletes will occur during the night before we light up the night with our bonfire! It is sure to be a night of fun for the whole family and admission is FREE! Bring a future Warrior Family with you as well.

Finally, chat with your student to make sure that they ordered a **House Hoodie** today with their mentor if they wanted to purchase one.

The Schedule Ahead

- September 15th-October 15th: Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 18th-19th (Wednesday-Thursday): Overnight Senior Retreat
- September 23rd: Lisieux House Blood Drive (16+)
- Homecoming Spirit Week (see details above)
- September 26th: Homecoming Bonfire
- September 27th: Homecoming Football Game vs Augusta Eagles 7pm
- September 28th: Homecoming Dance (HS Only) 7:00-10:00pm
- October 11th: PSAT Day (7th-11th grades) and 6th grade field trip (details forthcoming)
- October 14th : Fall Break NO SCHOOL
- October 21st: Day of Service (details forthcoming)
- October 24th: 7th Grade Retreat (@ St. Peters)

From the Sports Desk

Varsity Volleyball travelled to Sumter to face perennial powerhouse Wilson Hall for their first region meeting of the season! The Barons came out strong putting the first points on the board and not looking back taking the first two sets 25-19, 25-19. The Warriors were not about to throw in the towel as they rallied to win the third set 26-24! With momentum on their side, they powered past the Barons to take the fourth set 25-9. With the 5th and final set up for grabs the Warriors did not look back, taking the set 15-11 and winning the match 3-2! Amazing play came from every player on the team as they dug deep racking up an impressive 46 kills on the night! Freshman Blakely Gecy had a whopping 12 kills on the night, Emma McKamey tallied 7 and Lily Termini, Savannah Trott and Camryn Michael all had 6 apiece. JoJo Hill led with 22 assists on the night and Sammy Beadon, Caylin Gecy and Miranda Moulton led in the aces department. The defense was clutch as the Barons hitters swung away, but Caylin Gecy, Lili Lutheran, Rachael Brenneman and Karoline Rustad stood tall on defense. The Warriors will take a break and be back on the court this weekend as they travel to Palmetto Christian for the Eagle Invitational Tournament.

The Varsity Volleyball team hit the road last Thursday night as they travelled to face the Swamp Cats of Laurence Manning. This was the first region match up for the Warriors and it was a victorious one ! The girls

took the match 3-0 (25-8, 25-17, 25-12) to go 1-0 in the Region and 11-1 on the season. Great team play was the order of the night led by JoJo Hill with 19 assists, Caylin Gecy and Lily Termini with 4 aces apiece, 22 digs from Lili Lutheran and a barrage of hitting led by Lily Termini with 7 kills, Emma McKamey with 5 and Blakely Gecy and Savannah Trott with 4 each.

JV Volleyball took on the Wilson Hall Barons and defeated them in 2 straight sets. The JP11 offense was led by a strong attack from Gabby Heathcott with 5 kills and Ellie Heathcott, Alivia Ogden, and Alex Crocker with 4 kills apiece, behind setters Ava Stabak and Grace Buckland with 8 and 7 assists, respectively. The team added 5 ace serves to win the battle. The Lady Warriors will travel to Beaufort Academy on Monday for a 5pm match.

Middle School Volleyball hosted Riverview and lost in 3 sets (25-21, 20-25, 8-15). Strong serving from Destiny Godsun and Seanna Hill kept the Warriors in the game, but it wasn't enough to overcome a gritty Riverview squad. Ansley Reilley led our passing stats, along with Eden Leonard and Destiny Godsun. The Warrior's travel to Beaufort Academy on Monday.

Middle School Volleyball took home the championship trophy in the St. Francis Knights of Columbus Tip-Off Classic last Friday night defeating Cross (25-21,25-21). Our defense set the tone with Destiny Godsun, Ansley Reilley, and Ella Blackston passing for a season high success rate. Excellent setting by Eileen O'Sullivan (14 assists) and Gracie Cotter (5 assists) gave our hitters lots of opportunities. This set up front row stand outs of Destiny Godsun and Seanna Hill with 6 kills each, while Taryn McKamey (3 Kills) and Brayden Rickenbach (2 kills) added even more offence. Our Warriors continue to serve well with Ansley serving 12, Eileen 9, and Gracie 7 points for the match.

The Middle School B Team came out strong against Riverview and took the win in two sets, 25-16 and 25-12. The girls worked hard to gain the lead and maintain that lead through both sets. The first set was led by Gianna Colella with 11 points and Bella Read with 5 points, 3 of which were aces, and Kayln Graves with 7 points. Haven Leonard and Bianca Ramirez helped secure the win with defensive plays that couldn't be matched by Riverview. The second set was led by Gabriela Pavlick with 11 points and with defensive support from Addison Reilley and Kayln Graves, making crucial plays at the net, helping secure the victory in two sets.

Girls Tennis travelled to Trinity Collegiate on Thursday and the Titans were just a little too much for the JP11 Warriors, with a match score of 6-1. The Warrior's record is now 6-2 for the season and 3-1 for the region. Our top two singles lines played epic 2.5-hour matches. Our Line 1 and 5 singles went to a tie break for one of their sets. And our line 2 and 4 singles both went to a third set super tie breaker. We watched some amazing points on all the courts Thursday. Results: Anson Daniel lost to Mahaley Swink, 7-6, 6-2. Cypress Daniel lost to Chandler Hyman, 1-6, 7-5, 1-0. Chloe Maillet lost to Mary Woods Swink, 6-3, 6-4. Lainey Low lost to Ella Gray Camak, 6-4, 1-6, 1-0. Ann Elise Harrell lost to Arya Patel, 6-2, 7-6. Alivia Ogden lost to Jane Hyman, 6-0, 6-1. We were only able to get in our line 3 doubles due to time, and we are glad we did. They gave us a win for the night. Ann Elise & Alivia defeated Arya & Riley Flowers, 8-6. Our next match is away Monday, 9/16 vs. May River. Start time 4:30pm.

The girls had an awesome win vs. May River with a match score of 4-3. This put JP11 at 6-1 for the season! Singles Results: Cypress Daniel defeated Delaney Brown; 6-1, 6-2. Anson Daniel defeated Sarah Pulkinen; 6-0, 6-2. Chloe Maillet defeated Shauna Hayden; 6-2, 6-2. Lainey Low lost to Carson Richardson; 6-1, 7-5 Ann Elise Harrell lost to Sadie Keummel; 6-2. 6-0. Doubles Results: Cypress & Anson defeated Delaney & Sarah; 6-0, 6-0. Alex Hahn & Leighton Wenzel lost to Marin Urquizi & Arden Flynn; 6-0, 6-0. We continued to play even more

matches with the following results: Leighton Wenzel lost to Abby Copcutt, 8-4. Alivia Ogden defeated Morgan Wegard, 8-5. Alex Hahn defeated Sam Michael, 8-2. Kelsey Anfinson lost to Abby Ngyuen, 8-6. Roxy Remigio defeated Camryn Spires, 8-4. Riley Covington defeated Ava Eubanks, 6-3.

The JPII Tennis team defeated the Laurence Manning Swamp Cats 9-0 at the Palmetto Tennis Center in Sumter. The Warriors are 5-1 for the season and 2-0 in region play. Individual Scores: Singles: Cypress Daniel defeated Sophia Timmons, 6-0, 6-0. Anson Daniel defeated Sarah Margeret Ferriell, 6-0, 6-0. Chloe Maillet defeated Da'Vya Spann, 6-0, 6-0. Lainey Low defeated Ryleigh Maynard, 6-0, 6-1. Ann Elise Harrell defeated Lily Welborn, 6-0, 6-1. Joya Iskandar defeated Anna Lewis Burke, 6-1, 6-1. Doubles: Anson Daneil & Chloe Maillet defeated Lily Welborn & Ryleigh Maynard, 8-0. Cypress Daniel & Lainey Low defeated Liza Pricklmeyer & Sarah Margeret Ferriell, 8-0. Ann Elise Harrell & Joya Iskandar defeated Anna Lewis Burke & Maggie Welch, 8-0.

Varsity Football went toe to toe with the defending 2A State Champs Bethesda Academy. The game was a defensive battle early, with the Blazers forcing many short drives by the Warriors. The Warriors defense sported a "bend but don't break" mentality throughout the first half and for most of the game. Manny Hurtado put JPII on the board first with a school record 44 yard FG and gave JPII a 3-0 lead at halftime. Unfortunately, those would be the last points that JPII scored on the Blazers for the evening. The Warriors could not find their footing offensively and struggled to punch the ball in the endzone when given the opportunity. Credit goes out to the Bethesda Academy defense for forcing 3 turnovers and holding the Warriors to 100 yards of total offense. Final score Bethesda 12, JPII 3. The Warriors defense played their best game of the season, with 2 goal-line stands and 2 stops on 2pt conversions. Carson Hurst came up big for the defense with a punt block and fumble recovery. Sebastian Slusne recorded 8 tackles, 2 sacks, and 3 tackles for loss. Daniel Snyder added 6 tackles and 3 tackles for loss, while Ephrain Jimenez continues to play stellar football at inside linebacker recording 5 tackles. Jonathan Dominguez came up big in his first varsity start with key tackles in short yardage situations on the defensive line. The Golden Warriors play at their home field in Hardeeville tonight against Hilton Head Christian Academy. This game will be a double header with the JPII middle school team playing at 4:00 and the varsity Warriors playing at 7:00.

Middle School Football kicked off their season in spectacular fashion, overwhelming Beaufort Academy with a decisive 42-6 victory. From the opening play, the Warriors took control and never looked back, delivering a statement win that showcased their offensive firepower and defensive strength. Jadon Inabinett was unstoppable, rushing for three touchdowns, setting the tone for the offense. Leiland Fripp contributed with a powerful rushing touchdown, while Russell Spencer added another score on the ground. Quarterback Matt Termini connected with Fripp for a beautifully executed passing touchdown, adding to the offensive onslaught. The Warriors were equally impressive on their 2-point conversions, with Russel Spencer, Matt Termini, and Zach Mulieri all successfully converting after touchdowns, padding the Warriors' lead and ensuring no momentum was lost. On the defensive side, Adam D'Orazio played a pivotal role, snagging two interceptions that helped seal the game and shut down any hopes Beaufort Academy had of a comeback. The defensive unit was relentless, allowing only one score throughout the game. With a final score of 42-6, the JPII Warriors made a bold statement in their season opener. This team is poised for an exciting season, and this dominant performance is just the beginning! Come out to The Gray today at 4:00 and support the boys.

Cross Country had another great meet Tuesday night at Habersham. John Paul II and St Peters hosted. High School Results: We had two varsity girls in the top 10: Ayla Reynolds 1st with a winning time of 19:53, and Abby Brock 3rd with a time of 21:19. We had 5 varsity boys in the top 10: Sebastian Frickel, 1st with a 16:55, Blake Hubik 2nd at 17:11, Brayden Frickel 3rd at 18:06, James Hook 4th at 18:09, and Matthew Yanachik 6th at 18:43. Varsity boys were first and girls finished second.

Middle School Results: Our girls team won the middle school meet. We had three girls in the top 10: Ella Asbrey 2nd with a 17:38 in the 4k, Savannah Calvert 5th at 18:43, and Anna Asbrey 8th at 18:52.

Our teams will travel to Thomas Heyward next Wednesday.

Swimming traveled to Sumter on Saturday to participate in the Wilson Hall Invitational with ten other SCISA member schools. JP II entered eight swimmers in this meet. We enjoyed the competition and achieved many high scores for our girls' and boys' teams.

JP II Warriors Girls Team: Girls Medley Relay: Nel Winslow, Cyprus Daniel, Anson Daniel, and Sofie Hannagan came in 2nd place overall. Girls 200 Freestyle Relay: Daniel C, Hannagan, Winslow, Daniel A – came in 3rd place overall. Individual Events: Cypress Daniel finished in the top 3 in the 200 IM (2:58.13) and finished in the top 10 in her 50 Free (29.15). Anson Daniel finished in the top 10 in her 100 Backstroke (1:20.91) and in the top 15 for her 50 Free (30.71). Nel Winslow finished first place in her 500 Freestyle (6:39.44) and finished in the top 20 for her 50 Freestyle (31.20). Sofie Hannagan placed in the top 8 in her 100 Freestyle (1:11.41) and finished in the top 10 in her 100 Breaststroke (1:34.34) – dropping almost 4 seconds! Way to go, Lady Warriors!

JP II Warriors Boys Team: Boys 200 Freestyle Relay: Hayes Keefer, Rugby Daniel, Jack Hannagan, and Brinson Brosman finished in the top 10 - dropping 6.3 seconds! Boys 400 Freestyle Relay: Keefer, Daniel R, Hannagan J, Brosman – finished in the top 5 – dropping almost 7 seconds! Individual Events: Jack Hannagan finished in the top 20 in his 50 Freestyle (33.73) and finished in the top 20 in his 100 Freestyle (1:18.15). Hayes Keefer finished in the top 25 in his 50 Freestyle (34.96) and finished in the top 20 in his 100 Freestyle (1:19.01). Brinson Brosman finished in the top 10 in his 100 Freestyle (1:06.11) - dropping 20 seconds! He finished in the top 10 in his 100 Backstroke (1:14.30) - dropping almost 2 seconds! Rugby Daniel finished in the top 25 in his 50 Freestyle (36.32) and finished in the top 25 in his 100 Freestyle (1:27.86). Way to bring on the power Gentleman Warriors!

From Your Athletic Boosters

Thank You to Coach Gaylets for Hosting the "Play Like A Champion" Program last weekend.

This past week, our JP II community came together for a truly meaningful event, the ****Play Like A Champion**** program, hosted by our very own Coach Gaylets. This special program, designed for parents, offered valuable insights into fostering sportsmanship, character, and a positive experience for our young athletes. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Coach Gaylets for his dedication and leadership in bringing this important initiative to our school. His commitment to developing well-rounded student-athletes both on and off the field is truly inspiring.

The Booster Club was honored to be part of the event and appreciated the opportunity to speak to the parents in attendance. Sharing our vision and goals with such an engaged and supportive group of families was

an incredible experience. We were also thrilled to provide the morning refreshments, helping to create a welcoming atmosphere for everyone involved.

Thank you again to Coach Gaylets and all those parents who participated in this impactful program. Together, we are building a strong foundation for our students' success, both in sports and in life!

Sincerely,

Case Spencer-President

Randy Brown – Vice President

Joe Hubik- Treasurer

Lisa Cotter - Secretary



Cafeteria Substitutes Needed

As you all know, JPII has successfully launched its first ever food service program in the history of the school. The program is staffed by one full-time manager who works 7:00am to 3:00pm, and one part-time assistant scheduled from 11:00am to 3:00pm. In order to keep our program running, we are in need of a few cafeteria substitutes in the event of an absence. No prior food service experience is required. We will provide paid training.

Daily substitute rate for the full-time position is \$100 / \$50 for part-time

Contact Anissa Sauls if interested. anissa.sauls@johnpaul2school.org

Part-Time Night Custodian Needed

We have an anticipated opening for a part-time night custodian to service the Athletic Center and modular classrooms. The hours are approximately 4:00pm to 10:00pm, Monday through Friday. Hours are somewhat flexible depending on school events. Total of 29 hours per week.

The position involves cleaning of classrooms, offices, the lobby, restrooms, and locker rooms. This position would likely be the last to leave and would require securing the campus.

Contact Richard Jennings if Interested. richard.jennings@johnpaul2school.org

Still Time to Enroll in the Italy Trip

270 days until departure! Our high school students still have the opportunity to enroll in our June 2025 trip to Italy. The trip visits destinations like Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Assisi, Sorrento and the Isle of Capri (all incredible destinations)! The last day for the current tour fee is September 30, so be sure to visit www.explorica.com/woodham-3416 for more information and to enroll. Email Mrs. Woodham at kefrin.woodham@johnpaul2school.org with questions. Grazie!

Did you ever wonder why I dress in a suit every day that students are present? It is a practice I started with my first principal position at Rice Memorial Catholic High School in Vermont in 1998. That state, not unlike South Carolina, had a somewhat casual dress code when it came to work apparel. That, and perhaps the beauty of the terrain, were perhaps the only two things these states have in common. I would frequently be asked by students why I dressed up for work. My answer was only the same...it's because you are important to me and whenever I go somewhere really important like a wedding or funeral, I dress up...so why not dress up for you. It's just one more bread crumb I will leave for my successor.

Have a great weekend everyone.

In His Purpose,



John E McCarthy
President