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Once Again, JPII Sweeps the Lowcountry's Best Awards

It was just announced that John Paul II Catholic School has swept the Lowcountry's Best Awards for Best Middle School, Best High School, and Best Private School in our area. In two of these categories we have finished first three years in a row, and in the other we finished first twice with one second place. Once again, our stellar academic program, exceptional faith-based school culture, and expansive athletic program, sets the gold standard for educational excellence. JPII has become the school our founders believed it could be! Thank you to all who made the effort to vote and now we ask you to share the news through your social media networks. To see the full results click here <https://www.votedlowcountrysbest.com/>

Breakfast Items Set to Launch

As promised, we will begin offering breakfast items in the Commons Kitchen. The first items will be Otis Spunkmeyer muffins and bagels with cream cheese. The price point for these items will be \$2.50 for a bagel and cream cheese and \$1.50 for the muffins. We will also offer a variety of fresh fruit and parfaits from Fresh Point. Orange Juice and Apple juice will be available for purchase. We are also planning to offer chicken and sausage biscuits one day during the week. The price point and day of the week is TBD.

What's the New Structure Being Built?

In case you were wondering what's being built on the north side of the new parking lot, that will be our new maintenance and storage building. As JPII has continued to grow, space to store equipment and supplies is virtually non-existent. In fact, for the past several years, we've had to rent off-campus storage. The solution was to create a standalone building to accommodate this need now and for the future as we expand our athletic fields. We expect the building should be finished by early November.

This completes **Phase I of the Campus Masterplan**. Besides the storage building, we built the new soccer field to make room for the parking lot, built an outdoor basketball court and relocated the volleyball court (to be

finished by the first week in October), added 6 additional modular classrooms, replaced the signage on campus, and built a security gate and front entrance. The cost of Phase I, which also included design and engineering costs for the Innovation Center, was a little over \$4,000,000.

Phase II of the Campus Masterplan is now underway. The new kitchen and renovation of the Commons was the first step. We are in process of adding another athletic field to replace the existing practice field. This will make room for the construction of the Innovation Center. The cost of Phase II is \$26,000,000. We will raise \$16,000,000 and borrow the rest. The capital campaign to date has raised over \$8,000,000. Still a ways to go, but the finish line is clearly in sight. The next few months are critical to getting started this year.

Parent Conferences Are Coming in October

The teachers at JP2 will be hosting virtual parent-teacher conferences again this year. It was initially on the calendar for the afternoon of October 11th, but to provide more flexibility, teachers will offer conference times over a period of several days (October 7th-11th) with some teachers beginning to offer conferences as early as the end of next week. All conference times will run for 8-10 minutes. To make the process as easy as possible for all families, one list of all teachers' Sign-Up Genius links will be sent out on Monday, September 30. Available times for each teacher can be viewed on the individual teacher's sign up.

The spreadsheet that will go out on Monday will also have a link to the teacher's Team's meeting link. Save the spreadsheet for ease and convenience! Hopefully, this resource will make virtual conferences an easier event to navigate!

If you feel like you need a longer block of time to talk with your child's teacher, consider sending an email and asking how she/he would like to handle a longer conference. Also, if you try to sign up for a conference with a teacher, and find that there are no more available slots, I'd encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher about that, as well, to discuss alternate meeting times. We will do our very best to see as many families as possible.

Connecting Parent to Parent for a Better JP2 Experience

With so many new families joining our school each year, finding ways for parents to connect with one another has been one of our goals and that of the PTO. Now, with the help of a JP2 parent, we have created GroupMe links for each grade. Already over 100 parents have joined. Please consider becoming part of a group of parents with the same interest as yours...the success of your child at JP2. This is a link by parents for parents.

- You're invited to my new group 'JP2Class of 2031 Parents' on GroupMe. Click here to join: https://groupme.com/join_group/103378080/htkROngt
- You're invited to my new group 'JP2 Class of 2030 Parents' on GroupMe. Click here to join: https://groupme.com/join_group/103377420/9DFVT8BJ
- You're invited to my new group 'JP2 Class of 2029 Parents' on GroupMe. Click here to join: https://groupme.com/join_group/103377696/EkO2bTAv
- You're invited to my new group 'JP2 Class of 2028' on GroupMe. Click here to join: https://groupme.com/join_group/103377830/Lf8QAXVo
- You're invited to my new group 'JP2 Class of 2027 Parents' on GroupMe. Click here to join: https://groupme.com/join_group/71542128/YlaEW379
- You're invited to my new group 'JP2 Class of 2026 Parents' on GroupMe. Click here to join: https://groupme.com/join_group/103378185/iLxWEq5l
- You're invited to my new group 'JP2 Class of 2025 Parents' on GroupMe. Click here to join: https://groupme.com/join_group/103378241/oitkSXqi

Student Activities

Thank you, Golden Warriors for a wonderful Homecoming week, despite the slight interruption of Hurricane Helene. The game Friday night and the dance on Saturday will be wonderful culminations of a fun-filled week. In looking at the week ahead, Happy Feast Day Lisieux House! St. Therese of Lisieux is celebrated on October 1st and Lisieux House will celebrate in a special way on Friday, October 4th. If your student had a retake done, pictures are available again!

School Pictures from retake day (9/13) are ready!

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

JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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The Schedule Ahead

- September 27th: Homecoming Football Game vs Augusta Eagles 7pm
- September 28th: Homecoming Dance (HS Only) 7:00-10:00pm
- October 7 – 11 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences (signups are coming soon)
- October 11th: PSAT Day (7th-11th grades) and 6th grade field trip
- October 14th : Fall Break NO SCHOOL
- October 21st: Day of Service
- October 24th: 7th Grade Retreat (@ St. Peters)

From the Sports Desk

Varsity Volleyball welcomed region opponent Wilson Hall for their 2nd meeting of the season. The first meeting at Wilson Hall was a 5 set come from behind victory for the Warriors. That was not to be the case Wednesday night as the Warriors took care of business in straight sets winning 3-0 – 25-21, 25-19, 25-10. Lily Termini, Camryn Michael and Lauren Majorkiewicz ruled the net with 8, 7 & 6 kills respectively on the night and JoJo Hill added 22 assists. The girls had 13 aces on the night with Sammy Beadon with 5 and JoJo Hill with 4. Defensively the duo of Caylin Gecy and Lili Lutheran proved to be too tough for the Barons. The team takes a much needed rest after 3 straight victories this week as they get ready to host Region 4A opponent Trinity Collegiate for their first meeting next Tuesday 10/1 – 6pm!

Varsity Volleyball hosted region opponent Laurence Manning Tuesday night for their second meeting of the season. The Warriors swept the Swampcats 3-0 for the second time this season: 25-12, 25-8, 25-16. The entire team contributed to the win with 8 different hitters making their mark – led by Lily Termini, Blakely Gecy and Savannah Trott all with 5 kills, Emma McKamey with 4 and Evelyn Melnick and Lauren Majorkiewicz with 2 apiece. Miranda Moulton had the hot hand with 20 assists and Caylin Gecy led with 20 digs. Sammy Beadon and Alainna Hill dominated from the serving line!

Our Lady Warriors welcomed the Patriots of Patrick Henry Monday night for a non-conference SCISA match. The Patriots came in hot standing in 1st place in their region, but the Warriors had other ideas. The first set

was a back-and-forth affair with the Patriots taking it 32-34! After that the Warriors got on track taking the next three sets straight 25-8, 25-18, 25-5. The Warriors had their hottest hitting night of the season racking up 56 Kills on the night – led by Lily Termini with 14, Blakely Gecy with 12, Emma McKamey with 10 and Camryn Michael with 8. JoJo Hill notched 35 assists on the night as well. The Warriors protected the net like never before adding 13 blocks to the stat sheet – Blakely Gecy accounted for 5 and Lauren Majorkiewicz and Lily Termini added 3 each. Alainna Hill was the top server on the night with 4 aces.

JV Volleyball defeated Wilson Hall last night in two straight sets: 25-18, 25-11. Libero Cia Douglass led with strong offensive passing to set up 5 kills from Alivia Ogden, 4 from Ellie Heathcott and 2 from Gabby Heathcott. Assists were led by setter Ava Stabak with 5. Serving was on fire with a total of 12 aces! The team faces Trinity Collegiate at home on Tuesday. Come out and support the team!

Middle School Volleyball dominated the Patriots of Patrick Henry with our Lady Warriors winning 25-4, 25-12. Seanna Hill had a game high 17 service points. Brayden Rickenbach had 6 service points while Annie-Rose Kerschbaum had 4. Destiny Godsun and Eden Leonard led the defense while the kills came from Destiny, Seanna and Taryn McKamey with 3 each. We will face rival Riverview Charter next Monday.

Middle School B Volleyball had a hard-fought win over Hilton Head Christian Academy at home. HHCA came out strong winning the first set 25-17 but the Lady Warriors were not going down without a fight and won the second set 25-21 and the third set 16-14, to win the match! Ella Meadows, Riley Covington, and Haven Leonard had strong performances on defense and Addison Reilley led the team in points scored in the third set to help clench the win.

Varsity Football enjoyed a much needed bye week as they prepare to take on the Augusta (GA) Eagles this Friday night at 7:00pm in our annual Homecoming game. Come out and pack The Gray!

Girl's Tennis defeated region opponent Laurence Manning Academy Tuesday night at Oldfield with a match score of 7-2. The Warriors region record is now 5-1, and the season record is 9-3. Singles Results: Cypress Daniel defeated Sara Margert Ferriel, 6-0, 6-0. Chloe Maillet defeated Ryliegh Maynard, 6-0, 6-0. Lainey Low defeated Da'Vya Spann, 6-0, 6-0. Joya Iskandar defeated Anna Lewis Bunce, 6-1, 6-0. Leighton Wenzel defeated Maggie Welch, 6-3, 6-0. Alex Hahn lost to Lily Welborne, 7-5, 7-5. Doubles results: Anson Daniel & Chloe Maillet defeated Sarah Margret Ferriel & Ryliegh Maynard, 8-0. Cypress Daniel & Alex Hahn defeated Da'Vya Spann & Anna Lewis Bunce, 8-2. Ann Elise Harrell & Rebecca Anderson lost to Magie Welch & Lily Welborne, 8-6. Our next match will be Tuesday, October 1 (Our PINK match) at Oldfield. Start time will be 4:00pm. We will be promoting breast cancer awareness.

Cross Country divided and conquered Wednesday. Our top varsity group traveled to Wilson Hall to compete in a region meet, while the rest of our team traveled to Burton Wells. Wilson Hall Results: Our Girls and Boys teams placed 1st and 2nd respectively. We had 5 boys in the top 20, receiving medals. Sebastian Frickel (1st), Blake Hubik (7th), Brayden Frickel (12th), Matthew Yanachik (13th), and Jimmy Hook (15th). We had 4 girls place in the top 20. Ayla Reynolds (1st), Abby Brock (6th), Ella Asbrey (16th), Trice McClure (17th). Burton Wells Results: We had a strong showing at Burton Wells, as the middle school and high school teams competed in Beaufort. We had two Middle School athletes step up to the 5k race, Cameron O'Rourke and Lawson Adams. Our top varsity will be at the Beaufort County Championships this Saturday at HHIHS. Our full team will be at Habersham next Tuesday.

From the Booster Club

The Booster Club Board would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to The Salty Dog Café of Bluffton for their generous donation of delicious pizza for all of the September girls' volleyball games! Your support fuels not only our athletes but also our school spirit, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued partnership.



We also want to recognize the amazing efforts of our parent volunteers who worked the concession stands for both football and volleyball games this month. Your dedication and hard work make a significant difference, and we truly appreciate the time and energy you give to help make these events successful. Please see the list below of all the parents who have stepped up in September. Apologies to those who have assisted but are not on the list as most of the names were pulled from Signup Genius history.

September Volleyball: Lisa Cotter, Cara Buckland , Sarah Litchfield , Kristi Bell Ryan, Nancy Aiken-Delano, Maggie Termini, Julie Pavlick, Ashley Covington, Angela Calvert, Lauren Reilley, Allison Kerschbaum, Amanda Spencer, Helen Walker, Erin Brienza , Kathleen Hill, Sarah Reed, Stephanie Douglass, Valerie Keating, Stacie Colella, and Katie Meadows

September Football: Courtney Borgan, Helen Walker, Liz Duncan, Maggie Termini, Pam Hubik, Joe Hubik, Mathew Kessinger, Melody Evans, Nancy Aiken-Delano, Jason Delano, Meg James, Lisa Cotter, Jason Cotter, Amanda Spencer, Angelica Hall, Greg Lonz, Sherri Lonz, Heather Moulton, and Jason Marcinkoski

There are only five more evenings of volleyball, two middle school football, and two varsity football games left in the season all of which have at a few open volunteer spots that need to be filled. However, we will soon be asking for help for our basketball and wrestling season. There will be 20 evenings of home basketball and two full days of wrestling in which we will need your help. This year, we have offered the arts/music department, robotics team, and DECA club the opportunity to have students and parents work any of these events and receive all net proceeds directly for their club's benefit. Please note, this offer is good for the 40+ sports and clubs at JPIL. If you would like your team/club to get on the list to do a "concession takeover", please reach out to Case Spencer at (843) 683-1826 or case.spencer@hotmail.com .

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community! Go Golden Warriors!

Case Spencer- President

Randy Brown- Vice President

Joe Hubik – Treasurer

Lisa Cotter – Secretary

Save the Date: Fall Festival for Parents and Staff



JPII PARENT FALLFEST

TICKETS \$30 PER PARENT
AVAILABLE ONLINE EARLY
OCTOBER

November 2

6:00 - 9:00 PM
JPII Campus

STEAMED OYSTERS
SHRIMP AND FISH BASKETS
PIZZA TRUCK
WINE AND BEER
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Deck the Halls at HABERSHAM

Spectacular Holiday Design to Delight and Inspire!

Join us for a walking tour of seven incredible homes located in Habersham, an award-winning and nationally recognized community near Beaufort. These unique homes feature luxury coastal living, timeless architecture and elegant Lowcountry design – all professionally decorated for the holidays.

Get inspired with new and exciting ideas for your own holiday magic!

Friday Candlelight Tour & Silent Auction, Nov 22, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Saturday Tour, November 23, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday Tour, November 24, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Candlelight Tour Tickets: \$100 (must be purchased online, limited tickets available)

Saturday / Sunday Tickets: \$55 in advance • \$60 day of the tour

Tickets may be purchased online at www.beauforthomesfortheholidays.com beginning in September and at area businesses (cash or checks only) starting in October: The Chocolate Tree, Sweet Bay, The Kitchen, Dataw Island Pro Shop, River & Marsh in Habersham, and Markel's in Bluffton. They are also available at Saint Peter's Catholic Church office, 70 Lady's Island Drive. For more information call 843-522-6503.

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Cafeteria Substitutes Needed

As you all know, JPIL 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

Time is Running out to Enroll in the Italy Trip at the Current Price

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

Have a great weekend everyone. Stay safe and come out Friday night to support our Warriors!

In His Purpose,



John E McCarthy
President