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It's Time to Share Your Opinions

Please help JP II celebrate our success and strive for continuous improvement by completing the **Annual Parent Survey**. This survey data will be used by our staff and School Advisory Council, as well as the Catholic Schools Office and Diocesan School Advisory Council (DSAC) to assist in continuous improvement Diocesan-wide. We will also use this data as part of our next strategic plan. We ask that one member of each JP II family complete this important survey. Students and staff will complete a separate survey.

When you click the link (see below), you will be able to choose Spanish/ English and then you will need to select John Paul II Catholic School and Ridgeland, SC. **The survey will close on Friday, October 18th.**

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/262535/p883>

JP II Launches an Immediate Hurricane Disaster Relief Drive

"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' - Matthew 25:40

In times of great challenge and need, our community's compassion shines the brightest. We are deeply moved by the outpouring of support from members of our JP II family who have reached out, eager to help those devastated by Hurricane Helene. We invite you to join us in this mission of mercy by donating much-needed items as listed in the link below. Every contribution, big or small, will make a difference in the lives of those affected by Hurricane Helene. Thank you for your kindness, prayers, and continued support as we come together to help those in the wake of this devastating event.

"We are grateful to the Shipman family who has organized a relief effort for the area of Hendersonville, NC," said JP II Principal Heather Rembold. "Please take a minute to review the link below. It outlines the items that are most needed. We will continue to collect items through next **Wednesday, October 9**. The Shipman family

will coordinate the transport of all of the collected items to Hendersonville". Please share our Facebook post with your friends and neighbors to multiply the donations.

Click on this link for a list of needed items. <https://www.johnpaul2school.org/fs/resource-manager/view/64082f29-77aa-42ec-ba04-45f7fb83b68d>

PAST Testing is October 11th with Early Arrival and Dismissal

PLEASE NOTE: School Start time on Friday, October 11 is 8:00am

All students in grades 7 – 11 take the PSAT at JPII. Not only does it provide the student and the school with data on how their learning is progressing, but it is also a good practice for taking the higher stakes S.A.T.

With the PSAT test quickly approaching on **Friday, October 11**, here is some important information for parents and students. **All students will be asked to report to school no later than 8:00am.** We will not have a late start next Friday. They will be instructed to go directly to their D Block class (high school) or 4th period class (middle school). Students in Grade 6 will report to the Commons and await departure for their field trip. Students in Grade 12 will not need to attend school. We ask seniors to use this valuable time to work on their college applications, service projects, catch up on assignments, or perhaps take a college visit since it is a long weekend. The dress code for the day is "House". High School non-standard test takers will be assigned to their respective rooms. Standard test takers represent the majority of our students. Non-standard test takers (high school only) are those students afforded additional accommodations from the College Board. We have notified non-standard test takers so if you have not heard from us assume your child is a standard test taker. All 7th and 8th graders are considered standard test takers.

We will have morning prayer and announcements then go into the testing period. All students will begin testing between 8:15-8:30. Testing time is 2 hours and 40 minutes, which includes a 10 minute break. This should have us ending standard testing between 11:00-11:20am. Parents should assume an 11:20 dismissal time. Busses will depart at 11:30. Non-standard test takers (high school only) will begin as soon as they can after morning announcements and parents will have to arrange for those students' transportation home. Testing should end for them at approximately 12:45. **Students must bring their laptops FULLY CHARGED! If they do not have their computer, they cannot test. If students arrive after 8:15 they may not be able to test.** Once the test has begun, we cannot admit students who are late.

Here is a link to understanding scores and what to expect for the day of the PSAT:

Student Guide: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/media/pdf/psat-nmsqt-student-guide.pdf>

Parent Conferences Are Coming in October

The teachers at JPII 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 now 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 teacher's signup times was provided. A spreadsheet was emailed to all parents this week, with the link to each teacher's Teams/Google Meet meeting. Save this spreadsheet for your ease and convenience to be able to quickly locate the appropriate link for your child's teacher conference. Hopefully, this 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 you 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 spots, 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. Thank you, in advance, for your patience.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Heather Rembold.

No School on Monday October 14 – Enjoy Your Fall Break

Student Activities

It has been a great week back to school following Homecoming. It feels wrong not to mention how grateful we are that we were still able to celebrate as a school despite Hurricane Helene and the havoc and disruption it caused, especially in the Appalachian region. Continued prayers for those who are still missing and for the search and rescue as well as rebuilding efforts.

Our Homecoming game has been rescheduled. The Warriors will now be taking on the Rebels from Thomas Hayward on Friday, October 18th at the Gray. Stay tuned for more information regarding a possible pep rally either in the evening that week or during school. We are contacting vendors to check availability.

Going forward for Student Activities, there are tons of exciting things on the horizon. I'd like to outline everything here so we can lay out what's in store as Christmas barrels towards us. (Have you seen the displays in Sam's lately? Christmas time is once a year and, apparently, it is here!) Thankfully, we know the Truth and can slow down as we reflect on the true meaning of this season.

Also on deck for the fall is the traditional Powderpuff football game and Friendsgiving meal. Following the Day of Service, we will reflect on our service opportunities and kick off our Mercy Mission Food Drive where students will work together to stock the pantry for hundreds of families in need of food in our community. The Mercy Mission Food Drive is all about starting our season of giving, culminating on Friendsgiving day. Also throughout that season, Houses collect items for families in our local parishes in need of support to provide Christmas gifts. More information to come about these JP II holiday traditions.

The October Schedule Ahead

- October 7 – 11 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conference Week
- October 11th: PSAT Day (7th-11th grades) and 6th grade field trip. **ARRIVE BY 8:00 / DISMISS AT 11:20**
- October 14th : Fall Break NO SCHOOL
- October 21st: Day of Service
- October 24th: 7th Grade Retreat @ St. Peters

JP II Day of Service is Coming October 21

Saint John Paul II was a man who sought to serve with his life as shepherd of our Church. Our JP II community will be serving the broader Lowcountry Community in over 17 different ways on Monday, October 21st. We will start the day at 8:00am. We ask all students to be present at that time as we celebrate mass. Parents are always welcome to join us. Following mass will be a brief presentation on how John Paul II impacted our world.

for the better. Students will be then set forth to serve their school, parish or greater community. Each student will be provided a day of service t-shirt to wear on that day. They should be appropriately dressed prepared for a day of hard work. A boxed lunch will be provided.

JPII Career Fair will be October 29

On **Tuesday, October 29, we are planning a mini-Career Fair for our juniors and seniors.** We will use B Block (10:25-11:50) for students to hear about one career in which they have expressed interest. Since our space is limited, we will be using the 10 modular classrooms, as well as a few smaller spaces, to host this event. We are hoping that you will share your expertise in one of the following areas as a presenter (see our needs below).

- Business, Finance, Marketing, Real Estate (20 minutes each, 4 presenters)
- Computer Programming, Cyber Security (40 minutes each, 2 presenters)
- Forensic Science, Law Enforcement, FBI K9 Officer (25 minutes each, 3 presenters)
- Engineering (Mechanical and Civil), Architecture, Landscaping (20 minutes each, 4 presenters)
- Journalism, Broadcasting (40 minutes each, 2 presenters)
- Law (40 minutes each, 2 presenters)
- Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry (25 minutes each, 3 presenters)
- Oncology, Radiology, Ultrasound, Dermatology (20 minutes each, 4 presenters)
- Pilot, Flight Attendant (40 minutes each, 2 presenters)
- Physical Therapy, Athletic Training, Occupational Therapy, Sports Management (20 minutes each, 40 presenters)
- Psychology, Psychiatry, Neuroscience, Counseling (20 minutes each, 4 presenters)
- Electricity, Plumbing, Auto Mechanics, Welding, Construction Management (15 minutes each, 5 presenters)

If you work in any of these areas and are willing to make a 20 minute presentation including the preparation needed for your career, why you chose it, what a typical day looks like, and salary and benefits, please contact me Sister Mary Beth via email at marybeth.kubera@johnpaul2school.org before October 15.

Join Us for JPII Parent Fall Fest! Tickets on Sale Next Week!

We're excited to invite you to our first JPII Parent Fall Fest, a fun-filled evening to relax, enjoy great food, live music, and connect with other JPII parents, faculty and staff. The event will be held on November 2nd from 6:00 – 9:00 PM on our beautiful school grounds. Tickets are \$30 per person, and include steamed oysters, shrimp and fish baskets, pizza, and your choice of beer and wine. The Bull Grapes will provide live music, so bring a lawn chair and stay a little longer to enjoy the tunes!

Since we want to make sure we have enough seafood for everyone, we kindly ask you to select your food preference when purchasing your tickets online. There are a few sponsor opportunities as well to help offset the costs. These do include signage at the event, sponsors being mentioned in future emails, plus event admissions. This outdoor event will be the perfect opportunity to build our parent community—creating

lasting traditions while getting to know one another. In case of inclement weather, we'll move the festivities into the gym, so rain or shine, we're gathering!

Don't miss out on this exciting evening—grab your tickets and get ready for an unforgettable night!

From the Sports Desk

Varsity Volleyball welcomed region opponent Trinity Collegiate for their first ever meeting. The Warriors came out strong taking the first two sets 25-22, 25-10. The Titans fought back in the third taking the set 25-16, but the Warriors shut the door in the 4th set 25-15 to take the match 3-1! It was Lily Termini dominating the net with 9 kills and 2 blocks on the night. Camryn Michael, Emma McKamey and Blakely Gecy tallied 6, 6 & 5 kills respectively. Blakely Gecy took control of the net defensively notching 7 of the teams 11 blocks on the night. JoJo Hill was again the hot hand for the Warriors with 20 assists and the defensive trio of Caylin Gecy, Lili Lutheran and Rachael Brenneman stood tall for the Warriors. The Warriors will take a breather as they get ready for their big region battle with Hilton Head Christian on Tuesday 10/8 (Senior Night) 6pm!!

JV Volleyball defeated Trinity Collegiate in a three set thriller: 11-25, 25-20 and 25-18. Strong passing across the board set up strong hitting with 7 kills by Ellie Heathcott, 4 kills apiece by Alex Crocker and Gabby Heathcott, and 2 kills apiece by Caroline Ware and Chase Brienza. Setter Grace Buckland had 12 assists and setter Ava Stabak served up 6 aces.

Middle School Volleyball defeated the visiting St. Francis Wolves in straight sets (25 - 18, 25 - 21). Strong team serving kept us in the game. Seanna Hill lead the team with 10 points, followed by Ansley Reilley's 8 points and Gracie Cotter's 5 points to close out the match. Ella Blackston and Ansley Reilley were our defensive leaders for the night. Brayden Rickenbach, Taryn McKamey and Seanna Hill each added 2 kills. Next, week we host HHCA on Tuesday and Beaufort Academy on Thursday for our Dig Pink Night!

Middle School B Volleyball had a tough match, and the girls got their first loss of the season, making them 5-1 for the season thus far. They fought hard going three sets but just couldn't pull out the win, (20-25, 25-12, and 12-15). Ella Beckemeyer, Riley Covington, and Gianna Colella lead the teams in points scored for the night. Bianca Sandaval and Addison Reilley were strong defensively, making some great plays. The girls will have their final match of the season at home on October 15 against Riverview. Come out and support the Lady Warriors!

Varsity Football travels to First Baptist Friday night for the Hurricanes' annual Homecoming event. Gametime is 7:30pm at the James Island Campus, 2051 George L. Griffith Blvd. Charleston, SC.

Middle School Football showed they have what champions are made of Thursday night in Summerville, pulling off an electrifying 28-26 victory over the previously undefeated Pinewood Prep Panthers! Both teams entered the matchup with perfect records, but when the final whistle blew, it was the Warriors standing tall, handing Pinewood Prep their first loss of the season and improving to an impressive 4-0. This highly anticipated showdown had all the makings of a classic. Pinewood Prep came into the game averaging 38 points per game while only allowing 12, but our Warriors were right there with them, boasting a 40.6 points-per-game average while allowing 15. With Pinewood's eight 9th-graders compared to our roster of 6th-8th graders, the Panthers were considered the heavyweights—but our Warriors were ready for battle! The game was an intense, back-and-forth slugfest, with both teams leaving everything on the field. Leiland Fripp had a lights-out performance,

reeling in several deep passes from QB Matt Termini and delivering the play of the night with a game-sealing interception that stopped Pinewood in their tracks. Jadon Inabinnet once again dominated the ground game, punching in two rushing touchdowns, forcing a critical fumble, and adding a huge sack. Matt Termini was flawless, not only throwing a touchdown pass but also catching a vital 2-point conversion from Russell Spencer in a perfectly executed play. Spencer added another 2-point conversion on the ground, both of which proved to be the difference in this two-point victory! Our defense was relentless all night. Russell Spencer came up with a sack, Caleb Nicastro and Carter Whiteside each had two tackles for loss, and James Del Mazo was a force with a fumble recovery, a blocked pass, and an interception. Nick Kessinger locked down the edge from the cornerback position, while our defensive line lived in the Panthers' backfield, keeping their quarterback scrambling for his life. This was by far our toughest test of the season, but our Warriors showed grit, heart, and sheer willpower in every phase of the game. They continue to impress week after week, and this victory over a powerful Pinewood Prep team proves that they are a force to be reckoned with. Congratulations to our boys on an unforgettable win and thank you to everyone who came out to support them. The Warriors are on fire—let's keep this momentum going! Go Warriors!

Girl's Tennis defeated Wilson Hall with a match score of 7-2. This puts JPIL in second place for the region with a record of 6-2, and an overall record of 10-4. Singles: Anson Daniel defeated Claudia Rhodus; 6-1, 6-2. Cypress Daniel defeated Edna Lee Harris; 6-1, 6-1. Chloe Maillet defeated Harper Burke; 6-2, 6-1. Lainey Low lost to Jane McAdams; 6-0, 4-6, 0-1. Ann Elise Harrell lost to Land Stevens; 2-6, 3-6. Alivia Ogden defeated Cameron Khol; 6-1, 5-7, 1-0. Anson Daniel & Chloe Maillet defeated Claudia Rhodus & Edna Lee Harris; 8-6. Cypress Daniel & Lainey Low defeated Harper Burke & Jane McAdams; 8-1. Ann Elise Harrell & Leighton Wenzel defeated Grace McAuther & Land Stevens; 8-5. Our next match will hopefully be a playoff match on Monday.

Cross Country had a great double meet on Tuesday. The Varsity "top 7 crews" traveled to HHI High School for the Beaufort County Championships. They competed against public schools and proved that they can be competitive against the top schools in our area. On the boy's side, Sebastian Frickel placed 6th with a time of 16:44. Our boys team placed 4th overall. On the girl's side, Ayla Reynolds placed 2nd with a time of 19:04, and our girls team placed 4th overall. The majority of our team traveled to Habersham where we had great finishes between the middle school and high school groups. For middle school, Serena Wilson and Parker Robinson were both in the top 10, and our boy's middle school placed 9th as a team. Roman Bodziony led our boys high school group, with a 24th place finish. Katherine Mouhalis was our leading girl, and placed 17th.

Varsity Swimming participated in our final swim meet before heading to the SCISA State Championship. Hilton Head Christian Academy sponsored their Last Chance Meet on Saturday at the Hilton Head Island Rec pool. Other schools attending were Heritage Academy, Hilton Head Prep, HHIHS, and Beaufort Academy. JPIL was a small but mighty group for this meet and certainly enjoyed the competition. Varsity Girls Team: Nel Winslow finished in the top 5 for her 200 Freestyle (2:28.46), shaving 10 seconds from her entry time! *State Qualifier* She finished in the top 5 for her 50 Freestyle (31.10). Fantastic representation, Lady Warrior! Varsity Boys Team: Brinson Brosman finished in the top 5 in his 500 Freestyle (6:44.06) *State Qualifier* He finished in the top 3 for his 50 Freestyle (27.98), dropping almost one second from his entry time. Hayes Keefer finished in the top 15 for his 50 Freestyle (34.22). Way to bring on the power, Gentleman Warriors!



JPII PARENT FALLFEST

TICKETS \$30 PER PARENT
AVAILABLE ONLINE EARLY
OCTOBER

November 2

6:00 - 9:00 PM
JPII Campus

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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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Italy Trip Extends Pricing due to Hurricane

Our high 249 days until departure and some great news for anyone who missed the price increase deadline for our Italy trip! With so many of our school families without power over the weekend, Explorica, our travel company, has extended the deadline for travelers to enroll at the current price through the end of the month. Our high school students (and parents) still have the opportunity to enroll in our June 2025 trip to Italy at the lowest offered price. Remember that the JPPII abroad trips are offered every other year, so consider this an incredible graduation gift to your current senior or a meaningful kickoff to your current junior's final year at JPPII! Our travelers will visit destinations like Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Assisi, Sorrento and the beautiful Isle of Capri! Visit www.explorica.com/woodham-3416 for more information and to enroll. Email Mrs. Woodham at kefrin.woodham@johnpaul2school.org with questions. Ciao!

Upcoming Admissions Events

Our Admission Season for the 2025-26 school year kicks into gear this October. With JPPII expected to hit capacity quickly, we are encouraging all those interested to apply no later than January 31. With that in mind, if you know of a family that's considering enrolling, please give them a heads up to attend one of our Fall Admissions events listed below.

- October 5 at the St. Peter's Bazaar @ 10:00am – 3:00pm
- October 12 & 13 at the Habersham Harvest Festival @ 10:00am – 6:00pm
- October 19 & 20 at Holy Family Catholic Church @ 5:00pm (Sat) and 8:00am and 11:15am (Sun)
- October 27 at St. Peter's Catholic Church @ 9:00am and 11:00am
- November 2 and 3 at St. Gregory the Great Church @ 4:00pm and 6:00pm (Sat) and 9:00am and 11:00am (Sun)
- November 10 at St. Francis By the Sea Catholic Church @ 9:00am and 10:30am
- November 17 Open House @ 1:00 – 3:00pm

In His Purpose,



John E McCarthy
President