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Day of Service is Coming and We Need Your Help!

Three years ago, John Paul II Catholic School began the tradition of celebrating the Feast Day of St. John Paul II with a day of service. It was our way of demonstrating to students, staff, and the greater community the importance of service as part of our SHIELD values. This tradition has rapidly become one of the highlights of the school year. **On October 21, JP II will once again hold its annual Day of Service.**

This year, under the direction of our new Campus Minister, Mr. Joseph Rivera, and Director of Student Life, Mrs. Kim McNab, the Day of Service promises to be the biggest and best yet! But we need your help to pull it off. Over 300 JP II students will spread around Beaufort and Jasper County to serve those less fortunate or in need of our help, while another 100 or so will remain on campus performing a variety of service-related tasks. We do not have enough buses to transport over 300 students and that is where you come in. If you are an approved driver, and have the time, would you be able to transport students to a service job site? The day begins with mass, which you are welcome to attend, and then we disperse from the athletic center. Buses and cars will leave in a caravan to the jobs lasting about 3 hours. You are welcome to stay and work with the students, or simply drop off and then pick them up as they return to campus for the closing ceremony.

Please contact Mr. Joseph Rivera at joseph.rivera@johnpaul2school.org if you are willing and able to drive. If you are not sure if you are an approved driver, or would like to become one, contact Courtney Borgan at Admin.Asst@johnpaul2school.org.

"How many volunteers, through courageous commitment to their neighbor come to discover the faith! Christ, who asks to be served in the poor, speaks to the heart of the one who places himself at their service. He makes them experience the joy of disinterested love, that is the fountain of true happiness."

St. John Paul II

It's Time to Share Your Opinions

Please help JPIL 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 JPIL 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>

How We Make the Decision to Cancel School

The decision to cancel in-person classes and move to e-learning is never an easy one. We all prefer to be in person as we know that's the best educational situation for everyone. However, there are times when the safety of our students and staff in traveling to and from school must be taken into consideration. So if you've ever wondered why we cancel in-person school on a sunny and somewhat breezy day, here is the process.

We monitor the forecasts through Jasper County and Beaufort County Emergency Management Services. We do not rely on hyped up forecasts from TV meteorologists. They update us frequently with the latest information on any pending storm, even when it's just the potential of afternoon thunderstorms rolling through our area. We communicate with our local Catholic elementary schools to try and remain on the same page since we share so many families, and we closely monitor what the local public school districts are doing.

The decision to move to e-learning on October 10 was primarily due to the National Weather Service issuing a tropical storm warning for our area. This meant the likelihood of wind gusts in excess of 39 miles per hour. Since some of our buses travel across multiple bridges to and from school, we decided it was best to cancel out of an abundance of caution. Jasper County also did the same. Beaufort County schools were already on break but decided to cancel extracurricular activities. While not everywhere in our area would be impacted, those closest to the coast would feel the brunt of the wind gusts.

E-learning is not a day off from school and counts as one of the required 180. High school teachers post work for either a blue or gold day, while middle school core academic teachers post for each period. Students are required to login to Google Classroom to find and complete their assignments. Teachers are asked to post office hours where they will answer emails from students and/or parents about assignments. Since this counts as a day of school, the decision to allow athletics to move forward with games and/or practices is contingent on weather developments during the day and in communication with any scheduled opponent.

Student Activities

We are so excited to confirm that next **Wednesday, October 16th**, we will be holding our rescheduled **Homecoming Pep Rally and Bonfire**. We will have food trucks, games, raffle prizes, and bounce house activities in addition to the bonfire in which we will rally together to raise Warrior spirit leading up to our middle and high school football games Thursday and Friday. The Homecoming Court is invited to be presented

and seniors, Queen Camryn Michael, King Matei Porcelli, Princess Caylin Gecy, and Prince Gavin Byrne, Duchess Alexandra Hahn, and Duke Sebastian Slusne, Lady Trice McClure and Lord Nathan Bradford are invited to be presented along with their parents. Underclassmen attendants, 11th graders Evelyn Melnick and Andrew Boyden, 10th graders Mayme Brown and Leo Iskandar, and 9th graders Blakely Gecy and Taylor Murphy will also be presented. The plan is to have this presentation at the Pep Rally instead of halftime at the game to allow for the court to be the most present. Many of our court members are on the Varsity girls Volleyball team and they have a tournament that weekend.

Day of Service is approaching, and we are so excited to give back to our community as a student, staff, and faculty family. Collectively, we will be either working for or visiting 24 unique sites benefitting a large swath of our surrounding community. We are proud to be paving the way for future service opportunities for students to be able to continue giving their time, talents, and treasure throughout the year and for many years to come. **Permission slips for students leaving campus will go home no later than Wednesday, October 16th.** It is crucial that these are returned to school no later than Friday, October 18th. Permission slips must be returned to participate and receive a boxed lunch for Monday. Juniors and Seniors have the privilege to drive themselves to their site with permission (indicated on the permission slip).

Students have been working hard to get this year's Powderpuff football games off the ground. Teams of football gals and cheerleading guys are forming, teacher General Managers being found, and practice/game times secured during House times in what remains in October and through November. We can look forward to more details about those games, our Mercy Mission food drive, and how families can contribute to our Friendsgiving feast shortly.

Upcoming Schedule of Student Activities

October 14th: Fall Break **NO SCHOOL**

October 16th: RESCHEDULED Homecoming Pep Rally/ Bonfire 6-8:30pm JP II Campus

October 18th: RESCHEDULED Homecoming Game: 7pm vs. Thomas Hayward

October 21st: Day of Service

October 24th: 7th grade retreat (@ St. Peters)

November 1st: All Saints Day Mass (FRIDAY) and Senior Honoring @ Football game

November 11th: Teacher in-service- **NO SCHOOL**

November 13th: Veteran's Day Mass

November 17th: Open House

November 22nd: Friendsgiving and Powderpuff final

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 Now on Sale!

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!



JPII PARENT FALLFEST

TICKETS \$30 PER PARENT
AVAILABLE NOW THRU OCTOBER 26

November 2

6:00 - 9:00 PM
JPII Campus

STEAMED OYSTERS
SHRIMP AND FISH BASKETS
PIZZA TRUCK
WINE AND BEER
LIVE MUSIC FROM THE BULL GRAPES

From the Sports Desk

Varsity Volleyball welcomed region rival Hilton Head Christian Academy last night for their second meeting of the season. Just like the last two matches this one lived up to the hype!! The last two matches had both been slug fests and this one didn't disappoint. The Warriors came out of the gate hot and fast, taking the first set 25-15. But as in the past the second set went to the Eagles 25-19. The Warriors fought back in the third 25-18 and they hoped to end the Eagles in the fourth. That was not to be, as an epic back and forth set ensued. Hilton Head Christian took the 4th set 25-23 and just like the last two meetings it came down to the 5th and final set. The Warriors knew what was on the line and came out sharp and strong and would not be denied as

the final set went to the Warriors 15-7!!!! This was the first home victory for the Warriors over the Eagles in school history and only the second victory ever over HHCA. This Victory puts the Warriors solely in 1st place (1 game to play) in the region at 6-1 and 20-3-1 overall!! A win like this could not be possible without the great play of the entire team!! Our hitters racked up 47 kills on the night, led by an outstanding night by Lily Termini with a whopping 16 kills on the night. Emma McKamey added 10 of her own and Blakely Gecy, Lauren Majorkiewicz and Savannah Trott all added 5 apiece. JoJo Hill was again the hot hand with 26 assists on the night and defensively Caylin Gecy picked up 20 digs and 8 aces on the night.

JV Volleyball defeated Hilton Head Christian Academy in two sets: 25-18 and 25-22. The girls played an incredible match, shutting down the strong offense of HHCA. Setters Ava Stabak and Grace Buckland set an aggressive offense with five assists each leading to 5 kills from Alex Crocker, 2 from Alivia Ogden, 3 from Chase Brienza and 3 from Ellie Heathcott. Although the Eagles had an aggressive offense, the Warriors had 20 digs in the two sets to negate their attack.

Middle School Volleyball fell to the Eagles of HHCA in 3 sets (12-25, 25-18, 13-15). Ansley Reilly had 13 service points, Eileen O'Sullivan had 8 and Gracie Cotter had 7.

Varsity Football traveled to First Baptist School in Charleston on Friday for their first Region game of the season. First Baptist fan's filled the stadium to enjoy their Homecoming festivities. Both teams were in search of their first region win. First Baptist struck first after taking the first play from scrimmage 70 yards to the redzone, they scored 2 plays later: leading 7-0. JP2 had a very good opening drive, moving the ball down the field methodically through the run and pass game. The drive sputtered out in the redzone where the Warriors settled for a field goal attempt. An errant snap on the field goal attempt led to no points for the Warriors and gave First Baptist the ball back with their backs against the endzone. The Warriors defense forced a safety and got points on the board for JP2, now trailing 7-2. First Baptist added one more touchdown with 10 seconds left in the first half making the score 13-2. With 10 seconds left in the first half the Warriors Bryant Jolley took a Kickoff return 75 yards for a touchdown and also converted a 2 pt conversion making the score 13-10 at the half. Coming out the gate hot in the second half were the Warriors, with Tommy Gehm returning the opening 2nd half kickoff 83 yards for another kickoff return touchdown. The Warriors sat on top for the moment 16-13. This was the last time that the Warriors held the lead as First Baptist scored 28 unanswered points. Turnovers, penalties, and missed assignments on special teams made it very difficult for the Warriors to gain any moment drive after drive. The Warriors did have one more scoring drive that ended with a Connor Brown rushing touchdown. Bryant Jolley had 12 carries for 65 yards, 1 KR Touchdown, 1 2pt conversion. Tommy Gehm had 3 catches for 53 yards, 1 KR Touchdown. Connor Brown was 4/11 for 54 yards, 4 carries for 31 yards, 1 rushing TD. Defensively, Dan Snyder, Sebastian Slusne, and Carson Hurst found themselves in the majority of the tackles with Dan and Carson each having 7 tackles and Sebastian with 8 Tackles, 2 sacks, 2 TFL, and a blocked FG. Final Score FBS 41- JP2 22. The Warriors travel to Hilton Head Prep today for a 4:00pm game. On October 18, we have scheduled Thomas Heyward for our annual Homecoming game.

Middle School Football delivered a commanding performance on the road, defeating the previously undefeated Northside Christian Academy of Lexington, SC, 30-8. The victory was defined by the Warriors' word of the year: teamwork. Even after a challenging 2.5-hour drive and a delayed kickoff, the Warriors took control from the opening whistle, scoring on their first drive and maintaining momentum throughout the game. The Warriors are now 5-0 heading into a bye week. Jadon Inabinett set the tone early with an

electrifying rushing touchdown, immediately putting pressure on Northside. Jackson "JJ" Hall followed suit, executing a beautifully designed rushing play to add to the lead. Quarterback Matt Termini capped off an impressive first half by connecting with tight end Samuel Marcinkowski on a perfectly placed touch pass, extending the lead heading into the break. Russell Spencer's contributions were equally vital, as he powered through the defense to convert three two-point conversions, further solidifying the Warriors' dominance. The defense was equally unstoppable. Jackson "JJ" Hall put an exclamation point on his night with a thrilling pick-six, reading the quarterback's eyes perfectly and racing downfield to extend the lead. Capers Crosby joined the defensive efforts with a key interception, adding to the Warriors' overwhelming defensive pressure. The offensive and defensive lines owned the trenches all night, dictating the pace of play and shutting down Northside's attack. With a commanding lead, the second half became an exciting preview of the future for the JP II Middle School Warriors. Younger players earned meaningful reps alongside the team's veterans, giving a glimpse of the promising talent rising through the ranks. These young players stepped up under the bright lights, proving that the future of the program is in excellent hands. This victory not only handed Northside their first loss of the season but also showcased the depth, resilience, and teamwork that define this JP II team. Every player played a crucial role, and it was clear that the spirit of teamwork carried the Warriors to a well-earned and thrilling victory.

Girl's Tennis lost in the SCISA 4A State Semi-Finals to defending champion Ashley Hall. It was a tough day on the courts for our Lady Warriors. Anson Daniel lost to Lily Sloan, 6-4, 0-6, 0-1. Cypress Daniel lost to Emily Kaye, 5-7, 4-4. Chloe Maillet lost to Emma Tedford, 1-6, 0-6. Lainey Low lost to Bridgette DeWolf, 1-6, 0-6. Ann Elise Harrel lost to Grace Taylor, 2-6, 0-6. Alivia Ogden lost to Charlotte Guffey, 0-6, 1-6. The JP II Girl's Tennis Team ends the season as a TOP 4 finisher in the SCISA 4A Class! We are proud of all our team members and will be serving together at the SONA (Special Olympic North America) Tennis Championship on Hilton Head Island October 17-19th. Great season girls!

Girls Tennis defeated Ben Lippen on Monday, October 7th in the first round of the SCISA State Playoffs. JP II took the match 6 courts to 3. Anson Daniel defeated Audrey Muir, 6-0, 6-0. Cypress Daniel defeated Sloan Calcutt, 6-0, 6-1. Chloe Maillet defeated Callie Neal, 6-2, 6-4. Lainey Low defeated Sara Grace Tomlinson, 6-3, 2-6, 1-0. Ann Elise Harrell lost to Mary Heyward Hardy, 2-6, 0-6. Alivia Ogden lost to Anna Warren, 6-3, 4-6, 0-1. Anson Daniel & Cypress Daniel defeated Sloan Calcutt & Mary Heyward Hardy, 6-0, 6-1. Chloe Maillet & Lainey Low defeated Callie Neal & Sara Grace Tomlinson, 6-2. Ann Elise Harrell & Alivia Ogden lost to Anna Warren & Emily McLean, 3-6.

Cross Country had a great meet at Thomas Heyward. Both boys and girls varsity teams won, with our top 5 boys running as a pack, our winner of the night was Matthew Yanachik. On the girls side, Ayla Reynolds took the win, followed by Abby Brock in 3rd. Trice McClure ran a huge PR for the evening as well. Our Middle School group stayed consistent, with Fransisco Donjuan and Palmer Shelton leading their team. Our varsity top 7 groups will be competing at the Sand Shark Invitational Friday evening at Jasper Park. Come out and support your Golden Warriors!

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Beaufort HOMES for the HOLIDAYS



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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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Upcoming Admissions Events

Our Admission Season for the 2025-26 school year kicks into gear this October. With JPPI 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 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