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## **Come out Tonight and Honor our Senior Class**

Please join us tonight at 6:00pm as we honor our Fall student-athletes. The ceremony will take place prior to the last home football game of the year at the Richard Gray Sports Complex in Hardeeville.

## **State of the School Address is Monday, November 4 at 6:30pm**

This will be my sixth and last time addressing the JPII community on the current state of the school and plans for the future. We will announce tuition rates for the 2025-26 school year, provide an update on the president search, and give an overview of the campus improvement plan and next steps. I will be joined by our principal, Mrs. Heather Rembold.

Why should you tune in? From the day I arrived, it was critical to provide our JPII community with an honest appraisal of where the school is, both academically and operationally. In those early days, the appraisal was quite sobering as the school tried to climb out of a large operational deficit. However, in making decisions around tuition increases we did so with a clear purpose and explanation. The best way to understand the school's rapid ascension and plans for the future is to participate in the state of the school. With enrollment continuing to soar, and space becoming a premium until the new building opens, parents will want to know the process for re-enrolling their children for next year and how we plan to admit new students.

The address will take place virtually on the JPII Facebook page beginning at 6:30pm. There is an opportunity for audience participation. Please mark your calendars.

## **Pickleball Intramural Club**

Introducing JPII's first ever Pickleball Club that was entirely student interest driven! At this time, interested 10th-12th graders are invited to join! Meetings will take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-4:30, beginning November 5th throughout the winter athletic season, on the new outdoor basketball court,

weather permitting. Lines will be drawn and nets set up for two courts to be playing at a time. Once a month, brackets will be made for tournament play and a winning pair will be declared. Participants are asked to bring their own paddle, as they gather with a partner to enjoy the great outdoors and some good old fashioned pickleball!

Please look for more intramural opportunities to be added in the coming weeks.

## Student Activities

We are collecting food for Mercy Mission over the next four weeks as a way to wrap up our collective reflection and call to action to Serve as a SHIELD Value. The best thing about our call to service is that it should remain in us throughout the year! We will continue to serve through December and term two. How can you impact your community as an individual? Sister Marybeth Kubera led us in our reflection and sent us off on our mission to stock the shelves at Mercy Mission- the food pantry run by the Daughters of Charity, her religious order, which serves over 150 FAMILIES per week. Our goals are as follows to bring in THOUSANDS of cans to feed the folks in need in our community. Let's go WARRIORS!

- **Week One: 10/30** - 5 cans of veggies per person. Complete – Thank You!
- **Week Two: 11/18** - 3 cans of fruit per person. Follow the procedure as decided upon by your House from the previous week.
- **Week Three: 11/15** - 2, 2-lb bags of WHITE rice per person. Follow the procedure as decided upon by your House from the previous week.
- **Week Four: 11/22** - 1 glass jar of spaghetti sauce (I know, glass, but it's what they need). Follow the procedure as decided upon by your House from the previous week.

Cans are being counted to serve two purposes: 1) increased accountability for participation and 2) to have a friendly competition for every House to have an opportunity to earn House points. Reach out with questions or concerns to [kim.mcnab@johnpaul2school.org](mailto:kim.mcnab@johnpaul2school.org) We are excited to make a difference with this crucial community group.

## Upcoming Events

- November 8th: 3 cans of canned fruit due/per student. Powderpuff semifinals during House.
- November 11th: Teacher in-service- NO SCHOOL- Happy Veteran's Day
- November 13th: Veteran's Day Mass
- November 15th: 2, 2lb bags of white rice due/per student. Extra day for Powderpuff practice or semi rain delay date.
- November 17th: Open House
- November 22nd: Friendsgiving, final day of Mercy Mission Food Drive, 1 jar of spaghetti sauce due/per student and Powderpuff final.

## Out of Darkness Walk

It is time for the annual Out of Darkness Walk. This is a national community walk program with the goal to raise awareness for people lost to suicide. This is the 4th year that we have had a JPII team, and we would LOVE to see more staff and students participate (shout out to Mrs. Shaw for walking with Mrs. Bowman every year). The event is on **November 3rd at 2pm in Bluffton** and the event lasts roughly 1-1.5 hours. Registration is free, but donations are certainly welcome! Please consider joining us- it is so important for our students, families, and the community to see JPII supporting mental health awareness. Join the "JPII Golden Warriors" team. Registration information below.



**American  
Foundation  
for Suicide  
Prevention**



**Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm at Bluffton Oyster Factory Park**

Register Here <https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=register.start&eventID=10323>

## **From the Sports Desk**

**Varsity Volleyball** placed four student-athletes on the 4A All Region First Team. Congratulations to JoJo Hill, also named Player of the Year, Lili Termini, Caylin Gecy, and Camryn Michael. Also, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, congratulations to Coach Sanders for being named the coach-of-the-year.

**Varsity Football** suited up for action this past Friday at HHCA for HHCA's homecoming. It was a very exciting game for 3 quarters of play as it was a 14-0 game at halftime with HHCA leading and some missed opportunities in the first half for JP2 to put points on the board. It remained 14-0 until nearly 5 minutes left in the 3rd quarter when HHCA scored their 3rd touchdown. HHCA then scored 21 more points in the 4th quarter while JP2 was only able to respond with 1 rushing touchdown from Alan Wolf. Final score 42-6 HHCA. Alan Wolf went 19-29 passing for 152 yards and 2 interceptions while rushing 18 times for 101 yards. Dante Aiken added an interception on defense, Sebastian Slusne added 7 solo tackles with 3 assists, a sack, and forced fumble, Connor Brown was able to recover the fumble. Your Golden Warriors are back in action for the last home game of regular season against 6-2 Pinewood Prep. It is senior night, so please come out and celebrate our Fall Sport Senior Athletes.

**Middle School Football** in a stunning display of talent, heart, and teamwork, capped off an undefeated and unblemished season with a dominant victory in their final game, 44-18 over the HHP Dolphins. From the very first snap, the Warriors left no doubt that they were in control, scoring at will and shutting down their opponents on defense. Jadon Inabinett set the tone with an incredible 4 carries for 123 yards and 4 touchdowns, blazing through the defense on every touch. JJ Hall added 10 rushing yards on 2 carries, while Leiland Fripp impressed with 3 receptions for 73 yards, 1 rush for 3 yards, and a two-point conversion catch from QB Matt Termini. Termini, showing his versatility, completed 5 passes for 116 yards and took one to the end zone himself on a 22-yard rushing touchdown. Key contributions came from all over the roster. Zach Mulieri snagged an 18-yard reception, Adam D'Orazio added 7 rushing yards and 2 tackles, and Nick Kessinger contributed 2 tackles and ran in a 6-yard touchdown. Sam Marcinkoski caught a pass for 25 yards, while Micah Cano and Nathan Milligan anchored the defense with solid tackles, and Carter Whiteside delivered too many tackles to count along with a 24-yard rush. Defensive standouts like Isaac Borgan delivered key tackles for loss, and Ryan Fox powered both lines, recovering a fumble and adding a two-point conversion that electrified the field. The crowd erupted when fan-favorite Andres Dominguez broke into the end zone with his own two-point conversion, and Russell Spencer closed out with another two-point effort. This season, the Warriors stood undefeated, overcoming top teams in the Columbia and Charleston regions and dominating the Lowcountry. With a perfect record, they've cemented their legacy as the best in the region, showing depth,

grit, and readiness to return with even more power next season. It was an incredible end to a remarkable year, and we couldn't be prouder of our JPll Warriors!

**Cross Country** competed at the SCISA 4A State Championships last Saturday. On the boys side, our team placed runner up for states with a score of 72, missing out on first by only 1 point. Sebastian Frickel placed 5th with a time of 16:26, and Blake Hubik placed 7th with a time of 16:30. They made all state. Our top 5 boys were all under 17:40, with a phenomenal end to their season. On the girls side, the team placed 7th with a score of 170. Ayla Reynolds made all state, placing 8th with a time of 19:14. Our team did a fantastic job, proving their worth in 4A for the first year. We will miss our two varsity seniors next year, Trice McClure and James Hook, but we have a strong team coming back to compete for a state title again.

## **From Your Athletic Boosters**

The JPll Booster Board is excited to announce that DECA, along with the baseball and middle school football, and volleyball teams, will be helping to service the gym concession stand this winter sports season!

- DECA will be applying their business skills by scheduling, budgeting, inventory, customer service, and cash handling at all of the JPll Middle School basketball games while raising funds for their DECA convention.
- Baseball, MS Football, and Volleyball teams will also take over the concession stand on designated JV and Varsity basketball and Wrestling events. This will help grow awareness of their programs, bring much-needed funds back to support their teams, and contribute to providing a great service at school events.

Get Involved! If you are part of another club or sport and would like to participate in a concession takeover to raise funds for your group, now is your chance! Up to 50% of sales can go directly to your team or club. Contact Case Spencer at [case.spencer@hotmail.com](mailto:case.spencer@hotmail.com) to see what spots are still available. This is a great opportunity to grow your program, fundraise, and learn valuable skills while supporting our school community!

Sincerely,

Case Spencer – President

Randy Brown – Vice President

Joe Hubik – Treasurer

Lisa Cotter - Secretary

## **Upcoming Admissions Events**

Our Admission Season for the 2025-26 school year has begun and applications are rolling in. With JPll 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.

- 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
- November 20 – Feeder Schools Visit JP II @ 9:00am (SGG/St. Peters 6<sup>th</sup> grades & St. Francis 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

In His Purpose,



John E McCarthy  
President