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## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DAY OF SERVICE

The third annual JP II Day of Service is in the books and we are all a little tired but feeling proud of the projects completed. The purpose of the Day of Service is to focus on our first core value, service, as a way to imbed the importance of giving back in our students. JP II has six core values; service, high expectations, innovation, excellence, leadership, and discipleship. The first letter of each word spells out the word SHIELD.

The Day of Service always takes place on, or near, the Feast Day of Saint John Paul II. The day began with Mass in the Athletic center. Deacon John delivered the homily to inspire students to follow the example of our patron saint and use service as a way to connect with God. Our theme this year, ***One commUNITY, One Mission, One Purpose***, “*We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.*” (Romans 8:28), was emblazoned across the back of our pink t-shirts signifying the purpose and unity of our school community. Everything we do at JP II is intentional.

From there, the students set out to perform service projects by grade. Middle schoolers stayed on campus for service to their school. Beds were mulched, the outdoor classroom was spruced up, windows and desks washed, and the robotics tournament was set up. Service to your parish was performed by 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders at St. Peters and St. Gregory the Great. Upperclassmen performed service projects at various sites including JP II, Mercy Mission, Maritime Center, and road cleanup for Jasper County. All students were served a Chick-fil-A lunch. Look for an upcoming story in the Bluffton Sun.

Thank you to our faculty and staff for getting in there and working side-by-side with our students, as well as Mr. Kevin Pastore and Mrs. Andrea Williamson who coordinated the day. And, a big thank you to our extracurricular sponsors for making this all possible; 4M Metals, Karrh Land & Timber LLC, SERG Group, Jolley Law Group, Weniger Plastic Surgery, New River Transmission & Auto Care Center, Keller Williams Realty, Luray Peanut Company, Choate Construction, Farm Bureau Insurance, The Henderson Family, Burr and Forman LLP, and Complete Compliance Erosion. Please thank and support our sponsors!

## THE GRADE CHECK HAS BEEN COMPLETED

While JPPII employs a semester grading system, we nevertheless complete a grade check on the third Friday in October. This is the traditional end of the quarter marking system. The grade check is performed to hold students accountable for completing work. Students failing two or more subjects are placed on academic probation for a minimum of ten days, commencing the Monday after the grade check, or until they are passing all subjects. Students on academic probation are ineligible to participate in sports, that means practice and games. Students who would like to participate in winter sports may still try out for a team but cannot practice should they make the team. Most students who fail do so not because of poor performance on tests and quizzes, but rather because they fail to complete assigned work. With our DOCS/Advisory period available Tuesday-Thursday there is no reason for any student to be failing a course. Parents can check Google Classroom for any missing assignment.

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Virtual parent-teacher conferences will take place **Wednesday, October 26, from 3:00-7:00pm**. All teachers will send out a Sign-Up Genius to meet with you. The teacher will then send out a Google Meet link to you prior to the conference. Please note you will be scheduled for no longer than 8-minutes. It is possible that some teachers will fill up as the limit is 22 conferences. If you are unable to meet with a teacher and still would like to, please connect directly with that teacher via email to arrange a mutually acceptable time. **There will be no DOCS/Advisory that day.**

## ADMISSIONS EVENTS IN OCTOBER

JPPII in the Neighborhood events are parent-to-parent socials featuring wine and appetizers. If we are coming to your neighborhood we need you to attend and bring friends. If we are not coming yet, please contact Anne McClure and help us get into your neighborhood in November.

### Admissions-related events in October

- October 23: Coffee and Donuts after Mass at Holy Family @ 8:00, 11:15
- October 25: JPPII in the Neighborhood at Cypress Ridge @ 5:30-6:30pm
- November 1: Pinecrest Wood Room @ 5:30-6:30pm

## RE-ENROLL FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Each year, our current students must re-enroll to secure their spot for the next school year. Because of the school's rapid growth, we have moved this date up to **February 1, 2023**. A \$500 per student tuition deposit is required to hold your spot. An email was sent to you with instructions, but if you are still unsure how to do this please reach out to [anne.mcclure@johnpaul2school.org](mailto:anne.mcclure@johnpaul2school.org). Tuition assistance applications are due no later than January 1, 2023. So if you would like to be considered for aid you must complete all requirements, including submitting your 2021 tax returns, by that date. Awards will be communicated prior to February 1.

The reason why you need to re-enroll early is explained in the enrollment projection below. Many grades will be at capacity and after February 1, these spots are awarded on a first come first served basis. We project enrollment based on a 95% retention rate and new student enrollment based on past two-year trends, which are trending upwards.

Grade	Current	Return	New	23-24	Capacity
6	21		30	30	32
7	46	20	47	67	60
8	57	44	13	57	60
9	67	54	23	77	80
10	55	64	12	76	80
11	49	52	3	55	60
12	37	47	2	49	60
Total	332	281	130	411	432

The return number is based on retaining 95% of our current students (grade 12 is excluded). This means we are projecting the loss of 14 students next year. This number could be lower than that. We also anticipate some mid-year transfers, one is coming into grade 6 next week, so the return number is likely to grow making capacity tighter.

The new student number is based on two-year trends and the expansion of grade 6. We have been trending higher and expect to meet or exceed 130. This number could also go higher.

Capacity is determined by multiplying the number of projected sections of a subject, such as theology or English, by 20 ( $4 \times 20 = 80$ ). For grade 6 we plan on having two sections of 16 each. We need to hold very close to these numbers to keep class sizes small and because of space constraints. Another modular building will be installed next year.

# FROM STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## Preview of Coming Attractions:

### October:

- 22: MS Robotics Tournament
- 26: Make-up Pictures/Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences 3 to 7pm-No Advisory and DOCS
- 27: 7th Grade Retreat
- 28: Powder Puff-Round 1 and Home Football Game-Senior Night
- 29: Trunk or Treat 4 to 6pm

# FROM THE SPORTS DESK

## Football

The Varsity Football Team lost to crosstown rival Hilton Head Christian Academy to drop to 4-5 overall and 2-3 in region play. Next Friday night is the final regular season game of the year versus Wilson Hall of Sumter at home in Hardeeville. We will honor all senior athletes at 6:45pm with the game immediately following. Please come out and support your Golden Warriors as they make the final push for a playoff berth.

The Middle School Football Team's undefeated season was lost in the final seconds at Hilton Head Christian by the score of 20-14. It was a great season for the boys with lots of promise for the future. Thank you Coach Haskins for your leadership.

## Volleyball

The Varsity Volleyball team traveled to Hilton Head Christian Academy for their final regular season match of the season. This was the second meeting for the two teams as they battle in SCISA 3A. The Eagles came out strong taking the first two sets 25-16 and 25-18, but the Warriors fought back in the third set, taking it 25-19. The Eagles took control of the 4th and final set to take the match 3-1. The Warriors finished their regular season with an impressive 24-9-1 record as well as earning a berth in the SCISA State Tournament with a #2 seed this weekend.

The middle school volleyball team defeated Holy Trinity in their Dig Pink match! The girls had a great time playing for a cause and had a wonderful last home game. Multiple aces from Madi Murphy, Ellie Heathcott, Ava Stabak, and Audrey Litchfield helped the team succeed. Thank you to all who came and supported the teams tonight, and this season! On Wednesday the girls traveled to Hilton Head Christian and defeated the Eagles in their second match up of the season.

After back-and-forth sets, the Warriors stepped up and finished strong and confidently in the third set. This marked the end of the regular season, and I am proud to say that they made it through 14-2. So many great things can be said about this team and each player! Congratulations Coach Bri!

### **Swimming**

The JPII Women's swim team finished off the season with a bang at the SCISA State Championships! Our women's team, consisting of Aubrey Porada 8th grade, Riley McGoldrick 9th grade, Nel Winslow 7th grade, and Kendall Porada SGG 6th grade, placed 3rd in the 3A division. Each swimmer played a major role in our success at this meet, scoring points individually and swimming the fastest times of the season for the two relays. JPII had a defending champion when Aubrey Porada placed 1st in the 500 free (5:32.00), and 2nd in the 200 IM (2:21.93). Riley McGoldrick placed 2nd in the 100 Fly (1:06.58), and 3rd in the 200 free (2:11.09). Nel Winslow finished 6th in the 100 free (1:06.70) and 8th in the 100 backstroke (1:16.21). Our youngest swimmer, Kendall Porada, placed 4th in the 500 free (6:10.72) and 11th in the 200 free (2:25.89). The ladies finished 3rd in the 400 free relay (4:16.18), dropping over 5 seconds from earlier in the season, and 4th in the 200 free relay (1:57.38), dropping nearly 4 seconds from the season.

### **Sailing**

JPII sailors participated in the Lake Norman Regatta over the weekend of October 15-16. Two teams - one with Matei Porcelli as captain and Michael Fitzgibbons as crew and the other with Danny Nester as captain and Ayden Kollstedt as crew took to the water and sailed in over 20 races. After a slower start, the Golden Warriors made a comeback before the event had to be called early due to a lack of wind on the second day. The team placed 8 out of 15 teams. The team's next competition will be October 22 at Lake Jordan in North Carolina.

## **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Part-Time Custodian (4:00-10:00pm) \$16.50 per hour / 29 hours per week
- Girls Basketball Middle School Assistant Coach – Stipend
- Boys JV Soccer Coach – Stipend
- Boys Tennis Head Coach – Stipend

Consider joining the BEST school in the Lowcountry. If interested, please email me at [john.mccarthy@johnpaul2school.org](mailto:john.mccarthy@johnpaul2school.org) or pass along to someone who might be.

Sincerely,

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President