



SFXP CURRENTS



JANUARY 2020



Catholic Schools Week - January 27 - February 2

SFXP joins Catholic Schools nationwide in the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The week begins January 27 and runs all week through February 2. The theme is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

Student Council plans the week-long celebration with activities including Teacher Appreciation Day, Student Appreciation Day, Sundaes on Monday, and so much more! Details will be communicated to the students and provided to parents via the SFXP Weekly News email on Sunday evenings.

Drama Club Performance

Rehearsals are well underway for the upcoming winter musical, Mary Poppins, Jr.. Students have been working diligently with director Katy Keir-Ferguson, JP II '19 and SFXP '15. Students will be treated to a performance during the school day on Thursday, January 30, at 10:00 A.M. On Friday, January 31, there will be an evening performance at 7:00 P.M. and a matinee on February 1, at 2:00 P.M. All are invited to attend.



SFXP Open House Fridays

January 24, 9:00 - 10:30 A.M.

All families with children in grades four through seven are invited to join middle school principal, Elizabeth Kelley, on Friday, January 18 for an Open House, 9:00 - 10:30 A.M. Attendees will have an opportunity to receive a tour from a current student while classes are in session, followed by a presentation with a time for questions and answers.

SFXP parents, students, alumni, and parents of alumni are wonderful examples and spokespeople for our school. Please continue to share your family's experience with friends and invite them to attend an Open House and shadow a current student.

JP II Open House Fridays

January 31, 9:00 - 10:30 A.M.

Following a similar format, attendees will tour the campus with a current student while classes are in session. This will be followed by a presentation and with a time for question and answers.

St. John Paul II High School Preview Night Wednesday, January 29, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Join JP II administrators, guidance counselor, athletic director, and JP II parents and students to learn about the benefits of a St. John Paul II High School education. This relaxed, conversational presentation features: Academic Program, Athletic Program, College Counseling, Co-Curricular offerings, Financial Aid Information, Performing and Visual Arts, Spiritual Life, and Student Life.

There will be an opportunity for questions and answers as well as individual conversations and tours. Registration is not required. Please call the admissions office with any questions, 508-862-6336 ext. 104 or email jcanzano@jp.dfrcs.org.

SCHOOL BRIEFS



Christmas Gifts

Thank you for your kindness at Christmas. To the many students and parents who sent gifts and items to staff members, we would like to express a most sincere “thank you.” Try as we might to avoid it, we always seem to have one or two items that go without an identifiable source of giving. We apologize for any unacknowledged gifts, but we do wish for you to know how grateful we all are.

Donut Donation from Entemann's

Thank you to Mr. Michael Coute and Entemann's for donating the donuts for the first quarter Honors Breakfast.

The NJHS will be sponsoring mid-term exam study sessions for 5th & 6th graders. At this time, the following sessions have been scheduled:

January 8, 2020 x-block grade 5 math
 January 9, 2020 x-block grade 5 math
 January 9, 2020 3 to 4 grade 6 science
 January 9, 2020 3 to 4 grade 5 math & religion
 January 10, 2020 x-block grade 5 math
 January 10, 2020 3 to 3:30 grade 5 English
 January 10, 2020 3 to 3:30 grade 5 religion

Midterm Exam Schedule

Midterm exams will be held January 15-17.
 Please note that these days will be half days with noontime dismissal.
 There will be NO STUDY HALL, AFTERCARE OR BUSES (RTA or Barnstable).

Wednesday, January 15

Language Arts and Reading

Thursday, January 16

Religion and Science

Friday, January 17

Math and Social Studies

Grade 5 students will combine art in math class as they learn about types of triangles. Paul Cezanne's "The Card Players" will be analyzed. The artist created the scene using triangular elements so that the viewers' eye is drawn to the action. Students will find these triangles and describe how they call attention to the drama within the painting.

Inclement weather "SNOW DAY" announcements

The school uses an automated system which provides for all parents to receive telephone calls in the case of a weather or other emergency, school cancellation during the day, or other general information. Each student must know what to do and where to go should school be dismissed early due to an emergency or weather-related situation.

Since our student population encompasses many towns, parents are always free to use their own good judgment in determining whether travel conditions are safe for the trip to school. If school is canceled in your town, parents may wish to follow their town's pattern by not sending their child to school.

The school respects such parental discretion.



SAL Days Structured Alternative Learning

This policy provides for instruction, student performance, and student-teacher interaction via Google Classroom (or other means). On a day of inclement weather, the school may declare 'SAL day'. As long as there are no widespread power outages, students will be provided with learning materials, will be able to communicate with teachers, and will be asked to complete assignments electronically. All assignments will be completed for credit, and this will eliminate the need to make up the snow day at the end of the year.

Yearbook Information

The 2020 yearbook is available for purchase for students grades 5-8 on www.treering.com using the passcode 1014006133771584. By now, 8th graders should have turned in their 8th-grade write-ups and baby photos via the Class of 2020 Google Classroom. Please contact yearbook coordinator, Miss McDonough, at emcdonough@sfxp.org, with any questions.



SFXP Financial Assistance for the 2020 – 2021 Academic Year

SFXP families seeking to be considered for financial assistance through the Foundation to Advance Catholic Education (FACE) must complete an annual application with FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. The deadline for submitting 2018 tax documents and 2019 W-2s is February 15th. Tax returns for 2019 must be submitted by March 15th. The online application can be found at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid> Please contact Margaret Keras, Business Manager, at 508-862-6336 or mkeras@jp.dfrcs.org for more information.

JPII Financial Assistance for the 2020-2021 Academic Year



Every effort is made to assist families. All families wishing to be considered for school-based financial aid for the 2020-2021 school year must complete an application online with FACTS Management Grant & Aid. The online application opened December 1.

Please allow two weeks processing time from the date you provide the supporting documents for your application to be verified. To be considered for the first round of awards starting March 1, 2020, applications must be completed, with all the necessary documentation, by February 15, 2020. Applications are completed online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Please contact Margaret Keras, Business Manager, with any questions at 508-862-6336 ext. 249 or mkeras@jp.dfrcs.org.

2020-2021 SFXP Admissions Application Process

Families seeking admission to St. Francis Xavier Preparatory school for their son/daughter may request an application packet by contacting Admissions Director, Jenn Canzano, at (508)-862-6336 or jcanzano@sfxp.org or apply online at www.sfxp.org.

The application process involves three essential steps:

- First, we must receive a copy of your child's current school record, including previous report cards, the most recent report card from the current academic year, and any standardized testing (e.g. Iowa, Stanford, MCAS, PARC, etc.)
- Second, we must receive the fully completed application form.
- Finally, when those items are received, you will be contacted to arrange a personal interview.

Applications must be completed by February 1 to be included in the first round of decisions.

Grade 8 Students continuing to St. John Paul II High School

There is no application required for St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School students. Students must take the High School Placement Test and return the Intent to Continue form by January 10. All SFXP students who are in good standing at SFXP will receive an invitation to join the JPII Class of 2024 in January.

JANUARY ADMISSIONS EVENTS

St. Margaret Primary School (Pre K – Grade 4)

Friday, January 10, 9:00 – 10:30 A.M.

Friday, January 24, 9:00 – 10:30 A.M.

St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School (Grades 5-8)

Friday, January 24, 9:00 -10:30 A.M.

St. John Paul II High School (Grades 9 – 12)

In-Home Presentations, Please call the Admissions Office for more details.

Thursday, January 9, The Delman Family, Sandwich

Thursday, January 16, The Bartolomei Family, Falmouth

Wednesday, January 22, The Marchand Family, Plymouth

Sunday, January 26, Open House, 1:00 -3:00 P.M.

Wednesday, January 29, 6:30 – 7:30 P.M., JPII High School Preview Night,

Friday, January 31, 9:00 - 10:30 A.M.

Saturday, February 8, 8:00 A.M. (or by appointment) High School Placement Test

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HSA

Happy New Year! We hope that your Christmas was filled with joy!

December was a busy month for SFXP families and we extend our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who gave freely of their time and generous donations of food and drinks to help make the class parties and Lessons and Carols fun-filled.

We hope you will join us at the January HSA Meeting January 7th at 6:30P.M. in the art room. We'll be organizing Catholic Schools Week activities and welcome your input and help. We will also have a Tuesday pre-meeting coffee social at 7:45A.M. at Spoon and Seed.

January 26th is the start of Catholic Schools Week, an annual celebration observed by all Catholic schools in the United States. SFXP celebrates students, their families, teachers, staff and administration throughout the week. Details on daily events and opportunities to volunteer will be shared through the Sunday Email.

Yours in Faith,
Brienne Snyder, President
Terri McDonald, Secretary
Angie Baron, Treasurer
Andrea Tropeano, Co-Volunteer Coordinator
Anke Rudy, Co-Volunteer Coordinator

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Samantha VanBeber
November 25-29

Samantha is long deserving of this honor. Since grade five, she has been a mature, kind, and hard-working individual. She promotes the SFXP way in everything she does. She enjoyed participating in JPII volleyball and managed her schedule very well. She is focused and engaged in class, always going the extra mile. Recently, she displayed great leadership on the 8th grade trip to Boston. With a positive attitude, she is a positive role model and a teacher.

Madison Buol
December 2-6

The word used most often by the teachers to describe Madison is *joyful*. This quality is one which reflects goodness and compassion. One example of this is the manner in which she greets her teachers and her peers. She lights up like a Christmas tree when she says hello, brightening the day of all of those around her. She treats everyone she encounters with kindness and respect. Her teachers have also noted that she is always well prepared and never misses an assignment. She is always at the ready with an answer and loves to participate in class. Madison has also taken her responsibilities as a member of the NJHS very seriously. How wonderful to have a student who enjoys school!



Mia Consalvi
December 9-13

Mia is a sincere, hard-working young woman, with a BIG heart. She is an inquisitive student, and is good at advocating for herself when she doesn't understand things right away. Mia is a new cello player, and is picking it up very quickly; she even played at the nursing home this week. She juggles several activities, but has a good sense of how much work she can handle. Her hard-work was demonstrated through her beautiful depiction of a snow globe, chosen in the select group of Christmas Card entries. She demonstrated the virtue of courtesy and her compassion for others recently when she encouraged another student who was visibly upset; helping him to calm down and ultimately leaving him feeling valued. In addition, she was seen in public, reaching out to a complete stranger that was struggling while checking out in the grocery line. The stranger's things were falling everywhere, and Mia offered to help when no one else would. Similarly, on Grandparents Day, Mia kindly invited one of her peers to sit with her and to "share" grandparents for the morning. Clearly, Mia is observant of the needs of others, and acts to help them to feel loved.

Nicholas Barcelo
December 16-20

Nick is a student new to SFXP this year, although one would not realize it from the way he fits right in and exudes excellence. In these four short months of school, he has skyrocketed academically through hard work and perseverance. Recently, he went above and beyond on a math quiz and also on a major multimedia technology project. Nick turns in assignments on time, noticeably works hard to improve grades, and rises to challenges. In addition to that, he also takes initiative to help others. One teacher noticed him helping a classmate to clean and organize his locker. This shows how kind and humble he is, and it demonstrates that he is a perfect fit for SFXP. Finally, Nick is polite and always respectful to his peers and teachers.





January 2020

6	7	8	9	10
	• 6:30pm HSA Meeting	• 8:30am MAP Testing	• 8:30am MAP Testing	• 8:30am MAP Testing
13	14	15	16	17
MAP Testing Make Up	Map Testing Make Up	Language Arts and Reading Midterm Exams • 12pm Dismissal	Science and Religion Mid-Terms • 12pm Dismissal	Math and History Mid-Terms • 12pm Dismissal
20	21	22	23	24
No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day			• 11:15am Second Quarter Student of the Week Luncheon	
27	28	29	30	31
Catholic Schools Week • 10am Catholic Schools Week Mass				