



St. John Paul II School

October 23, 2022

October greetings to the JP II Community,

I hope you have been enjoying an excellent fall at JP II. School life has been happily busy for our students and faculty and it has been wonderful to see so many families present at numerous activities. The strength of our St. John Paul II community is one of our most vital qualities and we are beyond blessed for the endless ways our mission is reinforced by your dedicated support.

Beginning this Sunday, we welcome the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) visiting committee in evaluating St. John Paul II School for the purpose of reaccreditation. The faculty and staff have faithfully worked to create a thoughtful self-study report that addresses NEASC standards for continuous growth. The two chairs of the visiting committee, both sitting heads of Catholic schools in Massachusetts along with six other team members serving Catholic schools located in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts will be present for three and one half days on our campus. During their stay, the team will visit classrooms and spend time speaking with administration, faculty and staff, parents and students. Based on their findings, the visiting committee will then submit a comprehensive report to be reviewed by the Commission of Independent Schools at the annual February 2023 meeting as they vote on the school's reaccreditation.

Our Fall Fest social event held at Naukabout Brewery on October 15 was the first advancement event of the school year and was well attended by parents, administration, advisory board members, faculty and staff, alums and friends. The generosity of donors and attendees raised \$24,000 for the school. The funds raised from the Fall Fest along with the Blue & Gold Annual Fund, and the Blue & Gold Gala close the gap between tuition rates and per pupil cost.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day was a lovely day with visitors traveling both locally and from out of state to spend the morning with our awesome JP II students. Following morning receptions and tours, we were honored to have Bishop Edgar da Cunha S.D.V. as the principal celebrant for a school wide mass observing the Feast Day of St. John Paul II. Special thanks to the JP II Advancement, Campus Ministry and Performing Arts departments for orchestrating this joyful event.

Members of the JPPI President Search Committee chaired by Superintendent Daniel Roy, held their first meeting on October 10, 2022. The Search Committee members include: Betsy O'Brien (Advisory Board Chair, Parent), Steve Hamel (Advisory Board Vice Chair, Grandparent), Annie Smith (JPPI Teacher), Meaghan Wile (JPPI Teacher), Fr. Laurent Valliere (Chaplain), Christie Duhamel (Parent), and Keith Powell (Parent). Watch for further communications from the Committee in the weeks ahead. A website landing page is being planned to update the JPPI community and beyond with detailed information about the process.

As highlighted in the weekly Blue and Gold, we are delighted to offer our school community with several opportunities to worship. Looking ahead during Advent, following the 7:30 A.M. Wednesday Masses, in the Our Lady of Fatima Chapel (in the high school building): 11/30, 12/7, 12/14 and 12/21, please join us in the Academic Resource Center for coffee, donuts and conversation.

Kind regards,

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