

September 17, 2023



St. John  
Paul II School  
**ALL SCHOOL NEWS**

**Family Portal**

Have you logged into your Family Portal account? Not sure how? Click [here](#) for instructions. Students' grades, schedules, and parent/guardian resource information can be accessed.

**SAVE THE DATE! Meet JP II Faculty! Full details are in the sections below.**

Grades 5-8, September 27, 5:45 P.M.- 7:00 P.M.

Grades 9-12, September 27, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

**Mass**

Monday & Wednesday 7:30 A.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Tuesday during X-Block

Location: Chapel at the High School.

**JP II Parent Partnership Council Meeting, Friday, September 22 at 8:15 A.M.**

Learn more and kindly RSVP [here](#).

**Attention Over the Bridge Bus Families**

As a reminder from Mrs. Keras' email to you earlier this week, repairs and maintenance begin on the Bourne Bridge starting Monday, September 18th. In an effort to reduce travel time for the students, and in consultation with the bus company, the following changes to morning pick-up times are as follows and effective Monday, September 18.

Rt. 3/Exit 13/Panera: 6:20 A.M.

St. Margaret's Church/Buzzards Bay: 6:50 A.M.

Market Basket/Bourne: 7:20 A.M.

Please be sure to arrive a few minutes early and have your child(ren) ready to board the bus when it arrives at your stop. Also, please encourage your child(ren) to be ready for pickup at the end of the school day at the designated waiting area in each building. Please direct any questions to Mrs. Keras at [mkeras@JP IIHyannis.org](mailto:mkeras@JP IIHyannis.org).

**From the Student Services Office: All Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend**

**Parents as Partners and Advocates in Catholic Education**

Tuesday, September 19, 6-7:00 P.M. - Grades 5 - 8 Parents/Guardians  
Thursday, September 21, 6-7:00 P.M. - Grades 9 - 12 Parents/Guardians

Do you have a student who has a learning difference? Would you like to know more about advocating for your child's needs with an asset-based approach? Would you like to know more about how to partner with the school to best support your child? Dr. Molly McMahon of the Roche Center for Catholic Education at Boston College will be presenting these two sessions on "Parents as Partners and Advocates in Catholic Education." Dr. McMahon is the Director of Leadership Programs for the Roche Center for Catholic Education at Boston College. As a previous teacher, teacher leader, and school administrator, Dr. McMahon is passionate about social and emotional learning, parent engagement, and the creation of a positive school culture.

Dr. McMahon and the Student Services Team will also take questions after the presentation. All parents are welcome to attend! Sign up [here](#) for the event.

### **Host Families Needed!**

Our international student program is in need of host families. Mary Offiler, our Office Manager at the Prep, has been hosting students for years and is currently hosting a student from Brazil. If you have any questions, she is an excellent resource and can be reached at [moffiler@jpiihyannis.org](mailto:moffiler@jpiihyannis.org). Ms. Valentino is the program coordinator and can be reached at [mvalentino@jpiihyannis.org](mailto:mvalentino@jpiihyannis.org). There is a referral incentive and stipend for host families.

### **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to benefit JPII students.**

September 23 at 6:00 P.M. St. Joan of Arc Parish Center. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **School Store**

The school store will be open on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 2:30 - 3:30 P.M. Volunteers are needed! Please use the link [here](#) to learn more and sign up. Please contact Amy Kowal at [schoolstore@jpiihyannis.org](mailto:schoolstore@jpiihyannis.org).

### **Photos Wanted!**

Please email pictures from the Welcome Back Dance and any other JPII events, sports, and happenings to [photos@jpiihyannis.org](mailto:photos@jpiihyannis.org). We will sort through photos and identify proper placement on our social media platforms, yearbook, and other school needs. Thank you!

**[Click on the events below to RSVP!](#)**



## Fall Athletics Schedule

## Performing Arts Calendar



### **Grade 8 Class Officers**

The nominated students will make speeches on September 18 during X-Block, and the elections will be held on September 19 during homeroom.

### **MAP Testing, September 19 - 21**

MAP testing begins each day at 8:15 A.M., so please ensure your students arrive at school on time. To learn more about MAP testing, click [here](#).

### **"Meet the Faculty" - Grades 5-8 Mini Class Night, September 27, 5:45 P.M.- 7:00 P.M.**

Parents and guardians of students are invited to Mini Class Night on September 27 at 5:45 P.M. The evening begins with an assembly in Monsignor Thomson Hall. Ms. Paula Daly, Assistant Head of School, will introduce the faculty. Following the assembly, parents/guardians will attend classes according to their children's Day 1 schedule.

Teachers will introduce themselves, explain their course content and class expectations, and provide general grading guidelines. Each "class" will be about seven minutes in length. Following the classroom visits, parents/guardians and teachers are invited back to Monsignor Thomson Hall for light refreshments sponsored by our Home

and School Association.

### **Athletics**

If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director Mike Young at [myoung@jpiihyannis.org](mailto:myoung@jpiihyannis.org).

### **HSA News**

Many thanks to our families who made the Welcome Back Dance and Ice Cream Social possible!

The next HSA meeting is October 3 at 6:30 p.m. It will be on Zoom and in-person.

[\*\*JPII Parents Facebook Group.\*\*](#)

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Tuesday, September 19**

Parents as Partners and Advocates in Catholic Education -details in All School News

### **Friday, September 22**

JPII Parent Partnership Council Meeting, 8:15 A.M. Academic Resource Center

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **Monday, September 25**

Grade 8 Outdoor portraits

### **Tuesday, September 26**

Student Council Speeches to grade-level classmates

### **Wednesday, September 27**

5:45-7:00 PM Mini Class Night

### **Thursday, September 28**

Student Council Elections in Homeroom

### **Friday, September 29**

No School, Professional Development Day



## **St. John Paul II School GRADES 9-12 NEWS**

### **School Uniform**

Click [here](#) for the High School Dress Code Policy. The warm weather option is a Hilfiger uniform short-sleeved polo shirt with the school logo, which may be worn from August to Columbus Day and after April Vacation to the end of the year.

The Quarter Zip pullover can be purchased in the school store. Please contact the office with any questions at 508-862-6336.

[Tommy Hilfiger STJO48](#)

[Donnelly's Grades 9-12](#)

### **"Meet the Faculty" - Grades 9 - 12, Mini Class Night, September 27, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

Parents and guardians of students are invited to Mini Class Night on September 27 at 6:45 PM. The evening begins with an assembly in the Auditorium. Ms. Mona Lisa Valentino, Assistant Head of School, will introduce the faculty.

Following the assembly, parents/guardians will attend classes according to their student's daily schedule. Teachers will introduce themselves, explain their course content and class expectations, and provide general grading

guidelines. Each "class" will be about seven minutes in length.

### **Christian Service Opportunity**

September 23, 8 - 11:00 A.M. Bike Ride fundraiser to benefit the new Tommy's Place in Centerville. Tommy's Place is a home for families with children battling cancer to visit Cape Cod for a week for a no-cost dream vacation.

Volunteers are needed to help direct traffic for a bike ride fundraiser. 20-30 student volunteers are needed. Snacks and a free t-shirt will be provided, and you are welcome to stay for the after-party! Molly McKeen '20, a JP II Alum, is coordinating this event. Sign up in the main office! Mr. Lynch is coordinating this event.

### **Athletics**

If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director Mike Young at [myoung@jpIIhyannis.org](mailto:myoung@jpIIhyannis.org)

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Thursday, September 21**

Parents as Partners and Advocates in Catholic Education -details in All School News

### **Friday, September 22**

JP II Parent Partnership Council Meeting, 8:15 A.M. Academic Resource Center

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **Wednesday, September 27**

Mini-Class Night, 6:45 - 9:00 P.M.

### **Thursday, September 28**

Grade 9 Retreat

### **Friday, September 29**

No School, Professional Development Day



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