

December 10, 2023



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Paul II School  
**ALL SCHOOL NEWS**

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### **Inclement Weather Options**

In the event of unsafe traveling conditions, JPPII will announce one of three school options:

1. Full Cancellation: School days fully canceled must be held at the end of the school year.
2. SAL Day ("Structured Alternative Learning" ): SAL days are asynchronous days when teachers post content and assignments to their Google Classrooms. SAL days count toward the school's 180-day requirement.
3. Remote Learning Day: Remote learning days are synchronous remote sessions where teachers conduct classes remotely. This modality counts as an instructional day.

\*Families will be notified by phone call and email by the Head of School.

### **SAL Day Details**

When the school initiates a SAL day, teachers will provide digital (or other) instruction via articles, textbooks, videos, chat, or other teacher-provided input. Students will complete performance tasks associated with teacher-provided instruction. Teachers and students will be available to interact via discussion thread, chat, email, or other digital conversation tools. The method of electronic communication and the time frame for teacher availability is determined by the teacher and noted in the assignment directions.

### **An Invitation for Mothers, Grandmothers, and Caretakers**

In the midst of holiday preparations, we invite the women of our JPPII community--mothers, grandmothers, and caretakers to our students--to reflect on the special role of our own Blessed Mother in the final and most precious moments of the Advent Season on Thursday, December 21. We will begin our evening together at 6 P.M. with the Celebration of Mass in Our Lady of Fatima Chapel, where we will hear the Gospel account of the Visitation when Mary visits Elizabeth. A reception will follow Mass in the Academic Resource Center. Please RSVP [here](#).

### **Important Bus Information for 12/22/23**

There will be no Barnstable or RTA buses for the half-day dismissal on Friday, December 22.

The Over the Bridge bus will pick up at 11:40.

Approximate drop-off times are:

Market Basket: 12:10

St. Margaret's: 12:25

Panera Plymouth: 12:50

### **A Photography Club Moderator is needed!**

JPII students in grades 5-8 would like to start an after-school club. With your help, we can make it happen! Please contact Ms. Daly at [pdaly@JPIIHyannis.org](mailto:pdaly@JPIIHyannis.org).

### **Mass Information**

Mass will be held on Monday and Wednesday at 7:30 A.M. in the Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday during Theology Classes - All Day

### **Financial Assistance for the 2023/2024 School Year**

The online application for financial assistance for the 2024-2025 school year is open. To be considered for financial assistance, you must complete an application each year with FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact Mrs. Keras, Student Accounts Coordinator, at [mkeras@JPIIHyannis.org](mailto:mkeras@JPIIHyannis.org).

Please click [here](#) for information for students entering Grades 5-8.

Please click [here](#) for information for students entering Grades 9-12

### **School Store**

The school store will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 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).

### **JPII Spirit Gear for the Holidays!**

Pre-order hooded sweatshirts, t-shirts, and baseball hats. Click [here](#) to learn more.

### **Share Your Photos!**

Please email pictures of JPII events, sports, and happenings to [photos@jpiihyannis.org](mailto:photos@jpiihyannis.org).

## **Christian Service and Local Outreach Opportunities**

## **Performing Arts Calendar**



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### **Outdoor Recess**

As winter approaches and temperatures drop, we want to ensure the well-being and comfort of our students during recess. With that in mind, please remind your child to bring their hats and coats to school, especially as we head into the winter season.

### **The Gift of Giving!**

The National Junior Honor Society will sponsor a toy drive from December 11 to December 22. Please bring donations to school and place them under the Christmas Tree in the gym. Thank you!

### **No After-School Activities on Thursday, December 14**

There will be no after-school activities, including Study Hall and Aftercare so that all staff may attend the Faculty and Staff Christmas party.

### **Christmas Dance**

Student Council sponsored Christmas Dance, Friday, December 15, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. for Grades 6-8. Click [here](#) for details.

### **New Christmas Tradition for Grade 7!**

Learn more about [Grade 7 Wreath Decorating](#) on December 18.

### **Lessons and Carols, Friday, December 22**

On Friday, December 22, at 10:30 A.M., students, faculty, family, and friends will gather at Monsignor Thomson Hall, where we will hold our traditional Lessons and Carols Advent Service. Using scripture readings and Christmas music, students will tell the story of the birth of Christ. Students may be out of uniform and dress up in their festive Christmas attire on this day. A gathering sponsored by the Home and School Association will follow. Please click [here](#) to sign up to bring in an item for the reception. All are invited to attend. Dismissal is at 11:24 A.M.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Wednesday, December 13**

Grade 6 Gingerbread Houses, Art/Math

### **Thursday, December 14**

Grade 5th & 8th Christmas Party

No after-school activities, including Study Hall and Aftercare, so that staff may attend Christmas party

### **Friday, December 15**

No School - Bishop's Day Off

Christmas Dance Grades 6-8, details above

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **Monday, December 18**

Grade 7 Christmas Wreath Craft

### **Thursday, December 21**

Mass for Women and Reception - details above

### **Friday, December 22**

Lessons and Carols 10:30 A.M.

Early Dismissal, 11:24 A.M.

Merry Christmas!



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### **National Honor Society Toys for Tots Drive**

Thank you to everyone who donated toys for our Toys for Tots program. The JP II community donated an impressive 658 toys, which is the

second-highest total in school history! The toys were delivered on Friday to Stuff-A-Bus. Thank you to our NHS members for their hard work.

### **Warm Clothing Drive**

Are you cleaning out your closets? Please consider helping our homeless and Veterans. JPPII Seniors are collecting gently used sweatshirts, warm jackets, coats, hats, and gloves. New socks are also needed. Drop off in the main office.

### **Advent and Christmas Concert, December 15, 7:00 P.M., Auditorium**

Please join us for an evening of festive music!

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### **Friday, December 15**

No School - Bishop's Day Off

Advent and Christmas Concert, 7:00 P.M. High School Auditorium

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **Tuesday, December 18**

X-Block: Christmas Bingo Lunch

Social Justice Advocacy Fair

### **Wednesday, December 20**

Gingerbread House Competition X Block

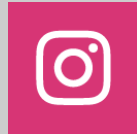
### **Thursday, December 21**

Youth StreetReach Breakfast

### **Friday, December 22**

Early Dismissal, 11:24 A.M.

Merry Christmas!



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