

December 17, 2023



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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

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Inclement Weather Options

More information for inclement weather options is located on the website under Parent Links. Click [here](#) for quick access.

An Invitation for Mothers, Grandmothers, and Caretakers, Thursday, December 21

In the midst of holiday preparations, we invite the women of our JP II 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

Mass Information

Mass: Monday and Wednesday at 7:30 A.M. in the Chapel.

Rosary: Every Friday morning, 7:30 A.M. in the Chapel.

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@JP IIHyannis.org.

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

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

Social Justice Fair

Seniors will present their Social Justice Projects on Tuesday, December 19 at 1:00 - 2:30 P.M. in the Preparatory Division gym. Families and Theology classes grades 7 - 11 are invited to attend. This is an opportunity for students to learn more about the various local organizations that serve the marginalized.

School Store

The school store will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2:45 - 3:30 P.M. Additionally, the store will be open on Thursday between 4:45 and 5:45 P.M. before Mass in the Chapel at 6:00 P.M.

Volunteers are needed! Please use the link [here](#) to learn more and sign up. Please contact Amy Kowal at schoolstore@jpiihyannis.org.

Pre-orders

All orders placed by Wednesday, December 13, are packed and ready to be picked up. These items may be picked up on Monday - Thursday 8-4:00 P.M. You may order through Wednesday, December 20 with pick-up on Thursday, December 21.

JPII Spirit Gear for the Holidays!

Pre-order hooded sweatshirts, t-shirts, and baseball hats. [Click here](#) to place your Christmas order!

Share Your Photos!

Please email pictures of JPII events, sports, and happenings to photos@jpiihyannis.org.

Spirit Events

Our fall season games and events were well-attended, thanks to the efforts of coaches, teams, and families promoting them. Let's keep the momentum going! There are plenty of exciting games and family events lined up for the next couple of months, and we would love to see you there! More dates to be added in the New Year! Click on JPII Spirit Events, below.

Christian Service and Local Outreach Opportunities

JPII Spirit Events



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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!

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 on this day in their festive Christmas attire. A gathering sponsored by the Home and School Association will follow. Please click [here](#) for IMPORTANT DETAILS and to sign up to bring in an item for the reception. All are invited to attend. Dismissal is at 11:24 A.M.

Monday, December 18, New Christmas Tradition for Grade 7!

Grade 7 Wreath Decorating details [here](#).

*Grade 7 students may wear field trip uniform.

Thursday, December 21, Ugly Christmas Sweater Day!

Students may wear an ugly Christmas sweater to school!

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 18

Grade 7 Christmas Wreath Craft

Thursday, December 21

Ugly Christmas Sweater Day!

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!

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, January 2

Return to School from Winter Break



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Warm Clothing Drive

Are you cleaning out your closets? Please consider helping our homeless and Veterans. JPII Seniors are collecting gently used sweatshirts, warm jackets, coats, hats, and gloves. New socks are also needed. The homeless like to layer their clothing to help keep warm during the harsh winters, so all sizes are needed, and appreciated.

JPII Students and Youth StreetReach

On Thursday, December 21, Winter Solstice, Dr. Ballou and Ms. Valentino will lead a group of student volunteers who will provide breakfast, lunch, music, and camaraderie to the guests of the StreetReach program. They will also be distributing YOUR donations (see above) - thank you in advance for your efforts in clothing the homeless population in Hyannis. JPII students have a long tradition of working with Youth StreetReach. Click [here](#) to learn more about Youth StreetReach.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, December 19

Social Justice Advocacy Fair
X-Block: Christmas BINGO at Lunch

Wednesday, December 20

Gingerbread House Competition X Block

Thursday, December 21

Youth Street Reach Homeless Breakfast
Mass and Reception at 6:00 P.M. details above
Ugly Sweater/Christmas Dress Down Day -
sponsored by NHS

Friday, December 22

Early dismissal - Merry Christmas 11:24 A.M.

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