

April 7, 2024



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

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**Saddle up for an unforgettable  
Kentucky Derby Party!**  
**May 4, 5:30 P.M.**  
**Oyster Harbors Club in Osterville**  
**Join MC and school Chaplain Fr.**  
**Christopher Hughes '13 for a fun-filled**  
**celebration that supports St. John Paul**  
**II School and Catholic Education.**  
**Purchase your tickets [here](#).**

### **Solar Eclipse**

The solar eclipse will occur on Monday, April 8, during dismissal times. While Massachusetts is not in the direct path of totality, we will still see about 90-95 percent of the eclipse. The eclipse will begin at 2:13 P.M. and reach maximum coverage at 3:27 P.M. before ending at 4:37 P.M. Under guidance from the Catholic Schools Office, we are providing you with important information about viewing the solar eclipse.

Please see the links below:

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/stem/ste/eclipse.html>

<https://www.aoa.org/healthy-eyes/caring-for-your-eyes/solar-eclipses?sso=y>

<https://science.nasa.gov/resource/2024-total-solar-eclipse-safety-sheet/>

<https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety>

### **Mass Schedule and Prayer**

Mass: Mondays and Wednesdays, at 7:30 A.M. in the Chapel.

Morning Prayer: Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Chapel.

Confessions: Tuesday after school in the Chapel.

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

### **New COVID Guidelines**

MA DPH has updated its COVID guidance to align with the CDC. The Diocese will

follow MA DPH guidance and lift the Covid restrictions that have been in place. We will treat viruses as we did before COVID-19 by remaining home until fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and until symptoms improve. Please see the link to the newly revised CDC/ DPH guidelines. [New COVID Guidelines](#)

### **From the Health Office**

It is time for our annual Health Screenings. From the weeks following April vacation until the end of the school year, our School Nurses will conduct various health screens as required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. If screening results indicate the need for follow-up care by a physician, parents/guardians will be notified.

The schedule of the screenings at St. John Paul II School is as follows:

**Grades 5-8:** Postural (Scoliosis)

**Grade 6:** Vision and Hearing

**Grade 9:** Vision, Hearing, and Postural (Scoliosis)

**Grade 10:** Body Mass Index (BMI) and SBIRT screening ---SBIRT stands for Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment. SBIRT screens for alcohol, nicotine, tobacco, and other drug use. It will be done using the CRAFFT screening tool (for more information, contact Ellen Byrd at [ebyrd@jpiihyannis.org](mailto:ebyrd@jpiihyannis.org)). This health screening is required by Massachusetts law.

As with all health screenings, you or your child may opt-out. If you would like to opt out of one or more of these screenings, please email or call the school nurse no later than April 19. Laura Linnell at [llinnell@jpiihyannis.org](mailto:llinnell@jpiihyannis.org) (Grades 5-8) or Ellen Byrd, MSN, RN at [ebyrd@jpiihyannis.org](mailto:ebyrd@jpiihyannis.org) (Grades 9-12)

### **FACTS SIS Information Update for the 2024-2025 School Year**

Parents/guardians are asked to update their student's information through the Family Portal for the 2024-2025 school year. Please follow the instructions below and complete this process as soon as possible. If you have any questions or issues, contact Margaret Keras, Student Account, at [mkeras@JPIIHyannis.org](mailto:mkeras@JPIIHyannis.org) or 508-862-6336 x 400.

Access FACTS Family Online Portal:

- Go to [sjpfx-ma.client.renweb.com/pwr/?SchoolCode=SJPFX-MA](http://sjpfx-ma.client.renweb.com/pwr/?SchoolCode=SJPFX-MA)
- Type in your username and password. If you have forgotten your username or password, please click on the reset link provided.
- After logging in, click on Apply/Enroll in the left menu.
- Click on the Enrollment/Reenrollment link.

### **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**

This week, the school store will be open on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45 - 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).

### **Share Your Photos!**

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

# Athletic Schedule



## St. John Paul II School GRADES 5-8 NEWS

### **3rd Quarter Honors Breakfast**

Tuesday, April 9 at 8:30 A.M. All are welcome to attend.

### **Middle School Spring Sports Clinics**

Clinics begin this week, 3:15–4:30 P.M.

Please note that Women's Basketball has been canceled

Wednesdays: Men's Soccer with Head Coach Kal Boghdan & Prep HC Jim Kupfer

Thursdays: Women's Soccer with Head Coach Larry Palmer

Fridays: Men's Basketball with Head Coach Jeff Dillon & Prep Coaches Jim Kupfer and Jay Yamin

Saturdays: Open Gym 12:00 - 2:00 P.M. with Jim Kupfer

### **Lunch Volunteer Opportunity**

The Middle School seeks volunteers to assist with lunch distribution from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. daily. Whether you can spare just one day a week or more, your time is appreciated. All volunteers are required to be CORI-cleared. Join us by signing up to volunteer using the link [here](#).

### **Grades 5-8 Yearbook**

Please purchase a yearbook for your child(ren) and design your two free custom pages before it's too late. [Click here to purchase](#). Once a yearbook is purchased, the website will walk you through how to customize your free pages, and/or purchase ads to appear in ALL yearbook. Questions? Please email [photos@jpiihyannis.org](mailto:photos@jpiihyannis.org). **All yearbook orders must be made by May 1.**

### **Wednesday, April 10, ARK Testing**

Throughout the Diocese of Fall River, students in grades 2-8 will participate in the ARK Assessment of Religious Knowledge. Students complete the ARK during Religion classes. It is not an achievement test; it is meant to help support and strengthen our Catholic Mission and Identity.

[JPPII Parents Facebook](#)

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Tuesday, April 9**

8:30 AM Honors Breakfast

### **Wednesday, April 10**

ARK Testing - details above

6:00 PM Mandatory Washington DC Meeting for Parents and Students

### **Thursday, April 11**

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

4/15 - 4/19 - April Vacation

### **Friday, April 26**

Early dismissal for students 11:24 A.M.

9:00 AM Speaker on Cell Phone Safety  
**Friday, April 12**  
April Antics  
Students may wear field trip uniforms  
Get-Away Day - no aftercare or study hall



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

### **Opportunities to lead Christian Service Projects**

There is a service opportunity at the Baby Center during April vacation on April 17 from 10:00 - 12:00. This is a great opportunity for freshmen and sophomores. Sign-up is in the main office.

### **Class of 2027 Team Building**

Grade 9 students will participate in a team-building activity at Stonehill College on Friday, April 12. Please return all permission slips by Tuesday.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Thursday, April 11**

Cell Phone/Social Media Presentation 9-12 10:00 AM

### **Friday, April 12**

Grade 9 team building trip to Stonehill College

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4/15 - 4/19 - April Vacation

### **Tuesday, April 23**

Dangers of Vaping Presentation - Grades 9-12

### **Friday, April 26**

Early dismissal for students 11:24 A.M.



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