September 22, 2024



Enrollment is Still Open for the Fall

The 2024-2025 school year is off to a great start at JPII, and we are excited for the year ahead. If you know anyone interested in joining JPII's vibrant school community, please encourage them to contact Admissions Director, Michael Wahle at mwahle@jpiihyannis.org to discuss enrollment.

Join us In Worship. All are Welcome

Mass will be celebrated on Monday & Wednesday at 7:30 A.M. in the Our Lady of Fatima Chapel at the High School and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday during XBlock.

Mini Class Night on September 26

Thursday, September 26 is a great opportunity to meet your student's teachers and follow their schedule. You will hear about course content and class expectations, and be provided with general grading guidelines. See details for each building below.

Game of the Week: Women's Volleyball on Sept. 25 at 6:00 P.M.

Next up as the game of the week is Women's Volleyball, taking place at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 25 against Sturgis West. Come to the JPII gym and cheer on the Lions!

<u>Chris Herren: Prevention Starts With ALL Free Presentation Sept. 25 at 7:00 PM</u>

The Barnstable County Sheriff's Office is proud to host a presentation on September 25 at 7:00 P.M. at Barnstable High School's Performing Arts Center by former NBA player and recovery advocate, Chris Herren.

The free presentation promises to be both inspiring and memorable. Families with children in middle school and up are encouraged to attend. Over the past 14 years, Herren has spoken to over 2 million students and community members nationwide, sparking honest discussions about substance use disorder and wellness.

For more information and to register, see the flyer <u>here</u>.

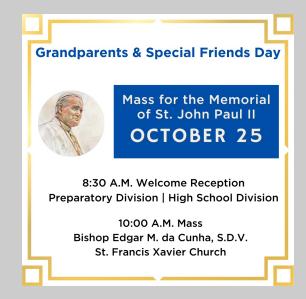
Construction Alert! Drive with Caution

Construction will begin on September 23 in Hyannis along Main Street between Center Street and Stevens Street over four weeks as part of the town's Trip Hazards Project. Working hours will be Monday through Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Although most work will be performed outside of the roadway and access to homes and businesses will be maintained throughout the construction period, residents and commuters should expect some temporary lane closures and are asked to heed signage and directions from on-site traffic control to ensure worker safety.

Fall Athletic Calendar

Click Below to Register for Events:





School Store Hours This Week:

2:30-3:30 Tuesday, Sept. 24 Wednesday, Sept. 25 Thursday, Sept. 26

School Store Hours Looking Ahead:

2:30-3:30 Tuesday, Oct. 1 Thursday, Oct. 3 Friday, Oct. 4



Meet the Faculty - Mini Class Night Grades 5-8, September 26, 5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Parents and guardians of students are invited to Mini Class Night on September 26 at 5:30 P.M. The evening begins with an assembly in Monsignor Thomson Hall. Ms. Paula Daly, Assistant Head of School, will introduce the faculty followed by a brief presentation from the Head of School, Mr. John Redding, and the Advancement team. After 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.

Activities During XBlock

There are so many great clubs and activities to take part in during the school day as well as plenty of extra help opportunities that occur during XBlock. Take a look at the complete XBlock schedule.

Lego Club is Back

Lego Club with Mr. Shaw will be held on Wednesdays after school from 3:00-4:00 P.M. beginning September 25th.

Tutoring will begin on September 24

Tutoring will be offered by high school National Honor Students to Preparatory Division students beginning Tuesday, September 24 in Mrs. Duvall's classroom. Tutoring is offered every Day 1 and Day 5 during XBlock.

Lunch Volunteers Still Needed

Do you have an hour to come in and help with lunches in the Preparatory building? We could use volunteers to assist with the lunch program. If you are available to volunteer, please sign up HERE. It can be once a week, once a month, whatever works!

Uniforms

Remember, students should be in uniform, including the school sweater. New families are reminded to order field trips and gym uniforms. Please do not hesitate to contact the school Office Manager, Mrs. Siscoe, at dsiscoe@jpiihyannis.org or the Assistant Head of School, Ms. Daly, at pdaly@jpiihyannis.org with any questions.

Registration for Private Musical Instrument Instruction

Information was sent home regarding private lessons offered during the school day for piano, flute and strings. Please click here to register your child for lessons.

Questions? Please contact Ms. Laurie Uguccioni at luguccioni@jpiihyannis.org for flute and piano or Ms. Bonnie Harlow at bharlow@jpiihyannis.org for strings.

Important Grade 8 Information

Outdoor Yearbook Portraits on Monday, Sept 23

Dress clothing is required for the yearbook photos. On this day only, 8th graders do not need to wear their uniform. In the case of rain, the portrait day will be rescheduled. Please ensure attire is suitable for the weather. All standard school clothing rules apply.

- Boys: Must wear a tie and dress shirt with dress pants or khakis.
- Girls: Should be dressed up. Dressy pants or slacks are acceptable.

Photos and ordering information will be available online through a proof system. Special combination packages for 8th graders will include both indoor and outdoor proofs together.

Dr. Mallory Bagwell Returns on Wednesday, Sept. 25

Dr. Mallory Bagwell will be leading project-based learning workshops throughout the day for our grade 8 students. Students may wear their field trip uniform.

Eighth Grade Retreat scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 16

School vans will depart for Our Lady of Victory Church in Centerville at 8:15 AM and return before dismissal. Permission slips have been sent home, please return

them if you haven't already. Students may wear their field trip uniform and should bring a bagged lunch.

Washington, DC Trip will take place May 5-9, 2025

It's not too late to register! If you have not yet completed the Google form, please do so. Registration Form.

This Week:

Monday, Sept. 23: Grade 8 Outdoor Yearbook Portraits

<u>Tuesday, Sept. 24:</u> Grade 5 Bowling Trip

<u>Wednesday, Sept. 25</u> Grade 8 Dr. Mallory Bagwell Presentation

<u>Thursday, Sept 26</u> 5:30-7:00 P.M. Mini Class Night Student Council Elections

<u>Friday, Sept 27:</u> Early Dismissal at 11:24 No Barnstable Buses

Looking Ahead:

Wed Oct. 1 6:30 P.M. HSA Meeting



Freshman Guidance Night: Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 7:00 P.M.

This information night for both parents and students will take place in the ARC. Topics to be covered include:

- 1. St John Paul II School- background, requirements, and understanding our framework for success
- 2. The four year academic program
- 3. The four year Guidance program and the Guidance team
- 4. Guidance tools

SAT School Day 2024 will take place in the High School Division on Oct. 10

12th Grade: SAT

10th and 11th Grade: PSAT/NMSQT

9th Grade: PSAT 8/9

All tests will be administered through a testing app called Bluebook. There will be no paper tests. Therefore, it is critical that students bring their devices to school on Oct. 10 fully charged—capable of staying on for 3 to 4 hours. *Access to a power outlet during testing cannot be guaranteed.*

Students must also install Bluebook on their devices before coming to school on the 10th. They may log into their College Board accounts and <u>download the app</u> at any time and practice using its interface to get comfortable with it before testing day. In past years, it was not possible to download Bluebook onto a personal

Chromebook and use it for testing. If your student brings a Chromebook to school, for SAT School Day please arrange for your student to bring a device that is not a Chromebook.

Families will be provided with further details as test day approaches. <u>Bluebook resources</u> are also available on the College Board website.

Meet the Faculty - Mini Class Night, Grades 9-12 Sept. 26, 6:45 - 8:30 P.M.

Parents and guardians of students are invited to Mini Class Night on September 26 at 6:45 PM. The evening begins with an assembly in the Auditorium. There will be a brief presentation from the Head of School, Assistant Head of School and the Advancement team.

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 eight minutes in length.

ECHO Retreats Open for Registration

ECHO retreats offer a wonderful opportunity for teens grades 10 and up to engage with their peers in the faith community as they discover and nurture a deeper relationship with Christ over the course of a transformative weekend.

The girls retreat will take place the weekend of October 25th. The boys retreat will follow on the weekend of November 8th. Registration for upcoming single-day retreats is also available.

For more information, visit https://www.echoofcapecod.org/retreats

The Homecoming Dance will be on Friday, Oct. 4

Guest forms are available in the office and an ID is required to be submitted with the form.

NHS Tutoring Offered:

High School NHS Tutoring will begin the week of September 23. Tutoring will be on Day 4 and Day 7 during XBlocks in the ARC.

Freshmen and Sophomore Christian Service Opportunity

Mr. Chen will be hosting a Christian service opportunity on Saturday, September 28 to benefit Tommy's Place. Sign ups are in the main office. For more details, please see Mr. Chen.

<u>Christian Service: Brazilian Arts Festival, September 28 from 4:00-9:00</u>

Seeking student volunteers (aged 16 and up) for the Brazilian Arts Festival at the Hyannis Public Library. The vibrant, immersive festival features talented artists, writers, musicians, and craftspeople displaying a diverse range of artwork that showcases their rich Brazilian heritage. Students will arrive at 4:00 P.M. to help the artists unload their artwork from their cars and set up their displays and then are welcome to stay and enjoy the festival until they help the artists break down their displays and reload their cars from 8:00-9:00 P.M. Mr. M. Wahle will be leading the event. If interested, please stop by the front office to sign up. For more information, click here.

Lunch Time College Visits:

Please take a moment to stop by and say hello. We have upcoming visits from Wheaton College, Curry College, Salve Regina and University of Dallas.

Freshmen Retreat

Freshmen are scheduled for their retreat on Wednesday, September 25 at Camp Greenough in Yarmouth. Please look for a permission slip coming soon.

High School Uniform Information

The optional quarter-zip pullover with the school logo for grades 9-12 only is not a Tommy Hilfiger item. It may be purchased at the school store or ordered online here.

This is a reminder that the black and white skirts from Donnelly's are no longer part of the dress code.

This Week:

Monday, Sept 23:

11:30-12:30 P.M. Curry College and Wheaton College

Wednesday, Sept. 25:

Freshman Retreat

7:00-8:30 P.M. Freshman Guidance Night

Thursday, Sept 26:

11:30-12:30 P.M. Fairfield University Visit 6:45-8:30 P.M. Mini Class Night

Friday, Sept. 27:

Early Dismissal at 11:24 No Barnstable buses

Looking Ahead:

9/30-10/4:

Spirit Week

Wednesday, Oct 2:

11:30-12:30 P.M. University of Dallas Visit 7:00-8:30: P.M. Guidance: PSAT Preview

Thursday, Oct. 3:

11:30-12:30 P.M. Salve Regina Visit

Friday, Oct. 4:

Homecoming Dance

Saturday, Oct 5:

5:30 Homecoming Football Game

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