

Guided by Faith



Reaching for Excellence



**St. John
Paul II School**
5-12 | Preparatory | Catholic

A co-ed Catholic
college preparatory school
for students grades 5-12

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MISSION STATEMENT

St. John Paul II School is a Cape Cod Catholic school that welcomes students and families from diverse faiths and backgrounds who desire a college preparatory, Catholic education. The school's academic, artistic, athletic, and co-curricular programs cultivate strong relationships and empower students to recognize their gifts, develop their potential, and communicate Christ in word and deed. Emulating their patron St. John Paul II, students pursue truth through faith and reason, preparing them to lead lives of continuous learning, respect, and community leadership.

Welcome, and thank you for your interest in St. John Paul II School! We are honored to have the opportunity to share with you, in the following pages, our commitment to educating the whole person for every student who walks through our doors.

At JP II, we are a welcoming, inclusive community of passionate learners, providing our students with a rigorous college preparatory curriculum that celebrates our Catholic faith as an essential tool for navigating life. We also offer an array of extracurricular opportunities in athletics, the arts, and community engagement that inspires our students to cultivate their God-given gifts and realize their full potential while communicating Christ in all their pursuits.

Our talented, dedicated faculty and staff strive to ensure that every JP II graduate leaves our campus as a thoughtful, curious, compassionate, morally courageous person who relentlessly pursues the truth through faith and reason and galvanizes their communities through leadership, Christian



service, and putting their gifts into action.

Each of our graduates and their families began right where you are now—on page one of this very overview. We are proud to share within this document how the extraordinary benefits of a

JP II education, guided by faith, empower our students to reach for excellence.

We welcome your thoughtful consideration of JP II, a unique educational institution. And if you feel we may be the right fit for you, we look forward to meeting you!

St. John Paul II School, above all else, is a Catholic school. Our Theology program serves as the cornerstone of our mission to educate the whole person by equipping our students with the knowledge and critical thinking skills they need to pursue the truth through faith and reason. Guided by prayer, liturgy, Christian service to the community, invaluable retreat experiences, and the study of the many ways in which our faith impacts our daily lives, our students grow closer to God and, in turn, to one another while realizing their unique, boundless potential as unrepeatable children of God.



“Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth—in a word, to know himself—so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves.”

—SAINT JOHN PAUL II

“Cape Abilities is deeply grateful for the service provided by the hardworking, dedicated students of St. John Paul II School. Their commitment to service and community not only advances our mission but also reflects the school’s dedication to teaching students the importance of being active participants in society and creating a lasting, positive impact.”

—SUSAN GOSTCHEWSKI, VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS MANAGER, CAPE ABILITIES

Our Unique Theology Program Includes:

Annual Retreats

Students at every grade level attend an annual retreat, each one revolving around a different theme that promotes spiritual growth. By engaging in more intentional prayer, reflection, and fellowship activities in a variety of settings, students encounter God's presence in the sacraments, nature, one another, and themselves.

Christian Service

All of our students engage in several local Christian service opportunities throughout the year, such as volunteering, tutoring, and coaching. Through their experiences advocating for the marginalized, students gain valuable insight on the environment and the needs of others while witnessing first-hand their tremendous capacity to be change agents in their communities.

Campus Ministry

Led by the clergy on our faculty and propelled by our students, our campus ministry program is the heart and soul of our school community. From helping out at school mass and local service projects to hosting quarterly Friday Night Revivals featuring mass, reconciliation, adoration, and bible study, campus ministry provides students with ample opportunities to communicate Christ to others, on campus and beyond.



“Our Catholic faith is at the heart of everything that we do at JPII. Students are reminded at the forefront of each day that they are loved unconditionally by God and are called to radiate that love to everyone in everything that they do. Our dedicated faculty and staff strive to communicate Christ’s love to each and every one of their students, as they are not only forming young minds but also forming hearts of disciples to go out and communicate Christ to a world that so desperately needs it.”

—FR. CHRIS HUGHES, SCHOOL CHAPLAIN AND CLASS OF 2013

At JP II, our teachers share a meaningful calling: to empower our students to reach for excellence, educating each individual in ways that encourage and challenge them intellectually and, more importantly, spiritually. Every educator on our staff is both skilled at and dedicated to creating safe, dynamic learning environments in which every student feels valued and inspired to realize their full potential as scholars and leaders of their communities. Simply put, they love to teach and help students learn, grow, and cultivate their God-given gifts. Thanks to the determined efforts of our staff and an average 14:1 student-teacher ratio, no student gets left behind at JP II, and all are taught critical thinking skills and study habits that equip them for success in the classroom and, ultimately, wherever their hearts and talents take them.



BY THE NUMBERS:

- 15:1 student-teacher ratio at the prep school
- 13:1 student-teacher ratio at the high school
- 94% of the 2024 class continued on to higher education
- 15 AP classes offered



“Teaching at JP II allows me the opportunity to see the individual gifts of each student. Through vibrant classroom discussions and hands-on learning, students delve deep into the various disciplines and are able to discover where their interests lie. I love seeing students reach their potential as they grow into the young adults that will change our world!”

-MEAGHAN WILE, SCIENCE DEPARTMENT & P '30, P'32

Our rigorous, expansive liberal arts curriculum is bolstered by a robust blend of past and present—guided by the rich tradition of our Catholic faith while incorporating the crucial, ever-evolving elements of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math) education. Founded on the principles of hard work and discipline, our curriculum empowers our students to develop the study habits and organizational skills they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond. Thanks to an intellectually stimulating and challenging course of study that encourages students to think beyond their comfort zones and meets them every step of the way with an unparalleled support system, JP II molds scholars who think critically through the lens of faith and reason, informed citizens who engage fully and responsibly with the world around them, and community leaders who galvanize others through their moral courage and God-given talents.

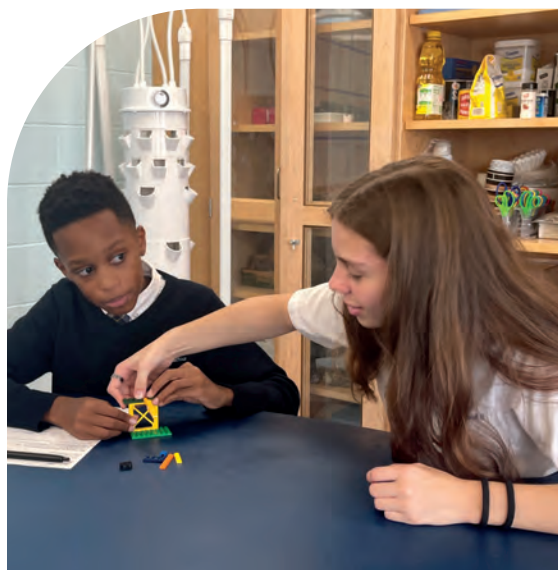


“Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others.”

—SAINT JOHN PAUL II

“St. John Paul II School focuses upon not only individual achievement for each student but also benefiting society. We strive to accomplish both of these ends through a curriculum that integrates academics with the formation of the whole person—body, mind, and spirit.”

—DR. THOMAS SAVAS, ACADEMIC DEAN



Scan here for a full breakdown of our rich liberal arts curriculum!



Advanced Placement (AP) courses provide high school students the invaluable opportunity to tackle college-level curriculum while earning college credit and honing elevated critical thinking skills. In addition to our 15 AP courses, JPII proudly offers the following unique programs:

Signature Study Skills Program

Beginning in 5th grade, students are taught essential study habits, organizational and test-taking skills, and practices of academic integrity, all of which are reinforced throughout the curriculum at every grade level. Learning and developing these techniques prepare students for success, both now and in the future.

Advanced 7th and 8th Grade Math and Science

One of many unique advantages of being a 5-12 school is that high school-level math and science classes are readily available to advanced preparatory division students. The opportunity to study math and science at an accelerated level challenges preparatory division students academically and positions them to take AP-level courses as they proceed to high school.



Pre-AP Program

Geared toward 9th and 10th grade students, our rigorous Pre-AP Program adheres to a college-board curriculum emphasizing in-depth reading and analysis, critical thinking, and interpreting sources. By reading and writing myriad essays while engaging an array of primary source materials and each other's ideas, students of all levels develop a robust foundation while attaining knowledge and skills crucial for success in AP-level courses.

AP Capstone Diploma Program

JPII has been selected as one of only an estimated 1,000 schools worldwide (and of just two schools on Cape Cod) to implement the AP Capstone, an innovative diploma program teaching students to develop the crucial skills of research, analysis, collaboration, communication, writing, and presenting. Students who participate in the AP Capstone program distinguish themselves as independent thinkers who have sharpened specific skills that are paramount to success in their future college classrooms.

“Taking AP classes at JPII has given me a valuable introduction to college-level curriculum that has strengthened my understanding of the course material and has provided me with study skills that will prepare me for success as I take the next step in my education.”

—LEILA EVANS '25

At the core of our curriculum at JPPI are two fundamental principles:

- 1) Every student, no matter their learning differences, is capable of learning and flourishing;
- 2) Every student and family deserves access to the unique benefits of a quality Catholic education.

The dedicated efforts of our skilled student services team ensure our capacity to provide comprehensive, individualized support for students with mild to moderate learning differences, empowering them to reach for excellence while encouraging their personal and spiritual development.



Additionally, we're proud to introduce the following initiatives and programs:

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

Backed by research indicating that Social and Emotional Learning promotes students' academic performance, mental well-being, and personal achievements, our school-wide SEL curriculum emphasizes self-management, self-awareness, social awareness, responsible decision-making, and relationship skills.

Pathways Approach Program

In the Preparatory Division, we are proud to introduce the Pathways Approach Program designed for students with dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, executive functioning, language processing, written expression, and non-verbal learning differences.

Scan here for more information on how we meet the unique learning needs of students with mild to moderate learning differences and set them up to flourish.



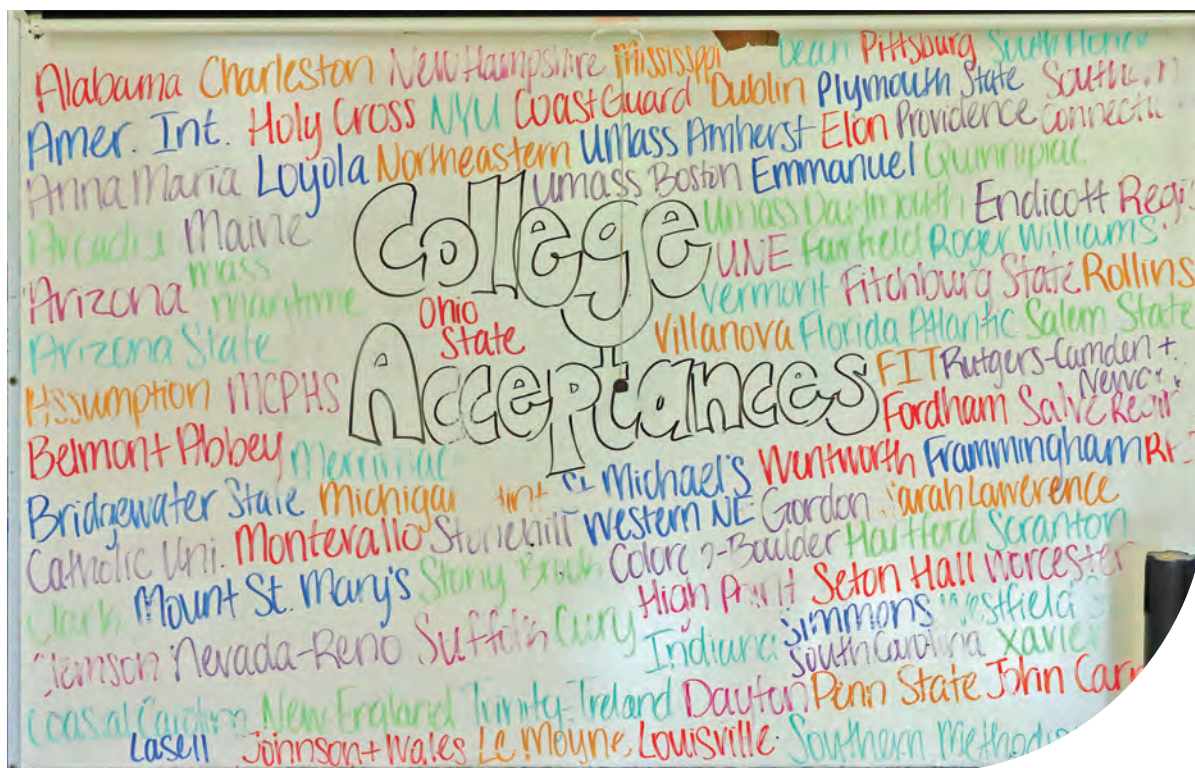
Beginning in 9th grade, and every step of the way throughout high school, each JPIL student receives individualized, comprehensive college counseling from our dedicated guidance department. Through close collaboration with students, their families, and their teachers, our college counseling program enhances our students' academic, career, social, and personal competencies, helping them forge and navigate their unique path toward their future colleges and universities.

Wednesday Night Workshops

Navigating the college admissions process can be challenging for students and parents. Bearing that in mind, JPIL hosts Wednesday Night Workshops, where our college counseling department provides overviews of the college application process with helpful information tailored to parents at each grade level, enabling parents to tackle the process step-by-step along with their children. Parents with additional questions are encouraged to schedule a one-on-one meeting with our college counseling department during office hours throughout the school year.

SAT School Day Program

All JPIL students take the PSATs and the SATs. Additionally, whereas most high school students take the PSAT and SAT early on a Saturday morning in an unfamiliar school, our students take their respective tests free of charge during the school day at JPIL for a higher level of comfortability that enhances their test-taking experience.





Here are just a few of the colleges and universities where members of our last two graduating classes were accepted:

AUBURN UNIVERSITY
 BAYLOR COLLEGE
 BOSTON COLLEGE
 BOSTON UNIVERSITY
 CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
 COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS
 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
 INDIANA UNIVERSITY
 LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
 MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY
 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
 PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
 PROVIDENCE COLLEGE
 PURDUE UNIVERSITY
 SETON HALL UNIVERSITY
 SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
 THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
 UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
 UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
 UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
 UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE
 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
 UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
 UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
 VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
 XAVIER UNIVERSITY

Scan for more information about our outstanding college counseling program!



Educating the whole person begins with academics and faith formation, but it certainly doesn't end there. At JP II, we go to great lengths to make our campus feel like a second home where every student feels included, valued, and empowered to learn and grow in all aspects of life. We offer a rich array of extracurricular programs and activities that provide our students with safe, supportive spaces to explore their interests, take on leadership roles, try new things, get involved in the community through our vibrant campus ministry, and have fun joining in on "Lions' Pride!"



“Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are.”

—ST. JOHN PAUL II

BY THE NUMBERS:

- 49 extracurricular clubs available to students
- More than 50% of students participate in leadership activities such as student council and campus ministry
- More than 2,000 hours of Christian service performed by the student body annually





“JPII takes an extra step to give its students the best opportunities. I’ve been a member of clubs I never would’ve seen myself join. I’ve learned more about my spirituality than I had ever really considered. Being a part of the JPII family is one of the best decisions I’ve made.”

—CAIT MEHL, '20

Scan here for a full listing of
our after-school activities



Sports provide not only an enjoyable outlet for exercise and maintaining a healthy lifestyle but also an invaluable opportunity as an extension of the classroom—a competitive arena where students push themselves and encourage each other to be the best players, teammates, and, most importantly, people of character they can be. Through the guidance of our experienced, passionate coaches, our athletes forge indelible friendships with one another as they learn to lead, communicate, forgive, and cheer on their teammates while winning humbly and losing graciously. Just as lions move in prides and protect their own, our Lions in blue and gold value the team before themselves and fiercely support one another both on and off the field.



“At St. John Paul II School, our athletic program shapes boys and girls into confident men and women of character.”

—MIKE YOUNG '14, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

“Sport is an activity that involves more than the movement of the body; it demands the use of intelligence and the disciplining of the will. It reveals, in other words, the wonderful structure of the human person created by God as a spiritual being, a unity of body and spirit.”

—ST. JOHN PAUL II





BY THE NUMBERS:

- 7 Cape & Islands League Championships during the 2023-24 season
- 7 Cape & Islands League MVPs during the 2023-24 season
- 5 student-athletes from the class of 2024 playing sports at the collegiate level
- 22 varsity sports programs at the high school level
- 5 sports programs at the prep school level
- 7th and 8th graders are eligible to play at the varsity level
- 4 Athletic Pillars: Respect, Honor, Integrity, Excellence





“Artists of the world, may your many different paths all lead to that infinite Ocean of beauty where wonder becomes awe, exhilaration, unspeakable joy. May your art help to affirm that true beauty which, as a glimmer of the Spirit of God, will transfigure matter, opening the human soul to the sense of the eternal.”

—SAINT JOHN PAUL II

Whether it’s painting, singing, dancing, playing an instrument, writing, or bringing a character to life on stage, creativity and the arts are fundamental to the education of young people and deserve to be valued as such. Our innovative performing arts and visual arts program at JP II celebrates the creative impulses of our students, encouraging them to develop their artistic interests and gifts—and maybe even discover new ones! By bravely getting up on stage and proudly holding their artwork up for all to see, students learn invaluable skills that inspire them to think differently, embrace the spirit of artistic collaboration, and bring people together through the stories they tell. From the art electives included in our prep school curriculum to the many opportunities to perform and create after school, there’s an activity for every artist at JP II!





BY THE NUMBERS:



- 7 artistic mediums incorporated into the fine arts curriculum for grades 5-12
- 9 extracurricular performing & visual art clubs available to students

“I’m proud to have been involved in the performing arts throughout my time at St. John Paul II School.

The arts foster a strong sense of community and instill pride in the department and the school. I’ve had the privilege of meeting incredible people who have become lifelong friends. The performing arts has given me many unforgettable experiences including touring with the Concert Choir to Rome and New York, performing on stage in our musicals, and working behind the scenes in technical theater. At JP II there is a place for all students within the performing arts.”

—JOHN MELANSON '25



We want all our students to feel at home at JPPI, not just during school hours but all throughout the day. Students are welcome to arrive early for our daily free breakfast and worship opportunities in our chapel before school begins at 8:05 am. Midway through the day, students head to the cafeteria for our free lunch program, and then, during our signature X block, enjoy their free time by choosing an activity from an array of extracurricular offerings. The last bell of the school day rings at 2:51 pm, but our campus continues to hum. Prep school students are welcome to tackle their homework during our quiet study hall until 4 pm or attend our aftercare program until 5 pm. Most students join in on the fun of playing an after-school sport or participating in an extracurricular club or activity before calling it a day and getting the rest they need to reach for excellence again the next day.



What if I'm not Catholic?

While our Catholic faith is the cornerstone that guides our curriculum and order of the day, we are an inclusive community that welcomes families of diverse faiths and backgrounds who desire a top-notch college-preparatory education and wish to know God better in their lives.



What do students wear to school?

A crucial aspect of reaching for excellence means dressing for it. We have partnered with Tommy Hilfiger to provide students with a distinguished school uniform that sets them up for success.



Are there ways other than driving to get to and from school?

JPII students have several public transportation options at their disposal to travel to and from our campus:

- THE OVER THE BRIDGE BUS**
 Bus transportation exclusively for JPII students is offered daily from Buzzards Bay, Sagamore and Plymouth to Hyannis.
- CAPE COD RTA**
 Many JPII families, particularly those living along the "Sealine" originating in Falmouth, utilize the CCRTA service. CCRTA provides additional Road buses to transport students to and from Hyannis private and charter schools. For schedules and fare information, please visit www.capecodtransit.org.
- BARNSTABLE SCHOOL BUS**
 Barnstable Public Schools provide busing within the boundaries of the Barnstable school district, which includes service to Barnstable, West Barnstable, Marston Mills, Cotuit, Osterville, Centerville, and Hyannis. Passengers can register directly with the Barnstable School Transportation Department by calling (508) 790-6478.

Choosing where to attend school is a crucial decision in every young person's life, as it represents a second home where they'll learn, grow, explore their interests, and cultivate their God-given gifts while they reach for excellence. Our dedicated admissions office prides itself on hosting a multitude of events where we field any questions you may have throughout the decision-making process to ensure that St. John Paul II is the right new school and second home for you.

Here are some events that offer an immersive look at what "Lions Pride" is all about:

Lion for a Day

What better way to learn what a school day is like for a JPIL student than to experience it for yourself? Our Lion for a Day program gives prospective students the opportunity to visit our campus for a school day and shadow a current student while attending classes, walking the halls, and meeting the students, teachers, and faculty who enliven our welcoming school community. Contact the Admissions Office to schedule your day as a Lion!

Personal Tours

Choosing a new school should never be a "sight unseen" decision. We invite you to visit our vibrant Hyannis campus and let our Admissions team take you on a personal tour for an up-close glimpse of life inside our walls.

Open House

For a comprehensive look at our facilities and, more importantly, our mission of guiding our students by faith to empower them to reach for excellence, join us for our annual November open house. Our students will lead tours throughout the campus to illuminate the JPIL experience from the student perspective, and our entire faculty will be present to answer any questions you may have about our school.



Preview Nights

If you came across JPIL later in the application process and missed our open house, we invite you to attend our Preview Night in early February. Our leadership team, department heads, and students who have established themselves as leaders in our school community will deliver presentations illustrating all aspects of the JPIL experience and will be happy to field your questions.

FYI Fridays

Whether you're just beginning your search for a new school, nearing a final decision, or anywhere in between, join us in March and May for our FYI Fridays, a "mini-open house" from 9-10:15 am. You'll have the opportunity to take a student-led tour of our campus and hear valuable insight from our leadership team to help inform your final decision.

Have questions?

Our Admissions team is here to help! Call or email our Admissions Office anytime to schedule an appointment.

Scan the QR code to apply and join the Lions' Den today!



As part of our mission to make the life-changing benefits of a Catholic education accessible to all, we believe that money shouldn't be a prohibitive factor in your decision. Thanks to the generous support from the Foundation to Advance Catholic Education (FACE) along with private donors we proudly offer need-based financial aid and a select number of scholarships to ensure that as many families as possible can invest in their children's future with a top-notch, Catholic college preparatory education at JPIL.

58% of JPIL students received financial aid during the 2024-25 school year. If you feel you may qualify for financial aid, we invite you to apply as soon as December 1st. (The earlier you apply, the better your chances of securing an award in our first round of application decisions.)

Scan here for more information on financial aid, including our sibling discount.



The Extraordinary Benefits of a Catholic Education

Catholic schools are unique in their capacity to create learning environments that empower students to engage in questions and discussions of faith while embracing them as an essential aspect of a comprehensive education. By reading and analyzing sacred Scripture, students are empowered to recognize God's presence in their daily lives and approach the pursuit of academic excellence, self-mastery, and Christian service to those in need as a heartfelt response to the many gifts with which God has blessed them.

Additionally, studies conducted by Harvard University and The University of Notre Dame indicate that Catholic school graduates, as compared to their public school counterparts, are significantly more likely to:

- *Vote and participate in civic responsibilities*
- *Volunteer to help enrich their communities*
- *Donate money and services to charitable organizations*
- *Tolerate diverse points of view*

Empowered by a rigorous curriculum guided by our Catholic faith and our multitude of programs that seek to educate the whole person, our graduates walk the stage every June having cultivated the following invaluable attributes:

Intellectual Formation

On the foundation of tremendous determination, JPPII graduates attain a breadth and depth of knowledge that will set them up for success in the higher education classrooms and career paths that await them. That said, they also understand that there is much yet to be learned and that education is a lifelong endeavor. Armed with critical thinking skills and intellectual curiosity fueled by faith and reason, our graduates boldly pursue knowledge and the truth en route to becoming informed, responsible citizens who engage fully with the world around them.

Character Formation

A JPPII education instills within its graduates a penchant for moral courage and a desire for self-mastery. Embracing these virtues, our students display compassion and respect for others while exercising sound judgment, confidently choosing truth over falsehood, recognizing their responsibility for their actions, and persevering in the face of adversity, when no one is watching and when everyone is watching.

Leadership

After years of being encouraged to engage meaningfully with their classmates and school community, JPPII graduates are uniquely equipped to serve their communities and the world at large with the same purposeful leadership and citizenship. Guided by a keen understanding of when to speak and when to

listen, both in individual and group settings, they communicate confidently and transparently as they seek leadership roles, exude integrity, and embrace a collaborative spirit while working effectively with others toward a common goal.

Christian Service

A JPPII graduate understands that communicating Christ by loving, serving, and advocating for the needs of others doesn't end after senior year—it's a lifelong calling. Fueled by compassion and generosity of spirit, JPPII graduates venture into the world with a resolute desire to serve others, especially the marginalized and vulnerable. Additionally, knowing that everyone is created in the image and likeness of God, they recognize social injustices on both a local and global scale and strive to promote the value and dignity of every human life.

Catholic Faith

Inspired by the beliefs, tenets, and practices of the Catholic Church at the cornerstone of our rich curriculum, JPPII graduates develop a steadfast moral foundation marked by generosity of heart, mercy, and forgiveness. Their eternal perspective on life and recognition of their unique God-given talents as a fundamental aspect of the universal call to sainthood propels them to practice their faith proudly through prayer and the sacraments and the lifelong quest to strengthen their relationship with Christ while communicating Him to others in word and deed.





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