Blue & Gold Weekly News 2024-2025

October 13, 2024



NO SCHOOL MONDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day, Friday, Oct. 25

Please don't forget to have your grandparent or special friend register for our school reception and Mass on October 25 at 8:30 A.M. Friends will arrive at either the high school or preparatory division (depending on the grade level of the student) and enjoy a small reception after which we walk over to Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church with Bishop da Cunha. <u>Click here to register</u>.

Fall Fest is Saturday, Oct. 26

Join our growing list of sponsors or purchase your tickets for the upcoming Fall Fest on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at Naukabout Brewing today! We can't wait to see you for some fall fun! The link to purchase tickets or sponsor this event is <u>HERE.</u>

Important Bus Transportation Information

There will be no Barnstable or RTA buses for early dismissal on Friday, October 25. 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

Parent Partnership Meeting Friday, Oct. 18

The next Parent Partnership Meeting will be held on Friday, October 18 at 8:15 A.M. in the ARC. Come help us plan various events to encourage and foster a sense of community within the JPII families. Please <u>RSVP HERE</u>.

Hurricane Relief Donation

Students in grades 5-8 held a dress-down day for hurricane relief on Friday, October 4, and raised \$1,225.00 The money has been donated to the Coast Guard at Joint Base Cape Cod, Samaritan's Purse and the American Red Cross, specifically for hurricane relief. Thank you to the families that participated in this event. Please continue to pray for the many people affected by the most recent devastating storms.

Guest Speaker: Mike McCoy Ministries Oct. 22

Mike McCoy's passion is empowering youth and helping them develop a larger vision for their lives. On Tuesday, October 22, Mike will deliver a Faith-based message of Hope and Encouragement that will help students overcome challenges, deal with peer pressure and to develop self-confidence to achieve true success.

Mike McCoy is a native of Erie, Pennsylvania and a graduate of Cathedral Prep High School. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a BA in Economics where he played football and was a Consensus All-American. He was chosen UPI Lineman of the year and was sixth in the Heisman Trophy balloting his senior year. He was the #1 draft choice of the Green Bay Packers where he played defensive tackle. He played eleven years in the NFL – seven with Green Bay, two with the Oakland Raiders and two with the New York Giants.

Reminder from the Health Office

It's that time of year again. Here are the CDC recommendations on how to stay healthy:

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 and flu vaccines. (Although vaccinated people sometimes get infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 and/or flu, staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccines significantly lowers the risk of getting very sick, being hospitalized, or dying from COVID-19/flu.
- Practice good hygiene (practices that improve cleanliness)
- Take steps for cleaner air

When you are sick:

• Use precautions to prevent spread, including staying home and away from others (including people you live with who are not sick) if you have respiratory symptoms.

If you test positive for Covid-19:

Always follow the advice of your healthcare provider. Stay home and isolate until symptoms improve and you are fever free without fever-reducing medications for 24 hours. The CDC recommends that you wear a mask when around others inside for an additional 5 days.

COVID-19 Testing

Order Your 4 Free at-home COVID-19 Tests. The tests are completely free – you won't even pay for shipping. The CDC will start shipping tests the week of September 30. Every U.S. household is eligible to order 4 free at-home tests. Go to <u>https://covidtests.gov/</u>

Join us In Worship. All are Welcome

Mass this week will be celebrated on 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 after school.

Game of the Week: Volleyball on Oct. 17 vs. Nantucket

This week's game of the week is women's volleyball against Nantucket on October 17 at 4:30. Come cheer on the JPII Lions at the Preparatory Division gym. This game is also Senior Night!

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.

Fall Athletic Calendar

Click Below to Register for Events:



Grandparents & Special Friends Day



Mass for the Memorial of St. John Paul II OCTOBER 25

8:30 A.M. Welcome Reception Preparatory Division | High School Division

> 10:00 A.M. Mass Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. St. Francis Xavier Church

School Store Hours This Week:

Tues Oct. 15 Thurs Oct. 17 Fri Oct. 18

School Store Hours Looking Ahead:

If you would like to volunteer for the school store, please email schoolstore@jpiihyannis.org.



Printable October Calendars

We have three calendars for the month of October that have upcoming dates and important information. October Breakfast

October Lunch

October Events

Student Council Induction, Tuesday Oct. 15

The 2024-2025 student council will be inducted on Tuesday, October 15 at 9:30 A.M. in the St. Francis Xavier Church. Parents and families are welcome to join us for this ceremony.

Be Prepared for Recess

As we enter the fall and winter months, please remind students to bring a jacket or extra sweatshirt for recess. It is getting colder out there.

Construction Alert:

Due to construction in the gym during the day, all physical education classes will be held outside for the next two weeks. Students are encouraged to bring sweatshirts and/or sweatpants (no leggings, please) to gym class in addition to the gym uniform.

Eighth Grade Retreat scheduled for Wednesday, October 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.

National Junior Honor Society Induction

On Wednesday, October 23 the newest members of the National Junior Honor Society will be inducted at 8:30 A.M. in the JPII Preparatory Dvision gymnasium. The decision process is underway, and students meeting NJHS requirements will be informed soon.

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! It's a great chance to get to know other students and join the community.

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<u>Mon. Oct. 14:</u> No School

<u>Tues. Oct. 15:</u> 9:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M. Student Council Induction

Looking Ahead:

<u>Tues. Oct. 22:</u> Mike McCoy Ministries Student Presentation

Wed. Oct. 23: NJHS Induction

Wed. Oct 16: Grade 8 Retreat 3:00-4:00: Lego Club



Dress Code Changes

Don't forget that starting on TUESDAY the dress code changes to the JPII button downs with the optional quarter zip or JPII sweater. The polo is to be put away until after April vacation. 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 <u>here</u>.

Picture Day for Grades 9-11 is Oct. 15

On Tuesday, Oct. 15 grades 9-11 will take part in school picture day. Please watch your email for ordering information from our photography service, Lifetouch.

Aviation Maintenance Tour

Cape Cod Community College is hosting a special tour of their Aviation Maintenance Technology campus in Plymouth on Tuesday October 22 from 3:30-5pm to celebrate STEM week. This event is limited to 30 participants, and you must reserve a spot by texting 774-602-0965 or emailing jarmstrong@capecod.edu by Friday October 18. This is an exciting opportunity for those perhaps not thinking of pursuing a 4 year degree after high school.

Understanding the ACTs by Revolution Prep

Ben Neely, who serves as Revolution Prep's Chief Research and Impact Officer, is

leading a webinar that will discuss the new ACT updates and modifications, <u>"ACT Updates Unveiled</u>" on Wednesday October 23rd, 8 pm ET. Please use the highlighted link to register.

Upcoming College Fairs

Plymouth High School College Fair is on Tuesday Oct. 15 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. There is no registration required and it will take place at Plymouth North High School.

The All Cape College Fair will be held at Barnstable High School on Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 3:30-5:30. The list of colleges is on the wall outside of the Guidance Office at school. Registration is recommended and the QR code can be found outside Guidance.

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 <u>https://www.echoofcapecod.org/retreats</u> or reach out to Father Chris.

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<u>Wed. Oct. 16:</u> 3:30-5:30 College Fair; Barnstable High School

<u>Thurs. Oct. 17:</u> 11:30-12:30: College Visits Fitchburg, Endicott, UMass Dartmouth Merrimack, St. Anselm

<u>Fri. Oct.18:</u> 11:30-12:30 College Visits Bryant, Suffolk

Looking Ahead:

<u>Tues. Oct. 22:</u> Mike McCoy Ministries Student Presentation

<u>Wed. Oct 23:</u> Social Emotional Learning Advisory

<u>Thurs. Oct. 24:</u> 11:30-12:30 University of New England

<u>Tues. Oct 29:</u> Junior Retreat

<u>Fri. Nov. 1:</u> Quarter 1 ends

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