

October 6, 2024



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

**Grandparents and Special Friends Day, October 25**

Please don't forget to have your grandparents 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. [Click here to register.](#)

**Parent-Teacher Conferences and Early Dismissal on Oct. 10**

On Thursday, October 10, students will be dismissed at 11:24 and parent-teacher conferences begin at 3:00 P.M. continuing until 6:00 P.M. No appointments are necessary. Please arrive anytime after 3:00 and before 5:45 to meet with your student's teachers. In order to ensure that all families can visit with teachers, we will strive to keep conferences to five minutes.

**Afternoon Barnstable Buses**

Please mark your calendars, as there will be NO AFTERNOON BARNSTABLE buses on Wednesday, October 9 and Thursday, October 10.

**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 <https://covidtests.gov/>

**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.

**Game of the Week: TWO FOR ONE**

The game of the week this week will be on Friday, October 11. Come watch men's and women's soccer as they take on Sturgis West. BOTH teams will be playing at the Sandwich Water District Field and BOTH teams start at 3:30 P.M.

**Construction Alert! Drive with Caution**

As part of the town's Trip Hazards Project, construction will begin on September 23 in Hyannis along Main Street Hyannis between Center Street and Stevens Street over a four-week period. Working hours will be Monday through Friday from 7 am to 3:30 pm. 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.

**Fr. Ray Kelly will perform to benefit Homeless not Hopeless**

On Saturday, October 12 Homeless not Hopeless will be holding a benefit concert at 7:00 P.M. in the St. John Paul II High School division auditorium. The concert will feature Father Ray Kelly, internet singing sensation from Ireland & Britain's Got Talent. Tickets are \$25 for general admission. If you are interested in more information or you would like to buy tickets, please [click here](#). Tickets will not be sold at the door.

**Enrollment is Still Open for the Fall**

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

Fall Athletic Calendar

Click Below to Register for Events:



**FALL FEST**  
 FUNDRAISER  
 10.26.24  
 4:30 - 7:00 P.M.

St. John Paul II School **NAUKABOUT**  
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**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:**

Thurs. Oct. 10 **4:00-6:00**  
 Fri. Oct. 11 2:30-3:30

**School Store Hours Looking Ahead:**

**2:30-3:30**  
 Tues Oct. 15  
 Thurs Oct. 17  
 Fri Oct. 18



# St. John Paul II School

## GRADES 5-8 NEWS

### **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](#)

### **New Face at After Care**

We are excited to announce that Mr. Connor McLeod has joined our team as the new After Care Moderator. Mr. McLeod will be monitoring After Care two days a week, and we are thrilled to have him on board.

Please join us in welcoming him to the JPPII family!

### **Bowling Club Begins on Oct. 9**

Bowling Club is open to all students and will take place from 3:00 P.M. - 4:45 P.M. at Ryan Family Amusements Ten Pin Eatery. The cost is \$10 per student and parents are responsible for getting their student to and from the bowling location. For more information and the dates of the bowling club for the entire year, please [click here](#). Please see Mr. Sinopoli for a permission slip.

### **Grade 5 Retreat on Tuesday, Oct. 8**

Grade 5 is headed to the Museum of Family Prayer on the Stonehill College campus on Tuesday, October 8. Students will leave campus at 8:00 A.M. and be back for regular dismissal time. Students should wear the field trip uniform along with the uniform sweater. Students should also bring a lunch (no glass bottles) and a snack if they would like one.

### **Tutoring has begun**

Tutoring is offered every Day 1 and Day 5 during XBlock in Mrs. Duvall's classroom by High School Division National Honor Society students for Preparatory Division students.

### **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.

#### **This Week:**

##### Tues. Oct 8:

Grade 5 Retreat  
No Study Hall

##### Wed. Oct. 9:

3:00-4:45 Bowling Club  
3:00-4:00: Lego Club  
No Afternoon Barnstable Buses

##### Thurs. Oct. 10:

11:24 Early Dismissal  
3:00-6:00: Parent-Teacher Conferences  
No Afternoon Barnstable Buses

#### **Looking Ahead:**

##### Mon. Oct. 14:

No School

##### Tues. Oct. 15:

9:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M. Student Council  
Induction

##### Wed. Oct 16:

Grade 8 Retreat  
3:00-4:00: Lego Club



# St. John Paul II School

## GRADES 9-12 NEWS

### **SAT Day is THURSDAY**

SAT School Day 2024 will take place in the High School Division this Thursday, October 10th.

12th Grade: SAT

10th and 11th Grade: PSAT/NMSQT

9th Grade: PSAT 8/9

All students must arrive at school on time. Students who arrive late to school on the morning of the 10th risk not being allowed to test.

Before testing day, students must have installed Bluebook on their devices. They can log into their College Board accounts and [download the app](#). Be advised that there was a required Bluebook update on Thursday, September 26. Please be sure to open Bluebook on student devices after the 26th so that the app can auto-update. Further [Bluebook resources](#) are also available on the College Board website.

It is critical that students bring their devices to school on the 10th fully charged—capable of staying on for 3 to 4 hours. Access to a power outlet during testing cannot be guaranteed.

For all tests taking place on October 10th, please arrange for your student to bring a device that is not a Chromebook. Bluebook will not operate on a Chromebook. Students who do not have access to a non-Chromebook device will be able to test on a school-managed device. Students who will need to do so must see Dr. Savas before Thursday.

### **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](mailto: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, "[ACT Updates Unveiled](#)" on Wednesday October 23rd, 8 pm ET. Please use the highlighted link to register.

### **NHS Tutoring Offered:**

High School NHS Tutoring has begun. Tutoring will be on Day 4 and Day 7 during XBlocks in the ARC.

### **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 <https://www.echoofcapecod.org/retreats> or reach out to Fr Chris.

#### **This Week:**

Tues. Oct 8  
Interim Reports

Wed. Oct 9:  
No Afternoon Barnstable Buses

Thurs. Oct. 10:  
Early Dismissal at 11:24  
SAT DAY  
3:00-6:00 Parent-Teacher Conferences  
No Afternoon Barnstable Buses

#### **Looking Ahead:**

Tues. Oct. 15:  
Gr 9-11 School Pictures  
6:00-8:00 College Fair; Plymouth North

Wed. Oct. 16:  
3:30-5:30 College Fair; Barnstable High School

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

Fri. Oct.18:  
11:30-12:30 College Visits  
Bryant, Suffolk

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