

December 8, 2024



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

**Blue & Gold Annual Fund**

The 2024-2025 Blue & Gold Annual Fund has kicked off with a successful Giving Tuesday campaign that helped us raise \$10,000 towards our \$50,000 match goal. Thank you to those who donated online on December 3! If you missed your opportunity to take part, there is still time! New and increased gifts to the Annual Fund made before December 31 will be matched up to \$50,000! Please [click here](#) to read more about our Annual Fund campaign.

**Important Barnstable Bus Transportation**

Due to Sturgis' schedule, there will be no Barnstable bus service at dismissal on Wednesday, December 11th.

**Toys for Tots Collection**

The schoolwide collection for Toys for Tots will wrap-up on Friday. Please send in a new unwrapped toy if you can!

**Bishop's Day Off has been scheduled!**

On Grandparents and Special Friends Day, Bishop da Cunha graciously awarded our students a day off. For planning purposes, Monday, March 17, 2025 has been designated as "The Bishop's Day Off!" Many thanks to Bishop da Cunha for this gift!

**Financial Assistance for the 2025-2026 School Year**

The online application for financial assistance for the 2025-2026 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.

**Join us In Worship. All are Welcome**

Mass is always open to friends and family. Please join us:

Monday at 10 AM at St. Francis Xavier Church - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation - family and friends are welcome!

Wednesday at 7:30 AM - Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

On Wednesday all day at the high school, students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament during their theology class.

**MORNING PRAYER:** Tuesday & Thursday at 7:30 AM in Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

**ROSARY:** Friday at 7:30 AM in Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

**School Store:**

If you are shopping for Christmas and would like to visit the store during school hours, please schedule an appointment by email: [akowal@jpiihyannis.org](mailto:akowal@jpiihyannis.org).

The school store will also be open on Monday, December 16 from 4:00-6:00 P.M. so you can check those gifts off your Christmas list!

**Blue & Gold Annual Fund Goal \$200,000**

**\$89,964 Total Raised**

**45%**

**Click to  
Make a Gift!**

## Athletic Calendar

### **School Store Hours This Week:**

**2:30-3:30**

Mon. Dec. 9

Tues. Dec. 10

Thurs. Dec. 12

Fri. Dec. 13

### **School Store Hours Looking Ahead:**

Mon. Dec. 16: 4:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.

Thurs Dec. 19: 2:30-3:30



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### **Printable Calendars for December**

December Calendars with upcoming dates and important information:

[December Breakfast and Lunch Calendars](#)

[December Clubs & Activities Calendar](#)

### **Winter is here!**

As winter approaches and temperatures drop, we want to ensure the well-being and comfort of our students during recess. With that in mind, please remind your child to bring their hats and coats to school, especially as we head into the winter season.

### **Toys For Tots**

The National Junior Honor Society is once again collecting toys for the Toys For Tots Stuff-A-Bus campaign. Please help our neighbors by bringing in a new donated toy any time from Dec. 2 until Dec 13.

[Here is a flyer to view more information.](#)

### **Grade 6 Gingerbread House Day is Wednesday**

An annual tradition for Grade 6 is the art/geometry Gingerbread House day, which will take place on Wednesday. A flyer with important information can be found [here](#).

### **New Student Services Staff Member**

We would like to welcome Mrs. Kathy Gover to our Student Service Team. Mrs. Gover is a Special Education Teacher with 30 years of experience in Medford Public Schools and the Boston Public School. Mrs. Gover will be assisting with inclusion support on Mondays and Tuesdays.

### **Lion For A Day!**

Do you know someone interested in JPPII? Invite them to spend a day with us and visit classes, meet students and teachers, walk the halls, and experience a "real" school day at JPPII! JPPII Grade 8 students are also welcome to visit the high school for a day or half-day. Come meet future schoolmates and teachers while getting a feel for 9th grade. Please contact Admissions Director Michael Wahle at [mwahle@jpiihyannis.org](mailto:mwahle@jpiihyannis.org) to schedule a visit day.

### **Service Opportunity at the Veteran's Outreach Program of Cape Cod**

There is a new service opportunity available at the Veteran's Outreach Program of Cape Cod (247 Stevens St; Hyannis) that will take place on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00. Please contact Angie Baron if you are interested. [jakobella@gmail.com](mailto:jakobella@gmail.com)

### **Lunch Volunteers Still Needed**

We could still use volunteers to assist with the lunch program. Please sign up [HERE](#). It can be once a week, once a month, whatever works!

#### **This Week:**

Mon. Dec 9

1:30P.M. Gr. 7 Wreath Making

Tues. Dec 10.

3:00-4:00: MakerSpace  
No Study Hall

Wed. Dec. 11

Gr. 6 Gingerbread House Day  
3:00: Lego Club  
No Barnstable Bus Service at dismissal

Fri. Dec 13:

12:30 P.M: 5th & 8th Grade Buddy Christmas

#### **Looking Ahead:**

Tues. Dec. 17:

6:00 P.M. Festival of the Arts  
No After School Activities

Wed. Dec 18:

3:00 P.M. Lego Club

Fri. Dec 20:

10:30 A.M: Lessons and Carols  
11:24 A.M: Dismissal  
No Barnstable Buses

Mon. Dec 23 - Sun. Jan 5:

Merry Christmas!



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

### **Toys for Tots Collection:**

Don't forget that the National Honor Society is once again collecting toys for the Toys for Tots Stuff-a-Bus campaign. Grades 9-12 will attend a morning donation assembly on Friday, December 13. Our goal is to collect 450 toys. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Toys for Tots is always one of our school's greatest giving traditions!

### **Youth Street Reach**

For the past 10 years, JPPII students have been providing breakfast to the homeless in Hyannis through our partnership with Youth Street Reach. This year's breakfast is December 19 - please consider donating new men's and women's underwear, gently used sweatshirts or local food gift cards. Drop off by the main office.

### **Yearbook Ad Deadline is 12/20**

The deadline to purchase ads in the yearbook is quickly approaching. If you are interested in purchasing an ad, please follow the instructions at this link:

<https://yearbookforever.com/school-store/n97IxO8GHAe8CojyE11CTFyx/ad/personal-ad>

### **Come Celebrate the Season with Carols**

The Advent and Christmas Concert will be held on Friday, December 13 at 7:00 P.M. in

the auditorium at JPII High School. Save the date for a wonderful evening celebrating the spirit of the season.

**Sophomore Guidance Night is on Dec 11 at 7:00 P.M.**

Join us in the ARC for the sophomore planning night. This informative session will cover the sophomore Guidance program for students and parents including a look at College Board and MASS HIRE. Mr. Tanguay will also be addressing the beginning of the college search process.

**Junior Service:**

Junior, Cody Boghdan is working with the Yarmouth Police Department on a Secret Santa for Seniors. The goal is to ensure every senior feels loved and remembered. For many, the holidays can feel isolating, and we hope these thoughtful gifts bring warmth and joy.

We are accepting gift card donations (suggested retailers: Stop & Shop, Shaws, CVS, Walgreens, and local restaurants). Donations will help the JPII and Yarmouth Police Department “elves” create beautiful gift bags for our seniors. Every contribution—big or small—makes a difference! Gift cards can be dropped off at JPII, care of Cody Boghdan.

**This Week:**

Wed. Dec 11:

3:00-4:00: Engineering Club  
7:00-8:30: Sophomore Guidance Night  
No Barnstable Bus Service at Dismissal

Fri Dec 13:

7:00 P.M. Advent Christmas Concert

**Looking Ahead:**

Wed. Dec 18:

3:00 P.M. Engineering Club

Thurs Dec. 19:

12:30-3:00: Social Justice Fair

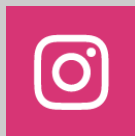
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