

February 23, 2024



St. John
Paul II School
ALL SCHOOL NEWS

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Our Finn's Community Social is Friday at 6:00 P.M.

Join us at Finn's Craft Beer and Taphouse on Friday! This free event is open to all 21+, offering a chance to mingle and connect with the community, including our new Head of School, Bill Latimer. Enjoy a cash bar and light appetizers. [RSVP here](#) to let us know you're coming!

Drop Off and Pick Up Reminder:

A growing number of drivers have been using Cross Street in front of the Preparatory Division building as a cut through to avoid traffic congestion in the mornings and afternoon. Here is your gentle reminder that this should be avoided as much as possible for the safety of our students, faculty and staff. It may take an extra minute or two to wait for traffic to move or to drive around the block, but the safety of our school family is worth it.

Reminder: Bishop's Day Off!

It is hard to believe that the day is already approaching, but we wanted to remind you that on Grandparents and Special Friends Day in October, Bishop da Cunha graciously awarded our students a day off. There will be no school on Monday, March 17, 2025, as it has been designated as this year's Bishop's Day Off!

Mary Poppins Parent Volunteer Meeting on Wed. Feb 26

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, February 26 at 5:30 P.M. in the ARC at the High School Division for any parents interested in helping with the April production of

Mary Poppins. Come support the Performing Arts at JP II by helping to make this production a success. Any parent interested in helping with the production is encouraged to attend!

Gala Committee Meeting March 6 at 6:30 P.M.

The Parent Partnership Committee is looking for parents interested in helping to plan the Spring Gala scheduled for Friday, May 16 at Oyster Harbors. There will be an initial interest meeting on Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 P.M. in the ARC at the High School Division. Help is needed with a variety of items-please consider helping to plan our most important fundraising event of the year. Let us know you are coming here: [RSVP](#)

St. Patrick's Day Parade is on Saturday, March 8

The 20th Annual Cape Cod St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 8. Save the date and block off from roughly 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. This year, St. John Paul II School will be walking to raise awareness for the school. If you would like to participate, please email Kasey Boyle at kboyle@jpiihyannis.org. Details are still being finalized by the parade organizers and we will distribute meeting times and places as soon as we know them! We ask that you walk with your student(s) if at all possible. Wear your green and your JP II swag!

A message from the Health Clinic

Southeastern/Cape and Islands, Massachusetts is seeing increased numbers of cases of the flu, covid, pertussis and other illnesses, such as norovirus.

(<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/viral-respiratory-illness-reporting>).

The Diocese of Fall River is asking school nurses to inform parents of the increased incidence of illnesses. We also want to provide guidelines for parents to help inform their decisions to send children to school should they be symptomatic. Please follow these guidelines so that we can keep your child(ren) and all of our students healthy. The guidelines can be found in [this link](#).

Join us In Worship. All are Welcome

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

Monday and Wednesday at 7:30 AM: Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

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

Confessions: By appointment with Fr. Chris, please email him at chughes@jpiihyannis.org

Admissions Events for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Admissions cycle is in high gear and we are looking forward to meeting new families! If you have any friends interested in learning more about why St. John Paul II School is the choice for them, please encourage them to attend an Admissions event!

Find Out More Friday Zoom: February 28

[Click here](#) to sign up!

Lion-For-A-Day Shadow Program: by appointment, please email MWahle@JPIIHyannis.org to schedule

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. Please click [here](#) for information for students entering Grades 5-8.

Game of the Week

Thank you for supporting our winter athletes. The season is winding down and playoffs have started. Check the schedules and show your support in these last few days and weeks of the season!

Athletic Calendar

School Store Hours This Week:

Thurs. Feb 27

Fri. Feb 28

School Store Hours Looking Ahead:

Wed. Mar. 5

Fri. Mar. 7



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Calendars for February

[Activities Calendar](#)

[February Breakfast and Lunch Calendar](#)

March Mammal Madness Begins on March 3

Since 2013, March Mammal Madness has asked the question “Who Would Win?” when two animals encounter each other in a simulated habitat of battle. On Monday, March 3rd, please have students wear their field trip uniforms, make sure their computers are fully charged, & bring any crayons/markers/colored pencils that they'd like to use to create posters.

The students will spend the afternoon working together in groups to fill out brackets & decide who they think this year's champion will be. Will it be the Olympic Marmot? The Star-nosed Mole? The Cape Buffalo? They will then use their artistic abilities to create hype posters for their favorite combatant. Throughout the month, students will be following along in Science classes to see how successful their brackets are. Feel free to create your own bracket at home & compete with us:

https://libguides.asu.edu/ld.php?content_id=79927309

Find Out More Friday Zoom: Select Fridays in February

Do you know someone who would like to learn more about St. John Paul II School? The next *Find out More Friday Zoom* session for both the Preparatory Division and the High School Division is on Friday, February 28. This one-hour Zoom call will allow prospective parents the opportunity to learn more about JPII and have questions answered from the comfort of their own home or office. Please have interested parents email Mr. Wahle at mwahle@jpiihyannis.org to

sign up and receive the Zoom link or click [here](#).

Lunch Volunteers 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:

Wed. Feb 26:

3:00-4:00 Lego Club

5:30: Volunteer Parent Meeting-ARC

Mary Poppins

Fri. Feb 28:

6:00: Finn's Social

Sat. Mar.1:

Academic Jr. High School Decathlon

Looking Ahead:

Mon. Mar. 3

12:30-2:45 P.M. March Mammal Madness

Tues. Mar 4:

6:30-7:30 HSA Meeting

Wed. Mar 5:

10:00 Ash Wednesday Mass

3:00-4:00 Lego Club

Thurs. Mar 6:

6:30: Gala Committee Mtg.-ARC

Fri. Mar 7:

6:00-7:30: Family and Friends Bingo

Sat. Mar 8:

9:00 AM St. Patrick's Day Parade



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Find Out More Friday Zoom: Select Fridays in February

Do you know someone who would like to learn more about St. John Paul II School? The first of our *Find out More Friday Zoom* sessions for both the Preparatory Division and the High School Division is on Friday, February 14. These one hour zoom calls will allow prospective parents the opportunity to learn more about JP II and have their questions answered from the comfort of their own home or office. Please have interested parents email Mr. Wahle at mwahle@jpiihyannis.org to sign up and receive the Zoom link or click [here](#).

Independence House is Popping Up at JP II

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM), observed every February, aims to raise awareness about the prevalence of dating violence among adolescents (ages 13-17) and to educate communities on how to prevent it. Independence House promotes healthy relationships and their teen program and services help to empower teens to not only speak out and access the support they need to break free from unhealthy and abusive relationships but to also understand how to support their peers who may need assistance. Independence House teen counselors will be Popping Up at 6 Cape Cod High Schools, including JP II on Thursday 02/27/25 during both lunch periods. If you have specific questions/concerns about this event, please reach out to our school adjustment counselor, Ms. McLeod at amcleod@jpiihyannis.org, thank you! Click [here](#) to view the flyer for more information.

NHS Sponsored Blood Drive is on March 10

The Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapter of the National Honor Society is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Monday, March 10 from 9:30 A.M. -4:30 P.M. in the back parking lot of the High School Division building. Donors must be 16 years old and weigh 110 lbs to be eligible to donate. Appointments can be made with National Honor Society members during lunch. Parents and families are also invited to schedule appointments by emailing Ms. Gilliland at sgilliland@jpiihyannis.org. For more information, please see the flyer [here](#).

Children's Book Collection until March 13

Freshman Liam Dunton is participating in a service project to support Seaside Pediatrics by collecting children's books. Seaside Pediatrics currently provides books written in English to their patients, but they are in need of children's books in other languages—such as Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or any other language—to reflect the diverse needs of their patients. These books will be given to children, from infants to 12-year-olds, during their annual physicals. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children in our community! Let's work together to ensure that every child has access to books they can enjoy and understand. Bring new or gently used books written in languages other than English to school on Thursday, March 13th to celebrate the beauty of language and learning in our community.

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Mary Poppins

Thurs. Feb 27:

Independence House Pop-Up

Fri. Feb 28:

6:00: Finn's Social

Looking Ahead:

Wed. Mar 5:

10:00 Ash Wednesday Mass
3:00-4:00: Engineering Club
7:00: Guidance Night: Financial Aid

Thurs Mar 6:

3:30-5:00: Student Council 3v3 Basketball
6:30: Gala Committee Mtg.-ARC

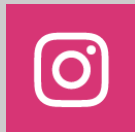
Fri Mar 7:

5:30-8:30: Revival

Sat Mar 8:

9:00 AM St. Patrick's Day Parade

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