

February 9, 2025



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

**Welcome to the JP II Community, Dr. Latimer!**

We are excited to introduce Dr. William Latimer as the next Head of School for St. John Paul II School. Dr. Latimer will officially begin his role on March 10 and Mr. Redding will remain actively involved with the transition throughout the remainder of the school year. We look forward to welcoming the Latimer family into our community over the coming weeks. To read the announcement, [please click here](#).

**Structured Alternative Learning (SAL) Day Procedure**

In cases of inclement weather when school would normally be canceled, but when power outages are not prevalent, the administration may declare a SAL day. Please view [this link](#) to see the details.

**A message from the Health Clinic**

Southeastern Mass / Cape and Islands, Mass 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](#).

**Parent Partnership Meeting February 11 at 8:15 A.M.**

Please join us in the ARC on Tuesday, February 11 at 8:15 for a Parent Partnership meeting. We have the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Finn's gathering and the Spring Gala all coming up-lots to discuss! This is open to all parents, grades 5-12 to talk about ways we can unite the school and help get the word out to the greater community. Please [RSVP here](#).

**JP II Community Social is February 28 at 6:00 P.M.**

Join us at Finn's Craft Beer and Taphouse on Friday, February 28, and celebrate the school! 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!

**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](mailto: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 for the next school year already! If you have any friends or family 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 14 and 28

[Click here](#) to select a Friday that works for you!

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

### **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 is on Friday, February 14. These one-hour Zoom calls will allow prospective parents the opportunity to learn more about JPII 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](mailto:mwahle@jpiihyannis.org) to sign up and receive the Zoom link or click [here](#).

### **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.

### **Game of the Week is Women's Basketball on Feb. 10 at 5:00 PM**

If you can get to any one game this week, make it Senior Night for the women's basketball team on Monday at 5:00 P.M. against Abington. The team has had an incredibly successful season thus far- come show the seniors your Lion Pride!

Let's support our winter athletes with a strong showing!

## Athletic Calendar



### **Thank you!**

Gifts to the Blue & Gold Annual Fund are used during the current school year to help bridge the gap between tuition and the cost of educating our students. If you have not yet participated, please consider making a gift today.

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

**\$132,480 Total Raised**

**66%**

**Click to  
Make a Gift!**

**School Store Hours This Week:**

**2:30-3:30**

Tues. Feb 11

**School Store Hours Looking Ahead:**

**2:30-3:30**

Feb. 17- Feb. 21: Break



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**Calendars for February**

[Activities Calendar](#)

[February Breakfast and Lunch Calendar](#)

**Valentine's Day Dress Down Opportunity**

National Junior Honor Society will be hosting a Valentine's Day dress down opportunity. For a \$2 donation, students may dress in Valentine's colors on Feb. 14. Donations will be sent to a California wildfire relief effort. Please see the link for more information. [Dress Down Information](#).

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**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:**

Tues. Feb 11

8:15-9:15: Parent Partnership Meeting: ARC  
No Study Hall

Wed. Feb 12

3:00-4:45 PM: Bowling Club  
3:00-4:00 PM: Lego Club

Thurs. Feb. 13:

9:00-11:00 AM: Gr. 7 Breakfast with the Lions

Fri. Feb. 14:

Getaway Day  
No Study Hall/Aftercare

**Looking Ahead:**

Mon. Feb 17- Fri. Feb. 21:

February Break



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

## **Rostro de Cristo Immersion Retreat Opportunity:**

JPII is going to the Dominican Republic! JPII has a longstanding relationship with Rostro de Cristo, an organization that offers intercultural experiences to groups of high school students allowing them to experience life amongst marginalized communities. A group led by Ms. McPherson and Mr. Lynch will be going to Consuelo in the DR from May 17-23, 2025. This opportunity is available to current juniors and seniors. A signed interest form along with a \$100 deposit is due on February 12. If you have any questions or concerns regarding academic scheduling during the time away, please contact Ms. McPherson ([cmcpherson@jpiihyannis.org](mailto:cmcpherson@jpiihyannis.org)). Please see [the linked document](#) for more information.

## **Gr. 10 Retreat is Feb. 11**

On February 11, all grade 10 students will participate in their Spiritual Retreat. It will be held at Our Lady of Victory and bus transportation will be provided. Dress code is appropriate JPII Spirit Wear and lunch will be provided.

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### **This Week:**

Tues. Feb 11:

8:15-9:15: Parent Partnership Meeting: ARC  
Sophomore Retreat - Our Lady of Victory

Wed. Feb 12:

3:00-4:00PM: Engineering Club

### **Looking Ahead:**

Mon. Feb 17- Fri. Feb. 21:

February Break

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