

March 9, 2025



**St. John
Paul II School**
5-12 | Preparatory | Catholic

A Special Note to the JP II Community

Dear St. John Paul II School Community:

On the eve of March 10, 2025, with my start date hours away, I find myself humbled and excited to join the St. John Paul II School community! I would like to acknowledge and thank Bishop da Cunha and Superintendent Roy alongside the JP II Head of School Search Committee for providing me with this truly unique and exceptional opportunity. I am deeply and genuinely impressed by everyone I have met these last few months. The devotion of the teachers and staff to the school, its students, and families, along with the Diocese of Fall River's support of the mission, is palpable throughout this exceptional school. The result is a rare combination of academic excellence paired with our Catholic mission that provides students with a second-to-none preparation for college, lifelong learning, and a commitment to local and global service.

As we move forward together, I look forward to getting to know and learn from the full range of JP II constituencies, including diocesan leadership across Fall River and JP II; JP II teachers, administration, and staff; students, alumni, and families; advisory board members; and community partners. Keep an eye out for upcoming meetings and open forums that will be organized to provide me with the opportunity to benefit and learn from you. To further support my transition, I have asked John Redding to stay on board in an advisory role, and I am pleased to report that he has graciously accepted. I look forward to the next steps and to championing the Catholic mission and academic excellence of JP II.

With peace and blessings,

William W. Latimer



**St. John
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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Reminder: Bishop's Day Off is Monday, March 17

Get ready for a very long weekend! There will be no school on Friday, March 14 for the students and no school on Monday, March 17, as it has been designated as this year's Bishop's Day Off! Enjoy the mini-break!

Spring Sports Meeting is Monday at 6:00 P.M.

The Spring Sports High School Meeting is on Monday, March 10, at 6:00 P.M. in the High

School auditorium. This is for student-athletes in grades 7-12 interested in trying out for a High School sport. This is a mandatory parent/guardian meeting for any student who plans to participate in spring sports. Families unable to attend should contact Athletic Director Mike Young at myoung@jpiihyannis.org

Join us In Worship. All are Welcome

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

Monday and Wednesday at 7:30 A.M.: Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

MORNING PRAYER: Tuesday & Thursday at 7:30 A.M. in Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

ROSARY: Friday at 7:30 A.M. in Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

CONFESSION: Monday at 2:30 P.M.

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. Please click [here](#) for information for students entering Grades 9-12.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 13388, of Christ the King Parish Scholarship

This scholarship is open to students entering grades 9-12 at St. John Paul II School who are active members of Christ the King parish, have a strong academic record and a demonstrated financial need. Additionally, applicants must receive a letter of recommendation from the pastor. Students should work with Michael Wahle, Admissions Director at St. John Paul II School to apply for the scholarship. Email Mr. Wahle at mwahle@JPIIHyannis.org for more information. The final award selection will be made by the Knights of Columbus.

Athletic Calendar



Save the Date!
Friday, May 16, 2025

*Join us for our annual
Blue & Gold Gala
and celebrate the growth of faith,
hope and community within our school!*

Become A
Sponsor

School Store Hours This Week:

Mar. 10: 2:30-3:30

Mar. 10: **5:30 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.**

Mar. 12: **5:30 P.M.-6:00 P.M.**

School Store Hours Looking Ahead:

2:30-3:30

Mar. 21



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GRADES 5-8 NEWS

Calendars for March

Breakfast and Lunch Calendar
Activities Calendar

Calendar Changes:

We have two changes to the Preparatory Division Calendar. Please note the following:
Q3 Honors Assembly will be April 10 at 8:30 AM
Grade 8 Science Fair will be held on May 21 from 12:45-2:30 P.M.

From the Nurses's Office:

Vision and hearing screenings will be starting next week, 3/18. Scoliosis screenings will take place afterwards. Please email linnell@jprihyannis.org if you would like your child to opt out of these exams.

Grades 5 and 6 Spring Intramural Sports

This six-week program begins on March 24 and will allow students to come together to participate in physical activity, practice skills and have some fun! For more information including dates and times, please [click here](#).

Lions Fun Night for Grades 5-6

Please come to the Lions Fun Night on Friday, March 21, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and support the JPRI Junior Class of 2026. Please see the flyer [HERE](#) for more details and RSVP through the SignUp Genius [HERE](#).

Shadow Stations of the Cross

The Shadow Stations of the Cross will be presented by our 5-8 Campus Ministry Students, along with a Light Show Reflection by Grade 5. This will take place in Monsignor Thomson Hall on April 16 at 6:30 P.M. This presentation is a beautiful Lenten tradition that provides an opportunity for us to reflect on the Passion and death of our Lord. All students and their families are invited to attend. Please note that participation in the presentation is mandatory for fifth-graders. Please click [here](#) to see more information.

Grade 8 Students: Class of 2029 Welcome Reception

On March 12 at 6:00 P.M. there will be a welcome reception for rising 9th grade students at the JPRI High School Division. Grade 8 students and their families are encouraged to attend to learn about course registration, uniform requirements and extracurricular opportunities at the high school. This is also a great opportunity to get to know additional future classmates and their families! Please RSVP [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:

Sun. Mar. 9:
Daylight Savings Time

Mon. Mar. 10:
3:00-4:45: Bowling Club
6:00-7:30: Spring Sports Meeting

Looking Ahead:

Mon. Mar. 17:
No School: Bishop's Day Off

Wed. Mar. 19:
10:00 St. Joseph's Day Mass
3:00-4:00: Lego Club

for Gr. 7 & 8 High School Sports

Wed. Mar 12:

3:00-4:00: Lego Club

6:00-7:30: Class of 2029 Welcome Reception
For Rising 9th Grade Students

Thurs. Mar. 13:

2:00-2:45: Pi Day Activities 3.14159

Fri. Mar. 14:

No School

Diocesan Professional Development Day

Fri. Mar 21

Gr. 6 Retreat

8:15-9:15: Parent Partnership Meeting ARC



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CANCELED: NHS Sponsored Blood Drive

We are sorry to inform everyone that Cape Cod Healthcare has had to cancel Monday's Blood Drive due to staff illnesses. Thank you to everyone who made an appointment to donate, and thank you to all who supported the National Honor Society in organizing this event. If you are interested in donating outside of school you can look into the Cape Cod Healthcare donation site: <https://www.capecodhealth.org/ways-to-give/blood-center/>

Please contact Shannon Gilliland (sgilliland@jpiihyannis.org) with any questions.

Dive, Duck, Dodge at the Student Council 3v3 Dodgeball Tournament

The Student Council is hosting a dodgeball tournament on March 13th at 3:30 PM! The tournament will take place in the prep division gym. Teams of 5-6 players can sign up for \$20 per team. Games are seven minutes max; if tied, a 1v1 showdown will decide the winner. Sign ups will be during x-block all next week in the cafeteria.

Lenten Collection to Benefit A Baby Center

Almsgiving, the work of donating, is a work of justice and a sign of our love for others less fortunate. It is a way that we demonstrate our mission of Communicating Christ. Each year during Lent we select an organization that will benefit from our donations. This year the Persist Girls group and Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be leading our mission to donate to A Baby Center in Hyannis. Please consider donating an item suggested [HERE](#). Collection bins will be located in the theology classrooms and the hallway by the Main Office.

Children's Book Collection: Please bring your books in by Thursday.

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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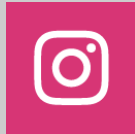
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