

JPII Grade Eight Event Notes

WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP: For those not attending the trip, these are days of school. Special activities are being planned for those students.

For those attending the Washington trip, students wear their regular school uniforms on the day they leave and they must have the “field trip” uniform in their carry-on bag. A special “Adventurers Class in D.C.” shirt has been prepared as an additional surprise gift for the students. The students must have these items packed in their suitcases with them.

A required Information Night for parents will be held on Thursday, April 10 at 6:00 P.M.

Plans call for the group to leave promptly at 6:00 A.M. on Monday, May 5. Students and chaperones must arrive by 5:45 AM. The class is scheduled to return to school Friday evening, May 9 at approximately 6:30 PM

All luggage must be brought to school on Thursday, May 1, by 8:30 AM.

MASS AT ST. MARY’S CATHEDRAL: On Wednesday, May 14 all eighth grade students in the Diocese of Fall River take part in a Mass of celebration at the diocesan cathedral in Fall River. Participation is required as part of the diocesan curriculum. A separate permission form will be sent home in early May.

EIGHTH GRADE RETREAT: A spring retreat for the eighth grade is set for Monday, May 19, at Our Lady of Victory. A separate permission form will be sent home in May.

GRADUATION PORTRAIT: The eighth grade will take a formal class graduation portrait, which will be included in the students’ diplomas. This date is set for Wednesday, May 21, at 8:30 A.M. Students should come to school in regular uniforms. They will wear their graduation gowns for the picture. **This is the only opportunity for the portrait.** Every effort should be made to be present in school that day. The photographer needs the time from this date until the graduation to get the pictures printed and delivered for inclusion with the diploma. In the past, for those who wish it, the photographer has taken individual portraits with the graduation gown. Additional information and pricing will be going home in early May.

CLASS OUTING: Arrangements have been made for the students to attend an all-day class outing at High Meadow Resort in Granby, CT. The date for the outing is Thursday, May 22. This event will be a wonderful experience for the students. Activities, games, crafts, two Disc Jockeys, swimming, an all-day banquet all are part of the day. Students from other schools from several New England states will also be attending. This outing is extremely well supervised and well run. Again, a separate permission slip will be sent to you.

FINAL EXAMS: The Final Exam Schedule for the eighth grade is printed on the enclosed sheet of events. As noted, final exams begin on Friday, May 30. The full exam schedule follows.

All Christian service forms must be submitted by May 23 in order to take final exams. Also, students with outstanding financial obligations (tuition, lost textbooks or library books, after-care fees, sport uniforms, etc.) are not allowed to take final exams.

GRADUATION DANCE: The final dance of the year, Friday, May 30, is dedicated to our graduating members of the Class of 2025. The dance will be held from 7:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M., for grades 5-8. This is the first dance to which the fifth grade is invited. The Home and School Association sponsors this event and will be sending further information.

CLASS NIGHT: An Eighth Grade Class Night will be held on Thursday, June 5, at 6:30 P.M. Students will have prepared individual posters celebrating their lives. Events for the evening will include a brief social, academic awards presentations, eighth grade class officer speeches, and individual class reminiscences. Formal invitations will be sent home in late May. This is a special evening for each graduate and **two parents/guardians**. Honor is paid to the graduate by being the sole center of attention on Class Night. Information about the individual posters is included in this packet.

GRADUATION: The Eighth Grade Graduation Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 6, at 7:00 P.M. The ceremony will be a Mass of Celebration. We are grateful to Father Chris Hughes for providing this special Mass. All family and friends are invited and encouraged to attend this joyous event. While the students will be wearing graduation gowns, students must have proper attire, including shirts and ties for the boys, dresses for the girls, and dress shoes. Graduation gowns will be collected immediately following the ceremony.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE REQUIREMENT: As noted above, eight hours of Christian service is required in grade eight. This requirement must be completed by May 23 in order to take final exams and to receive a diploma.

**St. John Paul II School
Preparatory Division**

GRADE EIGHT CLOSING ACTIVITY DATES / EVENTS

March 28: Friday	End of third marking period, Early Dismissal 11:24 A.M.
April 10: Thursday	Third Quarter Honors Assembly, 8:30 A.M.
April 10: Thursday	Mandatory Washington D. C. meeting for parents and students, 6:00 P.M.
April 16: Wednesday	Shadow Stations of the Cross, 6:30 P.M.
April 17: Thursday	Early Release 11:24 A.M.
April 18: Friday	Good Friday; No School
April 21 - 25: Mon. - Fri.	Spring Vacation
May 1: Thursday	Luggage for the D.C. trip must be at school by 8:30 A.M.
May 2: Friday	May Crowning and Living Rosary during X Block. Crowning is done by eighth grade girls chosen for this honor.
May 5: Monday	Students leave for Washington, D. C. Trip <i>(Departure time is promptly at 6:00 A.M. Students must arrive at 5:45 A.M. There is school for those not attending the trip.)</i>
May 9: Friday	Students return from Washington, D. C. Trip. Estimated arrival 6:30 P.M.
May 14: Wednesday	Grade eight students attend a Bishop's Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption with other eighth grade students from throughout the Diocese of Fall River
May 16: Friday	Early dismissal, 11:24
May 19: Monday	Grade Eight Retreat
May 20: Tuesday	Spring Festival of the Arts, 6:00 P.M.

May 21: Wednesday	Grade Eight Class Portrait for diploma @ 8:30 A.M. Individual graduation photos taken afterward. This is the only opportunity to be in the formal graduation picture.
May 21: Wednesday	Grade Eight Science Fair 12:45-2:30 PM
May 22: Thursday	Grade Eight Class Outing at High Meadow. Students leave school at 5:30 A.M. Return to school at 7:30 P.M.
May 23: Friday	Field Day for the entire school
May 26: Monday	Memorial Day Observed; No School
May 29: Thursday	Class Night Posters Due (<i>see attached information page</i>)
May 30 Friday	Grade Eight Final Exams begin Grade Eight Final Exams Language Arts / Reading Grade Eight final exam days are full days of school (<i>see full exam schedule below</i>)
May 30 Friday	Graduation Dance 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
June 2: Monday	Grade Eight Final Exams Science and Religion
June 3: Tuesday	Grade Eight Final Exams Math and U. S. History Graduation rehearsal during school hours
June 4: Wednesday	No School for Grade Eight Make-up exams given for students absent
June 5: Thursday	No School for Grade Eight Class Night, 6:30 P.M.
June 6: Friday	No School for Grade Eight Graduation Mass, 7:00 P.M. Student arrival at 6:30 P.M.

Grade Eight Final Exam Schedule

May 30, Friday:	Exams given in Language Arts / Reading
June 2, Monday:	Exams given in Science / Religion
June 3, Tuesday:	Exams given in Mathematics / U. S. History
June 4, Wednesday:	Make-up exams given for students absent