

# January 11, 2026



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

## **BLUE & GOLD ANNUAL FUND**

*One School. One Fund. Every Child.*

When you give to the Blue & Gold Annual Fund, you invest in the values, spirit, and future of JPII, and in young people who will go on to make a difference in their communities and the world. Find more information about the Blue & Gold Annual Fund [here](#).

### **Have you heard the buzz?**

Our very own senior, Nic Barcelo, is hitting the airwaves! Nicolas shares his JPII experience in a radio ad currently airing on 99.9 The Q and Cape Country 104. If you haven't caught it on the radio yet, don't worry—[click here to listen!](#)

### **Transportation Reminder**

*Tues. January 13:*

No afternoon Barnstable or RTA buses; Over the Bridge Bus pick up at noon

*Wed. January 14:*

No afternoon Barnstable or RTA buses; Over the Bridge Bus pick up at noon

*Thurs. January 15:*

No afternoon Barnstable or RTA buses; Over the Bridge Bus pick up at noon

*Fri. January 16:*

No afternoon Barnstable or RTA buses; Over the Bridge Bus pick up at 10:00

### **A Message From the Nurse's Office**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is reporting a significant increase in the number of influenza type illnesses and in the severity of the symptoms. Those at greatest risk of complications are people with compromised immune systems, chronic health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart conditions, children under the age of 2 and adults over 65. Please see this link for more information on reported flu cases <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/influenza-reporting>.

Here are a few reminders to help with the spreading of germs in school:

- Keep your child home from school if they are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms such as fever, body aches, cough, tiredness, chills, vomiting, and diarrhea.
- Before returning to school, please make sure that symptoms are greatly improved, there has been no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of Tylenol or Ibuprofen, there has been no vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours, and that the student can get through the school day without the need for medication.
- Please do not medicate your child before sending them to school if they have cold/flu-like symptoms. If they require medication to get through the day, they should stay home.

- Review with students the importance of washing hands with soap and water before and after eating, after blowing their nose, etc.
- Review with students the importance of covering coughs and sneezes and avoiding touching the face.

If your child will be absent from school due to illness, please call or email the school nurse to let them know so that they can keep track of any trends in classrooms.

[Please see the attached document](#) with further information on when to keep students home.

### **Catholic Schools Week is January 25 through 31**

National Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The week starts with our students attending Mass on Sunday, January 25th in their uniforms and continues with additional events and activities held throughout the week. Stay tuned for more information!

### **You are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Reception**

Volunteers are a vital part of our community, and we are grateful for the parents, families, and friends who generously give their time to enrich the JPII experience for our students. In appreciation of your dedication and support, please join us for a special reception in the ARC during Catholic Schools Week and enjoy coffee on us. We look forward to celebrating you! Please let us know you are coming by [clicking HERE to RSVP](#).

### **Looking for Science Fair judges**

If you or someone you know is involved in the STEM fields and might be interested in participating in our JPII Science and Engineering Fair as a judge, please reach out to Ms. Poirier ([apoirier@jpiihyannis.org](mailto:apoirier@jpiihyannis.org)) for more information on how to get involved. The Science Fair will be held on Tuesday, February 10, in the high school building beginning at 5:00 PM. Judges are asked to arrive approximately 30 mins. prior to start time.

### **There's no place like home...A Performing Arts Announcement**

The full-cast read through of the Spring production of *The Wizard of Oz* will be on Tuesday, January 20th from 3:15-5:30 PM. Additional rehearsal information will be posted on Google Classroom.

*\*Please note the end time has changed*

### **Mid-Term Exams are Jan 13-16**

Dismissal on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of mid-term exams is 11:30 AM. Friday dismissal will be at 9:45 AM. Students in the high school division may come to school for the entire half-day, or if they do not have an exam scheduled, they may leave school early or come in late. However, all students must be on time for exams. See below for schedules.

### **Help Us Spread the Word**

The best advertising is word of mouth, and we would love your help! If you know anyone interested in learning more about JPII, please share your enthusiasm for the school and invite them to our Mini Open-House on February 5, 2026. Flyer Attached [HERE](#).

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

Winter is upon us and with that comes snowstorms, icy road conditions and school cancellations and delays. 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 click [HERE](#) to read about the SAL day procedures and expectations.

### **A Message from the Admissions Office**

St. John Paul II School offers continuous enrollment, making it unnecessary to fill out a new application to re-enroll for next year. An Online Information Update packet will be emailed to you in the coming months. Simply complete and submit this packet and your re-enrollment is complete. We ask that current 8th grade students complete the additional step of filling out and submitting our [Intent to Continue form](#).

## **Financial Assistance for the 2026-2027 School Year**

The online application for financial assistance for the 2026-2027 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.

## **Win Free Tuition for 2026-2027**

Don't miss your chance to purchase a ticket for your chance to win FREE TUITION for one student during the 2026-2027 school year! Tickets are available until May 1 and can be purchased at any time! The drawing will be held at the 2026 JPII in Bloom Spring Gala on Friday, May 1 at Oyster Harbors. For more information, or to purchase a raffle ticket [please click HERE](#).

## **JPII In Bloom Gala: Next Planning Committee Meeting is Jan 22**

The JPII In Bloom Gala will once again be held at Oyster Harbors Club on Friday, May 1, 2026 and is co-chaired this year by Lori Boghdan, Cathy Castano, and Kathy Griffin-Mayo. If you would like to help plan the largest fundraiser of the year with a great group of people, please email [JPIIGala@JPIIHyannis.org](mailto:JPIIGala@JPIIHyannis.org) for details about and location of the next meeting on January 22 at 6:00 PM.

## **Join Us in Worship: All Are Welcome**

Every morning in Our Lady of Fatima Chapel in the heart of the High School building, we invite you to gather with us to worship. The schedule throughout the year is as follows:

Mon. and Wed. 7:30 AM: Mass or Communion Service

Tues. and Thurs. 7:40 AM: Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

Friday 7:30 AM: Rosary

## **Tommy Hilfiger School Uniform Promotion- January 12-19**

[School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger](#), our school uniform provider, is launching their first promotion of the year on Monday January 12th. If you need a mid-year refresh or replacement uniform item, now might be the time.

The promotion is tiered based on purchase amount: 10% off up to \$149.99, 15% off up to \$249.99, and 20% off \$250+. The promo code at checkout: JN26BMSMEM. Please note that that promo code will ONLY work during these days of the promotion January 12 - 19.



The winter sports season has begun. Please use the button below to view all of our winter schedules and check back here each week for the winter game of the week.

Roar Lions!

### **Game of the Week**

This week we feature the women's hockey team against Sandwich on January 14 at 6:00 PM. The home ice for women's hockey is the Tony Kent Arena in Dennis. Come cheer on your Lady Lions!

[Athletic Schedule](#)



The Roar Store will be open Monday through Thursday from 2:45 to 3:30.



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**GRADES 5-8 NEWS**

**Important Calendars for the month:**

[Lunch and Breakfast Menus](#)

[Activities Calendar](#)

**Save The Date: High School Guidance Overview Night**

Preparatory Families in grades 7 and 8 are invited to a [High School Guidance Overview Night](#) on Wednesday, January 28 at 6 PM in the ARC at the High School as an introduction to the services provided by our guidance department. Beginning in Grade 9, the JPII Guidance Department provides a comprehensive, personalized approach to college and career preparation. From academic planning to college exploration and application guidance, our program is built to give families a clear roadmap for what comes next. Don't miss your chance to come learn more! RSVP by clicking [HERE](#).

**Digital Safety and Mindfulness Presentation is January 21**

Parents are invited to a Digital Safety and Mindfulness presentation on Wednesday, January 21 at 6:00 PM in the High School Auditorium. Award-winning international public speaker Richard Guerry will discuss preventing cyber cruelty, digital safety, and how to stop yourself from poor social media and oversharing procedures, among other digital topics.

Mr. Guerry is the Executive Director of The Institute for Responsible Online and Cell Phone Communication (IROC2) as well as the author of multiple cyber safety books. He has appeared as an expert on Radio Disney, FOX, CNN, and CBS, and in local, regional, and international publications. For more information, please visit the link [HERE](#).

**Catholic Schools Week Schedule- January 26-23**

National Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Fun events and activities will be held throughout the week. To see the full schedule, please click [HERE](#).

**Despite the cold weather, we still go outside**

Winter is here and temperatures have dropped, 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.

**This Week:**

Tues. Jan 13

Mid-Term Exam: Language Arts

11:30 Dismissal

[Wed. Jan.14](#)

**Looking Ahead:**

[Mon. Jan 19](#)

No School

[Wed. Jan 21](#)

MAP Testing

Mid-Term Exams: Religion and Social Studies  
11:30 AM Dismissal

Thurs. Jan 15  
Mid-Term Exams: Math and Reading  
11:30 AM Dismissal

Fri. Jan 16  
Mid-Term Exam: Science  
9:45 AM Dismissal

6:00 PM: Digital Safety & Mindfulness Parent Presentation

Thurs. Jan 22  
MAP Testing  
3:00-4:00 PM: Bowling Club

Fri. Jan 23  
MAP Testing



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

### **Mid-Term Exams are Jan 13-16**

Students may come to school for the entire half-day, or if they do not have an exam scheduled, they may leave school early or come in late. However, all students must be on time for exams. The ARC will be available for students to study. For a detailed schedule, click [HERE](#).

### **JPII Science and Engineering Fair is Feb. 10**

The annual JPII Science and Engineering Fair will be held on Tuesday, February 10th, 2026. Student scientists will present their independent research projects from 5-6:30 pm, with a short awards ceremony following. This event is mandatory for all CP and Pre-AP Biology students, but all are welcome to attend.

We are looking for science fair judges! If you or someone you know are involved in STEM fields and might be interested in participating in this event, please reach out to Ms. Poirier ([apoirier@jpiihyannis.org](mailto:apoirier@jpiihyannis.org)) for more information on how to get involved.

### **Guidance Notes**

Guidance appointments on Wednesdays throughout the semester are available on the Sign-Up Genius located [HERE](#).

On Wednesday, January 14 at 7:00 PM there will be a virtual guidance meeting covering the topic of Standardized Tests. A link will be emailed as the date approaches and this meeting is open to all parents and students in grades 9-11.

#### **This Week:**

Tues. Jan 13  
Mid-Term Exams: Block A and B  
11:30 AM Dismissal

Wed. Jan. 14  
Mid-Term Exams: Block C and D  
11:30 AM Dismissal  
7:00 PM: Virtual Guidance Session

Thurs. Jan 15  
Mid-Term Exams: Block E and F  
11:30 AM Dismissal

Fri. Jan. 16  
Mid-Term Exams: Block G  
10:30 AM Dismissal

#### **Looking Ahead:**

Mon. Jan 19  
No School

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