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St. John Paul II School ALL SCHOOL NEWS

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*-Pat and Mary Crofford, P'23, '25, '26, '32
Blue and Gold Annual Fund Chairs*

Find more information about the Blue & Gold Annual Fund [here](#).

Catholic Schools Week - Volunteers Needed!

National Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 25. Across the nation, students in Catholic schools are asked to attend Mass in their school uniforms with their families. The admissions office is looking for families to distribute information after Mass on Sunday. Please [click here to volunteer](#).

No School Monday, January 19

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., there will be no school on Monday, January 19. We will return for a full day of school on Tuesday, January 20.

Have you heard the buzz?

Our very own senior, Nicolas 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!](#)

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 at their home Parish with their families on Sunday, January 25th in uniform and continues with additional events and activities held throughout the week. See specific grade level sections for a complete list of activities for the week.

Community Mass with St. Pius X School on January 26

Students will kick off Catholic Schools Week with a community mass at St. Pius X at 10:00 AM on Monday, January 26. Buses will take the students to and from the Mass. Please be in full uniform, with sweaters for high school division students.

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) 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*

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@JPIIHannis.org for details about and location of the next meeting on January 22 at 6:00 PM.

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](#).

Now Hiring at the Preparatory Division

We're excited to share an employment opportunity at St. John Paul II School! The Preparatory Division is currently seeking a dedicated Grades 5-8 Custodian to join our community. This is a great opportunity to be part of a supportive, mission-driven environment that serves our students each day. Please see the job description [HERE](#). Know someone who may be a great fit? Help us spread the word by sharing this opportunity!

A Message from the Admissions Office

JPII offers continuous enrollment, so you **do not** need to fill out a new application to re-enroll for next year. All you need to do is submit your Online Information Update between the end of the current school year and the start of the 2026-2027 school year. The Online Information Update packet will be emailed to you in the coming months. We ask that current 8th grade students who intend to continue onto the High School Division next year 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.

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

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

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



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 basketball team at home in the JPII gym against Falmouth at 4:00 PM. If you can only make one game this week, come cheer on your Lady Lions!

[Athletic Schedule](#)



The Roar Store

The Roar Store will be open Monday through Thursday from 2:45-3:30. We are looking for volunteers to help in the school store. Please reach out to Amy Kowal at akowal@jpiihyannis.org if interested.



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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.

Lunch Volunteers Needed - Preparatory Division

Do you have an hour to come to school and help with the lunch program? Volunteers are needed at the Preparatory Division to assist 11:00 to 12:00. Click [HERE](#) to sign up. It can be one hour a month or one hour a week, whatever fits your schedule!

This Week:

Mon. Jan 19

No School

Wed. Jan 21

MAP Testing

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

Looking Ahead:

Catholic Schools Week Events

Sun. Jan 25

Go to Mass In Uniform

Mon. Jan 26

10:00 AM: Community Mass with SPX

Tues. Jan 27

Crazy Sock and Tie Day

Wed. Jan 28

Favorite Sport/Sports Team Day

Thurs. Jan 29

Class Colors Day

Fri. Jan 30

Holiday Day

8:30 AM: Volunteer Appreciation Reception



St. John Paul II School GRADES 9-12 NEWS

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JPII Science and Engineering Fair is Feb. 10, 2026

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@jpiihanns.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](#).

The next Guidance Night will be a virtual presentation on the scheduling process at St. John Paul II School on February 4 from 7:00-8:00 PM.

This Week:

Mon. Jan 19

No School

Fri. Jan 23

Senior Dress Down Day

Looking Ahead:

[Catholic Schools Week](#)

Mon. Jan 26

10:00 AM: Community Mass at SPX

Fri. Jan 30

8:30 AM: Volunteer Appreciation Reception

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