



WEEKLY news & updates

October 18, 2020

ALL SCHOOL

Dear Families and Students,

You'd be pleased - and proud - to see the amount of learning that happens in our buildings (and outside) every day. This is a testament to the teachers' dedication and students' perseverance. Through their strong efforts, some good luck, and God's grace, it is working. Let's keep it up!

I write to share a calendar change and a new invitation.

First, the school will be closed, and there will be **no in-person or online classes during Thanksgiving week**, from November 23-27. Originally-scheduled class meetings for Monday, November 23, and Tuesday, November 24, will be converted to "adjustment days" to complete previously-assigned work.

Following Columbus Day, students and teachers will work through five consecutive full weeks (Veterans Day excepted). The reality is that teaching and learning are more arduous this year and, thus, more fatiguing. Therefore, scheduled "breathers" are beneficial - even needed - and will help keep spirits healthy. Also, travel plans and family gatherings pose an increased risk of COVID-19 transmission. Extra time will help families plan their movements more intentionally.

We intend to be in school, in-person, all year. Small measures such as this will help us in this pursuit.

Second, you are invited to our next Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, October 20 (SFXP at 5:30 PM, JP II at 7:00 PM). Now eight weeks into the year, we will provide updates and address your questions and comments. See you online.

Best regards,

Chris Keavy

[Click Here to join SFXP Zoom Town Hall Meeting #6 Tuesday, October 20 from 5:30-6:30 PM](#)

[Click Here to join JP II Zoom Town Hall Meeting #6 Tuesday,](#)

Trivia

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JPII & SFXP COMMUNITY

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7:00 P.M.
CLICK ABOVE FOR MORE DETAILS!

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Movie Night, October 23

The HSA will sponsor a Drive-In Movie Night for the SFXP family. The event will be held in the parking lot behind the school on Friday evening, from 6:30 – 8:00. The movie is *Hotel Transylvania*. All are welcome to attend. To ensure we enough space for vehicles, RSVP [here](#). To volunteer, please click [here](#).

SFXP Athletics

Runners Club: Tuesday and Thursday 3:00-4:00 P.M.

Soccer: Tuesday and Thursday 4:00-5:30 P.M.

SFXP Fall sports ends on 10/23.

Field Hockey

Come join the JPII Field Hockey program as they work with SFXP 5th & 6th graders to teach them the basic skills of field hockey. Participants will take part in drills to learn about the game of field hockey and will end each session with a scrimmage. Saturdays 9-10:30 A.M. at JPII field on October 10, 17, 24, 31. To register or for questions, please email Coach Guazzaloca: fieldhockey@jp.dfrcs.org

Lunch Program

Lunch ordering for the period of 11/2/20-12/4/20 is now open. To place your order, please log into Family Portal, click on Student on the left toolbar and then select Lunch.

Click [here](#) for step by step instructions. The deadline to place an order is midnight, Sunday, 10/25/20.

Important note and change to payment process

Please order for the entire period of 11/2/20-12/4/20. Additional orders will not be received after the 10/25/20 deadline.

You will be invoiced for your order, through the FACTS system, at the end of the month. You will not be prompted to pay when you place your order. Any credits on your lunch account will be reflected on the invoice. Payment is made through your FACTS financial account.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Keras, Business Manager at mkeras@jp.dfrcs.org.

Box of Joy

This month, SFXP students will join JPII's Box of Joy ministry, a Christmas gift outreach. By packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts, our students will bless children suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. This giving event will be driven by seniors Juliana Maurice, Kylie Hyde, Mary Kate Moran, Aaron James and Ryan Downey. We encourage every SFXP student and family member to consider making a small donation. The boxes are the size of a shoebox and can be filled with items such as crayons, small puzzles, small dolls or trucks, socks, hair ribbons, stickers, and other items that would be fun for children. We will have collection bins available throughout the school. [Box of Joy gift ideas](#) [Student Video](#).

Social Media

Connect with SFXP and SFXP parents on the SFXP Facebook & Instagram pages and the SFXP Parents Facebook Group.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, October 20

Town Hall Meeting, 5:30 P.M. (details above)

Friday, October 23

HSA Movie Night, (details above)

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, October 27

Student Council Induction Ceremony, 3:45 filming

Thursday, October 29

National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 7:00 P.M.

ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

PSAT Day info

All Juniors and Sophomores will take the PSAT on Thursday, October 29. Freshmen and Seniors will stay at home and participate in an "Adjustment Day". (Students work on existing assignments or homework; no online class meetings.) After the test, sophomores and juniors will be dismissed for the day. Students may dress down on that day in JP II gear; normal dress-down rules apply.

All sophomores and juniors please note:

Bring two #2 pencils and a calculator

No cell phones or smartwatches permitted in the test rooms

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NHS Tutoring

National Honor Society students are available for tutoring sessions. Please click [here](#) for more information and to sign-up.

Lifetouch Photos

The Lifetouch photographer will be onsite Monday, November 2nd for students in Grades 9-11. Every student will have their picture taken for the yearbook. School uniform is required. Click [here](#) for package information.

Spirit Week

On October 26, 27, 28, 30 Student Council will sponsor Spirit Week. It is filled with themed dress down days, a trivia contest, Grit and Wit competition and class bonding. Stay tuned for more details!

Guidance Department

Virtual College Visit, Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 P.M.

Admission representatives from Stonehill College, Fairfield University, and the University of New Hampshire will be presenting this week. To join this Google Meet please refer to the code in your email from Guidance Director, Mark Tanguay.

Daily Announcements

Missed the daily morning announcements? You can find them in the FamilyPortal.

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PSAT Day - Grades 10 and 11

Gr. 9 and Gr. 12 students will stay home for a school "adjustment" day.