



# WEEKLY news & updates

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November 15, 2020

## ALL SCHOOL

Dear JPPII/SFXP Families,

This summer, if someone had said we'd "make it 'til Thanksgiving" fully in-person with only one COVID-positive report in the school, we'd have responded, "Amen to that!" What once seemed likely -- that we'd be forced to 'go remote' -- may well stay on the back burner. No doubt teaching and learning are harder this year, but due to teachers' dedication and students' perseverance, it is working. God willing, we will stay together all year.

I write to share an additional calendar change as we adjust to the year's contours.

Christmas recess will begin after classes on Friday, December 18, 2020, and span two full weeks. The school will be closed, and there will be no in-person or online classes from December 21, 2020, to January 4, 2021. December 21-23 will be considered 'adjustment days' when previously assigned work can be completed. As I wrote when elongating Thanksgiving break to a full week, scheduled 'breathers' help preserve teachers' and students' spirits and energy. Also, because travel plans and family gatherings pose an increased risk of COVID-19 transmission, extra time will help families plan more intentionally.

Also, tomorrow you will receive a request for feedback as part of our annual Parent Satisfaction Survey. Your responses assist us in our yearly planning and, because the survey items are identical each November, they provide an 'apples to apples' point of comparison with years past. Thank you in advance for participating in this valuable exercise.

Best regards,  
Chris Keavy

### **The Blue & Gold Annual Fund**

The Blue & Gold Annual Fund launches! Click [here](#) to view the Annual Fund introductory video from Chairs Rich and Helen Sullivan.

### **Thanksgiving and Christmas Recess - Please Note Safety Guidelines**

Please note the following considerations to help keep our friends, families, and communities safe during COVID-19. If you host a holiday celebration, keep it small. If you are considering travel, be aware of Massachusetts **travel orders**.

If you participate in a celebration, please **follow public health guidelines**.

Any time you're near people you don't live with:

**Wear a mask** when not eating or drinking

Wash your hands often with soap and water

Stay at least six feet apart from others

Consider if those around you may be at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, such as older adults or

those with certain medical conditions, and take extra precautions  
If gathering indoors, improve ventilation by opening windows and doors

### **November Prayer Requests**

November is traditionally the month in the Catholic Church when we pray for deceased family members, loved ones, and friends. Administrators, faculty, staff, and students at St. John Paul II High School and St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School invite you to submit a list of your family members, loved ones, and friends who have gone before us in faith. Our school community will pray for the submitted names in November. Please submit request [here](#).

### **JPII Virtual Preview Night for Middle School Families**

Thursday, November 19, 6:30 P.M.

Speak with administrators, the Athletic Director, Guidance Director, students, and explore the range of JPII programs and opportunities. Learn about JPII's academic offerings, college counseling program, spiritual life, athletics, arts, clubs and activities, and the admissions and financial aid process. This event is live and includes a Q&A session. Registration required. Please sign up [here](#).

### **SFXP Virtual Find-Out More Friday**

Friday, November 20, 9:00 A. M.

An introduction to SFXP. Meet Mr. Keavy, President, Mrs. Kelley, Principal, and Admissions Director, Mrs. Canzano for a live presentation and Q & A session. Invite your friends! Register [here](#).

### **School Store Updated Hours**

The school store will only be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:00 - 3:30 P.M. If you need to get into the store any other day after school, please email Mrs. Fox at [sfox@jp.dfrcs.org](mailto:sfox@jp.dfrcs.org) or call the JPII Office, and Mrs. Fox will make arrangements to open the store.

## **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

### **Lunch Program**

Lunch ordering for the period of 12/7/20-12/18/20 is now open. *Due to the Christmas Recess schedule change, if you have already placed an order for 12/21 and 12/22, please log into the Family Portal and [remove your order](#) for those days.* To place your order, please log into Family Portal, select Student on the left menubar and then select Lunch.

Click [here](#) for step by step instructions. The deadline to place an order is Sunday, November 29th.

\*\* Please order for the entire period of 12/7/20-12/18/20. Additional orders will not be received after the 11/29/20 deadline.

\*\* You will not be prompted to pay when you place your order. You will be invoiced for your order, through the FACTS system, at the end of December.

\*\* Payment may be made through your FACTS financial account. Please pay promptly.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Keras, Business Manager, at [mkeras@jp.dfrcs.org](mailto:mkeras@jp.dfrcs.org).

### **Aftercare Billing**

Earlier this week families were billed, through the FACTS system, for aftercare for the months of September and October. Preferred payment method is through your FACTS financial account. However, you may send a check to the Business Office. If you have any questions about your invoice, please contact Margaret Keras, Business Manager at [mkeras@jp.dfrcs.org](mailto:mkeras@jp.dfrcs.org).

### **SFXP Winter Sports Update**

We are still waiting for guidelines to be handed down by the state. We hope to have answers to your questions in the next week or two. Once the guidelines are reviewed, we plan on hosting a parents zoom meeting, the same night as the JPII sports meeting, like we did last fall.

### **JPII Winter Sports Update** (for students in Grades 7 & 8)

We are still waiting for guidelines to be handed down by the state, MIAA and the Cape and Island league. We anticipate receiving these within the next week or so. Once we know for certain the impact of COVID-19 guidelines on winter sports, we will hold a parent zoom meeting. As it stands, the earliest we will be able to start practice is Tuesday, December 1st, but that date is very likely to change. Please email Coach Fazzi with any questions, and please remember to check Twitter and Facebook for updates.

### **JPII Winter Sports Registration**

FamilyID is now open for winter registration, click [here](#). If you intend to try out for a Winter sport, the registration needs to be completed.

*We have added some very important concussion protocols to the signup process.*

- Parents and student-athletes are now required to view the concussion in sports video.
- This video is part of the signup process on FamilyID.
- All athletes are now required to complete an impact concussion test.
- The test will be administered during school hours.
- Covid -19 Guidelines have been added to the Handbook.
- You must register for Winter, even if you registered for a fall sport.

### **Friday, November 20**

This is a getaway day, and there is no aftercare or study hall.

### **This Week**

#### **Tuesday, November 17**

Breakfast with the Lions - 8-3 Mix

#### **Wednesday, November 18**

Breakfast with the Lions - 8-2 Mix

#### **Thursday, November 19**

Breakfast with the Lions - 8-1 Mix

JPII Virtual High School Preview Night - All Middle School Families Welcome! 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. Details above

#### **Friday, November 20**

SFXP Find-Out More Friday - admissions event for prospective families and students. Register [here](#).

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### **Looking Ahead**

Thanksgiving Recess, November 23 - 27

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Due to COVID-19, the athletic department will be hosting individual team award ceremonies immediately after school. These are for students only. The event will end around 4:00/4:30. Thank you to all the parents that offered food/beverage, but due to covid, it will be easier for the athletic department to take care of this. Thank you again

Cross Country - November 16

Girls Soccer - November 17

Field Hockey - November 18

Boys Soccer - November 19

### **Yearbook**

The 2021 yearbook is now available for pre-order, click [here](#). Click [here](#) for flyer.

Our school code is 11460621. Email Yearbook Moderator Mrs. Fox at [sfox@jp.dfrcs.org](mailto:sfox@jp.dfrcs.org) with any questions.

Note: Seniors will receive a yearbook as part of their senior fee and do not need to purchase a yearbook separately.

### **Senior Yearbook Ads**

Senior Parents: Senior Yearbook Ads are available to purchase now. Click [here](#) for more information. These are due to Mrs. Fox by Friday, November 20.

### **Guidance Department**

Please refer to the code in your email from Guidance Director Mark Tanguay to join Google Meets.

*November 18*

- Mini-Workshop for Grade 9 Parents/Guardians on MASS CIS - Career Information System, 6:00 P.M.
- Virtual College Visit, 7:00 P.M. Admission representatives from St Joseph's College of Maine, Framingham State University, and Salem State University will be presenting. Mini-Workshop for Grade 9 Parents/Guardians on MASS CIS - Career Information System

*November 19*

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