



WEEKLY news & updates

November 22, 2020

ALL SCHOOL

Flu Vaccine Mandate

In August, Massachusetts public health officials instituted a new requirement mandating the influenza immunization for all children six months of age or older who are attending Massachusetts child care, pre-school, kindergarten, K-12, and colleges and universities. Therefore, students must be vaccinated against the influenza virus and present a certificate of such vaccination before December 31, 2020. Please send such certificates directly to Mrs. Offiler or Mrs. Fox. Should you require a medical exemption, please contact your child's pediatrician to obtain certification. Contact Mr. Keavy directly should you wish to seek a religious exemption.

Annual Parent Satisfaction Survey

Please click [here](#) for the 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.

Box of Joy

Thank you to all JP II and SFXP students and families that contributed to a Box of Joy. We filled to the brim 32 shoe boxes that were shipped off this week. The remainder of donations will be used to fill Christmas bags for foster children on Cape Cod. Thank you for making Christmas special for so many children.

JP II Virtual Preview Night for Middle School Families

Thursday, December 3, 6:30 P.M.

Speak with administrators, the Athletic Director, Guidance Director, students, and explore the range of JP II programs and opportunities. Learn about JP II'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](#).

Barnstable School Bus for Ridge Club Area Pick Up

JP II parent Tara Baker is trying to get a Barnstable School Bus stop for the Ridge Club Area. If you are interested, please fill out this [form](#) and fax it to the Barnstable Public Schools Transportation Office at 508-790-6353

School Store

The school store will be open on Tuesday, November 24, from 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Start your Christmas shopping at the school store; we have something for everyone. Click **here** to take a look at some of the items we have.



The Blue & Gold Annual Fund launches! Click **here** to view the Annual Fund introductory video from Chairs Rich and Helen Sullivan.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Financial Assistance for the 2021-2022 School Year

SFXP families wishing to be considered for financial assistance through the Foundation to Advance Catholic Education (FACE) must complete an annual application with FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. The application will open December 1. The deadline for submitting 2019 tax documents and 2020 W-2s is March 5, 2021. If you do not have a 2020 W-2 income, you will be required to submit 2020 tax documents. If you own a business, additional tax documentation may be required. Additionally, a limited number of scholarships are provided through the St. Francis Xavier Preparatory Scholarship Fund. To apply to the SFXP Scholarship Fund, in addition to completing the FACTS application, a letter requesting consideration along with a brief explanation of need should be sent to Mr. Christopher Keavy (ckeavy@jp.dfrcs.org) by April 15, 2021.

The online application can be found at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid> or by logging into the Family Portal>Financial>Apply for Grant & Aid. Please contact Mrs. Margaret Keras, Business Manager, at 508-862-6336 or mkeras@jp.dfrcs.org for more information.

If you are new to completing the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment, please view this **video** on what to expect in the application process.

Christmas Cards

Please click **here** for the order form and to view the designs of our 2020 Christmas card packs. Each pack of twelve sells for only \$15.00. Orders are due by the end of the day on Monday, November 30. The order will be e-mailed to the printer later that afternoon in order for the printed cards to arrive in time for Christmas giving. This is not a fund-raiser for our school; however, the cards are beautiful and a great way to show school spirit. If you wish to order a set of Shea Ryan's diocesan card winner only, please write it on the form.

Poetry Club

Mrs. Scheffler will be hosting a poetry club from 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 3rd, and Tuesday, December 15th. We will start with the poems "Kindness" by Naomi Shihab Nye and "Wild Geese" by Mary Oliver. Please bring your own poem rock or stick, and please sign up in advance so that we can set up the room.

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.

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** 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.

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Aftercare Billing

Last week families were billed, through the FACTS system, for aftercare for the months of September and October. The 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.

SFXP Winter Sports Meeting

SFXP winter sports meeting will be held on Monday, November 30th at 5:00 P.M. via Zoom. We will update boys' and girls' basketball and provide information on what sports are offered for 7/8th Graders at JP II.

Topic: SFXP Sports Meeting

Time: Nov 30, 2020 5:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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- All athletes are now required to complete an impact concussion test. The test will be administered during school hours.
- We added our Covid Guidelines to the Handbook.
- You must register again even if you registered for a fall sport.

This Week

Thanksgiving Recess, November 23 - 27

Looking Ahead

Monday, November 30

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SFXP Winter Sports Meeting at 5:00 P.M. (details above)

JPII Winter Sports Meeting at 6:00 P.M. (details above)

Thursday, December 3

Feast of St. Francis Xavier, students will attend Mass.

Poetry Club (details above)

Friday, December 4

All 8th Grade students will take the High School Placement Test during regular school hours. Make-up tests will be available on Saturday, December 5, and 12. Please contact Mrs. Canzano, jcanzano@jp.dfrcs.org if you have any questions.

ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

“Adjustment Days”

Monday and Tuesday are adjustment days. Students should use these days to get caught up on any long term assignments or missing work. JPII teachers will be available via email for any student questions.

NHS Toys for Tots/St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry at St. Francis Xavier Parish Collection

The National Honor Society is beginning their annual collection for Toys for Tots and the Food Pantry. Students are asked to donate one toy and one non-perishable food item for the two organizations. Our goal is to collect 350 toys and 350 food items. *The collection period ends Friday, December 11th, with a special but socially distant toy and food collection.*

This season, as you shop, consider purchasing an extra toy and non-perishable food for a child in need. Donations are welcome in the main office up to December 11th.

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Yearbook

The 2021 yearbook is now available for pre-order; click **here**. Click **here** for the flyer. Our school code is 11460621—email Yearbook Moderator Mrs. Fox at 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.

Hold the soup and bring me a sandwich!

Over the last few years, many of our students have enjoyed Souper Scripture, an X block activity that allowed them to enjoy some soup and reflect on the Gospel of the day. The activity was very popular, and Campus Ministry was often filled with participants. Like so many things, COVID has changed all that. With the restrictions the virus has placed upon us, serving soup in Campus Ministry became impossible.

Now that we all have gotten the hang of attending school in the time of COVID, we will begin lunchtime scripture study once again. We are calling it Scripture Sandwich, and students are invited to bring their own lunch, sit at an appropriate social distance from others, read the Gospel of the day, and share reflections on the Gospel. This will take place on Day 4 during the X Blocks. All students are invited. The first X Block after vacation is on Friday, December 4. Announcements will be made during the week. We may need to limit the number of participants if the numbers are large.

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Monday, November 23

Adjustment Day

Tuesday, November 24

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Wednesday-Friday

Thanksgiving Break

Looking Ahead

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