



# WEEKLY news & updates

December 6, 2020

ALL SCHOOL

## **BLUE & GOLD** **ANNUAL FUND**

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

Your gift to the *Blue & Gold Annual Fund* is the best way to support JPPII/SFXP's operating needs. Particularly this year, we rely on your generosity to meet the financial challenges of increased COVID-related expenses. Thank you in advance. Click [here](#) to learn more.

### **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.

### **School Store**

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.

**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 is now open. 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. Keavy ([ckeavy@jp.dfrcs.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **Aftercare Billing**

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

### **Ten-Question Tuesdays**

Mr. Keavy will be hosting a brief, live-streamed trivia contest every Tuesday during X Block. Students who wish to participate must sign-up with Mrs. Offiler, and each team must pay an entry fee of \$10.00 at the time of sign-up. All proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. All members of the winning team will receive a caught card.

### **Friday, December 18**

Christmas dress-up day  
No study hall or aftercare

## **ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL**

### **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.**

### **Campus Ministry**

Please **submit** any special intentions you have so that the school community may bring

them before the Lord in prayer.

### **Financial Assistance for the 2021-2022 School Year**

JPII families wishing to be considered for school-based financial aid for the 2021-2022 school year must complete an annual application with FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. The online application is now open. 2019 tax documents and 2020 W-2s are required. 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. To be considered for the first round of awards starting March 1, 2021, applications must be completed, with all the necessary documentation, by February 15, 2021.

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### **December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Grades 9 and 10 will participate in Mass at 10:15 A.M.

Grades 11 and 12 will participate in Mass at 1:30 P.M.

Sweaters are required. No sweatshirts are allowed.

### **Athletics**

Stay Connected with JPII Athletics

Parents can register with **remind.com** app (school code @JP2sports)

You can follow us on twitter or Instagram @JPII\_Athletics.

### **JPII Winter Sports Registration**

FamilyID is now open for winter registration, click [here](#). If you intend on trying out for a Winter sport, you need to complete the registration.

*We have added some very important concussion protocols to the sign-up process.*

- Parents and student-athletes are now required to view the concussion in sports video. This video is part of the sign-up process on FamilyID.
- 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.

### **School Pictures - Makeup**

Lifetouch will be at school on Thursday, December 10 at 8:30 A.M. for all grades 9-11 students that did not have their pictures taken, or would like a retake.

### **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](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.

### **This Week**

**Tuesday, December 8**

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

JPII students attend Holy Mass

**Wednesday, December 9**

Guidance Department: Sophomore Planning Night, 7:00 P.M.

Students and parents welcome. Please use this code to join the Google Meet:

[meet.google.com/kof-whde-num](https://meet.google.com/kof-whde-num)

**Friday, December 11**

Toys for Tots Rolling Assembly

**Looking Ahead**

**Wednesday, December 16**

Virtual College Visit, 7:00 P.M. (Springfield College, Nichols College, and Suffolk University)