



# WEEKLY news & updates

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January 3, 2021

## ALL SCHOOL

### **Fully Remote from January 4 - 8**

Following consultation with local health officials and the Catholic Schools Office, St. John Paul II High School and St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School will shift to remote learning only next week from Monday, January 4 - Friday, January 8. This decision is a precautionary measure due to holiday travel and not the result of COVID-19 transmission within our school. We know school to be a safe place, and this one-week remote learning measure will enable students and staff to return in-person on Monday, January 11 free from excessive quarantining measures.

Classes will be conducted using the normal bell schedule for the week, starting at 8:05 AM. Monday, January 4 is a Day 4.

### **Travel Advisory**

Please note the Massachusetts travel advisory now in effect. This advisory requires that individuals (ages 11 and up) who travel/return to Massachusetts from high-risk states must produce a negative COVID-19 test result (administered up to 72-hours prior to your return to Massachusetts) or quarantine for 10 days upon arrival/return to Massachusetts. Currently, all U.S. states except Hawaii are designated as high-risk. Please send a copy of your test result to the school.

### **Flu Vaccine Mandate**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has extended the deadline for flu vaccination through February 28, 2021. Please send such certification of flu vaccination 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 State of the School Meeting - January 20, 2021, 6:30 P.M.**

Please join us at the 'State of the School' meeting via Zoom this year. We will share information, and perspective on the school's institutional life and vitality. In addition to parent survey data, financial information will be discussed, and strategic goals and efforts outlined.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5583718732?  
pwd=RzhlRoE1QnBGUotEV3ZHdU9ZbzFVUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5583718732?pwd=RzhlRoE1QnBGUotEV3ZHdU9ZbzFVUT09)

Meeting ID: 558 371 8732

Passcode: 974441

### **Admissions**

Please continue to share your family's experience with friends and invite them to learn more about our school. Admission events have a different look this year, but they are still happening! Direct friends to our website to register for Find-Out More Virtual Fridays and Virtual Preview Nights or to call or email Admissions Director, Jenn Canzano, [jcanzano@jp.dfrcs.org](mailto:jcanzano@jp.dfrcs.org)/508-862-6336x104.

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

### **Athletics**

SFXP intramural basketball signups will be announced shortly. Signups are open to all 5-8th graders. If we have enough participation, the league will run on Saturday mornings starting 1/16, with game times of 8:00 A.M., 8:45 A.M., and 9:30 A.M. No family members would be allowed in the gym, and students would only be allowed to stay for their games.

### **Home and School Association**

Happy New Year from the HSA! Join us Tuesday night for our monthly meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/77862834147?](https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/77862834147?pwd=a1AxR1dBVk1UVUesyWmlUYUVNTG9ZQT09)

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Meeting ID: 778 6283 4147

Passcode: y5ijoc

### **Lunch Program**

Lunch ordering for the period of 1/11/21-1/29/21 is now open. Due to the change to remote for the week of January 4th, orders for this week will be deleted. 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 Monday, January 4th at midnight.

\*\* Please order for the entire period of 1/11/21-1/29/21. Additional orders will not be accepted after the 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 January.

\*\* 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).

\*\* Invoices for November and December lunches were emailed, through the FACTS system, during break. If you have not already done so, please make prompt payment.

### **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.

### **SFXP 2020-2021 Yearbook**

The 2020-2021 Yearbook is available for purchase for grades 5-8. It can be purchased at [treering.com](http://treering.com) using the passcode: 1014006133771584

### **Yearbook Information for Grade 8**

All 8th-grade students are required to inform Sarah Thornington of *Studio by the Sea* of which portrait they would like to choose for the yearbook as soon as possible. This can be done by logging into your photo portal at <https://thestudiobythesea.orderschoolpix.com/>

All 8th-grade students are required to submit one digital baby/toddler photo to Miss McDonough via Google Classroom.

All 8th-grade students are required to submit their 8th-grade Yearbook Write-Up to Miss McDonough via Google Classroom. More information about Write-Ups is located on the Class of 2021 Google Classroom page.

### **This Week**

#### **Monday, January 4**

Classes Resume (remote)

#### **Tuesday, January 5**

HSA Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

#### **Friday, January 8**

Find-Out More Friday - admissions event, 9:00 A.M.

### **Looking Ahead**

#### **Monday, January 11**

Return to In-Person Learning

#### **January 12 - 14 - MAP Testing**

#### **Thursday, January 14, 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.**

SFXP Middle School Virtual Preview Night, admissions event

#### **Monday, January 18**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School

**Wednesday, January 20**

Language Arts and Reading Mid-Term Exams  
Noon Dismissal

**Thursday, January 21**

Religion and Science Mid-Term Exams  
Noon Dismissal

**Thursday, January 21, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.**

JPII High School Virtual Preview Night, admissions event

**Friday, January 22**

Math and Social Studies Mid-Term Exams  
Noon Dismissal  
End of Second Marking Period

## ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

Monday will be a day 4 and we will follow our distance learning schedule which begins at 8:05 A.M. and runs through 2:51 P.M. This is a regular in-person distance learning day not an adjustment day. All students must be dressed, with cameras on, and seated at a desk or table. Attendance will be taken each period.

### **Winter Sports Update**

Due to the rising numbers of Covid-19 cases in our areas, many Cape and Islands schools have pushed back their winter sports. JPII will continue to hold practices, but please note, we continue to adjust the schedules. We hope to post all sports schedules after the new year. This winter, all games will be self-drives; please make sure you fill out the proper transportation form if you are carpooling.

Our athletic practices will continue as scheduled. All winter sports teams have been following the required protocols. Due to the vacation practice schedule, we are confident that sports can continue as originally planned.

### **Spectator Policy**

The Cape & Islands League has determined winter sports spectator policy will be to limit spectators to home fans only. This will be strictly enforced, unlike in the fall. JPII will allow three spectators for both boys and girls basketball and two spectators for boys hockey. The hockey decision is in line with the state-mandated rules for ice hockey rinks. Virtual swim meets will not allow spectators this year. In order to ensure we follow all guidelines, we will be issuing spectator passes directly to the student-athletes. Spectators will need to bring the pass to each game they attend and be required to sign in. These passes can be given to others who want to attend the game, but each student-athlete will not be able to exceed the designated spectators per sport policy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Athletic Director Rich Fazzi, rfazzi@jp.dfrcs.org.

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Please **submit** any special intentions you have so that the school community may bring them before the Lord in prayer.

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### **Semester Exams**

There are two full weeks of classes when you return to school. Friday, January 15 is an exam preparation day, followed by a long weekend. January 19 will be the start of semester exams. Please view the schedule that is attached. As a reminder, these are half-days. If you do not have an exam during the first period, you may come in for the second exam of the day. If you do not have an exam during the second period, you may leave school for the day. The cafeteria will remain open for any student who wants to remain at school.

Please click **here** for the semester exam schedule.

### **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.

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### **Looking Ahead**

**Monday, January 11, 6:30 P.M.**

Grade 9 Town Hall meeting (virtual)

**Tuesday, January 12, 6:30 P.M.**

Grade 10 Town Hall meeting (virtual)

**Wednesday, January 13, 7:00 P.M.**

Guidance Workshop (virtual): Understanding the PSATS

**January 19 - January 22 -Semester Exams**

**Thursday, January 21, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.**

JPII High School Virtual Preview Night, admissions event

**Tuesday, January 26, 6:30 PM.**

Grade 11 Town Hall meeting (virtual)