



WEEKLY news & updates

December 13, 2020

ALL SCHOOL

BG 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.

Christmas Recess

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.

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 State of the School Meeting - January 20, 2021, 6:30 PM

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=RzhIR0E1QnBGU0tEV3ZHdU9ZbzFVUT09>

School Store

The school store will be open until 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 15, and will be open Monday, December 21, 10:00 A.M.-noon. New JPPI Pajama Pants have just arrived, perfect for Christmas! Click **here** to take a look at some of the items we have.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Locker Clean-out

Students will be asked to take all belongings home on the Friday before Christmas break. Students may wish to bring an empty bag for this purpose.

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) 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.

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.

SFXP 2020-2021 Yearbook

The 2020-2021 Yearbook is available for purchase for grades 5-8. It can be purchased at **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 by December 31, 2020.

All 8th-grade students are required to submit their 8th-grade Yearbook Write-Up to Miss McDonough via Google Classroom by December 31, 2020. More information about Write-Ups is located on the Class of 2021 Google Classroom page.

This Week

Friday, December 18

Christmas dress-up day
No study hall or aftercare

Looking Ahead

Monday, January 4

Classes Resume

Tuesday, January 5

HSA Meeting at 6:30
January 6 -8: MAP Testing

ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

Locker Clean-out

Students will be asked to take all belongings home on the Friday before Christmas break.

Thank You!

Thank you to all of our students and families for making Christmas special for so many that need it this year. Due to our JPII students' generosity, we collected 310 gifts and over 750 non-perishable food items. Well done, NHS and JPII families and students. Your giving ways and generosity demonstrate Communicating Christ.

Picture Retake Day

Picture retake day has been scheduled for this Tuesday, December 15. Students will be called down at 8:30 A.M.

Campus Ministry

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

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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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Performing Arts

STAY TUNED for the TENTH ANNUAL "VIRTUAL" CONCERT FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS, presented by our Concert Choir, coming soon. It will feature Advent and Christmas Classics, as well as some new selections NEWLY RECORDED for your enjoyment. AND STAY TUNED for *JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH*, by Jules Verne, Presented by the JP2 RADIO PLAYERS, also coming soon.

Athletics

Stay Connected with JP2 Athletics

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

You can follow us on Twitter or Instagram @JP2_Athletics.

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.

This Week

Tuesday, December 15

Picture Retake Day

Wednesday, December 16

Advent/Christmas Prayer Service, 2:00 P.M.

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

Looking Ahead

December 21 & 22

Adjustment Days

Monday, January 4

Classes Resume