



WEEKLY news & updates

December 20, 2020

ALL SCHOOL

BG BLUE & GOLD ANNUAL FUND

Year-End Giving

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.

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 21-22 will be considered 'adjustment days' where 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 on December 21, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. New JP II 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

Please click **here** for a special message for families from Mr. Keavy and Mrs. Kelley.

Student of the Week

Student of the Week is a long-standing SFXP tradition. Please join us in celebrating our Student of the Week recipients, September through December. Click **here** for the link and use the password: celebrate

Lunch Program

Lunch ordering for the period of 1/4/21-1/29/21 is now open. 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, December 28th.

** Please order for the entire period of 1/4/21-1/29/21. 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.

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.

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.

Looking Ahead

Monday, January 4

Classes Resume

Tuesday, January 5

No Study Hall

HSA Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

January 6 -8: MAP Testing

ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

Please click **[here](#)** for a special message for families from Mr. Keavy and Ms. Valentino

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.

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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Homeless Persons Memorial Service

For many years JP II students have participated in the Youth StreetReach Program in Hyannis. Due to COVID -19, they were not able to participate this year. Instead, St. John Paul II High School participated on the team that created the National Homeless Persons Memorial Service at the Federated Church in Hyannis. Our JP II senior, Vincent Sweezey created the memorial signs for the homeless or formerly homeless individuals who have died this year. Memorial signs will be placed at the town green in Hyannis, and there will be a virtual service. To learn more, please click **here**.

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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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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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

December 21 & 22

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