



WEEKLY news & updates

February 21, 2021

ALL SCHOOL

SPRING 2021 UN-GALA

MAY 1-8

BLUE & GOLD DAYS

Celebrating Students & Teachers

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Updated Transportation Guidelines: Good News!

DESE/DPH updated transportation guidelines now allows two students per bench on school buses. Therefore, we can expand ridership on the Buzzards Bay Bus, which is a school-provided bus transporting JP/II/SFXP students only “over the bridge” directly to school. This change opens up 18 seats, which will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. For information and to sign-up, please contact Patrizia Cappelletto (Parent Facilitator) at tpalc@comcast.net.

March Calendar Change

All JP/II and SFXP students will have an early dismissal at 11:24 AM on Friday, March 12. This half-day will enable staff members to participate in the ‘Angst’ viewing and panel (see Mr. Keavy's email). Parents/guardians will have a viewing and panel discussion opportunity on Monday, March 15, 2021, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Travel Advisory

All individuals (ages 11 and up) who travel/return to Massachusetts from high-risk states must quarantine for 10 days or produce a negative COVID-19 test result that has been administered up to 72-hours prior to your arrival in Massachusetts. If not obtained before entry to Massachusetts, a test may be obtained after arrival. However, all such arriving travelers must immediately begin the 10-day quarantine until a negative test result has been received. Currently, all U.S. states except Hawaii are designated as high-risk. Please send a copy of your test result to the school.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

2021 UnGala, Blue & Gold Days: Celebrating Students & Teachers

In keeping with SFXP tradition, each grade will sponsor a "class basket" for the 2021 UnGala, Blue & Gold Days: Celebrating Students & Teachers. Students have voted on their class basket theme and are asked to donate an item to match the theme.

The class basket themes were decided by student vote. The donations from each homeroom will be combined into a huge display that is truly impressive! If each student donates an item for the basket, they will be overflowing! The raffle for the baskets has been a popular part of the auction and a big hit with our students. We are excited to bring back the baskets as RAFFLE ITEMS this year. Thank you to Kristen Hyde and our parent coordinators for assisting with these efforts.

The basket themes are as follows:

Grade 8- Candy Extravaganza

Parent Coordinator, Jennifer Desruisseaux, jen_desruisseaux@comcast.net

Grade 7 - Gift Card Mania

Parent Coordinator, Danielle Fox, daniellewhite17@aim.com

Grade 6 - Beach Day

Parent Coordinator, Dianne Ellis, ellisfamily02532@gmail.com

Grade 5 - Pet Pampering

Parent Coordinator, Angie Baron, jakobella@gmail.com

Attention 8th Grade Families!

SAVE THE DATE! March 5, 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. "An Epic Evening of Eighth-Grade Excitement!" Sign-up [here!](#)

Athletics

Sign-ups for the P.E. Laps Challenge will take place this week during lunch and P.E. classes. \$1 to buy a bracelet that admits you into the American Heart Association Laps Challenge. We will be doing the event from March 1 to March 5. The winner of the whole school will win a Bluetooth Speaker and a Caught Card!

Intramural basketball sign-ups will take place during lunch and P.E. Classes. The season will start on March 1.

"Ten Question Tuesdays"

Student teams who wish to participate must sign up with Mrs. Offiler and pay a \$10.00 entrance fee per team. All proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. This week's theme is "World Wide Web."

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 here, <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 Yearbook

There is still time to purchase the SFXP Yearbook by entering our school passcode, 1014006133771584, on **treering.com**.

You can now order recognition ads to congratulate your student directly on **treering.com**. **Read more here!**

Lunch Ordering for March

Lunch ordering for the period of 3/1/2021- 4/2/2021 is now open. To place your order, please log into Family Portal, select Student on the left menubar, and then select Lunch. The deadline to place an order is Monday, February 22nd. Click **here** for instructions.

**** Please order for the entire period.** 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 March. Payment may be made through your FACTS financial account. Please pay promptly.

****Please note that March orders will not be processed until January lunch balances are paid in full.** If you require assistance making a payment please contact Mrs. Keras, Business Manager, at mkeras@jp.dfrcs.org.

This Week

Friday, February 26

Find-Out More Friday, JP II Admissions event, 9:00 A.M. Register [here](#).

Saturday, February 27

High School Placement Test - Make-up date. Please call the admissions office for details.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, March 2

No study hall or aftercare

HSA Meeting, 6:30 P.M. Zoom link [here](#)

Friday, March 5

SFXP Find-Out More Friday, Admission event. Register [here](#).

Grade 8 Epic Evening, 6:30 P.M.

ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

Warm Clothing/Food Drive

In the spirit of continuing to Communicate Christ, our Student Council is hosting a Warm Clothing/Food Drive which begins today. Students are encouraged to donate warm clothing items (especially hats, mittens, gloves, and socks), and we will once again be collecting food pantry items. With each donation, the student will earn a raffle ticket and a chance at winning one of four gift card prizes. Raffle prizes will be drawn in the afternoon of March 5.

Both the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and A Baby Center were so grateful for the amazing amount of donations received.

Campus Ministry

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

Spring Musical Auditions

This year's Spring Musical will be like no other!

Broadway songs and dances with a story by our own talented JPll writing team!

Please attend a brief informational meeting on Monday, February 22, during X1 in the music room. See the posters around school or Mr. Fish for details.

Sing, act, dance...be a part of it!

2021 UnGala, Blue & Gold Days: Celebrating Students & Teachers

JPll Sports Teams and Performing Arts Baskets (auction items) are back by popular demand and will be featured as online auction items during the 2021 UnGala: Blue & Gold Days: Celebrating Students and Teachers.

You will not need to shop or send in a theme-based product. The parent coordinators are asking for only cash donations so one large product may be purchased. Your support is greatly appreciated. Stay tuned for more details.

Guidance Department

Wednesday, March 10, 7:00 P.M. (virtual)

Scheduling and the AP Capstone Program for grades 9, 10, and 11, for students and parents. This evening will include an overview of the scheduling process for each grade as well as information about the AP Program with Ms. Smith and Dr. Ballou.

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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.

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