



WEEKLY news & updates

February 7, 2021

ALL SCHOOL

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.

Naming Branding Survey for Parents

Since 2013, St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School and St. John Paul II High School have been operating as one school, but under separate names and identities. As presented at the State of the School Annual Meeting in January, we now seek your input as we look to strengthen our unified identity.

To guide the process, we've partnered with O'Connor Connective, a strategy and marketing communications consultancy, to gather survey insights and provide recommendations that will inform our decisions. By spending approximately four (4) minutes to answer questions relative to the shared messaging and identity for the school, you will help the success of our school in the community. Your responses will be tabulated and reviewed by O'Connor Connective. You will not be personally identified and your responses will be combined with those of others to develop a report of the survey's findings.

Your insights are greatly appreciated. Please complete the survey by February 10, 2021. Thank you. Click [here](#) to begin the survey.

School Store

The school store is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:00- 3:30 P.M.

Attention 8th Grade Families!

SAVE THE DATE! March 5, 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. "An Epic Evening of Eighth-Grade Excitement!" More details to follow.

Athletics

During the week we come back from February Vacation, we will be having a fun event during our P.E. classes! For just \$1, you can purchase an American Heart Association bracelet. This bracelet will enter you into a class and school-wide competition. The challenge is to see how many laps (running, walking or both) you can do around the High School baseball field during your P.E. class. This is completely optional and all proceeds go to the American Heart Association! The winner of the whole school will get a Bluetooth speaker and charger, courtesy of the HSA!

Skills and drills will continue until 2/13. Please bring water, a basketball, and your mask. We are shutting down our Steps Challenge due to some students not following the student handbook policies. January's school winner was 6th Grader Jamison Ballou!

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.

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.**

Valentine's Day Cards for Nursing Home Residents

Tuesday, February 9, 3-4:00 P.M, Grade eight students are invited to participate in this Christian service opportunity. Space is limited to 15 students. Reach Out Leaders and Mrs. Canzano are organizing this project. Students will work in the JPll art room. A sign-up sheet is in Mr. Wahle's homeroom.

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

Attention Grade 8 Families

Students in Grade 8 must select the portrait that will be used in the yearbook.

Step 1: Go to <https://thestudiobythesea.orderschoolpix.com/>

Step 2: Select 2020 SFXP Fall

Step 3: Enter your student ID number that was provided by Studio by the Sea in the Fall.

Step 4: Enter a valid email address

Step 5: 'Tag' the portrait you would like used.

Please email Ms. McDonough if you have any questions at emcdonough@sfxp.org

Ten Question Tuesdays

Tuesday's topic will be "Ouch!" - things that hurt. As a reminder, the \$10.00 per team entry fee benefits the Saint Vincent de Paul food pantry.

This Week

Monday, February 8

Second Quarter Honors Presentation, 8:30 (Virtual)

Friday, February 12

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

No study hall or aftercare

Looking Ahead

Winter Vacation

ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

A message from Ms. Valentino

Dear students and families; An enormous thank you for your donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and A Baby Center. Our senior theology students will be delivering these gifts early next week and I know they will be so appreciated. There are so many in our local community that are struggling. I am so proud of our amazing students.

Just in case you missed the JPll Spotlight for Catholic Schools Week, take a look [here!](#)

Warm Clothing/Food Drive

In the spirit of continuing to Communicate Christ, our Student Council is hosting a Warm Clothing/Food Drive. Students are encouraged to donate warm clothing items (especially hats, mittens, gloves and socks), and food pantry items. With each donation, the student will earn a raffle ticket and a chance at winning one of four gift card prizes. The collection will take place after vacation from February 22-March 5. Raffle prizes will be drawn in the afternoon of March 5. Winter Break is a great time to clean out the closets and collect items to donate! Special thanks to the Marchand family for sponsoring the prizes.

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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Winter Sports Update

Due to the rising numbers of Covid-19 cases in our areas, all Cape and Islands schools are continuing to adjust and rearrange schedules; please sign up for the JP II Athletics Remind app with the class code @jp2sports or follow us on Twitter for any game changes or major announcements. For all practice updates, please make sure to stay connected with your coaches.

Boys Basketball Remind class code- @jp2hoops.

Girls basketball remind code: @jpiigirlsb

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Feb 10, 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.- Art Rm

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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

Wednesday, February 10

Christian Service opportunity 3-4:00 P.M. details above

Looking Ahead

February 15 - 19 No School

Winter Break!