



# WEEKLY news & updates

February 28, 2021

ALL SCHOOL

SPRING 2021 UN-GALA

MAY 1-8

## BLUE & GOLD DAYS

Celebrating Students & Teachers

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### End of Year Dates

We can now confirm that the final day of classes for the year will be Friday, June 18 for SFXP and JP II students. Additionally, Grade Eight Graduation will take place on Friday, June 11 and JP II Class of 2021 Commencement on Thursday, May 27. Details forthcoming.

### Updated Transportation Guidelines: Good News!

DESE/DPH updated transportation guidelines now allow 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](mailto: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, and students will view it on March 16.

### 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. Please send a copy of your test result to the school.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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

Class Basket donations can be brought into school. There will be boxes in homerooms. Thank you to Kristen Hyde and our parent coordinators for assisting with these efforts.

The themes are as follows:

#### **Grade 8- Candy Extravaganza**

Parent Coordinator, Jennifer Desruisseaux, [jen\\_desruisseaux@comcast.net](mailto:jen_desruisseaux@comcast.net)

#### **Grade 7 - Gift Card Mania**

Parent Coordinator, Danielle Fox, [daniellewhite17@aim.com](mailto:daniellewhite17@aim.com)

#### **Grade 6 - Beach Day**

Parent Coordinator, Dianne Ellis, [ellisfamily02532@gmail.com](mailto:ellisfamily02532@gmail.com)

#### **Grade 5 - Pet Pampering**

Parent Coordinator, Angie Baron, [jakobella@gmail.com](mailto:jakobella@gmail.com)

### **Attention 8th Grade Students!**

DON'T MISS OUT ON AN EPIC EVENING!

March 5, 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. Sign-up [here!](#)

### **Athletics**

SFXP Intramural Basketball will begin on March 8 with the goal of an 8-10 game season. Teams will play on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 PM-4:30 PM. We hope to have at least four teams. It is not too late to sign up! Email Mr. Fazzi ([rfazzi@jp.dfrcs.org](mailto:rfazzi@jp.dfrcs.org)) or Mr. Russell ([crussell@sfxp.org](mailto:crussell@sfxp.org)) with questions or to register.

The P.E. "Laps Challenge" will start on Monday. For those who have signed up, you will be doing the event during your P.E. class. It isn't too late to sign up. \$1 gets you in with all proceeds going to the American Heart Association. The student with the most laps will win a Bluetooth speaker.

### **Participation in JP II Athletics**

Spring: Students in Grades Seven and Eight are eligible to try out for JP II spring sports teams. JP II offers co-ed sailing, baseball, softball, boys and girls tennis, and boys and girls lacrosse. High school spring sports start April 26, except sailing, which will begin in early April.

### **Grade 8 JP II Interest Sessions**

One of the best ways to learn about student life at JP II is to spend a day "shadowing" a current student. However this year, this experience is challenging due to COVID regulations. Therefore, we have created "interest sessions" for eighth-grade students hosted by JP II students to help students become more familiar with JP II. Sessions will take place during X Block. Participation is voluntary.

### **Tuesday, March 2**

Girls Athletics

### **Wednesday, March 3**

Boys Athletics

### **Thursday, March 4**

Clubs & Activities

## **Friday, March 5**

The Arts

### **Social Action Club**

The Social Action Club will be sponsoring two opportunities for Lenten almsgiving starting next week. First, we will once again collect non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. A box will be placed in each homeroom for donations. This food drive will continue until March 30. We will also be sponsoring a fundraiser for the people of Texas. This money will be donated to Catholic Relief Services of Texas. This fundraiser will run from March 8 - March 12. During this week, Social Action Club members will visit each homeroom. We cannot accept change. Thank you in advance for your anticipated generosity.

### **National Junior Honor Society**

The NJHS will begin selling snacks during lunch next week. The snacks cost \$1.00 each. We can't make change due to Covid restrictions, so please bring in dollar bills. The snacks will be sold on days 1, 2, and 4 during lunch. All proceeds will be donated to Habitat for Humanity and St. Jude's Hospital for Children.

### **"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](#) 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!**

### **This Week**

#### **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.

### **Looking Ahead**

#### **Friday, March 12**

Dismissal at 11:24; staff in-service in the afternoon (no study hall or aftercare)

#### **Monday, March 15**

Pi Day Observed

#### **Tuesday, March 16**

Students view "Angst" at 10:00 A.; Panel discussion at 11:00 A.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 Sports Update**

Due to Covid, the MIAA pushed back the spring season to an official start date of Monday, April 26th. The season will run until Mid to late June. As of now, we are still unsure if the MIAA will host postseason tournaments, but if they do not, the Cape and Island league will again host playoffs. We will open up signups for spring sports in the coming weeks and provide information on our spring sports student/parents meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact coach Fazzi.

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

JPII 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. Click [here](#) to donate to the Sports & Performing Arts baskets.

### **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**

Time is running out to order the 2021 yearbook, the last day is March 15. To order, click [here](#). Click [here](#) for the flyer. Our school code is 11460621—email Yearbook Moderator Mrs. Fox at [sfox@jp.dfrcs.org](mailto: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**

#### **Monday, March 1**

3:00 Boys Basketball Banquet at JP II

#### **Tuesday, March 2**

3:00 Boys' Hockey Banquet at JP II

#### **Wednesday, March 3**

3:00 Girls' Basketball Banquet at JP II

### **Looking Ahead**

#### **Wednesday, March 10**

Guidance Workshop, 7:00 P.M. (virtual), Scheduling and the AP Capstone Program

#### **Friday, March 12**

Dismissal at 11:24; staff in-service in the afternoon

#### **Tuesday, March 16**

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