



# WEEKLY news & updates

March 7, 2021

ALL SCHOOL

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## BLUE & GOLD DAYS

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### Early Dismissal

All JP11 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. Please click [here](#) to learn more.

### Naming/Branding Survey #2

Per Mr. Keavy's email on 3/5/2021: Please assist us in finalizing the name structure using St. John Paul II and other elements we are seeking to complete. Please complete this short survey by March 12. [Click for Survey.](#)

### End of the Year Dates

We can now confirm that the final day of classes for the year will be Friday, June 18 for SFXP and JP11 students. Additionally, Grade Eight Graduation will take place on Friday, June 11 and JP11 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 JP11/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).

### 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.

### **School Store**

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

## **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

### **Class Basket Donations**

Donations can be dropped off in the Main Office at SFXP. 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)

### **Home and School Association News**

Click [here](#) to read the minutes from the last meeting.

### **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. Participants should bring extra water and a change of clothes. 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" has begun. For those who have signed up, students will be doing the event during P.E. class. It isn't too late to sign up. \$1 gets students 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.

### **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 changes 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 "Cats and Dogs."

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://treering.com).

You can now order recognition ads to congratulate your student directly on [treering.com](http://treering.com). **Read more here!**

### **This Week**

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

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

**\*Buzzards Bay and Barnstable bus will be picking up at 11:50 A.M.**

#### **Looking Ahead**

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

Pi Day Observed

Parent viewing of "Angst" at 6:00 P.M

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

Students view "Angst" at 10:00 AM; Panel discussion at 11:00 A.M.

#### **Friday, March 19**

Staff In-Service Day- no school for students

## **Campus Ministry**

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

## **Athletics**

With the COVID-19 guidelines changing, the Cape & Islands League has decided to have individual schools determine their own attendance policies, provided they adhere to the current state guidelines. JP II will allow home families (to include extended family) and students to attend volleyball games. Away fans will not be permitted at this time, due to spacing requirements. Students will be required to sign up ahead of time in order to be allowed to attend the volleyball games. Sign-up will be in the main office.

We will welcome any and all home and away fans for our football games. This is possible because games are held outside and social distancing is more easily achieved. These policies are subject to change. Please stay up to date with the resources below:

There are many resources to get your latest JP II Athletics information.

- Athletic Parents please register with **remind.com** app (school code @JP2sports)
- You can follow us on Twitter or Instagram @JP II\_Athletics.

## **JP II Sports Teams and Performing Arts Baskets**

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. These items will be used for the online auction. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please click **here** for more information.

## **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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## **Donnelly's Uniform Company**

Order your school uniform before June 15 and receive 20% off & free alterations. Click **here** for more information.

## **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.

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### **Wednesday, March 10**

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

### **Thursday, March 11**

Accepted Student Night, 6:30 P.M. (virtual)

### **Friday, March 12**

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

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New Student Registration 3:30 - 7:00 P.M

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