# **December 12, 2021**



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 7:00 P.M. JPII AUDITORIUM MASKS REQUIRED







## Parent Satisfaction Survey 2021-2022

Each year, the school solicits your responses to key areas of school life. Take the survey here.

Your feedback will be especially helpful this year as the school is in the midst of its decennial reaccreditation process through the New England Association of Schools & Colleges. Results will be shared with you at the "State of the School" meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 6:30 PM via Zoom. A link will be provided in the Blue & Gold Weekly.

# <u>Virtual Preview Nights, Open House Fridays, and Shadowing!</u>

There are a variety of admission events scheduled this year. A complete list of events can be found here. Please share with friends!

Check out our new digital viewbook here. Hardcopies are available in the Admissions Office. Please call or email Jenn Canzano for more information, 508-862-6336, JCanzano@JPIIHyannis.org.

## **Inclement Weather Options**

In the event of unsafe traveling conditions, JPII will announce one of three school options:

- 1. Full Cancellation: School days fully canceled must be held at the end of the school year.
- 2. SAL Day ("Structured Alternative Learning"): SAL days are

- asynchronous days when teachers post content and assignments to their Google Classrooms. SAL days count toward the school's 180day requirement.
- 3. Remote Learning Day: Remote learning days are synchronous remote sessions where teachers conduct classes remotely. This modality was offered in 2020-2021 and counts as an instructional day.

## **COVID Case Reporting**

Each week, the school will communicate positive cases of COVID-19 amongst students and or staff members, and if transmission was known to be school-related. For the week of 12/5/21 - 12/12/21, seven individuals in the JPII community have reported as positive for COVID-19. No school transmission is known at this time.

Parents of any student that is identified as a close contact related to a positive COVID-19 case will be notified by the school nurse immediately to review the various options that the student may have related to the quarantine period and required testing. Therefore, if you have not been notified that your child is a close contact prior to the release of this weekly summary, then your child is not thought to be a close contact.

Please remember, if you or a family member are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or test positive for COVID-19, please refrain from sending your child(ren) to school.

### **COVID Vaccination Status Request**

To inform the school of your child(ren) 's COVID vaccination status, please complete the following form <a href="here">here</a>.

## **COVID Testing Authorization**

JPII participates in the state's COVID-19 testing program in order to avoid lengthy quarantines for students and staff who have been identified as a close contact of someone in the school and are also asymptomatic. Parents must provide consent to utilize the testing program. Provide your consent online here.

## **Lunch Ordering for January**

Lunch ordering for the period of 1/3/22- 2/4/22 is now open. To place your order, please log into Family Portal, select student on the left menubar, and then select Lunch.

Navigate to the month of December to view the menu for this period. The deadline to place an order is <u>Monday</u>, <u>December 27</u> Click <u>here</u> for instructions.

- \*\* Please order for the entire period (there is no option to order week to week). Additions or changes to an order are not accepted after the deadline.
- \*\* Please see any notes on the ordering menu regarding off-site field trips and retreats
- \*\* You will not be prompted to pay when you place your order. You will be invoiced for your order, through the FACTS system, after 2/4/22. Payment may be made through your FACTS financial account. Please pay promptly. \*\*Helpful Tip: Print out your child's order and tuck it in his or her assignment pad or planner. Log into Family Portal>Student>Lunch>Select Month>Click on "Month View" (ordered items are in blue)>Print

## **School Store**

The school store will be open Monday, December 13 from 3:00–4:30 PM for Christmas Shopping and Wednesday, December 15 from 3:00–3:30 PM. We have something for everyone.



### Financial Assistance for the 2022-2023 School Year

Preparatory Division 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 the application and supporting documentation is March 11, 2022. Please note the following application requirements:

- \*2020 IRS Federal Tax Return including any required schedules.
- \*2021 W-2 forms for both the applicant and co-applicant.
- \*If applicants do not have W-2 income 2021, IRS Federal Tax Returns are requested

(applicants are asked to contact Mrs. Keras if they plan to file a 2021 tax return extension).

Additionally, a limited number of scholarships are provided through the school's Scholarship Fund. To apply to the school's 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@jpiihyannis.org) by April 15, 2022. You are encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible and upload documentation as it becomes available.

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. Keras, Student Accounts Coordinator, at 508-862-6336 or mkeras@jpiihyannis.org for more information. Click here for an informational flyer from FACE (with Spanish and Portuguese translations.)

If you are new to completing the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment, please view this <u>video</u> on what to expect in the application process.

### **Toys for Tots**

The NJHS will be collecting donations for Toys for Tots from 12/13/21 - 12/21/21. A box will be placed in Monsignor Thomson Hall for donations. Please place new unwrapped toys into the box. Thank you!

### **Homeless Memorial Service**

Prep Division students are invited on Thursday, December 21 at 4:30 PM to bring candles to the altar at the ceremony commemorating the homeless who have passed away over the past year and reminding us of those lights

that we have lost. You will be a candle bearer for our community representing the light of Jesus to those who are in need. Please consider taking on this honor on the shortest day of the year - the longest night for the homeless. Candles will be provided. The ceremony is from 5–6:00 PM approximately. The service will be held at the First Baptist Church on Main St. Hyannis. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Scheffler.

### **Athletics**

Boys & Girls Basketball Sign-ups

Prep Division basketball signups start on Tuesday, December 14, during lunchtime in the cafeteria. The season will start on January 3. For any parent that missed the meeting last week, view the presentation here or connect with Coach Fazzi, RFazzi@JPIIHyannis.org, for more information.

## PD Boys Basketball Clinic

Prepare for the Prep Basketball Season with Coach Fazzi and JPII HS Division Team

Monday, December 27 & Tuesday, December 28, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Must sign up by 12/17. Click here to register.

## Lessons and Carols, December 22, 10:00 AM.

Students will enjoy traditional Christmas Lessons and Carols followed by a Christmas party in Monsignor Thomson Hall. Families are welcome.

\*\*The Home and School Association is organizing a festive reception for families and students following Lessons and Carols. They ask that you help them by donating store-bought, bite-sized goodies. Please click here to signup.

## **Yearbook Information**

Preparatory Division yearbooks for the 2021-2022 school year are available for purchase at treering.com. Use the passcode: 1014006133771584.

Please contact yearbook coordinator, Mrs. Elizabeth Harkey, with questions at eharkey@JPIIHyannis.org.

#### **Lunch Volunteers Needed!**

Click here to learn more.

# THIS WEEK

Monday, December 13

**Progress Reports** 

Thursday, December 16

Christmas Tie Day

Friday, December 17

5th Grade/8th Grade Christmas Party following X Block (field trip uniforms)

Christmas Dance, 7:00 P.M.

High School Division Concert for Advent and Christmas, 7:00 PM

# **LOOKING AHEAD**

Monday, December 20

Assembly, 9:00

Tuesday, December 21

Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Wednesday, December 22

Lessons & Carols, 10:00 A.M. (Parents Welcome) 11:24 Dismissal (Preparatory Division Only) "Get Away Day" – No Study Hall or After Care

### Financial Assistance for the 2022-2023 School Year

High School Division families wishing to be considered for school-based financial aid must complete an annual application with FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. The online application is now open. To be considered for the first round of awards starting March 1, 2022, applications must be completed, with all the necessary documentation, by February 15, 2022.

You are encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible and upload documentation as it becomes available.

Please note the following application requirements:

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## **Winter Sports**

All athletes must register for Family ID in order to participate. Please signup here.

# Concert Choir at St. Anthony Church in Falmouth

The Concert Choir has been invited to sing at St. Anthony Church in Falmouth (Now part of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Holy Family Parish) on Sunday, December 12, for the 11:00 AM Mass. Many thanks to Msgr. Avila, for his gracious invitation! All Concert Choir members are required to attend and have made a commitment to this special event.

The High School Chamber Choir has been invited to sing for the St. Joan of Arc Women's Guild luncheon, yet again, on Tuesday, December 14. Click here to view the Performing Arts calendar.

## **High School Performing Arts**

Sunday, December 12: 10 AM Mass at St. Anthony, Falmouth (please arrive at 10 in uniform; Mass is at 11, and they will give us lunch after!) (Regular Sectionals during the week, until:)

Tuesday, December 14: Chamber Choir at Ocean Edge with St. Joan of Arc Woman's Guild Luncheon

Thursday, December 16: 6-9 PM DRESS REHEARSAL WITH ORCHESTRA

Friday, December 17: 6 PM Arrival time in Concert Attire, and 7 PM Concert!

### **Homeless Memorial Service**

JPII Grade 9-12 students are invited to participate in a Homeless prayer service on Thursday, December 21 at 4:30 PM. They will bring candles to the altar at the ceremony commemorating the homeless who have passed away over the past year and reminding us of those lights that we have lost. You will be a candle bearer for our community representing the light of Jesus to those who are in need. Please consider taking on this honor on the shortest day of the year - the longest night for the homeless. Candles will be provided. The ceremony is from 5-6:00 PM approximately, and you can earn service for this opportunity. The service will be held at the First Baptist Church on Main St. Hyannis. See Ms. Valentino to sign up.

### **Guidance Department News**

Sophomore Planning Night is Wednesday, December 15. This event is virtual and begins at 7:00 PM. Parents and students are welcome to attend.

### **Lunch Volunteers Needed**

The drink and snack line during lunch has been open sporadically due to a lack of volunteers. The lunch volunteer commitment is 10:45 AM to 12:45 PM and includes set up, distributing lunch orders, selling drinks and snacks, and clean up. We can accommodate most schedules from once a week to once a month. Completing the CORI process is required. Please consider helping out. For more information, please contact Margaret Keras at mkeras@jpiihyannis.org.

# THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, December 12

11:00 Mass, Concert Choir at St. Anthony Church in Falmouth

#### Wednesday, December 15

Guidance Department: Sophomore Information Night, 7:00 PM

#### Thursday, December 16

High School Div. Street Reach Breakfast

#### Friday, December 17

High School Division Concert for Advent and Christmas, 7:00 PM

# **LOOKING AHEAD**

Thursday, December 23 - 31 Christmas Recess Monday, January 10

Grades 9-11 Make-Up Picture Day













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