

December 19, 2021



St. John  
Paul II School  
**ALL SCHOOL NEWS**



**BLUE & GOLD**  
**ANNUAL FUND**

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TODAY**

### **Parent Satisfaction Survey 2021-2022**

Each year, the school solicits your responses to key areas of school life. Take the survey here: <https://forms.gle/1t8JsykLwboE2A3S9>

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.

### **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 12/12/21 - 12/19/21, three individuals in the JP II 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: <https://forms.gle/LQDLqFBkuZDH6kWN9>

### **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 **Monday, December 27**. Click [here](#) 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 20, and Wednesday, December 22, from 3:00-3:30 PM. Hoodies have arrived!



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**PREPARATORY DIVISION NEWS**

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

The online application for financial assistance for the 2022-2023 school year is open. To be considered for financial assistance through the Foundation to Advance Catholic Education (FACE), you must complete an **annual** application with FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. The deadline for submitting the application and supporting documentation is March 11, 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:

- 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)*

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](mailto: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 video](#) on what to expect in the application process.

### **Additional Scholarship Information**

Additionally, 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](mailto:ckeavy@jpiihyannis.org)) by April 15, 2022.

### **Toys for Tots**

The NJHS will be collecting donations for Toys for Tots until Tuesday, December 21. There is a box 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 Tuesday, December 21 at 4:30 P.M. 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 P.M. approximately. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Scheffler.

### **Athletics**

#### **PD Boys Basketball Clinic - Last call for sign-ups!**

Prepare for the Prep Basketball Season with Coach Fazzi and JP11 HS Division Team

Monday, December 27 & Tuesday, December 28, 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Must sign up today! Click [here](#) to register.

### **World Languages Dept. Baking Contest, Monday, December 20**

Prizes will be awarded in 3 categories:

1. My Family Heritage
2. Traditional Desserts from Hispanophone countries
3. Yule Logs/"Buches de Noël"

Students will bring their entry in the morning of 12/20 to Monsignor Thomson Hall, or parents may deliver them closer to lunchtime.

Desserts will be judged on presentation and taste by a team of three teacher judges. Students may enter as a team, and fun baking utensils will be given out as prizes.

Remaining servings will be sold to students and teachers, and proceeds will be used to support the artisans of the International Center of Bethlehem by purchasing Christmas tree ornaments online for the Toys for Tots

Christmas tree.

If your student hasn't signed up but would still like to, the form is still open on your child's world language Google Classroom.

**Lessons and Carols, Wednesday, December 22, 10:00 A.M.**

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 sign-up.

**Yearbook Information**

Preparatory Division yearbooks for the 2021-2022 school year are available for purchase at [treering.com](http://treering.com). Use the passcode: 1014006133771584. Please contact yearbook coordinator, Mrs. Elizabeth Harkey, with questions at [eharkey@JPIIHyannis.org](mailto:eharkey@JPIIHyannis.org).

**Lunch Volunteers Needed!**

Click [here](#) to learn more.

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday, December 20**

Assembly, 9:00

**Tuesday, December 21**

Ugly Christmas Sweater Day. Students will be in regular uniform but may wear an ugly Christmas sweater instead of the blazer.

**Wednesday, December 22**

Dress Up Day

Lessons & Carols, 10:00 A.M. (Parents Welcome)

**11:24 Dismissal** (Preparatory Division Only)

"Get Away Day" – No Study Hall or After Care

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Monday, January 3**

Classes Resume

**Tuesday, January 4**

No study hall

HSA Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

**Friday, January 14**

Local In-Service Day, 11:24 Dismissal

**Monday, January 17**

No School

Martin Luther King, Jr Day



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**HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION NEWS**

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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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### **Homeless Memorial Service**

JPII Grade 9-12 students are invited to participate in a Homeless prayer service on Tuesday, 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. See Ms. Valentino to sign up.

### **Winter Sports**

Game Schedules

[Click here](#) for updated Lions athletics schedules.

All athletes must register for Family ID to participate. Please sign-up [here](#).

### **Lunch Volunteers Needed**

For more information, please contact Margaret Keras at [mkeras@jpiihyannis.org](mailto:mkeras@jpiihyannis.org).

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Tuesday, December 21**

Christmas dress-down day - wear your red & green or your ugly Christmas sweater!

### **Thursday, December 23 - 31**

Christmas Recess

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### **Monday, January 3**

Classes Resume

### **Friday, January 14**

Local In-Service Day, 11:24 Dismissal

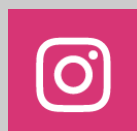
### **Monday, January 17**

No School

Martin Luther King, Jr Day

### **Monday, January 20**

Grades 9-11 Make-Up Picture Day



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