



**St. John
Paul II School**
HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

**New Family
Survival Guide
2022 – 2023**

SUMMER

Summer Reading Assignment

Your child must complete their Summer Reading assignment. He/she should complete the assignment during the summer and be prepared to discuss and be tested on the assignment during the first week of the academic year. Reading assignments include literary and spiritual works. The assignment will be available before the end of the academic year. This information will be available on the school's website under the Parents & Guardians tab.

OFFICE INFORMATION

Guidance Office

Working in collaboration with our faculty and staff and in partnership with you, the Guidance Director serves to enhance the development of your child's academic, physical, and spiritual lives. The Guidance Director provides academic counseling and scheduling assistance as well as guides you and your child through the college search and application process with annual presentations, group workshops and individual meetings. One of the goals of Guidance is to foster an environment of respect for learning and intellectual accomplishment. Your child will be provided with appropriate support and resources to develop habits and skills in the areas of goal setting, integrity and diligence. For any questions, contact Mark Tanguay at mtanguay@jpiihyannis.org.

Health Office

It is required that all incoming Grade Nine and transfer students have a complete physical exam prior to entering high school. The exam must have been completed within the past year. Please provide the school with a copy of this exam as well as a copy of immunization records as required by the Department of Public Health.

If your child has a special health need or concern, you are asked to make an appointment with the school R.N. at a time that is convenient for you during the first week of school. Contact the Main Office to schedule this appointment at 508-862-6336 or email Maura Bresnahan at mbresnahan@jpiihyannis.org.

Business Office

Contact Mrs. Margaret Keras at mkeras@JPIIHyannis.org or 508-862-6336 x249 should you have questions concerning billing or other tuition-related issues.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

'Meet the Faculty' Mini-Class Night

You will have an opportunity to follow your son or daughter's schedule, meet faculty, and learn about class requirements, procedures, and grading policies during this evening. Please bring your child's schedule that night. 'Meet the Faculty' Mini-Class Night is held in late September.

FACTS SIS Family Portal Online Grade Reporting

FACTS SIS is a portal that allows students and parents to view grades. You will receive an email with log-in information in September.

GPA

A student's grade point average (GPA) is generated from semester grades only, not quarter grades. Semester grades are determined as follows: first semester grades = first quarter grades 20%, second-quarter grades 20%, mid-year final exam/project 10%; second semester grades = third quarter grades 20%, fourth-quarter grades 20%, end-of-year final exam/project 10%.

Laptop Requirement

All students are required to have their own laptop, capable of internet access. Macs or PCs are acceptable. All textbooks must be able to be downloaded to this device. If you have a question about compatibility, please call the school office.

Report Cards

Report cards will be emailed mid-November (1st quarter), late January (1st semester), mid-April (3rd quarter), and late June (final report card). Report cards may be held if a student has overdue fees or discipline issues. Interim grade reporting (the halfway point of each quarter) will be communicated via the ParentPlus portal.

Semester Exams

Semester exams begin at 8:10 AM and end at 11:20 AM. Typically there are two exams each day, which are 90 minutes in length. Your child will be dismissed for the day at the conclusion of the second exam.

Textbooks

Families are responsible for purchasing students' textbooks. Please be advised that St. John Paul II School no longer partners with a single online bookseller. Instead, an official school book list for all courses will be provided on the school website and FACTS Family Portal. This document will provide necessary information about any required editions and formats (hardcover, ebook) and hyperlinks and directions to possible vendors, including Pearson and Amazon. This system allows families to comparison shop across many storefronts to find the best price and shipping arrangement.

STUDENT LIFE

Activities:

During the first term of school, students will have an opportunity to learn about student activities and clubs and are encouraged to participate.

Christian Service Opportunities

Students in Grade 9 are required to perform two supervised Christian service experiences led by a JP II staff member. There will also be opportunities throughout the school year. Students in Grade 10 are required to participate in four Christian service experiences led by a JP II staff member. Grade 11 and 12 students will focus on Social Justice and will be advised by their Theology teacher.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up & School Hours

You may drop off your child after 7:00 AM each morning. Parents/guardians must enter campus using Pine Ave., drop-off at the rear entrances, and exit campus using High School Road. **No drop-off or 'waiting' is permitted in the front circle.** Pick-up begins after final dismissal and uses the rear entrances as well. Bus service from Barnstable Public Schools, Cape Cod Regional Transit, and the Plymouth/Sagamore area/ Buzzards Bay Bus is available. Please visit jpuihyannis.org for more information.

Lunch Program

We have an online ordering and payment system that allows families to order lunch on Monday through Thursday. Lunch is provided by Papa Gino's. Also available on Monday through Friday are microwavable lunches, snacks, chips, ice cream, and drinks. Ordering information can be found in the weekly email.

Reach-Out Big Brother/Big Sister Program

Select JPUI students will provide "mentoring" opportunities for your child during the school year. The Reach-Out program begins with Orientation in August and will continue periodically through June. The program's objective is to assist your child in acclimating to high school life and becoming acquainted with JPUI HS customs, traditions, events, policies, and procedures.

Retreats

Your child is required to attend a one-day retreat with their classmates. These retreats are held off-site and focus on becoming the person who God calls them to be. Mass is part of the retreat. Students receive permission forms prior to the retreat from their Theology teacher. The Campus Ministry Department will provide your family with a retreat schedule and description of the program in September.

School Pictures

Pictures will be taken for all students in grades 9 - 11 early in the school year. LifeTouch takes photos. Package prices and order forms will be made available in the main office and by email to each household. Please keep in mind the school policy of being neat and modest for their picture.

Spirit Week

One of the major social events of high school is Spirit Week. There are competitions during lunches and special dress days as well. The homecoming football game will be played that weekend with a dance in the evening. Dress is semi-formal but in keeping with the dress code for student events. Consult the school calendar for the dates, themes, and activities for Spirit Week.

Sports Parent Meeting

All parents/guardians of student-athletes are required to attend a meeting each season (fall, winter, spring) to review expectations, policies, and additional related matters with the athletic director and coaching staff. Dates and times of the meetings will be distributed before each season. If you missed the fall Sports Information Night, please contact Rich Fazzi, Athletic Director (rfazzi@jpuihyannis.org).

Sports Physicals and Medical Information

If your child is participating in an interscholastic sport, they must have a signed physical (within the past thirteen months) on file with the athletic director prior to their first practice. All families are required to sign up on Family ID, our online athletic registration system, which includes the Medical Questionnaire and Concussion information paperwork. Physicals that lapse after practices have begun are no longer valid and must be updated in order to continue playing that season.

Sports Practice Dates

You will be given a pre-school opening practice schedule during the Sports Information Night. Coaches will distribute practice and game schedules for each sport at the end of this meeting.

Sports Practice Schedules

Interscholastic sports are an extension of the school day and are considered co-curricular in nature. Therefore, St. John Paul II School student-athletes are expected to be present at all practices and games. Unexcused absences will result in a one-game suspension for a first offense. Please be mindful that teams do practice and play during school vacations and holidays.

Practice Attire (“Lion Gear”)

JPII Athletics promotes pride in the school and proper attire at all times. As such, student-athletes who are participating in practices, games, weight room activities, or any other related athletic events, will be required to wear JPII gear at all times. Teams will also be required to wear JPII gear when traveling to away contests to maintain a consistent appearance that is acceptable to the school. Any violation of this rule may result in a student-athlete not being able to participate in that day’s events. Lion gear may be purchased at the JPII school store.

Uniforms

Please refer to the dress code policy included with this booklet. Donnelly’s is our ONLY approved uniform supplier, and students are expected to be in uniform on the first day of school.

School Store

Used uniforms, spirit wear, athletic wear, and more may be purchased at the school store. The store hours will be listed in the weekly Sunday email.

COMMUNICATION

Blue & Gold Insider Newsletter (Weekly)

The Blue & Gold Weekly Notification provides you with immediate happenings for the week ahead. **The school must have your most up-to-date email address.**

Parent/Student Handbook

The Parent/Student Handbook details expectations, policies, and procedures. This will be emailed to students and families before the start of the school year.

School Website

The most up-to-date information on our school can be found at www.JPIIHyannis.org. The site includes family access for the school calendar, publications and forms, athletic schedules, and more.

Volunteering

There are numerous opportunities for parents/guardians to volunteer at St. John Paul II School. Parents/guardians must submit to a CORI background check and a signed Code of Conduct to volunteer. Volunteer opportunities will be published in the Blue & Gold Weekly News email.