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ST. JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL
2022-2023 MAGAZINE & GRATITUDE REPORT





Dear Members of the St. John Paul II School Community,

"Sacrifice is the language love speaks." I would like to take credit for these words, but I cannot. Seeking inspiration, or perhaps simply procrastinating in writing this introduction, I began browsing the recent alumni publication from my alma mater. I was struggling to find the words to capture my thoughts about what makes the St. John Paul II community special. This phrase, spoken by a revered religious studies professor, jumped off the page at me. Every day at JPII, we witness the dedication, sacrifice, and love our administrators, teachers, and staff have for our community as they continuously cultivate an environment where our children can recognize their individual gifts, develop their potential, and communicate Christ in word and deed. Every day we receive gifts from our families, alumni, and friends in the form of time, talent, and financial assistance, all expressions of the love we have for the school community and the children.

This issue features just a few examples of the many collaborative efforts driving our school's growth. In addition to the never-ending task our academic leaders face to extend, expand, and enhance our academic programs, our Campus Ministry team, led by Chaplain Fr. Chris Hughes '13, is establishing new programming for students to deepen their faith. Under the leadership of Athletic Director Michael Young '14, we have enjoyed new levels of success for our athletes as well as the addition of new athletic programs. Our volunteers, who supported the implementation of an engineering club at the high school, who joined the newly formed

JPII Partnership Council, and who provide the ongoing support behind the scenes to make concert tours and school performances possible, illustrate how our community continuously supports the school's success. These opportunities in academics, athletics, and the arts are only possible because of the collaborative efforts of those who share the vision of St. John Paul II School.

On behalf of the St. John Paul I School Advisory Board, I thank you for your continued commitment to St. John Paul II School.

Roar Lions!

Elizabeth (Betsy) O'Brien, Esq., P'25

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

St. John Paul II School is a Cape Cod Catholic school that welcomes students and families from diverse faiths and backgrounds who desire a college preparatory, Catholic education.

The school's academic, artistic, athletic, and co-curricular programs cultivate strong relationships and empower students to recognize their gifts, develop their potential, and communicate Christ in word and deed. Emulating their patron St. John Paul II, students pursue truth through faith and reason, preparing them to lead lives of continuous learning, respect, and community leadership.





Fall Fest '23 Alumni Gathering with Mr. Ernie

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# John Milligan 13 Leadership and Advocacy

ong before the adoption of the current mission statement in 2022, John Milligan embodied principles of "continuous learning, respect, and community leadership." As a proud graduate of one of the first classes at St. John Paul II School, John sowed the seeds of growth and change, contributing to the formation of enduring traditions that continue to this day. A trailblazer in his own right, he lobbied, advocated, and inspired others to establish practices that still continue. Notably, John was a key member of the inaugural football team, an experience that instilled in him the importance of motivating others toward a shared cause.

John has consistently sought positive change and growth in every organization he has been a part of. His bold facilitation skills, honed at JPII, transitioned into his college years, where he contributed to the student senate at College of the



Holy Cross. Having graduated from Holy Cross in 2017, John resolved to leverage the seeds of knowledge planted during his time in founding Principal, Mr. Keavy's office where he advocated for meaningful change at JPII into a career in the political realm.

Reflecting on John's time at JPII, Ms. Valentino, Assistant Head of School, Grades 9-12 remarked, "He always led from the front, an excellent student who collaborated with the Student Council and Administration to initiate new endeavors, contributing to the continuous improvement of school culture."

John's commitment to his alma mater extends beyond his graduation. In August 2023, Advancement/ Admissions Director, Mrs Canzano asked him to become involved at JPII once again. This conversation led to the establishment of an Alumni Network for the school. Taking the lead, John has revitalized alumni attendance at annual events such as Fall Fest, the Thanksgiving Football game, and a Christmas Break meeting. His behind-thescenes efforts have played a pivotal role in reinvigorating the alumni community, working closely with the administration to advocate for new traditions at JPII.



Student Council 2012

# Sadie C'Conor'18

uring her days at JPII, Sadie O'Conor could always be found in the auditorium, so it comes as no surprise that she continued pursuing the arts, majoring in English and Music at College of the Holy Cross. Unlike so many people, though, Sadie has refused to let music simply be a passion—for her, it's a profession. Sadie is now a Master's student at the Jacob School of Music, Indiana, where she is pursuing a career in Shakespearean Theater and Opera Performance.

Sadie's first musical at JPII, all the way back in 5th grade, was Into the Woods, and this is just one of dozens of shows she's starred in since.

In addition to playing Cinderella,

has published several papers on literary criticism and participated in antiracist initiatives. For Sadie, music and art "create community and positive change, especially for young people," and she's particularly passionate about arts advocacy.

Midsummer Night's Dream. On the academic side, she

It is this passion that led to her most important project yet. Last year, she founded and led an independent opera company called **Unsung Operas**. The purpose of this organization was to translate, stage, and film several operas written by women, which, because of their creators' identities, had never been performed. This massive project involved applying for (and winning) grants, transcribing and translating 18th and 19th-century texts, and managing a cast of thirty people. It was a massive success. The album and

recordings are now in post-production and should be available soon. Sadie hopes to take this project further and is currently applying for grants that would allow her to perform these operas throughout France!

Sadie has always loved the arts and credits her time at JPII, and Performing Arts Director Deacon Fish, with teaching her how to engage with it professionally. In part, this meant a constantly rotating schedule of choir tours, plays, and concerts which helped her learn to manage her time. More importantly, though, JPII taught her that "all work

> can be a faith-based mission, especially when artistic, especially when it involves people." It is Sadie's faith that drives her to connect people through music, across space and time, for the good of all.

Asked what advice she'd give a current student interested in her field, Sadie said "know why you're doing it, why you love it...Don't tie vour worth as an artist to whether someone likes you.... There is no such thing as being good enough; your being is good enough."



# Christopher Bresnahan 19 FAITH & SCIENCE

uring his time at St. John Paul II School, Chris Bresnahan was recognized for his leadership skills, faith, and dedication to service. He actively served as a retreat leader at school and was highly involved in ECHO (Encountering Christ in Others) of Cape Cod, which played a significant role in his faith formation. Additionally, his experience of participating in JPII's service trip to Ecuador ignited his passion for non-traditional learning experiences and his love for travel.

Chris combined science with spirituality by pursuing a dual degree in Biology and Theology at Providence College. At PC, he published his first theology paper in an academic journal and his first biology paper is currently in peer review.

Chris was the recipient of the Father Smith OP Fellowship. This Fellowship awards students from Providence College the opportunity to travel anywhere in the world to engage in study and/or service. This led him to Manila, Philippines, where he performed biology research with Fr. Nicanor Austriaco on two separate

projects. One project's goal was to create a novel vaccine delivery system using genetically altered yeast to produce a spike protein for a given disease, including COVID-19, Swine Flu, and TB. The other used yeast as a model organism for rice plants that were genetically modified to discern possible resistance to drought, heat and other factors.

As Chris reflects, "St. John Paul II School draws out the part of our nature that is ordained to excellence. Oftentimes, we are tempted to think that we are hindered in this pursuit by our own littleness. On the contrary, it is this very littleness, when guided in humility to the Cross of Jesus where it is taken up to heaven with Him, that is made magnanimous. The words that began St. John Paul II's papacy, "Be Not Afraid," should resound to occupy the place of that temptation. It resounds at JPII, where students are given a vision of the faith, of success, of leadership, passion, learning. This vision is presented in a way that does not cause fear of these things, as if they are out of reach. St. John Paul II presents them as what we are ordained to, because they are what we are made to attain."





#### Paula Daly named Assistant Head of School, Grades 5-8



August 2023, Ms. Paula Daly joined St. John Paul II School as the new Assistant Head of School for grades 5-8. With over 25 years of experience in Catholic education within the Archdiocese of Boston, Ms. Daly brings a wealth of expertise in nurturing young minds. Ms. Daly's dedication to excellence in education is evident from her early years in the classroom to her role as a lead teacher. She's known for her innovative approach, integrating subjects and infusing a writing program into math courses, fostering a holistic learning environment. Ms. Daly finishes her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Boston College this May and looks forward to sunny days on Cape Cod.

#### Michael Young '14, Named Athletic Director



June 2023, JPII alum Mike Young '14 was named Athletic Director at St. John Paul II School.

As a college athlete, Coach Young's journey from JPII to Stonehill College showcased his dedication to

excellence. At Stonehill, he excelled in baseball, earning accolades such as NE10 Rookie Pitcher of the Year and NEIBA All-Star. Post-college, Coach Young remained committed to talent development and teamwork, transitioning seamlessly into coaching and recruitment roles at Stonehill.

Before becoming AD, Coach Young taught math and served as head varsity baseball coach at JPII. Mike will continue as head varsity baseball coach in addition to his role as Athletic Director.

"Coach Young is widely respected for his strong morals and values, aligning perfectly with our school's mission. He's an exemplary role model who's taken on various roles since returning to JPII," said Mona Lisa Valentino, Assistant Head of School, (grades 9-12).

# Student Support Services Expands with Adjustment Counselor, Ms. Alison McLeod



Student support services expanded with the addition of an Adjustment Counselor to the staff. St. John Paul II School welcomed Alison McLeod fall of 2023. The addition of an Adjustment Counselor supports the emotional and social well-being of our students, which has a direct impact on their academic performance. Ms. McLeod works with students by providing a platform for expression, offering coping mechanisms, and connecting students and their families with resources. This staff addition aligns with our commitment to prioritize the comprehensive well-being of every

student in our school community, emphasizing the importance of both academic success and overall personal development.

### Fr. Christopher Hughes '13 Appointed as Chaplain



With immense gratitude and Lion pride, St. John Paul II School is thrilled to announce the appointment of Fr. Christopher Hughes '13 as our school chaplain. Fr. Chris was recently ordained in June and brings a strong sense of spiritual devotion and a deeprooted connection to the school.

He started his journey at St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School, where he was involved in various school activities, such as serving as the editor of The Calliopean, participating in the Social Justice Club and Performing Arts, engaging in campus ministry, and being an altar server. Fr. Chris' extensive involvement during his formative years resonates with current students, and he eagerly fosters connections with alumni. With Mass celebrated twice weekly in the Chapel before school, availability for confession, and spiritual support, Fr. Chris epitomizes the essence of service and faith, embodying the values upheld at St. John Paul II School.

His appointment as chaplain marks a significant milestone in school history. The faculty, staff, and students welcome Fr. Chris back to the community and look forward to his ongoing leadership and spiritual quidance.

#### Mrs. Elizabeth Kelley returns to the classroom

Mrs. Kelley returned to the classroom after serving ten years as the Middle School Principal. To honor her dedicated service, the faculty, students, and staff created a special "Kelley" gallery wall that showcases student artwork and a commemorative plaque. Mrs. Kelley is passionate about teaching and is excited to return to the classroom as the Grade Six Reading and Language Arts teacher.







JPII welcomes new science teacher with alumni ties -Shannon Gilliland (wife of Ryan Gilliland, SFXP '07)



Stephanie Fox SFXP '01 returns to JPII in a new role. Stephanie joins our admin team as our new Business Manager.

#### Special Thanks

to the following individuals who retired at the end of the 2022-2023 academic year and gave so selflessly of their time:

MRS. MAUREEN PHILBIN-CROCKETT • MR. JIM REMILLARD MRS. CHRISTINE ROSCOE • MRS. DEBORAH WARMS



#### St. John Paul II School Celebrates Athletic Achievement

(Fall 2023) The school had a 67-24-8 regular season record.

#### **CAPE & ISLANDS CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS:**

Field Hockey Golf Women's Soccer Women's Volleyball

#### **CAPE & ISLANDS CONFERENCE MVPS:**

Jack Carstensen '24 (Golf) Molly Pulit '24 (Volleyball) Ella Cheney '24 (Women's Soccer) Daniel Cordeiro '24 (Football)

#### **MIAA TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS**

MIAA State Champion Runner-Up: Golf MIAA Elite 8 Appearance: Volleyball MIAA Sweet 16 Appearance: Field Hockey, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer

#### **BOSTON GLOBE ACCOLADES:**

Coach of the Year: Geoff Converse (Golf) Coach of the Year: Haley Kennedy-Cabral (Volleyball) Coach of the Year: Shannon Kennedy-Cabral (Volleyball)

Player of the Year: Jack Carstensen (Golf)



JPII Adds Winter Track to its roster of Athletic Offerings











# CONCERT CHOIR TOURS ITALY AGAIN!

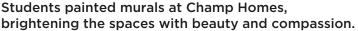


The St. John Paul II School Concert Choir had the pleasure of embarking on their second tour to Italy. The choir, composed of talented students, was thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase their skills in one of the most beautiful countries in the world. Throughout their journey. the students were able to visit and perform in various cities, including The Vatican (at Sunday Mass), Rome and Assisi. "Singing at the Chair of St. Peter at the Vatican, with a Bishop for Confirmation was amazing! Vatican City and the audience with Pope Francis are trip highlights." recounted Deacon Richard Fish, Director of Performing Arts. P '30. '31. The choir and families were able to experience the rich culture and history of Italy, and were able to create unforgettable memories. "It was an incredible experience to see sights such as the Trevi and the Pantheon first hand," said Ella Pires, '25. The trip was a tremendous success, and the choir returned home with a renewed passion for music and performance.

#### **VISUAL ARTS AT ST. JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL**











The commitment to the arts at St. John Paul II School goes beyond the classroom. Visual Arts teachers Mr. Hart and Mrs. Bivona, members of the Cape Cod & Islands Art Educators Association, provide platforms for student talent through events like the "Through Young Eyes - Youth Art Month Exhibit" at the Cape Cod Museum of Art. The program cultivates a culture of artistic exploration, empowering students as confident, critical thinkers.

Guided by the spirit of service and love, students extend their creativity beyond the classroom. From hosting community service projects to fostering partnerships like Champ Homes, our art initiatives reach







Thanks to the invaluable support of Robert B. Our Co. Inc and the tireless efforts of Chris Graham Inc, Joe Sullivan, Ernie and Sharon Christian, Kim Christian, Margaret and Kevin Keras, Dave Badot, Nancy Dias, Pat Van Cott, Jim Remillard, Joe Sullivan, and Phil VanDenBrink, JPII renovated its kitchen and introduced the National School Lunch Program. (NSLP) is a federally assisted meal program operating in nearly 95,000 public and nonprofit private schools and residential childcare institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost, or free lunches to more than 26 million children each school day.





The women of our JPII community were invited to reflect on the role of our own Blessed Mother at First Women's Advent Mass in Our Lady of Fatima Chapel.

The JPII Parent Partnership Council is a new committee designed for parents, guardians, and grandparents who want to become more involved in supporting their school. This council aims to build a sense of community among JPII families while specifically focusing on supporting athletics, the arts, and extracurricular programs. By participating in the JPII Parent Partnership Council, parents and guardians have the opportunity to meet others who share their passion for supporting JPII. This partnership works closely with school leadership to bring ideas to life and make a meaningful impact on the school community.

#### **New Traditions:**

- Community Thanksgiving Mass and Meal
- Spirit Event Calendar
- Family Skate Day
- Women's Advent Mass



JPII has partnered with the Play Like a Champion Today educational series from the University of Notre Dame. Program Director Kristin K. Sheehan, ND '90, '93 M.A. from the University of Notre Dame, provided a workshop for coaches and a presentation for parents. Play Like a Champion Today is a national coach and parent education program designed specifically to elevate the culture of Catholic school-sponsored sports. The program recognizes Sports as a ministry and promotes mission-driven athletics.



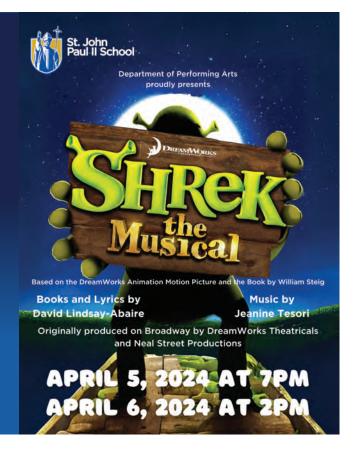
#### NO PLACE FOR HATE

St. John Paul II School is proud to have been designated as a No Place for Hate® School by the Anti-Defamation League. A group of dedicated faculty, staff, and students spearheaded this initiative, which focuses on providing an anti-bias and anti-bullying curriculum to help create

a stronger school community. The No Place for Hate program is a nationwide initiative that is student-led and has been implemented in over 1,800 schools. Its goal is to foster a positive and inclusive school environment where every student feels welcomed and valued.

# PERFORMING ARTS GRADES 5-12

The combining of grades 5 through 12 in Performing Arts with *Clue* in the fall and *Shrek* this spring is an exciting new endeavor that promises to be a spectacular showcase of talent and creativity. With students from different age groups coming together, this collaboration encourages a sense of community and teamwork, fostering a positive learning environment. The choice of Clue and Shrek as the centerpieces of this project is a testament to the versatility and adaptability of the Performing Arts. Audiences have already witnessed a unique blend of mystery, humor, and heartwarming moments, brought to life by these talented performers and crew. This project is a great opportunity for students to learn and grow, all while showcasing their skills, and will continue to be a memorable experience for all involved.





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**Boston University** 

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College Of Charleston

Curry College

Dartmouth College

Dean College

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East Carolina University

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Florida Atlantic University

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Florida Southern College

Florida State University

Fordham University

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The George Washington University

Hawaii Pacific University

High Point University

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Iowa State University

James Madison University

#### **AROUND CAMPUS**

Keene State College

Kent's Hill School

King's College

Lasell University

Lehigh University

Le Moyne College

**Lesley University** 

**Liberty University** 

Louisiana State University

Loyola University: Chicago

Loyola University: Maryland

Maine College Of Art

Maine Maritime Academy

Marist College

Maryland Institute College Of

Art

Massachusetts College Of Art

Massachusetts College Of

Pharmacy And Health Sciences

Massachusetts Maritime Academy

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Pace University

Palm Beach Atlantic University

Penn State University

Plymouth State University

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Quinnipiac University

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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhode Island College

Rochester Institute Of Technology

Roger Williams University

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Columbia

University Of South Florida

University Of Southern Maine

University Of St. Joseph

University Of St. Thomas

University Of Tampa

University Of Tennessee

University Of Vermont

Vassar College

Villanova University

Virginia Tech

Wentworth University

Western University

Westfield State University

Wheaton College

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

**Xavier University** 



# Class Notes and Alumni Updates

#### John Kent '11

has accumulated experience working with various law firms dedicated to representing Veterans in their appeals for VA benefits. In 2021, he successfully passed the VA's accreditation exam, allowing him to formally advocate for Veterans before the VA, further enhancing his ability to support and represent their interests.



#### Elena Valentino Johnson '11

graduated from Bridgewater State University and is currently a preschool teacher at Bright Ideas. She was married in 2022 and currently resides in Massachusetts.



Natanne Nunes '12

is a speech-language pathologist at a pediatric outpatient therapy center in Florida.

#### Nate Lynch '13

Recently completed a deployment aboard the fast combat support ship USNS Supply in support of the USS Harry S Truman carrier strike group, which was operating in the Mediterranean Sea.



Update Your Information



#### Chris Hughes '13

was ordained a priest on June 3rd of 2023, and has been assigned as chaplain to St. John Paul II School!



### Jenna (Cornwall) Mulhearn '13 and Brendan Mulhearn '13

Since graduating from JPII in 2013, Jenna Cornwall went on to marry her high school sweetheart Brendan Mulhearn! They were married in 2021, surrounded by so many life-long friends they made at JPII. This past summer, Brendan and Jenna welcomed their first baby, Henry. Although the little man arrived two months earlier than expected, he is now a healthy and happy 6-month-old. They are excited to have Fr. Chris Hughes '13 baptize him this summer.



#### Addie-Eileen Paige '13

made the decision to leave her corporate job and fully dedicate herself to photography. In her newly established photography business, specializing in landscape and nature photography, she showcases and sells prints of her captivating photos. Eileen's collection spans from the Cape to Washington State and Alaska. Regardless of geographic distance, alumni and supporters can contribute to her artistic journey by acquiring prints that bring the beauty of diverse landscapes to their spaces by visiting her website: https://paigesofpics.com/.



#### Kathleen Mason '14

thoroughly enjoys her position at the Cape Cod Commission, but her heart belongs to weekends spent in the White Mountains. Alongside her partner, Vincent, and their adventurous dog, Clover, Kathleen is on a mission to conquer New Hampshire's 48 4,000-foot peaks. If you share a passion for mountain climbing, feel free to reach out—she's always open to new climbing companions!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAY CONNECTED WITH CLASSMATES?

Consider volunteering as a Class Scribe! To learn more email advancement@JPIIHyannis.org

# Class Notes and Alumni Updates





#### Samantha Carlowicz '17

Sam is currently building satellites by day with The Boeing Company and finishing a Masters thesis by night, in sunny California. She studied at Saint Louis University with a focus in Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering.



#### Meghan Powell Lang '17

married in September 2023 and currently lives in Upstate New York. She works as a pediatric speech-language pathologist at Olive Speech Therapy. Shown is a picture of the JPII alumni at her wedding reception.



#### Thomas Rezendes '18

After JPII, Rezendes went on to study biology at the University of Dallas. He is currently enrolled in the Physician Assistant Studies program at MCPHS University in Worcester.



#### Vanessa Townsend '18

serves as a Fluid Systems Engineer for GDEB, contributing her expertise to the COLUMBIA Class submarine project. In her role, she plays a vital part in the design and management of fluid systems, ensuring the efficiency and functionality of this critical component in submarine engineering.



#### Julia Milczanowski '19

Following a summa cum laude graduation from Fordham University, Julia Milczanowski embarked on her professional journey as a Research Technician at Weill Cornell Medicine. In this role, she delves into the field of cancer immunology, contributing to the advancement of knowledge in this critical area of research.



#### JP Rezendes '20

In his final year in the Business School of the University of Dallas, Rezendes looks forward to graduating in May 2024. In his free time he loves getting together with his buddies from JPII. Shown are alumni, Will Bailey '20, Hank Bailey '20 and himself at a summer Polo Match in Newport.



#### Molly Wood '20

is presently employed as a veterinary technician at Hyannis Animal Hospital. While actively pursuing her academic goals, she aspires to achieve a doctorate in the near future. Juggling a full-time job and work responsibilities, Molly is fortunate to have received a full scholarship from her workplace, facilitating her journey toward obtaining her degree. Additionally, she continues to share a loving relationship with her high school sweetheart, expressing gratitude to JPII for making these life accomplishments possible.



ALL CLASS REUNION AND CLASS OF 2013 SPECIAL CELEBRATION

More details to follow.

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ontributions made by our alumni, parents, grandparents, alumni families, and benefactors are a testament to the strength of our community and lay a strong foundation for the future. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you who contribute. Your unwavering support, whether in the form of time, talent, or financial assistance, drives our school's growth.

Your generous contributions over the past year have been instrumental in creating transformative opportunities for students at St. John Paul II School. From providing essential tuition assistance to enhancing student support services and enrichment programs, your support has played a pivotal role in nurturing the growth and development of our students. Your donations have enabled numerous impactful initiatives, including updating team uniforms, acquiring a fleet of sailboats, hiring an adjustment counselor, establishing a winter track and a men's volleyball team, and implementing the No Place for Hate Program. Your contributions have facilitated our participation in the Play Like A Champion Today educational series and the National Catholic Academic Junior High Decathlon while also providing additional avenues for worship and spiritual growth through Revivals. Finally, we extend our sincere gratitude to our generous donors for funding two St. John Paul II School buses. These buses have played a pivotal role in alleviating student transportation challenges and have remarkably expanded access to a wide range of athletic, educational, spiritual, and extracurricular pursuits for our students.

We are grateful for your dedication and support as we look to the future. Your commitment provides students with the resources, guidance, and encouragement they need to thrive academically, spiritually, and personally. Your ongoing involvement enables St. John Paul II School to continue its mission of shaping future leaders who embody faith, values, learning, respect, and community leadership. Together, we empower our students to recognize their unique gifts, unlock their full potential, and effectively communicate Christ's teachings in both word and deed.

By investing in our school, you invest in the education of our students and the development of future leaders who will shape our communities and society. Together, we are forming compassionate, competent, and confident individuals who will positively influence the world.

In gratitude.

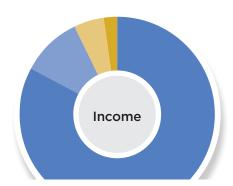
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### 2022-2023 Financial Overview



Tuition	83%
Fundraising	10%
Student Services & Activity	5%
Other	2%



Salaries & Benefits	65%
Financial Aid	12%
Student Experience	8%
Facilities	7%
Administration/Development	5%
Athletics	3%





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Annual gifts immediately impact the most important priorities at St. John Paul II School. When you make a gift each year, you support faith-filled, academic, and co-curricular programs that "cultivate strong relationships and empower students to recognize their gifts, develop their potential, and communicate Christ in word and deed."

### What's the minimum annual gift for membership?

Gifts of \$25 or more each year.



# 2023 Blue & Gold Gala

#### **CELEBRATING IN STYLE**

Decked out in big hats and bow ties, the community gathered for a Kentucky Derby-themed Blue & Gold Gala at the scenic Oyster Harbors Club. The event raised \$50,000 in sponsorships. The live auction, led by auctioneer Justin Manning and wife Lynne, (Jack '18 and Lily '17), was an exciting evening highlight and generated generous proceeds. This achievement highlights the community's dedication to supporting St. John Paul II School and its continuous growth.

#### Winner's Circle

\$10.000 +

Mr. John Redding

#### **Owner's Suite**

\$5,000 +

Kamberi Enterprises

#### Millionaire's Row

\$2,000 +

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Blue & Gold Gala

(shown left to right)
Cathy Castano, Kathy Griffin-Mayo,
Kerry Lawson, and Eleanor Vander Mel

#### **Grandstand**

\$250 +

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Nicole Dos Anjos
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### **Fund-A-Need Donors**

This year's Fund-A-Need efforts were spear-headed by donor John Redding and focused on acquiring a new Micro Bird GM chassis 14-passenger bus for JPII students in grades 5 - 12 and faculty. Additionally, the Diocese of Fall River generously gifted a second bus, updated with support from donors Besart and Diane Kamberi. The Fund-A-Need initiative received a kick-start from donor John Redding with a substantial \$30,000 donation, and further support came from The Robert F. and Maureen T. O'Keefe Family Foundation, contributing \$15,000. These collective efforts have provided transportation solutions and exemplify the community's dedication to providing valuable resources for the benefit of our school.



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# Fall Fest

Parents, friends, administrators, faculty, staff, and alumni of St. John Paul II School gathered for an evening of camaraderie at Naukabout Brewery in Mashpee. The event was a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and catch up with old acquaintances while supporting the school. Fall Fest '22 was a great success, with a record-breaking \$24,000 in sponsorships raised! The funds raised through the Fall Fest, the Blue & Gold Annual Fund, and the Blue & Gold Gala help to bridge the gap between tuition rates and per pupil costs.

#### Over the Moon

Lily Walker, class of 2025 Grace Walker, class of 2027

#### **Harvest Moon**

Cape & Islands Realty Advisors/ The Skelly Family

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#### **Not Your Average** Mum

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Annual gifts, multi-year pledges, event support, and estate provisions are welcome and encouraged with genuine appreciation.

For information on specific charitable opportunities at St. John Paul II School, please contact the Advancement Office at Advancement@JPIIHyannis.org or 508.862.6336.







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