



# WEEKLY news & updates

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January 10, 2021

## ALL SCHOOL

### **Travel Advisory**

Please note the Massachusetts travel advisory now in effect. This advisory requires that individuals (ages 11 and up) who travel/return to Massachusetts from high-risk states must produce a negative COVID-19 test result (administered up to 72-hours prior to your return to Massachusetts) or quarantine for 10 days upon arrival/return to Massachusetts. Currently, all U.S. states except Hawaii are designated as high-risk. Please send a copy of your test result to the school.

### **Flu Vaccine Mandate**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has extended the deadline for flu vaccination through February 28, 2021. Please send such certification of flu vaccination directly to Mrs. Offiler or Mrs. Fox. Should you require a medical exemption, please contact your child's pediatrician to obtain certification. Contact Mr. Keavy directly should you wish to seek a religious exemption.

### **Annual State of the School Meeting - January 20, 2021, 6:30 PM**

Please join us at the 'State of the School' meeting via Zoom this year. We will share information, and perspective on the school's institutional life and vitality. In addition to parent survey data, financial information will be discussed, and strategic goals and efforts outlined.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5583718732?  
pwd=RzhlRoE1QnBGUotEV3ZHdU9ZbzFVUTo9](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5583718732?pwd=RzhlRoE1QnBGUotEV3ZHdU9ZbzFVUTo9)

Meeting ID: 558 371 8732

Passcode: 974441

### **Admissions**

Please continue to share your family's experience with friends and invite them to learn more about our school. Admission events have a different look this year, but they are still happening! Direct friends to our website to register for Find-Out More Virtual Fridays and Virtual Preview Nights or to call or email Admissions Director, Jenn Canzano, [jcanzano@jp.dfrcs.org](mailto:jcanzano@jp.dfrcs.org)/508-862-6336x104.

## **Athletics**

SFXP intramural basketball signups are being done through Google Classroom. Check PE Google Classrooms for the signup sheet. Also, signups will be conducted during lunch. Signups are open to all 5-8th graders. No family members will be allowed in the gym, and students will only be allowed to stay for their games. Mr. Russell will email start dates and individual time slots.

## **“Ten Question Tuesdays” is Back**

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 "Happy New Year!"

## **Lunch Invoices**

Invoices for November and December lunches were emailed, via FACTS, during Christmas Recess and due December 31st. If you have not already done so, please make payment promptly. You may make payment using your FACTS account or send a check to the school office attention Mrs. Keras. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Keras at [mkeras@jp.dfrcs.org](mailto:mkeras@jp.dfrcs.org).

## **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 at <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 2020-2021 Yearbook**

The 2020-2021 Yearbook is available for purchase for grades 5-8. It can be purchased at [treering.com](http://treering.com) using the passcode: 1014006133771584

## **Yearbook Information for Grade 8**

All 8th-grade students are required to inform Sarah Thornington of *Studio by the Sea* of which portrait they would like to choose for the yearbook as soon as possible. This can be done by logging into your photo portal at

<https://thestudiobythesea.orderschoolpix.com/>

All 8th-grade students are required to submit one digital baby/toddler photo to Miss McDonough via Google Classroom.

All 8th-grade students are required to submit their 8th-grade Yearbook Write-Up to Miss McDonough via Google Classroom. More information about Write-Ups is located on the Class of 2021 Google Classroom page.

### **This Week**

#### **Monday, January 11**

Return to In-Person Learning

#### **Tuesday, January 12**

“Ten Question Tuesday” X Block

#### **January 12 - 14 - MAP Testing**

#### **Thursday, January 14, 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

SFXP Middle School Virtual Preview Night, admissions event

### **Looking Ahead**

#### **Monday, January 18**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School

#### **Tuesday, January 19**

MAP Testing Make-Up

#### **Wednesday, January 20**

Language Arts and Reading Mid-Term Exams

Noon Dismissal

#### **Thursday, January 21**

Religion and Science Mid-Term Exams

Noon Dismissal

#### **Friday, January 22**

Math and Social Studies Mid-Term Exams

Noon Dismissal

End of Second Marking Period

## **ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Food Pantry Items Needed**

It is very common these days to hear news daily about food pantries running out of food and money. We would like to challenge all of our students to support an ongoing food drive for the month of January and possibly beyond. There will be a bin outside of campus ministry where you can drop off donations. Our charism at JP II is to Communicate Christ - One way to do that is to serve those less fortunate - Just think how many people we can help if everyone participates.

### **Campus Ministry**

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

### **Winter Sports Update**

Due to the rising numbers of Covid-19 cases in our areas, all Cape and Islands schools are

continuing to adjust and rearrange schedules; please sign up for the JP2 Athletics Remind app with the class code @jp2sports or follow us on Twitter for any game changes or major announcements. For all practice updates, please make sure to stay connected with your coaches.

Boys Basketball Remind class code- @jp2hoops.

### **Spectator Policy**

The Cape & Islands League has determined winter sports spectator policy will be to limit spectators to home fans only. This will be strictly enforced, unlike in the fall. JP2 will allow two spectators for both boys and girls basketball and two spectators for boys hockey. The hockey decision is in line with the state-mandated rules for ice hockey rinks. Virtual swim meets will not allow spectators this year. To ensure we follow all guidelines, we will be issuing spectator passes directly to the student-athletes. Spectators will need to bring the pass to each game they attend and be required to sign in. These passes can be given to others who want to attend the game, but each student-athlete will not be able to exceed the designated spectators per sport policy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Athletic Director Rich Fazzi, rfazzi@jp.dfrcs.org.

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### **Semester Exams**

January 19 will be the start of semester exams. Please view the schedule that is attached. As a reminder, these are half-days. If you do not have an exam during the first period, you may come in for the second exam of the day. If you do not have an exam during the second period, you may leave school for the day. The cafeteria will remain open for any student who wants to remain at school.

Please click here for semester exam schedule.<https://www.sjp2hs.org/newsite2020/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Semester-1-exam-schedule-2020-2021-3.pdf>

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## **Yearbook**

The 2021 yearbook is now available for pre-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.

## **This Week**

**Monday, January 11, 6:30 P.M.**

Grade 9 Town Hall meeting (virtual)

**Tuesday, January 12, 6:30 P.M.**

Grade 10 Town Hall meeting (virtual)

**Wednesday, January 13, 7:00 P.M.**

Guidance Workshop (virtual): Understanding the PSATS

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**January 19 - January 22 -Semester Exams**

**Thursday, January 21, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.**

JPI Virtual Preview Night, admissions event

**Tuesday, January 26, 6:30 PM.**

Grade 11 Town Hall meeting (virtual)