



## *The Week of 23 September*

### **Monday, 24 September** – F Day – Regular Dress Code

- SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE DAY
- 7:00 AM – Mass
- 3:30 PM – Boys and Girls Bowling vs. Atlantic HS at AMF of Boynton

### **Tuesday, 25 September** – A Day – Regular Dress Code

- 7:00 AM – Mass
- 7:45 AM – Parent Prayer

### **Wednesday, 26 September** – B Day – Regular Dress Code

- KAIROS RETREAT (Our Lady of Florida Retreat Center)
- 7:00 AM – Mass
- 3:30 PM – Boys Golf vs. North Broward Prep at Southwinds CC

### **Thursday, 27 September** – C Day – Regular Dress Code

- KAIROS RETREAT (Our Lady of Florida Retreat Center)
- 7:00 AM – Mass
- 7:45 AM – Dad's Club (Room 101)
- 3:30 PM – Boys and Girls Bowling vs. Boca Raton HS at Strikes of Boca

### **Friday, 28 September** – D Day – Regular Dress Code w/optional Spirit Shirt

- KAIROS RETREAT (Our Lady of Florida Retreat Center)
- 7:00 AM – Rosary (Chapel)
- TBA – Boys Golf at South Florida PGA Championship – Boca Grove CC
- 7:00 PM – Football vs. Cardinal Newman

### **Saturday, 29 September**

- TBA – Boys Golf at South Florida PGA Championship – Boca Grove CC
- 7:00 AM – Boys and Girls Cross Country at FIRunners.com Invitational – George Jenkins High School
- 11:00 AM – Boys and Girls Swimming at Catholic State Meet – Lake Highland Prep



## Welcome Dr. Matthew D'Alessandro!

We are pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Matthew D'Alessandro to our Science Department. After completing his Ph.D. in Neuroscience/Biomedical Science at Florida State University, Dr. D'Alessandro served as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Harvard Medical School. He will be teaching Honors Environmental Science, Environmental Science, and Biology as he takes over for Ms. Molly Thistle, who has left Saint John Paul II Academy to pursue another opportunity. Welcome Dr. D'Alessandro!

## School Picture Retake Day

School picture retakes will be held on Monday, September 24. Please contact Mr. Preble with any questions at [lpreble@sjpii.net](mailto:lpreble@sjpii.net).

## College Application Assistance

The College and Counseling Department is excited to share that we will begin hosting "College Application Assistance" **during lunch on Wednesdays in room 403** (Language Lab). This weekly event has been created to help seniors with college applications and answer any college/career questions that they may have! We encourage all to attend!

## FINANCIAL AID NIGHT - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Attention Parents and Seniors! The FAFSA Application window opens October 1st. Be sure and attend our Financial Aid Night on October 3rd from 6:00-7:00PM in the Dining Hall in order to learn more about FAFSA and Bright Futures. We look forward to seeing you there.

## PSAT - Wednesday, October 10th

The College/Counseling Office would like to announce that we will be hosting the PSAT/9 (for 9th Grade Students) and PSAT/NMSQT (for 10th and 11th Grade Students). **SENIORS WILL NOT HAVE SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.**

Who- All Saint John Paul II Academy Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors

Date- Wednesday, October 10th 2018

Location- Homeroom

Time- 7:45 AM -12:00 PM (Early Dismissal\*)



The PSAT is more than just a test; it focuses on the knowledge and skills evidence shows matter most for college and career readiness. The PSAT measures: Critical reading skills, Math problem-solving skills, and Writing skills.

The College/Counseling Office will be meeting with all students and explain the importance of the PSAT, as well as, hand out the College Board-Student Guide so students can be well prepared.

### **National Honor Society - Youth vs Hunger Project**

SJPII will kick start its collect of monetary donations on Monday, September 17th to raise funds for the Youth vs Hunger Project. The Drive will continue until Friday, October 12th. This project is partnered with the Cross Catholic Outreach whose priority is to help “the poorest of the poor.” Their efforts are done to reach those suffering extreme poverty in countries throughout the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Latin America. What a worthy cause for SJPII to sponsor and to be involved in! Anyone interested in learning more about their mission, please follow this [link. https://www.crosscatholic.org/ourwork](https://www.crosscatholic.org/ourwork)

On February the 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 students, family and friends will gather together to pack 70,000 to 80,000 meals to feed these families. Parents and families, please join us in this worthy cause. As an incentive and to offer a challenge, the SJPII homeroom who raises the most money will be rewarded a breakfast from Chick-Fil-A.

*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. -Matthew 5:14-16*

### **Symposium on Opioid Crisis**

All parents are invited to attend a symposium on the opioid crisis to be held at the Mercy Center at St. Joan of Arc Parish on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

### **Attendance Policy Reminders**

In order to ensure the best possible experience for your student here at SJPII, we are reminding our families about our attendance policy and reporting procedures. Feel free to read our exact policy from the [handbook](#) on page 40. Parents are asked to report an absence before 9AM on the day of the absence by calling 561-314-2129 or by submitting an [absentee form](#). The absentee form may be attached as an email, but an email by itself will



not be sufficient for notice of an absence. An absence will be considered excused for student illness or family bereavement. For absences beyond the control of the parent or student, please consult with the Assistant Principal for Student Life to determine if it will be excused.

## School Closing Procedure for Inclement Weather

As hurricane season commences, parents are reminded that if inclement weather necessitates a school closing, Saint John Paul II Academy will follow directives from the Palm Beach County Schools. **If the PBC schools are closed, we will also be closed.** We will also utilize the RenWeb system to send email blasts as soon as the information becomes available.

## Robotics Fundraiser

The SJPII Robotics Club is once again holding its annual fundraiser - [Save Around Coupon Book for 2018-2019!](#) This coupon book offers discounts at a wide variety of restaurants around Palm Beach including Panera Bread, Papa Johns, BurgerFi, Whole Foods, Subway, and a list of around 50 other restaurants. In total, the book contains coupons which add up to a potential savings of almost \$5000.00! Books can be purchased for only \$25.00 by contacting Mr. Stebbins at [astebbins@sjpii.net](mailto:astebbins@sjpii.net). Payments may be made in cash or with a check made out to Saint John Paul II Academy (In the memo line, write Robotics Club). Get yours before they run out and support our wonderful Robotics Program!

## Attention SENIORS (Class of 2019)!

The deadline for Senior portraits is **Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** (*The date was incorrectly published as September 28<sup>th</sup> in last week's bulletin*). Parents should have already received information in the mail and through email, however you can still call Prestige Portraits at 800-749-2796 to set up an appointment. It takes two weeks to process the portraits, so please don't delay! **NOTE: Only official school senior portraits will be included in the yearbook and students must be in compliance with ALL guidelines for acceptable appearance.** For more information, contact Mrs. Cassidy at [ecassidy@sjpii.net](mailto:ecassidy@sjpii.net)

REMINDER: [Diploma forms](#) are now overdue and must be submitted to Mrs. Cassidy ASAP!



KAIROS: The September Kairos is now full! Mr. Ciarletta ([sciarletta@sjpii.net](mailto:sciarletta@sjpii.net)) is now accepting application for the 2nd and 3rd Kairos trips. Please get applications and checks early!

2nd- December 4th- 7th

3rd- February 12th-15<sup>th</sup>

## **Lasallian Spirit Award**

***Congratulations to Allie Johnson, Class of 2019 and Ms. Candace Campos, Director of Counseling, who received the Lasallian Spirit Award for August 2018!***

Each month of the school year, we will honor a member of the Saint John Paul II Academy Faculty and Staff and a current student for their commitment to living out one or more of the [Five Lasallian Goals of Education](#). Please click [HERE](#) if you'd like to learn more about our shared Lasallian heritage! To nominate a member of our community, please send an email to Mr. Bernot at [ebernot@sjpii.net](mailto:ebernot@sjpii.net). Please include the name of the student or faculty/staff member, the specific goal(s) that he/she has demonstrated (above), and if possible, a brief narrative describing how that person's actions are a living example of Lasallian Spirit. Nominations for each month will be accepted anytime until the last Friday of the month. Thank you for your assistance in recognizing the great work that our students, faculty, and staff do each and every day.

## **Upcoming College Visits**

The Saint John Paul II Academy Counseling Department is pleased to welcome the following colleges and universities who will have a representative visiting our campus in the coming weeks. Students who wish to participate should see Mrs. Cassidy the morning of the visit to sign up and will receive a pass.

October 1 @ 11:30 - Nova Southeastern University \*

October 2 @8:30 - University of Miami

October 10 @11:30 - Villanova University \*

October 11 @ 11:30 - Stonehill College \*



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October 12 @11:30 - College of the Holy Cross \*

October 17 @ 11:30 - Bryant University \*

October 17 @ 11:30 - Queens University of Charlotte \*

\*These presentations are hosted during lunch period in the Dining Hall

### **Sporting Clay Classic – REGISTER NOW!**

Registration is now open for Saint John Paul II Academy's 2nd Annual Sporting Clay Classic. Join the Dads Club for this fun filled beginner friendly clay shoot tournament at Quail Creek Plantation, Okeechobee. Click for more information & online registration: [SCC](#). Our two day event packages that include Cabins & Clinics are selling fast - only 5 left...register now.

### **Dad's Club**

The SJPII Dad's Club will meet each Thursday at 7:45 AM in room 101. All dads are welcome and encouraged to attend! We hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact:

- John Mollica - [jmollicajr@aol.com](mailto:jmollicajr@aol.com) Cell (561) 866-4916
- Hugo Nunez - [hugo.nunez.hn@gmail.com](mailto:hugo.nunez.hn@gmail.com) Cell 561-901-2147

### **Development News**

#### **Kendra Scott Gives Back SJPII Night**

Enjoy Sips, Sweets, and Jewels while supporting SJPII on **Wednesday Sept. 19th** 5:30-8:30pm. Click for flyer & details: [SJPII Kendra](#)

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