



# SFXP CURRENTS

JANUARY 2019



## **Catholic Schools Week - January 27 - February 2**

SFXP joins Catholic Schools nationwide in the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The week begins January 27 and runs all week through February 2. The theme is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.”

Student Council plans the week-long celebration with activities including Teacher Appreciation Day, Student Appreciation Day, Sundaes on Monday, and so much more! Details will be communicated to the students and provided to parents via the SFXP Weekly News email on Sunday evenings.

## **Drama Club Performance**

Rehearsals are well underway for the upcoming winter musical, *Seussical Jr.*

Students have been working diligently with director and math teacher, Mrs. Anthony, and musical director, Ms. Ugucioni.

Students will be treated to a performance during the school day on Thursday, January 31, at 10:00 A.M. On Friday, February 1, there will be an evening performance at 7:00 P.M. and a matinee on February 2, at 2:00 P.M. All are invited to attend.

## **SFXP Open House Fridays**

**January 18, 9:00 - 10:30 A.M.**

All families with children in grades four through seven are invited to join middle school principal, Elizabeth Kelley, on Friday, January 18 for an Open House, 9:00 - 10:30 A.M. Attendees will have an opportunity to receive a tour from a current student while classes are in session, followed by a presentation with a time for questions and answers.

SFXP parents, students, alumni, and parents of alumni are wonderful examples and spokespeople for our school. Please continue to share your family’s experience with friends and invite them to attend an Open House and shadow a current student.

## **JPII Open House Fridays**

**January 25, 9:00 - 10:30 A.M.**

Following a similar format, attendees will tour the campus with a current student while classes are in session. This will be followed by a presentation and with a time for question and answers.

## **St. John Paul II High School Preview Night Wednesday, January 30, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.**

Join JPII administrators, guidance counselor, athletic director, and JPII parents and students to learn about the benefits of a St. John Paul II High School education. This relaxed, conversational presentation features: Academic Program, Athletic Program, College Counseling, Co-Curricular offerings, Financial Aid Information, Performing and Visual Arts, Spiritual Life, and Student Life.

There will be an opportunity for questions and answers as well as individual conversations and tours. Registration is not required. Please call the admissions office with any questions, 508-862-6336 ext. 104 or email [jcanzano@jp.dfrcs.org](mailto:jcanzano@jp.dfrcs.org).

## **Annual Spring Auction**

**SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, April 6**

Once again the event will be held at the beautiful Oyster Harbors Club in Osterville and feature professional auctioneer, Justin Manning (Lily, SFXP ‘17 and Jack, SFXP ‘14, JPII ‘18). Chairs of the event are Kristen Hyde (Brian SFXP ‘15, JPII ‘19, Brendan SFXP ‘16, JPII ‘20, Kylie SFXP ‘17, JPII ‘21, Michael SFXP ‘19 and Jack, SFXP ‘20) and Katie McConnell (Will and Hank, SFXP ‘16, JPII ‘20)

Stay tuned for the first installment of the Auctioneer!!, which will be included in the white envelope. During the next few weeks, you will receive “teasers” about this year’s auction, as well as sponsorship and donation information. Look for the Auction page on the school’s website under the “support” tab. This event has been known to sell-out, so get your tickets early!

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### *Christmas Gifts*

Thank you for your kindness at Christmas. To the many students and parents who sent gifts and items to staff members, we would like to express a most sincere “thank you.” Try as we might to avoid it, we always seem to have one or two items that go without an identifiable source of giving. We apologize for any unacknowledged gifts, but we do wish for you to know how grateful we all are.

### *Financial Assistance for the 2019 – 2020 Academic Year*

SFXP families seeking 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 applications are now open online at [online.factsmgt.com/aid](http://online.factsmgt.com/aid). The deadline for submitting 2017 tax documents and 2018 W-2s is February 15th. Tax returns for 2018 must be submitted by March 15th. Please contact Mrs. Sandra Eager, Student Accounts Coordinator, at 508-771-7200 or [seager@sfxp.org](mailto:seager@sfxp.org) for more information.

### *Financial Obligations*

A reminder that all financial obligations to the school (including tuition, music lessons, aftercare, etc.) must be up to date prior to mid-term exams and/or release of second-quarter report cards. If you have any questions regarding balances due please contact Mrs. Sandra Eager at (508)-771-7200 or [seager@sfxp.org](mailto:seager@sfxp.org).

### **Midterm Exam Schedule**

Midterm exams will be held January 9 - 12. Please note that these days will be half days with noontime dismissal. There will be NO STUDY HALL, AFTERCARE OR BUSES (RTA or Barnstable).

**Wednesday, January 9**

Language Arts and Reading

**Thursday, January 10**

Religion and Science

**Friday, January 11**

Math and Social Studies

### *2019-2020 Admissions Application Process*

Families seeking admission to St. Francis Xavier Preparatory school for their son/daughter may request an application packet by contacting Admissions Director, Jenn Canzano, at (508)-862-6336 or [jcanzano@sfxp.org](mailto:jcanzano@sfxp.org) or apply online at [www.sfxp.org](http://www.sfxp.org).

Admission to St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School is competitive. Students must be at or above grade level to meet with success.

The application process involves three essential steps:

First, we must receive a copy of your child’s current school record, including previous report cards, the most recent report card from the current academic year, and any standardized testing (e.g. Iowa, Stanford, MCAS, PARC, etc.)

Second, we must receive the fully completed application form.

Finally, when those items are received, you will be contacted to arrange a personal interview. Applications must be completed by February 1 to be included in the first round of decisions.

### *Important Barnstable Bus Notice*

There will be no afternoon buses January 15 - January 18

### *Inclement weather “SNOW DAY” announcements*

The school uses an automated system which provides for all parents to receive telephone calls in the case of a weather or other emergency, school cancellation during the day, or other general information. Each student must know what to do and where to go should school be dismissed early due to an emergency or weather-related situation.

Since our student population encompasses many towns, parents are always free to use their own good judgment in determining whether travel conditions are safe for the trip to school. If school is canceled in your town, parents may wish to follow their town’s pattern by not sending their child to school. The school respects such parental discretion.

# HSA

Happy New Year! We hope that your Christmas was filled with joy!

December was a busy month for SFXP families and we wanted to thank all the volunteers who gave freely of their time and generous donations of food and drinks helping make the class parties and Lessons and Carols fun-filled!

We hope you can join us at the January HSA Meeting, January 8 at 7:00 P.M. in the art room. We'll be organizing Catholic Schools Week activities and welcome your input and help! Also on the agenda is planning ahead for 2019-20 HSA elections. If becoming more involved in our SFXP community is on your list of New Year's resolutions, come join the fun! We will have a Monday pre-meeting coffee social at 7:45 A.M. at the Daily Paper on Main Street (the location closest to our school).

Mark your calendar for the Second Quarter Honors Breakfast, January 25 at 8:30 A.M. Catholic Schools Week begins on January 27. SFXP celebrates students, their families, teachers, staff and administration throughout the week. This is an annual celebration observed by all Catholic schools in the USA. Details on daily events will be shared through the Sunday Email.

Sunday, 1/27: Attend your Catholic parish Mass with students in full SFXP uniform

Monday, 1/28: Catholic Schools Week Mass followed by Ice Cream Sundaes

Wednesday, 1/30: Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Friday, 1/31: Student Appreciation Day

Yours in Faith,

Angela Baron and Anke Rudy, Co-Presidents

Kristin Komar, Secretary

Brienne Snyder, Treasurer

Jeanne Botsivales and Tricia Choi, Co-Volunteer Coordinators



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**Callie Choi**  
Student of the Week  
November 26- November 30

Callie Choi displays a maturity beyond her years. Being a natural leader, she frequently provides extra math help to junior students and demonstrates genuine concern for the younger students' progress. Her outstanding organizational skills and recognized excellent math abilities help her in this regard.

Callie's teachers report that she is a consistent performer in class giving her best effort to each assignment each day. She is a hard worker who brings thoughtful contributions to class discussions. She is cheerful, helpful, and an excellent art student. More important than her academic achievements is her outlook on life. Callie has a way of seeing the bright side of every situation and finds the positive aspects in all circumstances. In her interactions with peers, she is kind and gentle, always showing respect, even when disagreeing on a topic. Callie is a leader with academic aptitude, who is kind and well regarded, who loves to be with people, and who has a positive spirit.



**Vinnie Castano**  
Student of the Week  
December 3 - December 7

Vinnie Castano was described by his teachers as one of the kindest and most respectful students in his class. He is an outstanding example of a successful SFXP student, and he serves as a role model for all. He possesses appropriate self-confidence, wears the uniform well, looks adults in the eye, and possesses a maturity that is beyond his years. Most importantly, he always demonstrates respect for his teachers and his classmates.

As a student, he is bright and industrious. Vinnie works hard. He takes advantage of extra help and extra credit opportunities and is engaged during class. While successful in all of his classes, he stood out especially in Spanish class this week. He turned in an excellent Spanish clothing project; it was very creative and unique. Also, this week in art class, he brought in an excellent Face Art piece, and his recent Art Appreciation assignment was very well done and thoughtful.

His kindness, his respect for all, his seriousness of purpose, and his diligence are just a few reasons that he was awarded Student of the Week.



# JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

Math & Social Studies  
midterm exams  
12:00 dismissal

Religion & Science  
midterm exams  
12:00 dismissal

No Barnstable or RTA  
buses after school.  
SFXP Open House  
Friday, 9:00 - 10:30 A.M.

Second Quarter Student  
of the Week Luncheon

Second Quarter  
Honors Breakfast

JPII Open House  
Friday,  
9:00 - 10:30 A.M.

Classes Resume

Language Arts &  
Reading  
midterm exams  
12:00 dismissal

No Barnstable or RTA  
buses after school.

State of the School  
Address, 6:00 P.M.,  
JPII Auditorium

Report Cards go  
home

Teacher Appreciation  
Day  
JPII High School  
Preview Night, 6:00  
P.M. JPII library

No afternoon study  
hall, Home and  
School Association  
meeting, 7:00 P.M.,  
in the art room

No Barnstable or RTA  
buses after school.

Cultural Enrichment  
Program - African  
Drummers, 1:00 P.M.

No school,  
Martin Luther  
King, Jr. Day

Catholic Schools  
Week Mass, St.  
Francis Xavier  
Church, 10:00 A.M.  
Sundaes on Monday

Catholic Schools  
Week begins.  
Students are asked to  
wear their uniforms  
to Mass.

Seussical Jr., 2:00 P.M.

Seussical Jr., 7:00 P.M.  
JPII auditorium

Seussical Jr., 10:00 A.M.