

Eagle News

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“Hope in God never disappoints.” Quote by Pope Leo XIV taken from Romans 5:5

Upcoming Activities

Boys Basketball:

2/9- @ St. Patricks vs. Old Main Stream Academy 4 p.m.

Girls Basketball:

2/12- HOME vs. TBD 4 p.m.

We have exciting news to share! The school has launched a new school branded APP!!

Just go to Apple's App Store or the Google Play Store and search for St. John Paul II Catholic School NC.

<https://a3a.me/stjohnpauliicatholicschool-0> . If you are prompted to pay a \$4.99 subscription fee you downloaded the wrong app.

Be sure to allow notifications the first time you open the app – we'll use that feature in the future for quick messages!

Cognia Survey:

Middle School: Three words that best describe our school: “polite”, “safe”, “welcoming”

Elementary School: 100% say that “lessons are provided where I learn about different places and people”

Families: 97% say that adults on campus “think about children's safety when making decisions.”

Important Dates

- ❑ **February 11-** 8th grade Spring Pictures for yearbook
- ❑ **February 10-** Spring Sports Parents Meeting 6pm (Activity Center)
- ❑ **February 13-** Gala Celebration
- ❑ **February 13-** Noon dismissal
- ❑ **February 18-** Ash Wednesday
- ❑ **February 18-** Spring sports training begins
- ❑ **Feb. 20, 27; March 6, 13, 27:** Lenten Fish Fry (Activity Center)
- ❑ **June 15-** Summer Camp begins! Registration is attached.

Applications are open for the 2026-2027 school year! The priority application period for **new students runs from Feb.2 through March 2.**

Parents must **renew their students' Opportunity Scholarship** each year to receive priority over new applicants and continue to receive scholarship funds next year. Families who used scholarship funds in the fall to log into MyPortal and respond to their offer by April 15, if you haven't done so already.

Shoutouts & Gratitude

A heartfelt thank you to all who help make our weekly Masses and school celebrations so meaningful:

- **Our Music Ministry** includes our choir, Ms. Susan (our organist), and Mrs. Walker (our Choir Director). Your beautiful music lifts our hearts and helps us praise God each week.
- **Our Tech Team** for faithfully ensuring our sound system runs smoothly so we can clearly hear the Word of God at Mass and during school presentations.
- **Our clergy**, including our priests, deacon, and seminarian, who assist with the liturgy each week. We are truly blessed to celebrate Mass weekly as a school community.
 - With sincere gratitude for each of you and the gifts you share in service to God and our school family. ❤️

Dear SJPII Families,

This week, our school community was blessed to celebrate Mass with Fr. Kane, Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish. In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, students and staff received the Blessing of Throats at the beginning of Mass. Fr. Kane opened his homily by asking, “Who has responsibility for something?” Students eagerly shared examples such as making their beds, caring for pets, and serving as Mass buddies. He then reflected on the story of King David, who disobeyed God, sought forgiveness, and was forgiven, sometimes with consequences. Fr. Kane reminded us that while our choices may carry consequences, God's love is always greater and encouraged us to focus on that love rather than the consequences.

Our annual gala, *Faith in Our Future: A Sweetheart Soirée*, will be held on Friday, February 13, from 6:00–10:00 p.m. at The Fair Barn. This event is officially sold out, and we are deeply grateful for the incredible support of our school community. Even if you are unable to attend in person, everyone is invited to participate in our silent auction, which goes live on February 10 at 7:00 a.m. Be sure to log on and bid on an exciting selection of items while supporting our school's mission.

The **SJPII Catholic School Fish Fry** returns this Lenten season. Please join us on the Fridays of Lent for a delicious meal and meaningful fellowship with our school community. Menu details and dates can be found on the attached flyer.

Next week, we will begin processing more than **50 new applications** for the 2026–2027 school year. Re-enrollment secures your child's place at St. John Paul II Catholic School, where our mission is to prepare the hearts and minds of students for spiritual growth, academic excellence, personal responsibility, and service to others, in accordance with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Happy weekend!

Pax vobiscum,

Marian V. Kajfez

Principal