

Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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President's Office

Today, I have the good fortune to attend the 2023 Mini Max High School Awards presented by the Maxwell Football Club. PJP senior, Brent Mitola, was one of the one hundred fifty-five players from Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey selected as an award recipient. The recipients were selected based on criteria that include: football performance, academics, and community service. Brent joins his brother, Justin, who is also a past recipient. Other PJP alumni who have received this award include; Kirk Cherneskie, DJ Clark, Matt DeLaurentis, Jacob Gribb and Nick Yerger. Congratulations Brent and the Mitola family.

Academic Affairs

Welcome to Advanced Placement Information Week



PJP was named to the Advanced Placement® Program (AP®) School Honor Roll, earning the Silver distinction this fall. The AP® School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness.

As we have entered into the 2nd semester, we are now busy planning for next year and in the classrooms this week, your student will be learning about what opportunities there are for AP coursework that they may be interested in. Teachers will share with students what AP classes are available within their departments, and what entrance requirements are for students interested in enrolling in these rigorous courses to help them make wise decisions as we prepare to enter the course selection process for next year.

Panthers' Learning Center

Welcome to Quarter 3! Ohhh we're halfway there...ohhh! Livin' on a prayer! The beginning of a new quarter is an opportunity for students and families to reflect on the year so far and make adjustments as needed. As we begin Quarter 3, we encourage students to:

-Think about what went well in the previous quarters and what needs to be adjusted.

-Revisit organizational and note-taking strategies and consider adopting new ones. Cornell-style notes and outlines are great ways to review content and arrange materials in meaningful ways.

-Take time each day to recall what was learned, even if it is one big takeaway from each class. This can be done with a friend or family member, and it can be a great conversation starter.

-Focus on submitting all assignments each day or communicating with teachers through email if extra time or clarification is needed.

Have a great third quarter.



Student Affairs

Winter Dance

The Winter Dance is right around the corner. The theme of this year's dance is "SnowCo 2024." There will be a "Snowcoming" King and Queen, Games, themed snacks and drinks, and more!

A few guest tickets are still available in the Student Affairs Office.

Students have been emailed a permission slip and registration link. Both are due on Wednesday, February 7.

Student Services

Technology Safety Presentation Rescheduled: Monday, February 5th

On Monday, there will be an Assembly A schedule for the students, and a Zoom parent meeting at 6:00 pm detailing technology safety. **If parents have questions to discuss during the Zoom presentation please submit them <u>here</u> by noon Monday, February 5, 2024.**

Click here for additional details.

Sophomore Minding Your Mind Presentation: Wednesday, February 7th

On Wednesday, the PJP sophomore students will attend a mental health/stress and anxiety assembly presented by Kelly from Minding Your Mind. The Minding Your Mind Speaker Program is conducted at middle schools and high schools throughout the greater Philadelphia region and beyond.

Click here for additional details.

Tuition Office

Financial Aid

With the start of the new year, we are in the process of awarding financial aid. In order to be considered for financial aid, the application and all additional documents must be completed and uploaded into the FACTS management system. If you have not yet completed the application, please do so ASAP.

Additional Fees

You may have noticed additional fees on your FACTS accounts. Below is a list of the fees that went out:

- AP Testing
- Kairos (for students who attended in January)
- Registration Fee for the 2024-2025 school year (due in March)
- Graduation Fee for the class of 2024 (due in April)

Also, just a friendly reminder that all balances must be paid.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Yvette Carr at ycarr@pjphs.org.

Thank you!

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Development Office



Secure Your Seats for Savor the Flavor – Tickets Available Now!

We are thrilled to announce that tickets for the much-anticipated "Savor the Flavor" event are now available! You have the opportunity to show your support by either purchasing a table for 8 or securing individual tickets.

Opting for a table not only guarantees preferred seating but also ensures your table will be recognized at the event. Don't miss out on the chance to elevate your experience at Savor the Flavor. Secure your seats today and be a part of an unforgettable evening! <u>Click here to purchase a table or tickets.</u>

Other ways to support include:

- 1. Check out our Amazon Wish List and make a difference! Simply select an item to donate, add it to your cart, complete the checkout process, and have it shipped directly to PJP. Your generosity will make a lasting impact. https://www.amazon.com/.../36HO0.../ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1_1
- 2. Do you have tickets to a game, event, or concert? Or perhaps you can donate the use of a vacation home or offer a valuable business service? Your contributions to our auction are greatly appreciated! Fill out the donation form to share your generosity with us. https://forms.gle/GoCfnGAho2Vdr4208
- 3. Become a proud sponsor of our event! Whether you're an individual, part of a group, or represent a business, your sponsorship plays a crucial role in the success of "Savor the Flavor." We deeply value your support and would be honored to have you on board. https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/donor-form?svcid=renxt...

List of restaurants attending: Aquilante's, Gennaros II, Zachary's BBQ, Keepin it Simple Catering, Rice House

Prizes to keep an eye out for: Private wine tasting and food pairing with a Sommelier, a senior portrait session, a golf swing analysis class, and a Cheesesteaks & Churches tour!

To learn more about "Savor the Flavor," feel free to reach out to Sarah Bauer at sarah.bauer@pjphs.org or call 484-975-6500 ext. 3001. Sarah will be more than happy to assist you!

Thank you for your unwavering support of PJP. Together, let's make April 20th a memorable and magical evening over the rainbow!

Athletics

Uniform Return

All Winter sport athletes who are done competing should return their uniforms on Thursday 2/23. All uniforms should be returned to Tracey or Kyle in the Athletic Office. The office will be open from 7:30am-7:50am and then after school from 2:30pm-3:15pm. Student athletes are responsible for returning everything that was issued to them. Please DO NOT leave bags at the door to the office or in the office without confirming return with Tracey or Kyle. Failure to do so could result in your student athletes being charged for failure to return their uniform.

Senior Days

We officially celebrated our last Senior Day on Friday. Congratulations to all of our Winter Senior athletes. -Ice Hockey: Vincent Silli

-Girls Basketball: Elena Collilouri and Katie Nilles

-Boys Basketball: Kevin Bustynowicz, Dom Demito, Chase Mondillo and Celab Zavertnik -Wrestling: Owen Claffey, Sean Fallon, Riley Lumpkin, Brady Pires and Antonino Ponzek -Swim: Kevin Bleam, Sarah Boyce, Patricia Delaney, Nate DeMedio, Michael Fiore, Aidan Maiale, Tori Sills, and Maria Souder

Spring Sports

Spring Sports begin on Monday, March 4th. If you have a child who is interested in playing a Fall sport please make sure you are contacting the coach of that sport to get on their distribution list. Below are the names and contact emails for our Spring coaches.

Baseball: Charles Deluzio-<u>Baseball@pjphs.org</u> Softball: Steve Faella-<u>Softball@pjphs.org</u> Boys Lacrosse: Matt Bildstein: <u>Boyslacrosse@piphs.org</u> Girls Lacrosse: Erik Fritzinger: <u>girlslacrosse@piphs.org</u> Track and Field: Lisa Cagliola: <u>Trackandfield@piphs.org</u> Boys Tennis: Sue McDonough: <u>Boystennis@piphs.org</u> Girls Flag Football: Lauren Hughes: <u>lhughes@piphs.org</u>

PIAA Paperwork Reminder

Please do not wait until the last minute to try and submit the required PIAA paperwork. All paperwork must be uploaded to Student Central on BigTeams. No paper will be accepted in the athletic office. If this will be your student's first sport of the school year you will need to upload the completed packet with a physical dated June 1st, 2023 or after. If this is your student's second or third sport of the school year you will only need to complete section 7 on BigTeams. To make an account for you and your student, and upload your paperwork follow this link: <u>https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/?</u> keyword=%2Fuser%2Fsignin&schoolID=0.

Bag Bingo

Are you practicing your best Bingo yell?? Don't forget to join us on February 23rd for Bag Bingo. This BYO food and drink event is a night of fun that supports solely the athletic department. Individual tickets are \$30, or reserve a table (10 people) for \$275. This year money will go towards branded signage at our venues and replacing track equipment (hurdles and weather covers). To purchase a ticket follow this link: <u>https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=bdce23</u>

Concession Sign Ups

Please consider volunteering for an open spot to run the concession stand. The PJPAC, which oversees the concession stand, is in need of volunteers to help man the stand during JV and V basketball games. The money raised from concessions goes to purchasing Senior Banners and Senior flowers for Senior Days. Students in need of service hours can also sign up to volunteer. Sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AADA62AA7FF2-46584240-202324#/

Guidance Office

College Fair at PJP-March 5th, 6-8 PM, in the Main Gym

Join us for the annual College Fair at PJP on Tuesday, March 5th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, in the Main Gym. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required. So, bring a friend!

The College Fair is a great opportunity to begin your college search or refine your college list! For a list of schools attending the fair, please scan the QR code below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Bell, College and Career Coordinator, at dbell@pjphs.org, or your child's school counselor.

Scan for a list of participating colleges and programs.



College Standardized Test Registrations-SATs and ACTs National Test Days for Remainder of the Year

SAT Test Date (2023-24 School Year)	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late Registration
March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024	February 27, 2024
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 17, 2024	May 21, 2024

ACT Test Date (2023-24 School Year)	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late Registration
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024

To Register:

SAT Registration - <u>https://mysat.collegeboard.org</u> ACT Registration - <u>www.act.org</u>

SENIORS: College Acceptances and Scholarship & Grant Awards Please Submit to the Guidance Office

As seniors begin to receive college acceptances and scholarships & grant awards, please have your senior submit this good news to the Guidance Office! They can either make a copy of the acceptances or financial awards and drop it off to Mrs. Bell, Guidance Office Administrative Assistant, or they can take a screenshot / picture of it and email it to her at dbell@pjphs.org. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs. Bell or your child's school counselor.

Educational Enrichment Opportunities

Below is a Google Doc link listing programs that PJP students can engage in that are offered by organizations and universities across the country. Many of the programs are competitive and have deadlines that need to be followed. There is more detailed information on the websites listed, including application processes and associated fees. Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bell, College & Career Coordinator, at dbell@pjpsh.org or your child's school counselor.

2023-24 Educational Enrichment Opportunities - Google Docs

Please bookmark this page and check back with it often, as we will be adding new experiences and opportunities to the list as we learn of them!

Scholarship Newsletter

Below is a Google Doc link listing scholarships that the PJP Guidance Department has learned of and wants to share with you. This page will be updated frequently, so please bookmark it and check back often to review and learn of any scholarships that your student may qualify for and/or have an interest in!

Scholarship Newsletter - Google Docs

Have a great week!

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