



# Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

## Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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### Academic Affairs

#### Mid-Terms

Mid-Term exams will be taking place this week on the schedule posted below. Please bear in mind that your student may not have an exam in all classes as some teachers choose to use alternative assessments such as projects, presentations, or reports.

Wednesday 1/24	Thursday 1/25	Friday 1/26	Monday 1/29
English Social Studies Fine Arts	Math Theology Health/PE	Science Business World Language	AP Science and Conflicts
In-class testing	In-class testing	In-class testing	In-class testing

### Panthers' Learning Center

Midterm Exams are occurring this week, and before each exam, we recommend that students:

- Take time to review for each exam the night before, perhaps using Quizlet and homemade flashcards.
- Spend time in the Panthers' Learning Center working on assignments or studying for their tests after school.
- Check in with teachers for last minute questions and academic assistance.
- Ensure that all missing work has been submitted by each teacher's deadline.

The Panthers' Learning Center is open from 2:30-4:00 PM for students to study after school, and Mr. Rogers is willing to meet with students to help them work toward their academic goals this year! He can be reached at [jrogers@pjphs.org](mailto:jrogers@pjphs.org).

### Office of School Ministry

# 40 Hours at PJP: Family Adoration Night

January 29, 2024  
7:00pm

Adoration, Praise + Worship,  
+ Benediction

Followed by a Reception

RSVP: [ministry@pjphs.org](mailto:ministry@pjphs.org)



We're thrilled to announce the upcoming 40 Hour Devotions at our school, scheduled from January 29th to January 31st. This entails 40 hours of the Blessed Sacrament being exposed, providing an opportunity for our students, faculty, staff, and families to pray with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Join us on Monday, January 29th at 7:00 pm for our Family Adoration Night. We invite families to come together and spend meaningful time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. As St. Theresa of Calcutta beautifully expressed, "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth."

If you plan to attend, kindly RSVP by emailing your family name and the number of attendees to [ministry@pjphs.org](mailto:ministry@pjphs.org). Your presence will contribute to the spiritual richness of this event. We look forward to sharing this sacred time with you and your loved ones.



## Student Affairs



Pope John Paul II High School  
Catholic Schools Week 2024

## United in Faith and Community

### **1/29 Monday: Catholic Schools Week Liturgy**

- Catholic Schools Week Opening Liturgy
- Opening of 40 Hours - Family Adoration Evening
- All students must follow the proper student dress code by wearing the school uniform

### **1/30 Tuesday: Teacher Appreciation Day**

- Student Council will provide breakfast for teachers
- Dress Down Day for all Students - Dress like your Favorite Teacher
  - Students must register using the form in your email. All dress down day rules apply.
- Parent's Association will provide lunch for teachers
- Teacher Trivia at lunches

### **1/31 Wednesday: PJP Day of Service**

- Dress Down Day for all Students
  - COLOR RUSH DAY
  - Students may wear a monochromatic outfit - must be one color
- In Theology classes all PJP students will complete a Service Project:
  - Be sure to bring in your donations by Thursday, January 25 - the homeroom with the most items wins DONUTS
  - Seniors will be making blankets for the homeless and/or writing notes to retired Religious
  - Juniors will be assembling Breakfast Bags for homebound persons
  - Sophomores will be assembling and decorating Birthday Boxes for children in homeless shelters
  - Freshmen will be assembling "CARE" packages for local geriatric centers
- Service Afternoon
  - Students will come together to make meals for Caring for Friends, PB&J sandwiches for a local food pantry, and organize the Day of Service donations

### **2/1 Thursday: Winter Sports Pep Rally - Student Appreciation Day**

- Dress Down Day for all Students
  - Color Wars - Students may wear their class color (Seniors - Gold, Juniors - Red/Pink, Sophomore - Blue, Freshmen - Green)
  - Students will have a treat at lunch

### **2/2 Friday: Talent Show**

- HAWAIIAN DAY
- Dress Down Day for all Students - Hawaiian
- Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt or prints
  - Approved Accessories - Leis, grass skirts over pants, no bikinis (even over clothes)
- Make your own Acai Bowls at lunch

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31

# DAY OF SERVICE

PJP would like to practice our Catholic values by continuing an interactive day of service that began in 2019.

We will be making care packages for nursing home residents, Birthday boxes for homeless youth, Breakfast bags for elderly homebound persons, and blankets for the homeless.



We ask that each grade donates specific items in homeroom.

BRING IN ITEMS BY THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

# DAY OF SERVICE

SENIORS: \$2 donation for materials

JUNIORS: B1 - Granola Bars, B2 - Oatmeal Packets, B3 - Gallon Size Storage Bags, B4 - Peanut Butter Crackers, B5 - Packs of Raisins, B6 - Apple Juice Boxes, B7 - Tea Bags and Hot Chocolate Packs,

SOPHOMORES: C1 - Balloons and Markers, C2 - Birthday Cups and Napkins, C3 - Birthday Paper plates and Forks, C4 - Small toys/Party favors, C5 - Coloring Books, C6 - Crayons and Colored Pencils



FRESHMEN: D1 - Deodorant, D2 - Hand Sanitizer, D3 - Toothpaste, Toothbrushes and floss D4 - Sugar free Candy D5 - Shampoo and Hand Lotion, D6 - Packs of Socks, D7 - Body wash and Wipes

## Tuition Office

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. FACTS accounts have been updated with the registration fee for the 2024-2025 school year.

Also, just a friendly reminder that all balances up to January must be paid before the second semester.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Yvette Carr at [ycarr@pjphs.org](mailto:ycarr@pjphs.org).



## Development Office



Join us for PJP's 7th Annual Trivia Night on February 3, 2024! Test your knowledge, have a blast, and support a great cause!

Date: February 3, 2024 Time: Doors open at 6:30 pm Tickets: \$25/person or \$160/table of 8

**Hurry and secure your spot! Register online NOW:** <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=udpDEH>

Don't miss out on a night filled with fun, laughter, and brain-teasing trivia challenges! See you there!



Our signature fundraising event, "Savor the Flavor," is happening on April 20, 2024! Join us for an incredible evening of fun and support. Here's how you can get involved today:

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](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/GoCfnGAho2Vdr42o8>
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...>

To learn more about "Savor the Flavor," feel free to reach out to Sarah Bauer at [sarah.bauer@pjphs.org](mailto: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!

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## Athletics

### Upcoming Home Events

#### Tuesday, January 23rd

Freshmen Boys Basketball vs Phoenixville- 3:45 PM  
Boys Basketball vs Phoenixville- JV 5:30 PM, Varsity 6:45 PM

#### Thursday, January 25th

Girls Basketball vs Pottstown- JV 5:30 PM, Varsity 6:45 PM (Senior Night)

#### Saturday, January 27th

Boys Basketball vs Academy Park- JV 12:00 PM, Varsity 1:15 PM

### 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: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=bdce23>

### 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#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AADA62AA7FF2-46584240-202324#/)

### Spring Sports

Spring sports officially start on Monday, March 4th. 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: <https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/?keyword=%2Fuser%2Fsignin&schoolID=0>.

### Fundraisers

#### Boys Basketball: DEFEND THE DEN Merch!

Check out the new clothing line for the entire PJP community! These tanks, tees, long sleeves, and hoodies

can be used to show your support for not only any sport, but also academic clubs, the debate club, Mathletes, etc. (FYI-- All cotton items are the same color and all performance items are the same color even though the images do not look like that on the website.) Items can be shipped directly to you. Proceeds from every item support the boys' basketball program. Any questions/concerns, please email Jenn Zavertnik at [jenn.zavertnik@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.zavertnik@gmail.com). Thanks for your support! GO PANTHERS!

[https://shop.shirtandink.com/pjp\\_gold\\_blooded/shop/home](https://shop.shirtandink.com/pjp_gold_blooded/shop/home)

### PJP Fan Blankets

These are not sport specific and can be personalized. Follow the link to get yours.  
[https://shop.shirtandink.com/pope\\_john\\_paul\\_II/shop/home](https://shop.shirtandink.com/pope_john_paul_II/shop/home).

For questions, please contact Jenn Zavertnik at [jenn.zavertnik@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.zavertnik@gmail.com).

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## Guidance Office

### "College Admission Trends: The Business of U"-Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:30 PM (Virtual)

Take a deep dive into college admissions today with Dr. Kevin Bukatman, President of College Planning Service America. The on-line zoom workshop will explore many aspects of the college admissions process and what your student can do to increase their chances of acceptance into their top choice university.

[Zoom Link for Presentation College Admission Trends: The Business of U](#)

### 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 - <https://mysat.collegeboard.org>

ACT Registration - [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

### School Day SATs for Juniors

Test Day – March 27th

## Registration Deadline – February 2nd

PJP is offering a School Day SAT test for juniors on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 7:50 a.m. The SAT registration fee is \$60 and will be charged to your student's FACTS account.

To register, please complete ***THIS FORM*** School Day SAT by Friday, February 2, 2024.

***Please note: There is no bus transportation provided on March 27th. Students who take the bus will need to make alternative transportation arrangements.***

Please contact Mrs. Bell at [dbell@pjphs.org](mailto:dbell@pjphs.org) with any questions.

## 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](mailto: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@pjphs.org](mailto:dbell@pjphs.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](#)

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# Have a great week!

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