



## Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

### Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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#### President's Office

I want to thank all those PJP parents who gave to PJP via Giving Tuesday. Giving Tuesday may have come and gone, but giving and giving back can take place at any time during the year. Making a gift between now and the end of the year, may be of value as with the end of the year comes the end of the 2023 tax cycle. As such, if you itemize on your federal tax return, you can deduct any and all charitable gifts, including gifts to PJP. A link to the PJP giving page has been attached below.

[Click here to donate today!](#)

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#### Principal's Office

##### Calendar Change Reminder

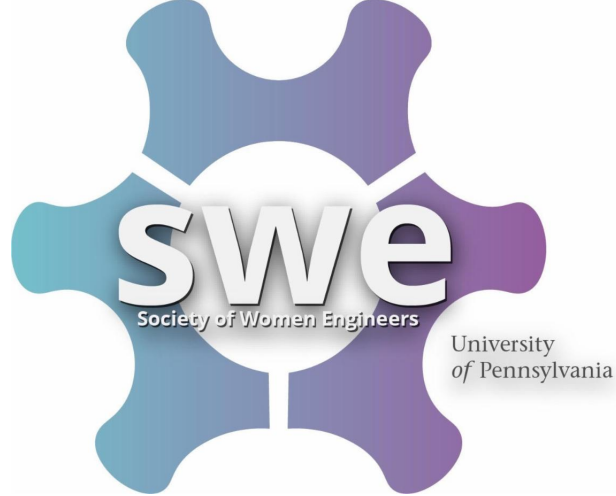
**Thursday, December 7th** there will be **no school** for any students, as we are celebrating our Volleyball Team's Repeat State Championship!! The Sophomore Retreat has been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 20th.

**Friday, December 8th** is also a school holiday in honor of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Everyone is encouraged to attend mass on this day.

Thursday, December 7th is a very special day for our Studio 38 students. They have been specially selected to perform at Epcot in Disney World at the Candlelight Processional that will be narrated by Neil Patrick Harris. Congratulations and Good Luck to all those participating!

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#### Academic Affairs



The University of Pennsylvania's Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is a national non-profit organization that aims to advocate and increase opportunities for women and gender minorities in engineering and technology fields. The SWE chapter at Penn aims to do so by inviting high school aged students to their annual GEARS Day.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, January 27th, 2024 on campus at the University of Pennsylvania. This day-long, no-cost camp is intended to educate high school students about engineering professions. Attendees will participate in hands-on workshops focusing on various engineering disciplines including bioengineering, chemical engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and computer science. They will also get a chance to hear from and speak with engineering professors and college students. We hope that this day will inspire attendees and show them that women and gender minorities are able to enter such fields with vast opportunities available to them.

**If your daughter would be interested in attending this event, please help her sign up using this [APPLICATION LINK](#)**

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[Click Here to View Our 2024 Summer Camp Brochure](#)

## Athletics

### Upcoming Home Events

**Tuesday, December 5th**

-Girls Basketball vs Brandywine Heights-JV at 5:30, Varsity at 6:45

**Thursday, December 7th**

-Girls Basketball vs Penn Wood-JV at 5:30, Varsity at 6:45

### Winter Sports Schedules

Now that we are starting games for winter sports there are a few places you can find the schedules for our teams. You can find PDF schedules on the PJP website at [pjphs.org](http://pjphs.org). You can also find schedules at [pjpathletics.org](http://pjpathletics.org). The schedules found there are the most up to date. You can also subscribe to be alerted when schedule changes are made to teams you follow.

### 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).

#### **Athletic Department:**

**-Burger certificates for sale in the athletic office.** Buy a certificate for \$10 from the Athletic Department which is good for a free burger and fries at Applebees from their handcrafted burger section (\$13+ value). Contact Tracey to get yours.

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## Guidance Office

### **PSAT Score Interpretation Night (Virtual)-Zoom Link is Below Tuesday, December 5th, at 6:30 PM**

PJP's School Counseling Office will host a virtual PSAT Score Interpretation Night on Tuesday, December 5th, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Information will be presented on how to interpret your student's scores and how to use these scores as your family begins to explore post-secondary education options.

Here is the link to join: [Link for PSAT Score Interpretation Night](#)

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Doreen Bell, College & Career Coordinator, at [dbell@pjphs.org](mailto:dbell@pjphs.org).

### **Upcoming Standardized Test Registrations**

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
ACT	December 9th	November 3rd	November 17th

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

### **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](#)

## **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.

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## **Tuition Office**

### **Archdiocesan Grants and Scholarships**

Below is a link to several scholarships run by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the upcoming school year (2024-2025) including one that provides assistance to current Archdiocesan employees either on the parish or grade school levels.

<https://www.aop Catholicschools.org/affording-our-schools/financial-aid>

### **Tuition Accounts**

We also wanted to send out a friendly reminder to please keep tuition accounts current. If you have any questions, concerns or feel as if a discussion needs to be had, please feel free to reach out to me at [ycarr@pjphs.org](mailto:ycarr@pjphs.org). We want to make sure that every student gets through the school year with no bumps in the road due to missed tuition payments.

### **Financial Aid**

**The Financial Aid Application for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Pope John Paul II High School highly recommends ALL families fill out an application for financial aid.**

The application fee is \$30 and must be paid in order to submit. If you have any questions regarding the financial aid process, please feel free to reach out at [ycarr@pjphs.org](mailto:ycarr@pjphs.org).

[CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE FACTS WEBSITE](#)

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## **Have a great week!**

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