



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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President's Office

On Friday, Pope John Paul II High School launched a new web site. Through the time and talents of Will Martinko (Director of Admissions and Marketing) and Nicholas Evangelista (a marketing assistant who is a student at Ursinus College), we believe this new site will be well received. The PJP Weekly will continue to be located on the web site as a drop down item under the Parent tab. There are still elements of the website that are still a work in progress (as will be stated on the specific pages when launched). If you see anything on the new website (i.e. formatting errors, typos, misinformation), please feel free to communicate those issues to communications@pjphs.com as PJP wants to make the website as strong of a resource for yourselves and the rest of the community as possible.

Tuition Office

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Application for the 2024-2025 school year will be open on October 1, 2023.

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.

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

Student Affairs

Senior Portrait Proofs/Retakes

Seniors have received their senior portrait proofs. If you have not, please let me know. Please follow the instructions provided regarding the choice of yearbook photo. You are required to choose a pose for the yearbook by October 23. If you do not choose one, the default pose will be used in the yearbook. Seniors that signed up for retakes on Monday, September 25 have received an appointment time to report to the auditorium. Ladies should wear a tank top for easy changing. Gentlemen should wear a white collared shirt and school tie.

Parents' Association Meeting

The Parents' Association is composed of parents and guardians of our students with the goal of supporting

both the educational and spiritual mission of our school. We provide volunteer opportunities throughout the year supporting our students and faculty and it is a great way to feel part of our PJP family.

If you are interested in learning more about our Parents' Association please join our informational Zoom meeting on Tuesday, September 26th at 7pm. [ZOOM LINK](#)

Academic Affairs

RENAISSANCE Star Assessments®

PJP uses Star Assessments in both Math and Reading to measure student progress during the course of the year. The first baseline assessments for 2023-2024 will take place during the week of October 2-6. All students will take the ELA assessment during HR on Wednesday, October 4th, and math assessment dates for all students will take place in their classrooms on the date their teacher selects. Students will also take assessments in the late winter and early spring, and an annual report will be shared with parents at the end of the academic year.

Results of the assessments are used by teachers in the classrooms to ensure that students are mastering standards and individual scores are reviewed by teachers and administrators during the course selection process in the spring. These assessments take most students about 25-30 minutes to complete and are taken on their chromebooks. Please be sure that your student remembers to charge their chromebook each night, and brings it to school each day.

Panthers' Learning Center

The PJP leadership and staff are committed to helping our students succeed in the classroom and beyond. One of the ways we support our students academically is through the Academic Intervention Program. The Academic Intervention Team consists of our school leadership, the Guidance team, the Athletic Director, and the Director of Academic Support, and they review our students' grades weekly.

Students who are failing two or more classes for any reason (including missing work, assessment grades, or absences) when the weekly grade report is reviewed may be asked to attend two study halls that week, either at lunch or after school, in the Panthers' Learning Center. Students who do not attend when asked may receive demerits.

We hope that Academic Intervention continues to be a supportive resource for students, as it enabled us to significantly reduce quarterly course failures and nearly eliminate course failures for the year last year.

The Panthers' Learning Center is open from 2:30-4:00 PM for students to study after school, and students can request study time using this [form](#) at least one day in advance. 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.

School Ministry

Our Freshman Families celebrated a beautiful Family Communion mass and then enjoyed lunch together today! Thank you to everyone that helped make it a success, especially the Parent Association.

Freshman Retreat

Freshman will have their class retreat this week on Wednesday, September 27. It will be a fun and faith filled day of talks, activities, adoration, and mass. Information was emailed out this past week with all of the details to Freshman and their parents.

Eucharistic Congress

We are still forming a group of students to attend the Eucharistic Congress at Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA next weekend. If your student is interested in attending this amazing event, then have them please email Mr. Koz at kkozeniewski@pjphs.org.

Lunchtime Bible Study

Once a month we will have a lunchtime Bible study on the 3rd Thursday during all lunch periods. Have your student bring their lunch to the ministry office as we study and talk about the Living Word of God.

Guidance Office

SENIORS - COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELORS VISITING PJP

There are nineteen colleges that will be visiting PJP over the next two weeks. Senior students who are applying to any of the schools, as well as students exploring their college options, should sign-up to attend these visits. It is an opportunity for your student to meet the college admissions person who will read their application. To sign up for a visit, please have your student login to their Naviance account and register. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Shoemaker (kshoemaker@pjphs.org).

Drew University	9/25/23 11:00 AM	10:30 AM
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	9/25/23 11:15 AM	12:30 PM
Holy Family University	9/26/23 11:15 AM	10:30 AM
Quinnipiac University	9/26/23 12:00 PM	11:15 AM
The Catholic University of America	9/26/23 9:45 AM	12:30 PM
Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Main Campus	9/28/23 10:30 AM	9:45 AM
Dickinson College	9/28/23 12:00 PM	12:00 PM
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	10/2/23 9:45 AM	11:15 AM
Eastern University	10/3/23 10:30 AM	10:30 AM
West Virginia University	10/3/23 11:45 AM	11:15 PM
Ursinus College	10/4/23 12:00 PM	9:45 AM
University of Rochester	10/4/23 10:30 AM	10:30 AM

Immaculata University	10/4/23 12:30 PM	12:00 PM
James Madison University	10/5/23 10:30 AM	9:45 AM
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	10/5/23 11:15 AM	10:30 AM
Seton Hill University	10/5/23	11:15 AM
Duquesne University	10/5/23	12:00 PM
Christopher Newport University	10/5/23	12:30 PM
Le Moyne College	10/6/2023	12:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE - COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT (Virtual Presentation) *Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30 PM*

This year, we are fortunate to have Michael Burke from Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) hosting a webinar on financial aid for our families. This presentation provides an early understanding of the financial decisions students need to make concerning higher education. He will discuss higher education costs, the types of financial aid available, and how to apply for financial aid. Also, there have been changes to the FAFSA this year, so join in the presentation to learn all about them.

Registration details will be coming at a later date, when we get closer to the presentation.

Upcoming College Standardized Test Registrations

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
SAT	October 7th	September 7th	September 26th
ACT	October 28th	September 22nd	October 6th

To Register:

SAT Registration - <https://mysat.collegeboard.org>

ACT Registration - www.act.org

Athletics

Home Events

Monday 9/25

JV Girls Golf vs Boyertown- 3:00 PM

JV Football vs Upper Perk- 3:45 PM

Boys Soccer vs Lansdale Catholic- 3:45 V with JV to follow

Volleyball vs Shanahan- 6:45 PM

Wednesday 9/27

Varsity Golf vs Phoenixville- 3:00 PM

Girls Soccer vs Owen J. Roberts- 3:45 PM

Field Hockey vs Pottsgrove- 4:15 PM (Senior Day)

Thursday 9/28

Girls Tennis vs Boyertown- 3:30 PM (Senior Day)

Friday 9/29

Field Hockey vs Shanahan- 3:45 PM

Saturday 9/30

Football vs Pottsgrove- 1:00 PM (Senior Day)

Christian Service Opportunity

There are two athletic options for Service hours through athletics. The first is being a ball runner at boys and girls soccer games. Students would receive two hours of service for each game. To sign up follow this link: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4DAAAAA2AA2F94-game#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4DAAAAA2AA2F94-game#/).

The second opportunity is on Saturday, October 21st from 12-4 at the Spring Valley YMCA. The Special Olympics will be holding a competition and need students to help change plates on barbells for the athletes. There will be food provided after. If interested please reach out to Mark Brittingham at mark.brittingham@gmail.com for more information.

Concession Sign Ups

The PJPAC is looking for parents and student volunteers to help staff the concession stand during football and volleyball games. **A student can use concession stand time towards their service hours requirements.**

To sign up follow the following links:

Football: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AADA62AA7FF2-20231#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AADA62AA7FF2-20231#/)

Volleyball: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AADA62AA7FF2-20232#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AADA62AA7FF2-20232#/)

Panthers Versus Cancer

PJP Volleyball's annual Panthers vs Cancer game will be held on Thursday, October 10th against Spring-Ford. **T-shirts for the event are on sale now through September 26th at Noon.** Students who purchase this year's shirt are allowed to wear it to school on the day of the game. All proceeds from the t-shirts will go to the Bott Cancer Center at Holy Redeemer and Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania. Last year we donated over 12 thousand dollars.

Purchase your shirt here: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=9zJhuN>.

Fundraisers

Football - The Football parents are selling mums again this year. Mums are \$10 dollars and are purchased from Ott's. Mums will be delivered to PJP on Friday, 9/29. To order a mum, please contact Karen Owens at k_owens@comcast.net.

The football parents are collecting used sneakers for Got Sneakers. Contact Mrs. Bass for more information at debbass0801@gmail.com.

The football team is selling \$10 discount cards for local restaurants. See any football player or coach for yours.

Boys Basketball - 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. For questions, please contact Jenn Zavertnik at jenn.zavertnik@gmail.com.

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



Alumni Association

We're less than a month out from PJP's 10TH ANNUAL HERITAGE GOLF OUTING!

On October 10th, Pope John Paul II High School formally invites all legacy alumni, PJP alumni, past and current families and friends to participate in the 10th Annual Heritage Golf Outing.

11:00 AM - Registration & Lunch

12:00 PM - Shotgun Start - Scramble

Cocktail Reception, Dinner & Awards Follow

For more information, click the link below! Continue to share!! We can't wait to see you out on the links!!!

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION!](#)

Health Suite

Welcome back to the 23-24 School Year! Friendly reminders as we settle in:

COVID

Covid is now treated like any other illness and we will not be tracking cases. We recommend you consult CDC guidance for personal care and treatment.

First Day Packets

We require **the green health form** to efficiently care for your student at school. **Please complete and return promptly!**

Allergies/Asthma

If your student requires an inhaler or epipen at school, please turn in updated doctor orders - even if your student is permitted to carry emergency meds in his/her backpack.

Seizures

Please turn in an updated Seizure Action Plan with rescue medications as soon as possible.

Juniors

11th Grade Physicals are due by the end of the month. Please contact us (if you haven't already done so) if your junior's physical exam with vaccinations will be late.

Thank You

We are looking forward to a safe and healthy year!
PJP Nurses

Have a great week!

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