

# Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

# Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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# **Principal's Office**

Congratulations to our Field Hockey, Volleyball and Football teams who continue this week in their pursuit of a State Championship!! Please join us to cheer them on this week.

Congratulations to our new National Honor Society members who will be inducted on Wednesday. These students are not only leaders academically in the classroom, but also in the PJP community.

Please encourage your students to check Schoology and work this week to hand in missing assignments. We met with every student last week that was failing a class. In most instances, the failure was due to missing assignments which could easily be corrected. The first quarter ends on Friday!

# **Panthers' Learning Center**

Members of the Academic Intervention Team including our school leaders and Guidance Office checked in with students who may benefit from academic support and assistance in the final days of the first quarter this past week. We are happy to work with all of our students and families in creating academic goals and discussing strategies to promote academic success.

The Panthers' Learning Center has a dedicated staff to support all students academically. Mr. Rogers and Mrs. Gray work with our students in the PAWS program and those who visit the PLC, Sister Regina and Mrs. Eichelberger assist in supervision and are friendly faces to our students, and Mrs. Mulligan and Mrs. Philip teach our MCIU support classes. We also welcome Coach Steve Faella who joins the PJP community as our softball coach and PLC Testing Coordinator. He will be a resource for students taking their tests with extended time as well as those studying quietly throughout the day. Welcome, Coach Steve!

# **Student Affairs**

### **NHS Induction**

The National Honor Society Induction will take place on Wednesday, November 8. Parents of students being inducted will receive an email containing an RSVP for the event and reception.

## **Junior Class Ring Assembly**

Jostens will be at PJP on Thursday, November 9 to distribute Class Ring packets to PJP Juniors. This packet will contain all necessary information about ordering a Class Ring. They will also host an information meeting that evening at 6:30pm for parents. An email will be sent with a Zoom link for the meeting.

### **Veterans' Day Display**

The PJP World War II Remembrance Society is collecting pictures for its upcoming Veterans Day display. If you have a family member that is serving or has served in a branch of the U.S. military and would like to see them recognized, please email a picture to Mr. Fonde (tfonde@pjphs.org) or drop off a picture in Room 25.

Please include the following information with each picture:

Your Name Your Graduation Year Your Veterans' Name and Relationship to You Your Veterans' Branch of Service and Rank Your Veterans' Years of Service

# Website Update

PJP now has a live calendar on the web site under the parents tab. This means edits to the school calendar will be made to the web site in real time.



# **Advancement Office**

### **Savor the Flavor**

Save the date! Savor the Flavor will be held on April 20th, 2024. We are looking for PJP parents to contact any restaurant they visit frequently to see if that restaurant wants to be part of the "Taste of PJP" portion of the event. Contact Sarah Bauer <u>sarah.bauer@pjphs.org</u> with interested restaurants.

## The Legacy of Impact Hall of Fame

The Legacy of Impact Hall of Fame will be held on December 1st, 2023. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6, with the induction ceremony to follow at 7.

Please RSVP to <u>sarah.bauer@piphs.org</u> by November 24th. Inductees include Steve Carcarey, Kathy Kopf, Molly Lackman, Kris Harvey McGill and Karen Zajick. Admission is FREE. Please RSVP to <u>sarah.bauer@piphs.org</u> by November 24th.

# Athletics

### **Upcoming Events**

**Tuesday 11/7** Field Hockey vs TBA at Norristown 4:00 PM Volleyball vs G.W. Carver Engineering and Science 7:00 PM

Saturday 11/11 Football vs Shanahan/Pottsgrove 1:00 PM (District Championship) Volleyball at Second Round of States Field Hockey at Second Round of States

### **Fall Uniform Return**

Any Fall Sport athletes who are done competing should return their uniform and any equipment to the athletic office. Please make sure uniforms are returned directly to Kyle or Tracey. Do not leave bags with uniforms outside of the athletic office door. Failure to return complete uniforms will result in an academic hold or possibility of a fine.

#### Winter Sports Registration

Winter sports begin on Friday, November 17th. All student athletes trying out for a winter sport need to upload their PIAA CIPPE packet to BigTeams. The packet must include a physical dated June 1st, 2022 if this is your child's first sport of the school year. If this is your child's second sport you just need to upload Section 7, or the Recertification Form. The link for uploading information is <u>Student Central/Big Teams</u>.

#### **Signing Day**

PJP will be hosting a Signing Day ceremony for any Senior student athlete who has committed to play their sport collegiately. Signing Day will take place on November 8th after school in the Student Commons. Please confirm with Tracey via email at <u>trarich@piphs.org</u> if your student athlete plans to attend.

#### **Girls Flag Football**

PJP is looking to start girls flag football in Spring 2024. If you know someone interested in participating in the Spring please contact Tracey.

#### **Fundraisers**

#### **Baseball:**

-Are you looking to get your PJP student some baseball gear for Christmas?Look no further. Store closes Sunday 11/12. Visit the store by clicking here.

#### **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. Thanks for your support! GO PANTHERS!

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. <u>https://shop.shirtandink.com/pope\_john\_paul\_ll/shop/home</u>. For questions, please contact Jenn Zavertnik atjenn.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.

# **Guidance Office**

### SENIORS-COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELORS VISITING PJP

Below is a list of colleges and universities 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 (<u>kshoemaker@piphs.org</u>).

College	Date	Time
Long Island University-Post	Mon. November 6th, 2023	10:30 AM
Alvernia University	Mon. November 6th, 2023	11:15 AM
Bryn Athyn College of the New Church	Mon. November 6th, 2023	12:00 PM
Saint Francis University	Tue. November 7th, 2023	12:00 PM
Commonwealth University- Bloomsburg, Lock Haven and Mansfield	Tue. November 7th, 2023	12:30 PM
Manor College	Thu. November 9th, 2023	10:30 AM
University of Rhode Island	Thu. November 9th, 2023	12:00 PM
Cedar Crest College	Mon. November 13th, 2023	12:30 PM
Monmouth University	Wed. November 15th, 2023	10:30 AM
Elizabethtown College	Thu. November 16th, 2023	10:30 AM
Albright College	Fri. November 17th, 2023	12:00 PM
United States Naval Academy	Mon. November 20th, 2023	10:30 AM

### **Upcoming Standardized Test Registrations**

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
SAT	November 4th	October 6th	October 24th
SAT	December 2nd	November 2nd	November 21st
ACT	December 9th	November 3rd	November 17th

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

### COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT-Registration Link Below Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30 PM (Virtual Presentation)

Please join Michael Burke from Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) to learn more about how to pay for college or a career school. During this presentation, we will discuss types of aid available and how to apply for financial aid. Information on scholarship search options, and a look at the major federal and state financial aid programs will be included in the presentation. There will be time available to address Q&A after the presentation.

Click here to register.

# **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.aopcatholicschools.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 <u>ycarr@piphs.org</u>. 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 <u>ycarr@piphs.org</u>.

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## Have a great week!

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