



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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President's Office

PJP's growing enrollment is tied to our increased financial aid through the state tax credit program. Many parents support our school through this program that provides scholarships for students and a 90% state tax credit for donors. To learn how you can join other parents and donate to our school through the tax credit program see the attached information sheet.

[Click here to access the flyer.](#)

Principal's Office

This has been a busy week full of Panthers' pride and PJP school history! Last Thursday the Field Hockey and Volleyball teams both won and will advance into the district championships this week.

This is the first time in school history that Field Hockey has advanced to the championship game! See athletics post below for ticket and game information.

Friday, Cross Country closed out their season at Lehigh University. In the evening, our very talented students entertained us at this month's PJP Coffeehouse. The night ended with the football team winning the first ever PJP PAC Championship! It was a real nail biter, but PJP was victorious in the end. More school history was made- it was the first PJP PAC football championship, the first time PJP beat Springford in football, the first time a small school beat a large school for the PAC championship and it was Coach Scott Reed's 100th win as a head football coach!! Congratulations to all on a wonderful, memorable week!! Let's go Panthers!!

Reminder

Wednesday, All Saints' Day, is a Holy Day of Obligation. There is no school for students so that they may have the opportunity to attend mass. Thursday is our annual All Souls Day mass at PJP.

Academic Affairs

The 1st Quarter will close on November 10th. Please check in with your student to be sure that they are on

top of all assignments and do not have any outstanding work that needs to be submitted.

Panthers' Learning Center

As we near the end of Quarter 1, we encourage students to think about what is working with their study habits and what adjustments may need to be made.

Over the next few days, it may be a good idea to:

- Check grades on Schoology and PowerSchool
- Make a list of missing assignments that can be submitted for credit
- Set goals for completing every step of major projects
- Use the Panthers' Learning Center for before school, lunch, and after school study

On this week of All Saints' Day, we ask for the prayers of Saint Ambrose, the patron saint of learning, Saint Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of students, and Saint John Baptist de La Salle, the patron saint of teachers.

The Panthers Achieving Worthwhile Success (PAWS) program provides individualized and intentional support to students with documented learning differences who may have benefited from academic support and accommodations in their previous schools.

Mr. Rogers is hosting two information sessions to introduce prospective and current families to the PAWS program on Thursday, November 9; one at 5:00PM and the second at 6:00PM, in the Panthers' Learning Center at PJP. Both sessions are identical and will include a formal presentation that outlines the program and objectives, walks families through the PAWS enrollment process and documentation required, and discusses program fees and financial aid opportunities.

If you feel that your student may benefit from the individualized support provided by this program, we invite you to sign up to attend the information session [using this form](#), and please let Mr. Rogers know if you have any questions (jrogers@pjphs.org).

Student Affairs

Upperclassman Picture Retakes

Picture retakes will take place on Thursday, November 2 during lunch periods. If you wish to have your child photographed, please email Mrs. Honyara by Tuesday, October 31.

Halloween Dress Down Day



STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS

HALLOWEEN DRESS DOWN OCTOBER 31

Seniors are encouraged to dress in a costume and all others can wear black and orange or PJP Spirit Wear. Seniors must register their costume with Mrs. Honyara using the link in the email. Seniors in costume will have an opportunity to trick or treat during lunch periods. There will be a prize for the best costume.

TRICK OR TREAT

Seniors should have registered their costume by completing the form in their email.

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

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Advancement Office

Pope John Paul II
Legacy of Impact

Hall of Fame

December 1, 2023
6 PM Drinks & Hors
D'oeuvres
7 PM Ceremony
181 Rittenhouse Road
Royersford, PA 19468

Event is free of charge, RSVP to
sarah.bauer@pjphs.org by Nov 24

The Legacy of Impact Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will take place on December 1st 2023. Please join us for drinks and hors d'oeuvres, catered by Doc's Irish Pub, starting at 6 PM in the Legacy Atrium. The ceremony starts at 7pm in the Auditorium. This year's inductees are:

Kris Harvey
Kathy Kopf
Karen Zajick
Molly Lackman
Steve Carcarey

Please RSVP to sarah.bauer@pjphs.org by November 24th. Congratulations to our wonderful legacies, we hope to see you there!

Athletics

Upcoming Events

Monday 10/30/2023

JV Football vs Spring-Ford-3:45PM

Field Hockey vs Faith Christian- 6:00PM (District Championship @ Wissahickon)

Thursday 11/02/2023

Volleyball vs Villa Maria- 5:00 PM (District Championship @ Harriton)

Saturday 11/04/2023

Football vs #4 in District 1- 1:00 PM (1st Round of Districts)

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 [Student Central/Big Teams](#).

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 trarich@pjphs.org if your student athlete plans to attend.

Uniform Return

Uniform return for all Fall athletes done their sport will be November 2nd. All student athletes are responsible for returning their own uniform and equipment. **All uniforms must be handed to Tracey or Kyle in the Athletic Department. Do not leave bags at the office door.**

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

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.

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.

Guidance Office

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.](#)

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 (kshoemaker@piphs.org).

College	Date	Time
Gwynedd Mercy University	Mon. October 30th, 2023	9:45 AM
Rosemount College	Mon. October 30th, 2023	10:30 AM
Rutgers University-New Brunswick	Tue. October 31st, 2023	9:45 AM
Virginia Commonwealth University	Tue. October 31st, 2023	10:30 AM
Neumann University	Fri. November 3rd, 2023	9:45 AM
High Point University	Fri. November 3rd, 2023	12:00 PM

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

Financial Aid

FAFSA – Opens in December

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the application used to apply for federal student aid, such as federal grants, work-study, and loans. In addition, many states and colleges use your FAFSA information to determine your eligibility for state and school aid, and some private financial aid providers may use your FAFSA information to determine whether you qualify for their aid.

The FAFSA has been updated, and hopefully, simplified. However, implementing those changes means students and families will not be able to apply for aid for the 2024-25 school year until December 2023. A specific date has not been announced, but the Department of Education been communicating with families who filed the FAFSA last year to make sure they know when the application will open. In addition, there may be at least three different deadlines you need to keep track of when you're filing the FAFSA: federal, state, and institution (college/university).

FAFSA is free.

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

CSS Profile – Opens October 1st

In addition to the FAFSA, there are about 400 colleges and universities that require the completion of an additional financial aid form called the CSS Profile. The CSS Profile is used for consideration of any institutional aid that the college may be able to offer your student. Be sure the college requires the CSS profile prior to registration. Again, like the FAFSA, the CSS Profile has a variety of deadlines to consider. Your exact deadline depends on the specific college you're applying to.

There is a cost for the CSS Profile.

<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org>

**Be sure to attend College Financial Aid Night
on Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m. (virtual) for more information!**
*(Please note, this presentation was originally scheduled for October 26th
but had to be changed to the November 7th date.)*

Upcoming Standardized Test Registrations

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

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

ACT Registration - www.act.org

Tuition Office

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.

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

Have a great week!

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