



## Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

### Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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#### President's Office

The Continuous Improvement Survey administered by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia through the Office of Catholic Education is now open. Below you will find a link to the survey and the code specific to the parent survey for Pope John Paul II High School. The survey will be open until May 31st.

**Parent Feedback Link:** <https://www.research.net/r/aops-pf>

**Parent Feedback Code:** G#213

#### President's Update

In the May 12th edition of the PJP Weekly I shared that PJP is being recommended for accreditation. Today, it is my pleasure to share the following excerpt from a Blog written by the Christian Talbot, the President of the Middle States Association, “ In the last two months I have served on two accreditation visiting teams, one to the American School of Tangier and the other to Pope John Paul II High School. Each school is staffed by devoted educators and staff members, and it was a joy to observe them bring out the best in their students.

Dear families:

We are excited to announce that PJP II High School will be participating in the NexTrex Recycling Challenge, a fantastic initiative hosted by the Trex Company. Since 2006, Trex has been leading the way in educating the public on the importance of plastic film recycling through school and community programs, and we are thrilled to be a part of it this year.

### What is the NexTrex Recycling Challenge?

The NexTrex Recycling Challenge aims to promote the recycling of plastic films, a significant yet often overlooked component of our daily waste. Our challenge period will run from May 8, 2024, to May 7, 2025. During this time, we will work together to collect and recycle a minimum of 1,000 pounds of plastic film. If we reach this goal, our school will be rewarded with a beautiful Trex bench made from recycled materials.

### How Can You Help?

We need your support to make this initiative a success. Here's how you can get involved:

1. **Collect Eligible Plastic Film:** Most clean and dry polyethylene (PE) plastic film and bags, labeled as #2 or #4, are recyclable. Please ensure all plastic is clean, dry and free of food residue. While many types of plastic film are accepted, there are some exceptions. Please see attached infographic for more details on what IS and IS NOT recyclable.
2. **Drop-off Locations:** You can bring your collected plastic film to PJP; collection containers are located in the main foyer, Legacy atrium and gym lobby.
3. **Spread the Word:** Encourage your friends, family, and community members to join us in this recycling effort. The more people involved, the greater our impact!

### Why Participate?

Trex is the largest PE film recycler in the United States, transforming millions of pounds of plastic waste into premium composite decking and outdoor products. By participating in this challenge, not only will we help reduce plastic waste in our community, but we will also educate our students about sustainability and environmental stewardship.

### For More Information:

To learn more about the NexTrex Recycling Challenge, please visit [NexTrex.com](https://www.nextrex.com).

Thank you for your support and participation. Together, we can make a significant difference and show our commitment to a greener future.



Mrs. Erin Gauntner, Science Teacher

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- ✗ Backyard ice rinks

**DON'T SEE YOUR ITEM ON THE LIST?**

Try these tests to see if your plastic is acceptable or not.

See if the package will stretch when you pull it. If yes, it can be included. If it tears like paper, then please don't put in the bin.

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## Academic Affairs

Earlier this spring, all returning 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students were asked to submit their course requests for the 2024-2025 academic year in PowerSchool. Please sign in to your PowerSchool parent portal to review and acknowledge the courses that your student selected. This direction set will guide you through the process. If you have any questions about your child's course selection, please contact their guidance counselor. If you are having trouble accessing your PowerSchool parent portal, please reach out



The 2023-2024 Academic Honors Convocation will be held on Wednesday, May 29th at 6:30 p.m. Students who are in the top 10% of their graduating class for all grade levels will be recognized, and there are some special recognitions awarded to members of the graduating class of 2024. Students receiving special recognition as well as those in the top 10% of their class and their families will receive more information as the date approaches.



Final Exams are coming up! Senior Exams are scheduled for May 28th - 31st and underclass assessments are scheduled for June 6 - 10th. School policy does not permit students to take their assessments early, however, students may make arrangements with their teachers should they be absent on the dedicated exam day to take their assessments late or have an alternative assessment if the teacher allows that. Underclassmen who miss any exams during the dedicated exam periods may take their assessments on their closing class day. Arrangements for all any makeup exams must be made directly with the teacher. Testing is also available the week of June 17th - 21, however, students will receive incomplete grades for the year. Students who take late exams will receive an adjusted report card after their exam scores have been processed.

## Senior Assessment Schedule

Senior exams are taken during the 1st and 2nd periods of the academic day.

<u>Tuesday 5/28</u>	<u>Wednesday 5/29</u>	<u>Thursday 5/30</u>	<u>Friday 5/31</u>
Theology	Science	Mathematics	Electives
ELA	World Language	Social Studies	Conflicts

Seniors will only report to school if they have an exam scheduled. If they do not have an exam scheduled, they will not report to school and they will be dismissed from school after their last exam for the day. Students are not permitted to remain in the building beyond 2nd period so that they do not disturb classes as usual for underclass students. Some teachers may utilize an alternative assessment rather than an exam, in which case students will not report to school. Arrangements for conflicts and/or make up exams must be made directly with the teacher.

## Underclass Assessment Schedule

There is a special schedule for exam days. Students are only required to be in school for periods in which they have an exam scheduled. Sometimes teachers utilize alternative assessments (projects, research papers, etc) other than exams in which case your child may not have an exam for a particular exam period. Please be sure to check with your student to determine which classes they will need to report to school for on each exam day. Students who are in school and have an open exam period but will be remaining at school to await transportation will report to the cafeteria for a quiet study period. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. on these days.

The schedule for exam days is:

		<b>Thursday June 6</b>	<b>Friday June 7</b>	<b>Monday June 10</b>
Warning Bell 1	7:40 AM			
Warning Bell 2	7:45 AM			
Prayer & Pledge	7:50-7:55 AM			
Exam 1	7:55-9:00 AM	ELA	Mathematics	Theology
Exam 2	9:05-10:10 AM	World Language	Social Studies	Science
Exam 3	10:15-11:20 AM	Health/P.E.	Fine Arts	Business Conflicts Make Ups



## frequently asked QUESTIONS

**Q: We will be away on one of the exam days, can my student take their exams early?**

*A: The exam dates are published to the school calendar at the beginning of the year to avoid any conflicts. To protect the integrity of exams, students are not permitted to take exams early. At the teachers' discretion, an alternative assessment or alternate exam may be offered by special arrangement with the student. If no alternative assessment or alternative exam is available, the student must make the exam up at a later date. Exams completed by the end of term will be included in final grades, exams taken after the last day of school may produce an incomplete grade that will be corrected after the exam is scored and final grade processed.*

**Q: My student has only one exam on a particular day, when do they report and leave?**

*A: Students are only required to be in school for scheduled exams. If they have transportation to and from at the times specified on the exam schedule, they are expected to arrive 5 minutes prior to their exam and may leave when they are dismissed.*

**Q: My student rides the bus, but has only one exam on a particular day. Where will they report?**

*A: Students who are in school and have an open exam period but have arrived early or will be remaining at school to await transportation will report to the cafeteria for a quiet study period.*

## Medication Return

Please make plans with the nurses to take home individual medications that have been stored in the health suite.

- Students can take home inhalers, epipens, and diabetes supplies.
- Parents must pick up any other medications.
- Medications can not be stored in the health suite over the summer. Abandoned meds must be disposed of after the final day of school.
- Please remember that new paperwork / Actions Plans are required each school year!

## Juniors

If you are missing dose 2 of MCV vaccine, you were notified again via email on 5/21/24. (Those who already notified nurses of a plan to submit this were not sent this repeat email.)

- **Vaccine obligations must be completed to obtain a PJP Senior parking pass and to avoid exclusion from senior year.**
- Please notify the PJP nurses of your plan to submit this state required immunization.

## Sophomores

Be prepared to submit your Junior physical exams at the start of next school year (if you haven't already)!

Wishing you a safe and happy summer!

PJP Nurses

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## Alumni Office

### Exciting News for PJP Alumni!

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our official Facebook group for PJP Alumni! Click the link below to join and reconnect with old friends: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/160463770492464/>

Also, don't forget to connect with us on LinkedIn for professional networking opportunities: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12884744/>

Add us on Snapchat to stay updated with all things PJP Alumni: pjpalumni

### Upcoming Events

-Networking Event on June 12th

-Picnic on July 14th

-Brunch at Topgolf on August 4th

Save the dates and join us for some fun and meaningful gatherings!

Additionally, we're introducing Affinity Groups to cater to diverse interests:

-Young Parents Playgroup

-Weekly Walking Club

-Young Alumni Prayer Group

Interested in joining any of these groups or attending any of these events? RSVP HERE:

<https://forms.gle/2m8vOgVicGwqjK5U8>

Let's make this alumni community stronger than ever! Can't wait to see you all there.

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## Advancement Office

### Summer Camps



Don't forget to register for Summer Camp at PJP! Check out our offerings here:

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=6205ec>

## Panthers' Pack Kid's Club

Do you have a student entering 4th-7th grade next year? Get them involved in our Panthers' Pack! Our exclusive kids club allows young future panthers the chance to connect with the school community well before the walk through the doors as freshmen.



A promotional poster for the Panthers' Pack Kid's Club. The poster features a yellow and black color scheme. At the top left, a black circle with yellow text says "4th-6th GRADES". In the top center is the PJP logo. On the right is a stylized panther head. The main title "PANTHERS PACK" is in large, bold, black letters with a white outline. Below the title is a cartoon panther mascot wearing a blue and yellow jersey. To the right of the mascot is a white circle with black text that says "\$50 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE". Below the mascot, the text "MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:" is followed by a bulleted list of benefits. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. The website "www.pjphs.org" is at the bottom.

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- PANTHERS' PACK YARD SIGN

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## Student Services

### End of the Year Early Dismissal Transportation Schedule

All students will have transportation to school by bus on exam days and the final days of school, however, some districts will not provide transportation home on early dismissal days. Please review [the schedule posted on our transportation page of our website](#) to determine if your child will have transportation home by bus on the final days of school.

### School Uniform 2024-2025

It is never too early to start planning for our next school year. If your student requires new uniform items consider attending Uniform Measurement Night, Thursday, July 11 from 5-7 pm. Click the following link to make an appointment for the uniform measuring event:  
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/\\_FO\\_PA006\\_2024#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/_FO_PA006_2024#/)



# Please Join Us!

## For A Uniform Measuring Event

DATE: Thursday, July 11, 2024

TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Pope John Paul II High School  
181 Rittenhouse Road Royersford PA 19468

FlynnO'Hara invites Pope John Paul II High School to please join us for our Measuring Event. Our staff will be available to measure students, answer questions about the uniform, and help you shop for the upcoming school year.

### Make An Appointment

Click the link below to sign-up for an appointment!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Appointment times vary by date. Appointments are required for this event.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you're unable to attend this event, we recommend families get their uniform shopping done at least **ONE MONTH** before the first day of school to ensure your students have everything they need!

**QUESTIONS?**  
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## Uniform Exchange

Thanks to the generosity of the PJP community, we have a uniform exchange. If you have a graduating senior or your student has grown out of their uniform, consider donating any of the following gently used items to the uniform exchange.

The following uniform items are being accepted in the Student Services Office:

Boy's Pants

Boy's White Collar Shirts

Boy's Blue and Gold School Tie (maroon tie will not be accepted)

Boy's Black Belts

School Sweater or Vest

Girl's Skorts (skirts will be accepted)

Girl's Banded Bottom Blouses (blouses without the band will not be accepted)

Girl's Navy Opaque Knee Highs or Stockings

Short of Long Sleeve Polos

Gym Uniforms

School Shoe

## Bus Transportation for 2024-25 School Year

Local school districts that provide transportation for our PJP students require our parents or guardians to complete a request for transportation form for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.

If your child requires transportation by bus for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year, please complete the steps below.

1. Complete the appropriate school district form. [Click here](#) to find the form for your local public school district. Please read the district instructions carefully, some require proof of residency.
  2. **Email a copy of your student's transportation form to [transportation@pjphs.org](mailto:transportation@pjphs.org) by NO LATER THAN Friday, May 17, 2024.**
- Please place the name of your school district in the subject line of your email.
  - If mom and dad reside in separate school districts, two separate district forms need to be completed.
  - The Student Services Office will provide each busing school district with a list of students requiring transportation and the forms. If the forms are not returned to PJP by Friday, May 17th, then you must follow submission instructions listed on the bottom of the form.
  - **Special note: The forms for Souderton, Owen J. Roberts School, Perkiomen Valley, and Great Valley School Districts are electronic and are automatically sent to these districts. If you reside in any of these districts, you may skip step 2.**

Please be prompt in returning these forms. The forms will assist the districts in creating more accurate and timely bus schedules for the next school year. The district in which you reside will share the bus schedule with you a week or two before the school year begins.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## Tuition Office

### Friendly Reminder

I'm still actively working on the 2024-25 school year. Some accounts have been updated. All accounts will be finalized by Thursday, May, 30th. 2023-24 balances need to be cleared prior to the year ending, if balances are not cleared, this will have an impact on report cards, transcripts and rosters for the coming year. If you have any questions, please email me at [yvette.carr@pjphs.org](mailto:yvette.carr@pjphs.org).

## Athletics

### Uniform Return



Any student athlete who is done competing should return their uniforms ASAP. Students who do not return their uniforms will have a hold placed on their account. This means that students will not have access to report cards or rosters. If seniors students do not return their uniforms they will not receive their graduation materials until everything is returned.

## Physicals

Physicals will be held on Monday, June 3rd for any student athlete that will need one for the 2024-2025 school year. The sign up for physicals can be found here:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4DAAAAA2AA2F94-49746736-athletic#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4DAAAAA2AA2F94-49746736-athletic#/)  Please note that this date may need to be rescheduled due to playoff games.

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## Guidance Office

### Juniors Submit-Consent to Release Transcript & Letters of Recommendation Form

Attention Juniors, this is a friendly reminder to submit your *Consent to Release Transcript & Letters of Recommendation Form* by the end of the school year, if you have not done so already. This signed form authorizes the Guidance Department to send your official PJP transcript and letters of recommendation to all colleges and scholarships when you start to apply next year. The Guidance Office would like to be preemptive and get this on file now, before the rush of next year's application cycle.

#### Consent to Release Transcript & Recommendations

Please return your completed form to Guidance or email it to Mrs. Bell, College and Career Coordinator, at [dbell@pjphs.org](mailto:dbell@pjphs.org).

### Junior Parents-PARENT BRAG SHEET for the Class of 2025 for Counselor's Letter of Recommendation

The PJP School Counselors request Junior parents/guardians to complete a Parent Brag Sheet for their child. Completion of this form is optional, but, during the College Application process, many colleges and/or scholarships require a Counselor Letter of Recommendation, and a parent/guardian's insight can provide invaluable information that is worth including in a Counselor Recommendation, conveying your child's unique qualities. This information will aid counselors in writing the individualized counselor letter of recommendation. If you choose to complete the Brag Sheet, the link is below and please have it completed by August 1st.

#### Parent Brag Sheet for the Class of 2025

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## Have a great week!

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