



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

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President's Office

This morning I had the opportunity to participate in Kairos. What a wonderful experience for me and for our students. I would like to recognize the student leaders for Kairos LVI. They are: Myles McCulagh, Allie Mitchell, Kiernan Myers, Kieran Sgarra, Alana Swartz, Sam Simonich, Darby Young and Gianna Wieand.

Principal's Office



Congratulations to our girls Volleyball team who won an unprecedented third State Championship in a row! What an incredible accomplishment!

Congratulations also to our Football team who won their first game in their bid for the state championship! Their next game, the quarterfinals, will be against Bonner/Prendie next weekend. Please come out to support them.

Go Golden Panthers!

Panthers' Learning Center

Well, we made it! Congratulations to our students for their strong finish of Quarter 1. The beginning of a new quarter is a chance to reflect on what went well and adjust what may need improvement.

To make the second quarter the best it can be, students and families should:

- Check Schoology and PowerSchool daily so they are aware of upcoming and missing work.
- Visit the Panthers' Learning Center during the day, between 7:00am-4:00pm, to complete homework, study for tests, and receive tutoring and academic support.
- Sign up for [National Honor Society tutoring](#) for peer tutoring in subject areas.
- Communicate with teachers in person or through email with questions about classes and assignments.

Turning in all homework assignments on time is the easiest way to earn points and help position students for success. Mr. Rogers and the Panthers' Learning Center team are always happy to support students and families with checking grades, accessing Schoology and PowerSchool, and answering academic questions.

Mr. Rogers can be reached through email at tjrogers@pjphs.org.

Student Affairs

Turkey Drive

Each year, PJP raises enough money to donate complete Thanksgiving meals to more than 125 families who are in need. Area families are identified by the local parishes. PJP Faculty and students deliver the complete meals with all of the trimmings. Please join us to raise money for this special service project! Students can give their monetary donations to their Theology teachers.

Honor Society Inductions

On Wednesday, November 20, 2024, we will gather together as a school community to celebrate the Induction of new National Honor Society Officers and Members. This will take place during an assembly during school hours. New NHS Members will receive a RSVP to complete this week.

Computer Science Honor Society, French Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Tri-M Music Honor Society members and officers will also be inducted at this ceremony. An RSVP will be sent this week.

Health Suite

Annual Health Screenings

Annual Health Screenings will occur on Monday, Nov 25, 2024 to measure students' height/weight and vision. To waive your PJP student(s) from this state mandate, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/G74sdbX5Eof9PmJFA>.

Studio 38

Ticket Sales begin Monday 11/11 at 10 am. Online sales close 4 hours prior to the show. Tickets will be available at the door the night of the show.

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)



Attention Parents of the Class of 2025

It is baby picture time! Last week you should have received a reminder email with details on how to order an ad for your Senior to be placed in the yearbook, in addition to a separate email about pricing. **EARLY BIRD PRICING WILL END ON 11/30...ORDER NOW.** If you have not received my emails or have questions, please contact Maureen Gray at mgray@pjphs.org.

Tuition Office

Need Financial Aid?

The FACTS application portal is now open for the 2025-2026 school year! We encourage you to apply as soon as possible, as filing sooner is always better than later.

To complete your application, you will need to upload your 2023 tax documents, and there is a \$35 application fee.

www.factsmgt.com

If you have any questions, please contact the office for assistance.



Alumni Office

It's Class Reunion Season and you're invited! Check out the full list of legacy school and PJP class reunions, located at: <https://www.pjphs.org/reunions-and-events> to see if your class is celebrating any milestones this year.

Hall of Fame 2024

Please join us in celebrating the Legacy Hall of Fame Class of 2024 with a cocktail hour, butlered hors d'oeuvres, and beautiful induction ceremony starting at 6pm on Friday, December 13th.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

Athletics

Boys Lacrosse

There will be a boys lacrosse meeting after school on Monday 11/18 at 3:00 PM in the Student Commons. Anyone interested in playing lacrosse in the Spring should plan to attend the meeting.

Girls Lacrosse

There will be a girls lacrosse meeting after school on Wednesday 11/20 after school in the student commons. Anyone interested in playing lacrosse in the Spring should plan to attend.

Uniform Return

Fall uniforms for those done competing was November 7th. If you still have a Fall uniform or equipment please return it to Tracey or Kyle in the athletic office. Failure to return your uniform could result in a hold on your academic account.

Guidance Office

PSAT Scores - Available November 14th

Per the College Board website, PSAT scores became on November 14th. To access scores, students can log into their College Board account or they can also access their scores in the [BigFuture School mobile app](#) if they provided their mobile number on test day. In addition, students can access free college and career planning on these accounts, as well.

Below is a video about understanding the PSAT scores. The PSAT score report provides much feedback for students to prepare for the SATs and their future after high school – college, career, etc.

[Understanding Your PSAT Score - Video](#)

Naval Academy Visiting PJP

A representative from the Naval Academy is visiting PJP on Monday, November 25th, at noon. If interested, please sign-up in Naviance to register or email Mrs. Bell, College and Career Coordinator, at dbell@pjphs.org.

College	Date	Time
United States Naval Academy	Mon. November 25, 2024	12:00 PM

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@pjpsh.org or your child's school counselor.

[2024-2025 Educational Enrichment Opportunities - Google Docs](#)

SENIORS-College Acceptances and Scholarships & 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! This is for any and all colleges to which they have applied and been accepted to. The name of the scholarship / grant award(s) gets listed in the Graduation Program. They can either make a copy of the acceptances or scholarship/grant awards and drop it off to Mrs. Bell, College & Career Coordinator, or they can take a screenshot / picture of it and email it to her at dbell@pjpsh.org. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs. Bell or your child's school counselor.

PHEAA Financial Aid Webinars for November



November 2024
Financial Aid Assistance Webinars

Understanding the Offer Letter and Balances

Tuesday, November 5
Noon (ET)

Thursday, November 21
6:30 PM (ET)

The Offer Letter, or Financing Plans, that you receive to provide an idea of the costs associated with attending post-secondary education can be confusing as each school formats their information differently. PHEAA, represented by Suzanne Sparrow and Daniel Wray of PA Forward, will assist you, in this 1-hour webinar, in understanding and navigating through the types of Aid that are listed, what you are being offered and identifying the balances and next steps needed so you can make knowledgeable and affordable decisions. Q&A interaction is encouraged.

Covering the Gap: Pieces of the Puzzle to Help Pay Your Education Bill

Understanding education balances can be confusing and whether you're trying to address the costs or beginning to plan for higher education, this review is for you. Join PHEAA representatives Suzanne Sparrow and Daniel Wray for a 1-hour webinar that will emphasize best practices (such as seeking grants and scholarships first), remind families about additional resources (such as payment plans), and review private and alternative loans as a last resort in the process of covering the Gap and keeping balances affordable. The discussion will also include the basics of credit, what factors impact a credit score, how can a credit score be improved and the effects on your borrowing capability.

Thursday, November 7
6:30 PM (ET)

Tuesday, November 19
Noon (ET)

Register today
at pheaa.org/virtual

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Student Loans
by PHEAA

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COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID FORMS-FAFSA & CSS Profile

FAFSA – Opens December 1st

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.

Senior students and parents can create their Studentaid.gov Account (FSA ID) now. This is recommended

to be done prior to the release of the 2025-26 FAFSA application on December 1st, 2024. So, create your *StudentAid.gov* account now to be FAFSA® form ready!

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

CSS Profile – Open Now

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, so check the colleges' websites.

There is a cost for the CSS Profile: <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org>

College Standardized Test Dates & Registration Deadlines for National Test Days

SAT TESTING – Register at www.collegeboard.org.

SAT Test Date (2024-2025 School Year)	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late Registration
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024	November 26, 2024
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

ACT TESTING - Register at www.act.org.

ACT Test Date (2024-2025 School Year)	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late Registration
December 14, 2024	November 8, 2024	November 22, 2024
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025	March 16, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 5, 2025	June 20, 2025

SAT School Day Testing (for Juniors only) – PJP will offer the SAT School Day Test on April 16, 2025. Registration information for this test will be supplied to students in February.

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](#)

Have a great week!

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