



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

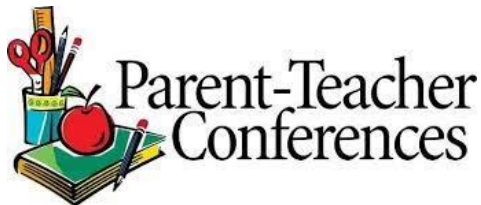
Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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President's Office

I am looking forward to, I think, entering the podcast world. The first episode will go live sometime this month. The podcast called "Keeping the Faith With PJP " will be thirty to forty- five minutes in length. Andy Souder, St. Pius X Class of 83, will serve as my co-host. A communication with a link to each podcast will go out to our PJP families each month. I am hoping to send out the inaugural podcast this week.

Academic Affairs



Progress Reports have been shared and PJP is hosting virtual Parent-Teacher-Student conferences on Wednesday, December 20th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. These conferences are designed to provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to partner together to provide support to a student who is experiencing difficulty in any of their classes. The long Christmas break is an excellent opportunity for students to catch up on those things they may be struggling with. These conferences are virtual appointments over zoom and students are welcome and encouraged to join in the conversation. If your child received a Failure Warning in any class, you are asked to please be sure you schedule a conference with the teacher.

To sign up for a conference, please follow [THIS LINK](#).

Please understand that grades are constantly changing and being updated as your student progresses through the curriculum. For the most up to date information, you are encouraged to monitor your student's progress through the tools available to you in the PowerSchool parent portal. Please remember that the Guidance Department and the Panthers' Learning Center are resources for all students who find that they may need some extra support.

Panthers' Learning Center

Now that we are at the midpoint of Quarter 2 with Progress Reports, we encourage you to work with your student on creating an academic gameplan for the remainder of Quarter 2.

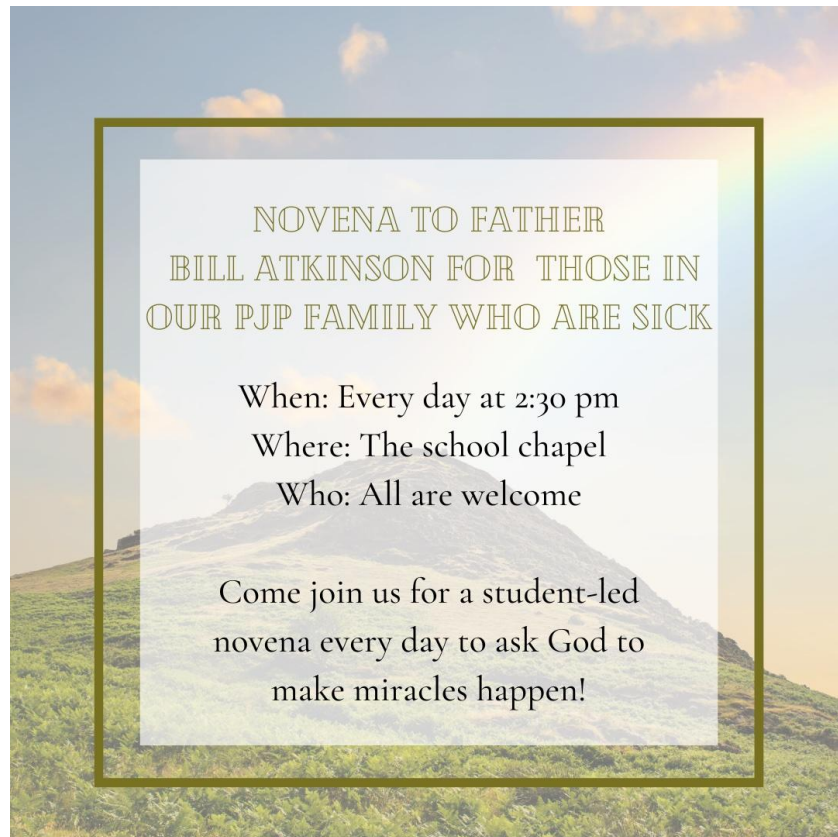
Here are some ideas for students to make the most of Progress Reports:

- Honestly reflect on the school year so far and what is working well and what needs adjusting
- Meet with individual teachers about grades and how to improve
- Actively participate in class by participating, asking questions, and following along
- Attend morning, lunch, or after school study sessions in the Panthers' Learning Center.

National Honor Society Tutoring may also be a beneficial support service for your students, as NHS students tutor their peers in classes they already have taken. Students can [sign up for NHS tutoring here](#) and will be matched with a tutor based on subject area and availability.

Mr. Rogers is always available during the school day and after school to meet with students, review content material, promote study strategies, and assist in goal creation.

Office of School Ministry



The We Three Project



The Church celebrates the coming of the Magi, the three wise men who came from afar to visit Christ symbolizing his manifestation to the nations. This Christmas season, we too are invited to be like these three kings: bringing much needed gifts to children in need. PJP's Respect Life Club is collecting donations of Diapers (Sizes 4-6), baby wipes, and pull ups to donate to The Patrician Society of Norristown. Donations may be left by the Christmas trees in the Legacy Atrium and are due on January 8th!

Student Affairs

iPad Raffle

Just in time for Christmas! Pantheron is raffling off a brand new iPad with wireless keyboard and pen (\$400 value).

Tickets are \$10 and only a limited number of raffles will be sold. [Click here to purchase](#) or come to the Office for Student Affairs.

Good luck!!

IPAD RAFFLE
\$10 EACH ONLY 250
TICKETS SOLD

PANTHERON

WINNER ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 22

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE
USING THE LINK OR AT THE
STUDENT AFFAIRS WINDOW

'Twas the Week Before Christmas

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So it seems only right, that PJP Students
should enjoy some Christmas Cheer!
Let's Dress UP your PJP Uniform.

This is a progressive Dress UP of your PJP Uniform

Accessorize your Official PJP Winter Uniform, Shirt/pants,
skirt/blouse, ID, Shoes with any or all of the following.

- **Monday (December 18)**—Add Christmas Socks (over stockings) and/or Ties
- **Tuesday (December 19)** - **FULL WINTER UNIFORM FOR ADVENT LITURGY Official PJP Winter Uniform, Shirt/pants, skirt/blouse, ID, and school shoes must be worn.**
- **Wednesday (December 20)**—Keep the Socks and/or Ties and add Accessories, like Christmas jewelry, Santa hats, headbands, antlers, Christmas tights, etc.
- **Thursday (December 21)** - Keep everything from Wednesday and add a red or green top in place of your PJP top
- **Friday (December 22)**—Keep everything from Thursday and add a Christmas sweater (Full Christmas Dress Down - all dress down day rules apply)

Some other things to look forward to:

- Candy Grams
- Find the Elf
- Gingerbread House Competition
- Christmas Scavenger Hunt
- Golden Ticket Prizes
- Bake Sale
- Music between classes
- Movies and/or Trivia at lunches
- iPad Raffle

Dress Down Day Rules:

- Students may wear sweatpants or jeans.
- Clothing must be appropriate for school.
- IDs must be worn and visible.
- Students may not wear shorts or leggings/tights/yoga pants.
- Students may not wear clothing with inappropriate slogans/sayings.
- Students may not wear open toed/open heeled footwear.

- Students may not wear ripped/torn clothing or shirts without sleeves.

Alumni

PJP's Annual Coming Home for Christmas event is on December 19th. Join us for Advent Liturgy and lunch with your old teachers starting at 12:00 PM sharp.

**POPE JOHN
PAUL II**

SUMMER CAMPS

**GIFT YOUR CHILDREN AN
UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE THIS
CHRISTMAS BY SENDING THEM TO
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A CAMP FOR EVERY CHILD...

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...AND MANY MORE!

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THIS AD TO GIFT YOUR
CHILD THIS AMAZING
CHRISTMAS GIFT!**

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Brochure](#)

Athletics

Upcoming Home Events

Tuesday 12/19

-Freshmen Boys Basketball vs Norristown- 3:45 PM

-Girls Basketball vs Phoenixville- JV at 5:30, Varsity at 6:45 PM

Thursday 12/21

-Girls Basketball vs Methacton- JV at 5:30 PM, Varsity at 6:45 PM

Friday 12/22

-Swimming vs Spring-Ford- 7:15 PM

Winter Athletic Transportation

PJP provides busing to and from away competitions. All members of a team are required to ride the bus with the team both ways. There are some exceptions, but permission must be given by the Athletic Office prior to the game.

Bag Bingo

For all Winter Sport home games admission for students of PJP is free. All students should be prepared to show their ID if asked. Admission for adults and everyone else is \$5.

Bag Bingo

The best night of Bingo is returning on Friday, February 2nd. More details and information on Bag Bingo will be shared in the coming weeks. We had some amazing bags last year, so you do not want to miss out on making this event.

Fundraisers

Girls Basketball:

-Basket of Cheer sponsored by the Girls Basketball Parents. If you are interested in buying tickets to win this prize contact Mrs. Azure Albeck at Albeck.azure@yahoo.com. Must be 21 years or older to participate.



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:

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

Guidance Office

FASFA-Opens December 31, 2023

If you are applying for financial aid for college, the Department of Education has announced the 2024-2025 FAFSA will be available by December 31, 2023.

In the meantime, you can create your FSA ID ... don't wait to do this because it can take a number of days for the Department of Education to verify your information. Dependent students will need an FSA ID for one or both of their parents as well. All students and contributors (such as parents and spouses) must create an FSA Account—even if the contributor does not have a Social Security number.

The FSA ID (account username and password) allows students and parents to identify themselves electronically to access, complete, sign, and submit a FAFSA form. **If you don't already have an FSA ID, go to: studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch to create an FSA ID now.**

Parents: If you previously created an FSA ID, you don't need to create another one. You can only have one FSA ID linked to your Social Security number. However, if you don't remember your username, select "Forgot Username." If you verified your email address or mobile phone number during account creation, you may enter your email address or mobile phone number instead of your username. If you forgot your password, select "Forgot Password," and follow prompts to reset your password.

Additionally, as you wait for FAFSA to open, you can visit and utilize the [Federal Student Aid Estimator](#), which provides an estimate of how much federal student aid you may be eligible to receive. These estimates are based on the Student Aid Index (SAI), used to determine federal student aid eligibility.

SENIORS-College Acceptances and Scholarship & 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! They can either make a copy of the acceptances or financial awards and drop it off to Mrs. Bell, Guidance Office Administrative Assistant, or they can take a screenshot / picture of it and email it to her at dbell@pjphs.org. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs. Bell or your child's school counselor.

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

[2023-24 Educational Enrichment Opportunities - Google Docs](#)

Please bookmark this page and check back with it often, as we will be adding new experiences and opportunities to the list as we learn of them!

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](#)

Health Suite

JUNIORS

Emails were sent on 12/5/23 for missing physical exams (required for Juniors). Please have paperwork and updated immunization records sent to nurse@pjphs.org as soon as possible.

SOPHOMORES

We can begin accepting your age 16 physical exams with updated vaccinations to satisfy the Junior requirement. Completed exams can be sent to nurse@pjphs.org as you attend your age 16 well-checks.

Thank you!

Have a great week!

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