

### Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

### Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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# Keeping the Faith with PJP

Happy Mother's Day to all the incredible moms from Pope John Paul II High School! Your love, strength, and endless support make our community brighter every day. Today, we celebrate you and all that you do.

### PJP Recommended for Reaccreditation by Middle States Visiting Team

Over the past 18 months, Pope John Paul II High School has been actively engaged in a Middle States selfstudy process to examine all facets of the school community and identify areas of opportunity for the next seven year accreditation period. Last week, a group of veteran educators visited PJP to meet with students, staff, faculty, parents, religious, feeder school, and board representatives and learn more about our school community. We are pleased to share that the visiting team recommended that PJP be reaccredited for another seven year period. Their report will soon be reviewed by two additional committees at Middle States. Thank you for your support of our educational programming here at PJP.

We also would like to thank the members of our Planning Team who guided us through the Middle States process: Sarah Bauer, Doreen Bell, Bill Breslawski, Vinnie Cazzetta, Dominic DiMartino, Kathleen Guyger, Cindy Honyara, Morgane Kerns, Father Joseph Maloney, Will Martinko, Tracey Rarich, Tess Riley '24, Joseph Rogers, Stephanie Rowland, Jim Strandberg, Megan Sullivan, Mary Frances Traywick, Nicholas Veneziale '26, Eric Wahl, Beth Waltrich, and Jennifer Zavertnik. This team represents the many components of our amazing school community.

# **Student Affairs**

#### **UPDATES FOR SENIORS**

- Grad Signs
  - Delivery update for those who ordered Graduation Lawn Signs. The Lawn signs have been submitted to Signarama and will be delivered to PJP on or around May 22.
- Final Transcript Form
  - Please complete and submit this form indicating your Post Graduation Plans and what college you will be attending so that we can send out your Final Transcript, which is Proof of Graduation for the college you will be attending. Final Transcripts will be submitted to colleges later in June, once the school year is officially closed out for all students in PowerSchool. Please complete the Final Transcript and Post Graduation Plans Form send

by Mrs. Bell. <u>COMPLETE FORM</u>

#### Scholarship Letters

• Scholarship Letters: If you have not already turned in your scholarship letters, please do so as soon as possible. All scholarships will be listed in the graduation program, and we want to ensure that each of your achievements is properly recognized.

#### • Graduation and Prom Information

• Parents have been asked to complete the Graduation and Prom Information Form through email from Mrs. Guyger. If you have not submitted, please do so as soon as possible.



Wednesday, May 15, is a Donation Dress Down Day for Morgan's Message. The theme of the dress down day is BLUE or PJP Spirit. The theme must be visible, not under a sweatshirt. All proceeds benefit Pantheron.

Students can pay \$3 in lunch on Monday or Tuesday in order to dress down.

#### Blue and Gold Day

Blue and Gold Day, Wednesday, May 22nd, is quickly approaching. Homerooms will be competing throughout the day starting and ending with a Pep Rally in the gym. Because of the nature of the competition in which they will be participating, students will be permitted to dress down. The dress code rules for this day are different from any other day. Please read the following dress code regulations carefully. TEN POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH HOMEROOM IF EVERYONE COMPLIES! Members of the BLUE TEAM must wear a BLUE T-shirt and GOLD TEAM members must wear a GOLD/YELLOW T-shirt. The shirts must have sleeves and they may be decorated to show your SCHOOL SPIRIT. Please avoid any inappropriate sayings or slogans. FOR BLUE AND GOLD DAY ONLY-- sweatpants, yoga pants/leggings, or athletic shorts/gym shorts may be worn. (They will not be permitted on future dress down days.) Athletic shorts must be as long as your fingertips when you hold your hands down by your side, and they should not have any writing on the back. Athletic shoes will suit you best for competition. All clothing must be whole—not ripped or torn.

The day will be warm and sunny, so don't forget your sunscreen. You may wear face paint on your cheeks only. Remember, the day will be warm and sunny, so think about whether painting your face is a good idea.

A BBQ Lunch is being provided for the entire school through the generosity of the PJP Parents Association and our local Knights of Columbus who will be grilling! The menu is Hotdogs, Hamburgers, snacks, and drinks will be provided. If you have dietary restrictions please pack a brown bag lunch for the day.

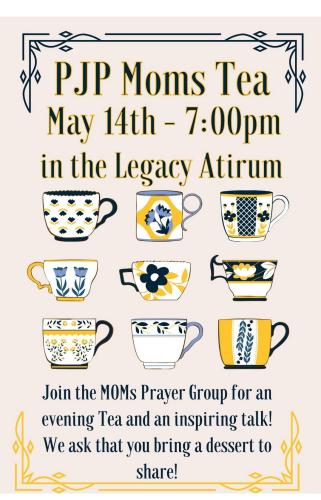
The dress code was created to ensure everyone is able to compete in comfort and to allow everyone to show SCHOOL SPIRIT. Please remember to limit yourself to the instructions above.

### **Panthers' Learning Center**

As we near the end of the school year, there are some steps students should take to ensure they are in the best position possible academically:

- Check Schoology and PowerSchool to ensure all assignments have been completed and submitted.
- Meet with teachers for extra help and to clarify instructions.
- Create study guides to help students study for final exams and supplemental study aids like flash cards, mind map webs, color-coded notes, and Quizlets, among others.
- Plan to break studying up into smaller pieces over multiple days.
- Good luck!

The Panthers' Learning Center is available to support your student academically, and in addition to school day availability, the center is open from 2:30-4:00 PM for students to study after school.



All Moms, Grandmas, Aunts and Friends are invited to an evening tea sponsored by the MOM's Prayer Group on May 14th at 7:00pm in the Legacy Atrium. Please bring a dessert to share. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by filling out the form <u>here</u>.

### **Parent's Association**

#### **Blue and Gold Day**

The parents association is working hard to assist with Blue and Gold Day. Please consider volunteering or donating necessary items.

• Blue and Gold Day Sign Up - <u>DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u>

# **Office of School Ministry**

• If you are unable to volunteer or send in a donation, please consider making a monetary donation. <u>DONATE HERE</u>

#### **Graduation Bouquets**

Do you have a graduate? The Parents Association is offering Graduation Bouquets for Graduation Day. <u>https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=6WC2AK</u>

### Support Young Athletes!

Support Young Athletes! Donate to Our Sports Equipment Drive

The PJP National Honor Society is partnering with<u>Leveling the Playing Field</u> and <u>Pitch in</u> <u>for Baseball & Softball</u>. These outstanding organizations equip underprivileged children with the necessary gear to participate in sports, promoting both physical activity and personal growth.

A sports equipment collection drive will be held from**Monday, May 6th through Friday, May 17th**. Students may drop off gently used sports equipment in bins in the atrium as they enter the school building. If you would like to help a child in need, please consider sending in some equipment with your student.

Examples of accepted items are cleats/shoes, equipment for sports such as baseball, softball, football, golf, basketball, lacrosse, ice hockey, field hockey, tennis, volleyball, and various playground/recess equipment.

Acceptable donation items can be found on either of the two following websites:

https://www.levelingtheplayingfield.org/ways-to-help/donate-equipment/

https://pifbs.org/our-impact/school-based-programs/

For any questions, please reach out to <u>nhs@pjphs.org</u>.

### **Student Services**

#### 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#/



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. <u>Click here</u> 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 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.



# **Fine Arts**

May is *Fine Arts Month* at PJP. All events/shows are free! Mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate the arts and the amazing talents of our PJP family.

#### May 1st @ 5:00 - 7:00 pm "Reflection" Art Show Opening

- (All art students will have works in this show. It will remain on display throughout the entire month.)
- In addition to the artwork & hors d'oeuvres, there will be musical performances by Studio 38's Jazz Band, String Ensemble, Mallet Ensemble, as well as solos and duets.

#### May 7th @ 7:00 pm - Spring Concert

• Featuring: The Studio 38 Orchestra, Jazz Band, String Ensemble, Mallet Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Drum Line, Chorus, & Performing Arts Classes

#### May 15th @ 7:00 pm - Studio 38 presents Clue

• This Theatre Workshop is a completely student run production of the play.

<u>Studio 38 Fundraiser</u> - private event at *Her Hide Out* in Providence Town Center on *May 5th @ 11:00 am* - 3:00 pm.

### **Tuition Office**

#### **Friendly Reminder**

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. Also, for the 2024-25 school year, we are actively working on updating everyone's account with financial aid, scholarships or any credit due. Please allow two weeks for this to be accomplished. Please check your accounts one week prior to your first June payment.

### **Athletics**

#### **Upcoming Home Events**

<u>Monday, May 13th</u> 9th Baseball vs Spring-Ford- 3:45 PM Varsity Baseball vs Methacton- 7:00 PM at Boyertown (PAC Semi-Final)

<u>Tuesday, May 14th</u> JV Baseball vs Boyertown- 4:00 PM

<u>Wednesday, May 15th</u> Girls Lacrosse- away 1st round of District Playoff

<u>Thursday, May 16th</u> 9th Baseball vs Owen J. Roberts- 3:45 PM

#### **Uniform Return**

Spring uniform return is Tuesday, May 21st. All Spring athletes who are done competing should plan to return their uniforms to the athletic office between 7:30-7:50 am or after school until 4. Student athletes are responsible for returning everything that was issued to them (minus socks and hats). All uniform pieces must be turned into Tracey or Kyle in the athletic office. DO not leave uniforms in a bag by the athletic office door. Senior athletes all uniform pieces must be returned or you will not receive your graduation materials.

#### **Golf Interest Meeting**

There will be a Golf interest meeting for any boy or girl who wants to play next season. Coach will be going over summer workouts and the season. Please plan to attend on Thursday May 15 at 2:45 in the student commons.

#### Varsity Letter Breakfast

Student athletes that were awarded a varsity letter should have received a Google Form to RSVP to the Varsity Letter Breakfast. Please make sure your student athlete RSVPs if they are interested in attending the breakfast before school on May 20th.

#### **Senior Athlete Banquet**

Don't forget the Senior Athletic Banquet will be held in the Legacy Atrium on Thursday, May 30th beginning at 6:30 PM. Senior athletes are free with a parent registration. Join us for food, drinks, awards, and one last celebration of our Senior athletes. Registration will close on Friday May 17th. To register

follow the link: <u>https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=0f581e</u>. Please note that you have to click confirm twice for the purchase to go through. You will receive an email confirming your registration. If you do not, the registration did not go through.

#### **PIAA Physical Paperwork**

To participate in athletics in the 2024-2025 school year, every student athlete must have a PIAA physical dated May 1st, 2024 or after to be eligible to participate. Registration on BigTeams is now open and families can begin uploading PIAA paperwork for next school year. Email Kyle McCarney if you have any other questions.

#### **Fundraisers**

#### **Girls Basketball**

Girls basketball is hosting a night at the Phillies Game on Thursday, May 16th vs the Mets. Purchase tickets from the following link for \$30.00. The Girls Basketball team will receive \$6 for every ticket sold. Watching the Phillies and supporting PJP Girls Basketball, what can be better? Order tickets her: <u>https://www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/pjp</u>

#### **Football**

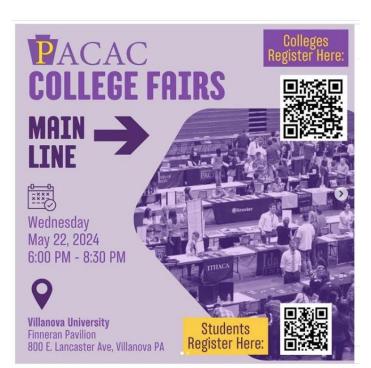
The Second PJP Football Golf Outing will be held on Friday, June 21st at Linfield Golf Course. It will be a 9:00AM shotgun start with lunch to follow. The cost will be \$125 per person or \$500 per foursome. Please consider supporting our event and save the date for June, 21st 2024. Reach out to Coach Reed at <u>football@piphs.org</u> if you have any questions, would like to register, or become a hole sponsor.

# **Guidance Office**

# The Main Line College Fair at Villanova University- May 22nd 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

The Pennsylvania Association of College Admission Counseling (PACAC) will be hosting the Main Line College Fair in the Finneran Pavilion at Villanova University on Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024, from 6:00-8:30 pm.

With nearly 200 colleges and universities in attendance, this is a great opportunity for high school students to start their college search. This is a free event and all high school students and their families are welcome to attend. Students can register with <u>Strivescan</u> for a QR code in advance of the fair to share their information with colleges. No additional pre-registration is required. For further information, including parking details and a list of attending colleges, please visit the <u>Main Line College Fair</u> page.



#### LAST CALL SENIORS-College Acceptances, Scholarship, & Grant Awards, and Financial Aid Award Letters Please Submit to the Guidance Office by May 15th

Seniors are asked to please submit any and all college acceptances and financial aid award letters (scholarships and grants) 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. Please submit this information by May 15th.

You can either make a copy of the acceptances and scholarship / grants and drop it off to Mrs. Bell, College and Career Coordinator, or you 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 school counselor.

# 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

#### Class of 2025-College Standardized Test Dates and Registration Deadlines for National Test Days

SAT Test Date	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	Deadline for Late Registration
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 16, 2024	May 21, 2024

#### Anticipated Dates for through Fall 2024 (Subject to Change)

SAT Test Date	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	Deadline for Late Registration
August 24, 2024	TBD	TBD
October 5, 2024	TBD	TBD
November 2, 2024	TBD	TBD
December 7, 2024	TBD	TBD

#### SAT TESTING (is digital) - Register at www.collegeboard.org

ACT Test Date (2023-24 School Year)	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	Deadline for Late Registration
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	July 5, 2024

#### ACT TESTING (is paper and pencil) - Register at www.act.org

#### **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.

#### 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

### Have a great week!

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