



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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President's Office

Last Thursday Pope John Paul II High School had a record number of families attend the “Fall Open House.” The hallways buzzed with excitement as over 200 families explored the many wonderful offerings the PJP experience has to provide. To cap off the event families got to witness the Northern Lights dancing across the sky. PJP is looking forward to welcoming the Class of 2029.

Principal's Office

During Bullying Prevention Month, please talk to your students about the long term effects of bullying. There is no room for bullying at PJP!!

**What you do today
impacts someone's
tomorrow.**

**Bullying is not only
devastating while it's
happening, it can hurt
for a lifetime.**



Next week is Spirit Week in anticipation of Homecoming. While we encourage our students to show their PJP spirit, we also remind them that all school rules are still in effect and will be applied. See the list of dress down days below.

We can't wait to play our first Friday Night Homecoming Football Game! Please make sure to review the expectations listed below so that we can have a smooth transition to this new school experience. Students

Academic Affairs



Progress Reports have been shared electronically and reflect a frozen snapshot of student performance in each of their respective classes when the reports were generated. For the most current grade information, please utilize the tools within your PowerSchool portal.

For the parents of those students who may be struggling in one or more of their classes, virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences are available this coming Wednesday by appointment over Zoom. The meetings, each 8 minutes long, are designed to provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to partner together to provide support to the student. Students are welcome and encouraged to participate in the meetings. To sign up for an appointment, please visit this [Parent Teacher Conference Sign Ups](#) page to find links to each teacher's appointment book to select from available conference times. The 1st Quarter will come to an end on Friday, November 8th.

Panthers' Learning Center

The Panthers Achieving Worthwhile Success (PAWS) program provides individualized and intentional support through dedicated teachers, an advisor, and extended-time testing coordinator to students with documented learning differences who may have benefited from academic support and accommodations in their previous schools.




The Panthers' Learning Center team and school leadership will be hosting an information session to introduce prospective and current families to the PAWS program on Thursday, November 7 at 6:00PM in the Panthers' Learning Center at PJP. The session includes a formal presentation that outlines the program and objectives, walks families through the PAWS enrollment process, and discusses the program fee and financial aid opportunities. Families can sign up for the session [using this form](#).

This program has tremendously impacted our 64 participating students. 17 PAWS students made the honor roll last year, including 3 on first honors, and all of our seniors were college and career bound. Our students also volunteered at the Archdiocesan Mass Honoring Individuals with Disabilities which was celebrated by Archbishop Perez. We are so proud of our PAWS program students and are excited to see the gifts our next cohort of students will bring to PJP!

Please contact Mr. Joseph Rogers, Director of Academic Support (jrogers@pjphs.org) if you have any questions.

Student Affairs

SPIRIT WEEK

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| <p>Monday, October 14</p> | <p>PJP PRIDE </p> |
| <p>Tuesday October 15</p> | <p></p> |
| <p>Wednesday, October 16</p> | <p>JERSEY DAY</p> |
| <p>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17</p> | <p></p> |
| <p>Friday, October 18</p> | <p>COLOR WARS</p> |

Students who do not have or wish not to participate in dress down themes may wear PJP spirit wear or PJP Uniform in place of the designated dress.

Spirit Week Explained

Powderpuff Football:

- Saturday, October 12 at 3pm on the Football field
- Senior Girls take on the Underclassmen Girls to kick off Spirit Week
- Girls and Managers that signed up should receive an email from Mrs. Honyara detailing where to meet and pick up shirts

Themes:

- PJP Pride
 - Monday, October 14
 - Show your PJP Pride by wearing a PJP shirt, sweatshirt, sweatpants, etc.
 - Wear your PJP Spirit Wear, take a picture, and tag @pjpstuco on Instagram
 - The class with the most tags will earn points

- Proudest Panther will also earn points
- Register for Homecoming Dance
- Pajama Day
 - Tuesday, October 15
 - School appropriate, as determined by the administration
 - IDEAS
 - Pajama pants, Sweatpants
 - Sweatshirts, T-shirts
 - Loose fitting onesies (with clothing underneath)
 - Movies and popcorn at lunch provided by Student Council
 - Homecoming Dance Permission Slips Due
- Jersey Day
 - Wednesday, October 16
 - Fall PJP Athletes are encouraged to wear your PJP Jersey
 - Non-PJP athletes can wear any Professional or College Sports Jersey
 - Sign up to play Ping Pong
- USA Day
 - Thursday, October 17
 - Wear your favorite Red, White, and Blue
 - In keeping with our Mutual Respect Policy, clothing should be appropriate without inappropriate slogans/sayings and without references to alcohol or politics
 - Clothing should be Patriotic, but should contain no political references
 - Trivia Day at lunches
- Color Wars
 - Friday, October 19
 - Dress in your class color
 - Seniors - Gold
 - Juniors - Red/Pink
 - Sophomores - Blue
 - Freshmen - Green
 - Pep Rally
 - Volleyball Game
 - Juniors vs Freshmen AND Seniors vs Sophomores
 - Winner vs. Faculty
 - Spikeball Tournament
 - Cheer and Pep Rally Performance

Other Things to Look For:

- Find the Pope
 - Each day throughout the week, the Pope will be hidden throughout the school
 - If you find the Pope, bring it to Mrs. Honyara in the Student Affairs Office to claim your prize!
- Coin Wars
 - Each grade will choose a charity
 - Earn positive points with coins
 - Put paper money in your opponent's jar to penalize them
 - Class with the most points wins a dress down day
- Homeroom Door Decorating Contest
 - Homeroom Representatives will coordinate the door decorating with PJP Theme
 - Doors will be judged on Thursday, October 17
 - The winner will be announced at the pep rally on Friday
- Fall Sports Pep Rally
 - Fall Sports Seniors will be recognized
 - Homecoming Court will be announced
 - Classes will compete in different games (See your email to sign up to compete)
 - Color Wars winner will be announced
- Homecoming Game
 - Friday, October 18, 2024 at 7pm
 - Homecoming King and Queen will be announced at halftime
- Homecoming Dance
 - Saturday, October 19, 2024 - 7-9:30 pm
 - Tickets are free, but you must register for a ticket by completing the online registration

- Permission slips were distributed in homeroom and must be returned to the Office for Student Affairs by Tuesday, October 15.
- This dance is for PJP students and registered guests only, guest forms due October 15
- Semi-formal attire
- Dates are not necessary

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.

Students who do not have or wish not to participate in dress down themes may wear PJP spirit wear or PJP Uniform in place of the designated dress.

Remember that failure to pay attention to these directives will result in demerits being issued.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2025

It is baby picture time! Last week you should have received an email with details on how to order an ad for your Senior to be placed in the yearbook. If you did not receive that email or have questions, please contact Maureen Gray at mgray@pjphs.org.

Grandparents Day

We invite all grandparents to join us for Grandparents Day on October 30th at 12PM at Pope John Paul II High School. This event is open to grandparents of all PJP students.

We look forward to seeing you there!

[**CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP**](#)



Grandparents Day Agenda

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| 12:00 PM | Check In- Auditorium Lobby |
| 12:05 PM | Welcome and Opening Prayer |
| 12:15 PM | First Rotation Red: Auditorium Green: Cafeteria Yellow: Self-Guided Tours Suggested stops: The Chapel, PLC, Student's locker, Classrooms |
| 12:45 PM | Second Rotation Green: Auditorium Yellow: Cafeteria Red: Self-Guided Tours Suggested stops: The Chapel, PLC, Student's locker, Classrooms |
| 1:15 PM | Third Rotation Yellow: Auditorium Red: Cafeteria Green: Self-Guided Tours Suggested stops: The Chapel, PLC, Student's locker, Classrooms |
| 1:45 PM | Auditorium (All)... Closing and Dismissal |

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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 better than later. You will need to upload your 2023 tax documents, and there is a \$30 application fee.

www.factsmgmt.com

Parking Fee Adjustment

Please note that FACTS accounts have been updated to reflect the 2024-2025 parking fee. We kindly ask that you check your accounts to review this adjustment.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to 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](#)

Advancement Office

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the PJP Heritage Golf Outing! Together, we raised over \$12,000 for the John Paul Fund, which helps provide scholarships for students and supports important school enhancements.

Additionally, the golf team collected \$900 for a bench honoring Rylee Monahan, to be placed at her favorite hole at Bella Vista Golf Course.


We appreciate your generosity and support in making this event a success for our students and community!

October Lunch Menu



Everyday Menu

Weekly Specials

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| Grill Cheeseburger Crispy Chicken Nuggets Classic Grilled Cheese Crispy Homestyle French Fries Crispy Chicken Sandwich Spicy Chicken Sandwich Chicken Cheesesteak | Oct 7th-11th | Feature Appetizer: Curly Fries Grill Feature: Sweet & Spicy Steak Flatbread Pizza Feature: Ricotta & Basil Pesto Deli Feature: Peri Peri Chicken Naan Sandwich Salad Feature: Chicken Cobb Salad Main Plate: Asian Teriyaki Noodle Bowl Dessert Feature: Acai Bowl |
| Pizzeria Classic Cheese Pizza Buffalo Chicken Pizza Grab a slice of our hot & fresh Handmade pizza from our Pizzeria station. Also try our different Premium options featured weekly. | | Feature Appetizer: Charcuterie Cup Grill Feature: Beef Cheesesteak Pizza Feature: Boardwalk Deli Feature: Crispy Chicken Cajun Sliders Salad Feature: Mandarin Chicken Salad Main Plate: Korean Chicken Basket Dessert Feature: Cinnamon Sugar Churro |
| Deli Buffalo Chicken Wrap Chicken Caesar Wrap | Oct 14th-18th | Feature Appetizer: Charcuterie Cup Grill Feature: Beef Cheesesteak Pizza Feature: Boardwalk Deli Feature: Crispy Chicken Cajun Sliders Salad Feature: Mandarin Chicken Salad Main Plate: Korean Chicken Basket Dessert Feature: Cinnamon Sugar Churro |
| Healthy Choices 🍏 Chicken Caesar Salad Tossed Garden Salad Yogurt Parfait Veggie & Dip Cup Seasonal Fruit Made-to-Order Salads, Sandwiches & Wraps Customize your own Deli Sandwich, Wrap, or Salad. Select your protein, select your cheese, and customize with Toppings and condiments of your choice. | Oct 21st-25th | Feature Appetizer: Old Bay Fries Grill Feature: Buffalo Burger Pizza Feature: Chicken Bacon Ranch Flatbread Deli Feature: Chicken Fajita Wrap Salad Feature: Mandarin Chicken Salad Main Plate: Chicken Stir Fry Dessert Feature: Chipwich Ice Cream Sandwich |
| Dessert Chocolate Chip Cookie Sugar Cookie | Oct-Nov 28th-1st | Feature Appetizer: Mozzarella Sticks Grill Feature: Cubano Panini Pizza Feature: Margherita Pizza Deli Feature: Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap Salad Feature: Mandarin Chicken Salad Main Plate: Chicken Alfredo Dessert Feature: Funnel Cake Fries |
| Buffalo Wing Bar Every Other Tuesday  | | |

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Athletics

Lights On

We are so excited to announce that our Homecoming Football game is now scheduled for Friday, October 18th at 7:00 PM. Join us as we celebrate this historic moment for our PJP alumni and current students. Although we are all excited for this big day, please know that all student rules for night events, like dances, are in effect.

Stadium Perimeter Policies

As we start to host night athletic events outside we are instituting some new policies to help keep our PJP spectators and visiting spectators safe.

- All PJP spectators should enter the perimeter at the check in site closest to the school building.
- No outside food or drinks will be allowed past the check in area.
- No bags larger than a belt bag will be allowed past the check in table.
- All students must show their student IDs to enter the perimeter.
- Any student 8th grade or younger will not be admitted without a parent or guardian in attendance.
- Any student suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be required to be tested. Students refusing to be tested will be disciplined according to the procedures listed in the handbook in our Substance Abuse Policy.

Upcoming Home Events

Sunday, October 13th

JV Ice Hockey vs Great Valley/Phoenixville- 6:45 PM (Center Ice)

Tuesday, October 15th

Cross Country at PAC Championships- 1:30 PM (Limerick Community Park)

Boys Soccer vs Perkiomen School- JV/V 4:00 PM

Girls Soccer vs Owen J Roberts- 7:00 PM (PAC Semi-Final at OJR)

Volleyball vs Spring-Ford- 7:00 PM (PAC Semi-Final at Upper Merion)

Thursday, October 17th

Boys Soccer vs Garnet Valley- 3:45 PM

Friday, October 18th

Girls Soccer vs Bishop Shanahan- 3:30 PM

Football vs Upper Merion- 7:00 PM (Homecoming)

Winter Sports Update

Winter sports begin on Friday, November 15th. All students who plan to tryout need to have their PIAA paperwork completed and uploaded to BigTeams (<https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/?keyword=%2Fuser%2Fsignin&schoolID=0>) If winter is your student's first sport a physical is required. If this is your student's second sport a section 7 form is required.

Winter Sports Offered

PJP offers the following winter sports: Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Wrestling, Boys and Girls Swimming. If your child is interested in trying out for or competing in any of these sports please make sure you are reaching out to the coaches to be added to their email list for open gym and tryout information.

Girls Basketball- Coach Flanagan: Girlsbasketball@pjphs.org

Boys Basketball- Coach Wise: Boysbasketball@pjphs.org

Wrestling- Coach Jeff: Wrestling@pjphs.org

Swimming- Coach Emily: Swim@pjphs.org

Club Ice Hockey is also offered. Please reach out to Club President John Wiese at PJPatriotshockey@gmail.com for more information.

Concession Stand Signups

Now that athletics are in full swing, the concession stand will be open for volleyball and football games. Proceeds from the concession stand come right back to the athletic department and are used for Senior Flowers and a Senior gift for all Senior Student Athletes at the end of the school year. Students can sign up for shifts and get service hours. Please consider signing up for a shift.

VOLLEYBALL SIGN UPS

FOOTBALL SIGN UPS

Electronic Ticketing

PJP, as well as all other Archdiocesan High Schools, will be switching to electronic ticketing starting this Fall season. For Volleyball and Football there will no longer be any cash sales. **All home games, including Football, will be \$6 per person.** PJP students will still get free admission to events.

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Fundraisers

Baseball-Yeti Cooler Raffle

The Baseball team is selling raffle tickets to win a Tundra 45 Yeti Cooler, 18oz Yeti Rambler, and various drinks. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 from Danielle Tindall, contact her at tindall206@hotmail.com.

Football-Discount Cards

Football is selling their annual discount cards. The card is \$10 and gets you various discounts at local establishments. Some of the discounts can be applied at Anna Marie's, Hilltop, Java's Brewin, Qdoba, SV Sports, Sweet Aloha and more. For a card see any football player, parent, or coach. You can also contact Tracey at trarich@pjphs.org

Guidance Office

SENIORS-COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELORS VISITING PJP

Below is a list of colleges and universities visiting PJP the week of 10/14. 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 Mrs. Bell, PJP's College and Career Coordinator, at dbell@pjphs.org.

| COLLEGE | ThuDATE | TIME |
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| Ursinus College | Tue. October 15, 2024 | 9:45 AM |
| Franklin and Marshall College | Tue. October 15, 2024 | 10:30 AM |
| Quinnipiac University | Tue. October 15, 2024 | 11:15 AM |
| Palm Beach Atlantic University | Wed. October 16, 2024 | 9:45 AM |
| John Carroll University | Wed. October 16, 2024 | 10:30 AM |
| Belmont University | Wed. October 16, 2024 | 11:15 AM |
| Costal Carolina University | Thu. October 17, 2024 | 9:30 AM |
| Rochester Institute of Technology | Thu. October 17, 2024 | 9:45 AM |
| Saint John's University-New York | Thu. October 17, 2024 | 10:30 AM |
| Dickinson College | Thu. October 17, 2024 | 11:15 AM |
| Virginia Tech | Thu. October 17, 2024 | 12:00 PM |
| West Chester University of Pennsylvania | Fri. October 18, 2024 | 9:45 AM |
| Messiah University | Fri. October 18, 2024 | 12:00 PM |

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 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| November 2, 2024 | October 18, 2024 | October 22, 2024 |
| 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 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| October 26, 2024 | September 20, 2024 | October 7, 2024 |
| 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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