



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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President's Office

Student Parking Fee

I recently became aware that both the Student Handbook and a message sent through School Messenger listed the student parking fee as \$50 for the 2024-25 school year, while other publications reflected the correct fee of \$75. In light of this oversight, we will be crediting \$25 to the FACTS account of each family that was charged the student parking fee. Please be patient as we have many FACTS accounts to adjust.

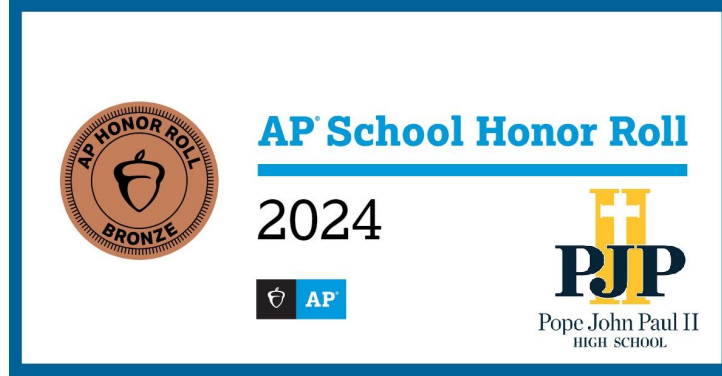
Principal's Office

Happy Fall! Please make sure that you check your email often, as that is the easiest for us to communicate with you. Also, please encourage your student to also check their email daily.

Thank you to all our student and parent volunteers for our Fall Open House on Thursday, October 10th from 5-7pm. If you know of any elementary school students or families that might be interested in attending, please share this news with them.

October is Bullying Prevention month. Please speak with your student to remind them that bullying comes in many forms - verbal, social media, pictures, videos, exclusion from events. PJP will not tolerate bullying of any kind. If your student knows someone who is being bullied in class or outside of PJP, please encourage them to report it or to intervene. Everyone deserves to be able to go to school without worrying about how they will be treated that day!

Academic Affairs



College Board announced that Pope John Paul II has again been named to the Advanced Placement® Program (AP®) School Honor Roll, earning the Bronze distinction.

The AP® School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. With the program, started in 2023, schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness.

Of the three metrics included in Honor Roll, we were thrilled to earn the highest level of distinction, Platinum, for College Optimization reflecting the percent of students in the graduating class who took 5 or more AP Exams in high school, where at least 1 exam was taken in 9th or 10th grade.



- Progress Reports will be released by next Monday, October 14th. These reports provide a frozen snapshot of your student’s progress at the midpoint of the 1st quarter. Please utilize the tools in PowerSchool and Schoology for the most current and up to date information related to your child’s progress.
- Parent-Student-Teacher conferences will be available by appointment over Zoom on Wednesday, October 16th to provide an opportunity for students and parents to collaborate with teachers in the classes that a student may be struggling in to help the student improve. Appointment sign ups will be shared with the progress reports.
- PSAT EXAMS - all students in grades 9-11 will be taking the PSAT 8/9 or PSAT exam on Wednesday, October 30th. These exams are presented digitally, and all students must bring their fully charged chromebook to school on this day.

Panthers' Learning Center

Progress Reports are right around the corner, and to ensure your student is ready for this snapshot of their academic progress, we encourage you and your student to review the following together:

- Check Schoology and PowerSchool daily to make sure all assignments are turned in on time and in the correct format (paper, electronic, etc.)
- Create a study plan for tests and quizzes by making flashcards and study guides and reviewing them over multiple days.
- Ask questions in class and arrange to meet with teachers or tutors before or after school.
- Visit the Panthers’ Learning Center during the day for extra help, academic coaching, or quiet

study.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Rogers at ajrogers@piphs.org.

Student Affairs

Purple For a Purpose: Friday, October 11th

In a show of solidarity and support for Mr. Dunn in his fight against pancreatic cancer, we will wear purple on Friday, October 11. The connection to Blessed Carlo Acutis and his feast day (October 12) adds a meaningful spiritual layer to the initiative, as people unite in prayer for a miracle.

We will be wearing purple for a purpose to support both pancreatic cancer awareness and Mr. Dunn is a beautiful way to show unity. Encouraging Mr. Dunn, as well as asking for Carlo Acutis' intercession, creates a sense of both action and faith in this challenging journey.

Instead of your uniform top, wear a purple top or sweatshirt. Add some purple accessories and be creative. Your uniform short or pants must be worn along with uniform shoes and ID.

Tuition Office

Reminder: Check your FACTS Account

If your student required a gym uniform, access ID cards, or a lock, please check your FACTS account for any adjustments that have been made.

As a reminder, please keep your accounts up to date. Falling behind on payments can accrue late fees and may affect your student's participation in activities.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the office for assistance.

Thank you!



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

Annual PJP Golf Outing

Only two days left to register for the Annual PJP Golf Outing on October 8th at Spring Ford Country Club! Don't miss out on this chance to enjoy a fun-filled day of golf with the PJP community. Foursomes are available for \$750, which includes golf, lunch, dinner, cocktail hour, and a stretch clinic from The Golfer's PT!

Sign up now and help make this event a huge success!

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

Athletics

Upcoming Home Events

Monday, October 7th

JV Football vs Pottsgrove- 3:45 PM

Boys Soccer vs Pottstown- Varsity 3:45 PM, JV to follow

Tuesday, October 8th

Girls Soccer vs Phoenixville- 3:45 PM JV and V

Wednesday, October 9th

Volleyball vs Upper Merion- JV 5:30 PM, Varsity to follow

Thursday, October 10th

Boys Soccer vs Pottsgrove- 3:45 PM JV and V

Friday, October 11th

Girls Soccer vs Pottstown- 3:45 PM V only

Saturday, October 12th

Football vs Pottstown- 1:00 PM

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

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

College Financial Aid Night (Virtual)-Wednesday, October 9th, at 5:30 PM

Please join Michael Burke from PHEAA to learn more about the college financial aid process. During this presentation, he will discuss types of aid available, how to apply for financial aid, scholarship search options, and briefly look at the major federal and state financial aid programs. There will be time available to address Q&A after the presentation.

The registration link is below. It is strongly recommended to register prior to the event date to avoid any problems or delays in accessing the site. There will be other schools participating in this virtual event as well.

Also, here is an additional [resources](#) page to help learn more about financial aid opportunities and watch PHEAA "how to" videos, access publications and links to financial aid information. These resources are designed to provide information on the entire financial aid process including completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Please note this is not a PJP sponsored event.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

SENIORS-COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELORS VISITING PJP

Below is a list of colleges and universities visiting PJP the week of 10/7. 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	DATE	TIME
University of Pittsburg- Johnstown	Mon. October 7, 2024	10:30 AM
Alvernia University	Mon. October 7, 2024	11:15 AM
Delaware Valley University	Mon. October 7, 2024	12:00 PM
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	Tue. October 8, 2024	10:30 AM
Pennsylvania Western University	Tue. October 8, 2024	11:15 AM
University of Notre Dame	Tue. October 8, 2024	12:00 PM
University of Delaware	Wed. October 9, 2024	12:00 PM
Millersville University of Pennsylvania	Thu. October 10, 2024	11:15 AM
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College	Fri. October 11, 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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