

Pope John Paul II

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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President's Office

President's Podcast

The latest edition of "Keeping The Faith with PJP" is included in today's PJP weekly. Given that Catholic Schools Week starts today, this episode is very timely as the topic is Spirituality at PJP and our guest is PJP's Director of Campus Ministry, Kevin Kozeniewski. Give it a listen when you get a chance. Next month's podcast will focus on the Performing Arts at PJP.

Click here to listen!

Academic Affairs

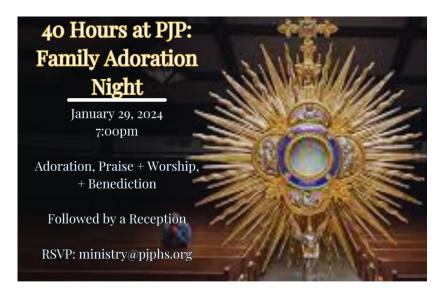


Happy Catholic Schools week! Thank you for trusting us with the education of your children.

Please note that there is still some mid-term testing taking place this coming Monday, January 29th in the AP Sciences, some elective courses, and some scheduled make-up exams. Because of the schedule changes during Catholic Schools Weeks, some special exceptions have been made for exam times as needed for some classes. AP Biology, AP Physics I, and AP Physics C will be testing in the cafeteria during 1st and 2nd periods. Some AP Science, electives, and makeup tests will take place in the classroom. Teachers reviewed with their classes on Friday where and when the students will be taking any exams scheduled for Monday. Please check with your child to see if they have any exams scheduled for Monday and to be sure they know where and when to report.

Because of the extension of our testing period, 2nd semester classes will officially begin on TUESDAY. If your student is enrolled in any semester-long electives, please remind them that they will report to their 1st semester class on Monday, and their 2nd semester class will begin on Tuesday.

Office of School Ministry



We're thrilled to announce the upcoming 40 Hour Devotions at our school, scheduled from January 29th to January 31st. This entails 40 hours of the Blessed Sacrament being exposed, providing an opportunity for our students, faculty, staff, and families to pray with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Join us on Monday, January 29th at 7:00 pm for our Family Adoration Night. We invite families to come together and spend meaningful time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. As St. Theresa of Calcutta beautifully expressed, "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth."

If you plan to attend, kindly RSVP by emailing your family name and the number of attendees to ministry@pjphs.org. Your presence will contribute to the spiritual richness of this event. We look forward to sharing this sacred time with you and your loved ones.



Student Affairs

Important Links (MUST BE COMPLETED BY STUDENTS)

The following links must be completed by students by the date and time listed below.

TEACHER APPRECIATION LETTERS (Due by Monday at Noon)
ORDER CHICK FIL A HERE (Due by Monday at Noon)



Catholic Schools Week begins next week! Student Council has been planning a fun and exciting week! Please see the information below to see what is happening each day (especially the Dress Down Days)!

Pope John Paul II High School Catholic Schools Week 2024 United in Faith and Community

1/29 Monday: Catholic Schools Week Liturgy

- Catholic Schools Week Opening Liturgy
- Opening of 40 Hours Family Adoration Evening
- All students must follow the proper student dress code by wearing the school uniform

1/30 Tuesday: Teacher Appreciation Day

- Student Council will provide breakfast for teachers
- Dress Down Day for all Students Dress like your Favorite Teacher
 - Students must register using the form in your email. All dress down day rules apply.
- Parent's Association will provide lunch for teachers
- Teacher Trivia at lunches

1/31 Wednesday: PJP Day of Service

- Dress Down Day for all Students
 - COLOR RUSH DAY
 - Students may wear a monochromatic outfit must be one color
- In Theology classes all PJP students will complete a Service Project:
 - Be sure to bring in your donations by Thursday, January 25 the homeroom with the most items wins DONUTS
 - Seniors will be making blankets for the homeless and/or writing notes to retired Religious
 - Juniors will be assembling Breakfast Bags for homebound persons
 - Sophomores will be will be assembling and decorating Birthday Boxes for children in homeless shelters
 - Freshmen will be assembling "CARE" packages for local geriatric centers
- Service Afternoon
 - Students will come together to make meals for Caring for Friends, PB&J sandwiches for a local food pantry, and organize the Day of Service donations

2/1 Thursday: Winter Sports Pep Rally - Student Appreciation Day

- Dress Down Day for all Students
 - Color Wars Students may wear their class color (Seniors Gold, Juniors Red/Pink, Sophomore Blue, Freshmen Green)
 - Students will have a treat at lunch

2/2 Friday: Talent Show

- HAWAIIAN DAY
- Dress Down Day for all Students Hawaiian
- Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt or prints
 - Approved Accessories Leis, grass skirts over pants, no bikinis (even over clothes)
- Make your own Acai Bowls at lunch



Tuition Office

Financial Aid

With the start of the new year, we are in the process of awarding financial aid. In order to be considered for financial aid, the application and all additional documents must be completed and uploaded into the FACTS management system. If you have not yet completed the application, please do so ASAP.

Additional Fees

You may have noticed additional fees on your FACTS accounts. Below is a list of the fees that went out:

- AP Testing
- Kairos (for students who attended in January)
- Registration Fee for the 2024-2025 school year (due in March)
- Graduation Fee for the class of 2024 (due in April)

Also, just a friendly reminder that all balances up to January must be paid before the second semester.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Yvette Carr at ycarr@pjphs.org.

Thank you!

Development Office



Join us for PJP's 7th Annual Trivia Night on February 3, 2024! Test your knowledge, have a blast, and support a great cause!

Date: February 3, 2024 Time: Doors open at 6:30 pm Tickets: \$25/person or \$160/table of 8

Hurry and secure your spot! Register online NOW: https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=udpDEH

Don't miss out on a night filled with fun, laughter, and brain-teasing trivia challenges! See you there!



Secure Your Seats for Savor the Flavor – Tickets Available Now!

We are thrilled to announce that tickets for the much-anticipated "Savor the Flavor" event are now available! You have the opportunity to show your support by either purchasing a table for 8 or securing individual tickets.

Opting for a table not only guarantees preferred seating but also ensures your table will be recognized at the event. Don't miss out on the chance to elevate your experience at Savor the Flavor. Secure your seats today and be a part of an unforgettable evening!

Click here to purchase a table or tickets.

Other ways to support include:

- 1. **Check out our Amazon Wish List and make a difference!** Simply select an item to donate, add it to your cart, complete the checkout process, and have it shipped directly to PJP. Your generosity will make a lasting impact. https://www.amazon.com/.../36HO0.../ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1_ 1
- 2. **Do you have tickets to a game, event, or concert?** Or perhaps you can donate the use of a vacation home or offer a valuable business service? Your contributions to our auction are greatly appreciated! Fill out the donation form to share your generosity with us. https://forms.gle/GoCfnGAho2Vdr42o8
- 3. **Become a proud sponsor of our event!** Whether you're an individual, part of a group, or represent a business, your sponsorship plays a crucial role in the success of "Savor the Flavor." We deeply value your support and would be honored to have you on board. https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/donor-form?svcid=renxt...

To learn more about "Savor the Flavor," feel free to reach out to Sarah Bauer at sarah.bauer@pjphs.org or call 484-975-6500 ext. 3001. Sarah will be more than happy to assist you!

Thank you for your unwavering support of PJP. Together, let's make April 20th a memorable and magical evening over the rainbow!

Athletics

Wrestling Pac Championships

Congratulations to Brady Pires '24 (121 lbs) and Colton Sinkbeil '26 (215 lbs) for each placing 4th in the PAC Championships last weekend for their weight classes.

Athletic Openings

Athletics has the following openings for coaches. If you know someone who would be interested please have them forward resume and cover letter to Tracey at trarich@piphs.org:

- -Boys Soccer Head Coach
- -JV Assistant Volleyball Coach
- -Assistant Track and Field Coaches (Throws and Jumps)

Girls Flag Football

We are excited to announce that PJP will be running a girls flag football team. If your daughter is interested in being on the flag football team please reach out to Ms. Hughes at <a href="https://linear.com/l

Upcoming Home Events

Monday, January 29th

Boys Basketball vs Upper Moreland- JV at 5:30 PM, Varsity at 6:45 PM (Senior Night)

Tuesday, January 30th

Freshmen Boys Basketball vs Owen J. Roberts- 3:45 PM Girls Basketball vs Upper Perkiomen- JV at 5:30 PM, Varsity at 6:45 PM

Wednesday, January 31st

Wrestling vs Phoenixville- 6:30 PM (Senior Night)

Thursday, February 1st

Freshmen Basketball vs Lansdale Catholic- 3:45 PM Boys Basketball vs Upper Merion- JV at 5:30 PM, Varsity at 6:45 PM

Friday, February 2nd

Swimming vs Pottsgrove- 7:15 PM (Senior Night)

Saturday, February 3rdFreshmen Basketball vs Holy Ghost Prep- 11:00 AM
Boys Basketball vs Holy Ghost Prep- JV at 12:30 PM, Varsity at 2 PM

Bag Bingo

Are you practicing your best Bingo yell?? Don't forget to join us on February 23rd for Bag Bingo. This BYO food and drink event is a night of fun that supports solely the athletic department. Individual tickets are \$30, or reserve a table (10 people) for \$275. This year money will go towards branded signage at our venues and replacing track equipment (hurdles and weather covers). To purchase a ticket follow this link: https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=bdce23

Concession Sign Ups

Please consider volunteering for an open spot to run the concession stand. The PJPAC, which oversees the concession stand, is in need of volunteers to help man the stand during JV and V basketball games. The money raised from concessions goes to purchasing Senior Banners and Senior flowers for Senior Days. Students in need of service hours can also sign up to volunteer. Sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AADA62AA7FF2-46584240-202324#/

Spring Sports

Spring sports officially start on Monday, March 4th. Please do not wait until the last minute to try and submit the required PIAA paperwork. All paperwork must be uploaded to Student Central on BigTeams. No paper will be accepted in the athletic office. If this will be your student's first sport of the school year you will need to upload the completed packet with a physical dated June 1st, 2023 or after. If this is your student's second or third sport of the school year you will only need to complete section 7 on BigTeams. To make an account for you and your student, and upload your paperwork follow this link: https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/?keyword=%2Fuser%2Fsignin&schoolID=0.

Fundraisers

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 ll/shop/home.

For questions, please contact Jenn Zavertnik at jenn.zavertnik@gmail.com.

Guidance Office

College Standardized Test Registrations-SATs and ACTs National Test Days for Remainder of the Year

SAT Test Date (2023-24 School Year)	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late Registration
March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024	February 27, 2024

May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 17, 2024	May 21, 2024

ACT Test Date (2023-24 School Year)	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late Registration
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024

To Register:

SAT Registration - https://mysat.collegeboard.org

ACT Registration - www.act.org

School Day SATs for Juniors

Test Day – March 27th Registration Deadline – February 2nd

PJP is offering a School Day SAT test for juniors on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 7:50 a.m. The SAT registration fee is \$60 and will be charged to your student's FACTS account.

To register, please complete <u>THIS FORM</u> School Day SAT by Friday, February 2, 2024.

Please note: There is no bus transportation provided on March 27th. Students who take the bus will need to make alternative transportation arrangements.

Please contact Mrs. Bell at <u>dbell@pjphs.org</u> with any questions.

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@pipsh.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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