



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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President's Office

This past Wednesday I had the opportunity to participate in Kairos. Once again, I was very moved by PJP students who served in a leadership role. They were...Thomas Gannon, Abigail Greco, Brianna Kirkpatrick, Dominic Morello, Isabella Rose Mulligan, Dylan Simione, Matthew Smith and Caleb Zavertnik. Kairos continues to be one of my favorite PJP events.

I also hope to have the next edition of the podcast "Keeping The Faith With PJP" out sometime this week. This edition's topic is focused on Academics at PJP, and our guests are Assistant Principal for Academics, Megan Sullivan and Director of Academic Support Services, Joseph Rogers.

Principal's Office

A very special thank you to all our students who gave up a day off to welcome our future Golden Panthers on 7th Grade Universal Visitation Day! The day was a huge success and was enjoyed by all.

This past Friday night, our first class dance of the season, the Freshman and Sophomore Cotillion was held at PJP. It was a great night in the "Enchanted Garden."

The PJP school community will begin our Easter celebration with our Living Stations on Tuesday, March 26th. Easter break begins at the end of the school day Tuesday. Wednesday in our in school SAT test for all Juniors who pre-registered only. Dismissal that day is at the conclusion of the test. Since this is the first year we are piloting the online/electronic version of the test, we do not have a definitive dismissal time for that day. **Classes resume on Tuesday, April 2nd.**

The Third Quarter ends on Friday, April 5th. Please encourage your students to use the time during vacation to catch up on all missed work for the quarter. We are in the home stretch!! Fourth Quarter begins on Monday, April 8th. We begin the Fourth Quarter by celebrating Junior Week with our Junior Retreats on Monday and Tuesday, our Junior Mass celebration where we bless the rings on Wednesday and our Junior Prom on Friday.

Spring Open House is Thursday, April 4th.

The PJP Faculty, Staff and Administration wish everyone a very Happy and Blessed Easter Season!

Panthers' Learning Center

Our Lenten observance, which hopefully was "a Lent well spent," soon will conclude, and we will be able

to fully enjoy and experience the joyous Easter season. As we look forward to this most sacred occasion, we have an opportunity to step back from our daily routine to celebrate. Happy Easter!

We encourage students and families to check PowerSchool and Schoology together to ensure all assignments are completed over the Easter break, as there is only a short time left in the quarter upon our return. Mr. Rogers is always happy to meet with students to review grades and recommend support opportunities.

The Panthers' Learning Center is also open to students before school, during school after students finish their lunches, and after school until 4:00pm. Our after school study time also has an additional teacher present to support students with content-area questions.

Academic Affairs

[The 2024-2025 Course Catalog has been published and is available on the school website. Click here to view it.](#)

PowerSchool will open for students to select their elective courses on April 1st. Please take this time to review the offerings with your student to help them make wise decisions about the elective courses they would like to take next year. For the Class of 2027, most will complete their graduation requirements and fill the elective spots with their credit requirements in Fine Arts, Technology, Health, and/or Physical Education. Rising juniors and seniors have the opportunity to select elective courses across each content area that interest them.



We are introducing an exciting new initiative: Panther Pathways! This is a new initiative allowing students to earn certificates in designated pathways. Each pathway has mandatory requirements and course selections designed to support specific interests and skill sets. The benefits are a focused high school curriculum to demonstrate strong interest and dedication towards specific fields of study during the college admissions process. Students completing all requirements of a specific pathway will be acknowledged at the PJP Honors Convocation in the student's senior year.



- AP Calculus BC
 - AP Music Theory
 - Honors Music Theory
 - Latin for Professionals
 - Academic Decathlon
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Student Affairs

Parents Association MLB Opening Day

To celebrate MLB opening day, the Parents Association will be providing ball park snacks to the students on April 5th. Please click the link below for more information. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4FA8AA2FA46-48679648-mlbopening#/>

Pantheron

PJP's annual dance marathon is quickly approaching. This event is called Pantheron and will take place on Friday, April 26, 2024. Benefiting from our event are the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Archdiocesan Special Education Schools, and the Lenny Martelli Foundation. All proceeds raised will directly impact these causes. Students should register using the website: <https://sites.google.com/pjphs.org/pantheron>

Also on the website are ways to raise funds and prizes to be won at certain levels.

Donate safely and securely to Pantheron by visiting <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=uumo7Y>

We are still looking for some corporate sponsors. Let us know if you would like to donate!

We have several events coming up to help raise money for Pantheron:

- Tuesday, March 19, 2024 - PJP Pantheron Ride at Torque - register here: <https://www.thetorquemovement.com/schedule>
- Monday, March 25, 2024 - Dine and Donate at PJ Whelihan's in Oaks.
- Mr. PJP, Phillies Tickets Raffle, Pantheron Dress Down Day, Color Run, Cornhole Tournament, Teacher shave challenge and more!

Junior Prom

This week, Juniors will receive information about the Junior Prom and other events for the Class of 2025. The Prom is April 12 at PJP. The cost of each ticket is \$75 and includes dinner. Outside guest forms will be available for pick up this week. These forms must be signed by the guest's school and parents. In order to attend the Prom, students must be in attendance at the Class Mass on Wednesday, April 10.

Tuition Office

Financial Aid

Financial Aid applications have been reviewed, all families should have received a letter. If you have not heard from us, please send me an email at ycarr@pjphs.org.

Development Office



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!

Ticket prices include: Food, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, and Student Performances

[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

List of restaurants attending:

Aquilante's, Gennaros II, Zachary's BBQ, Keepin it Simple Catering, Rice House, Sweet Ashley's, Handel's of Royersford, Gotta Make the Cupcakes, Capriotti's, JC's Catering, Soup'wich, Philly Pretzel Factory

Prizes to keep an eye out for:

Silver Turf Cape Program from Blue Tree Landscaping, A Ninja Foodi, Phillies Tickets

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 25th

-Varsity Softball vs Lansdale Catholic- 3:45 PM

Tuesday, March 26th

-Boys Tennis vs Owen J. Roberts- 3:30 PM

Wednesday, March 27th

-Track and Field vs Upper Perkiomen- 3:15 PM

-Softball vs Owen J. Roberts- JV and V 4:00 PM

Easter Break

There will be no team practices or activities on Thursday March 28th, Friday March 29th, Saturday March 30th and Sunday March 31st. Practices will resume on Monday April 1st.

Looking Ahead

We know that we have only just started the Spring season, but Fall 2024 is right around the corner. Starting dates for Fall sports 2024 are below:

Football: August 5th

Golf: August 5th

Field Hockey, Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Cross Country, Girls Tennis: August 12th

Concession Stand Sign Ups

The PJPAC will be opening the concession stand for CYO track meets happening on campus. Please consider signing up to help run the concession stand. Students needing service hours are also allowed to

sign up. Money made from concessions goes to Senior Day flowers, and the Senior Banners that each Senior athlete gets at the end of the year banquet. Sign up here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AADA62AA7FF2-48640867-2024#/>

Athletic 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 here:
<https://www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/pjp>

Guidance Office

College Admission Panel Night-Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:30 PM (Virtual)

The Pope John Paul II High School Guidance Department will be hosting a College Admission Panel Night via Zoom on Wednesday, April 3rd, at 6:30 pm.

Admission counselors from Penn State University, St. Joseph's University, West Chester University and Elizabethtown College will in attendance to discuss various admission and application topics specific to their schools, such as: their application process and timelines, admission trends, application tips, the importance of test scores and GPAs, how students can stand out among other applicants, programs of study, etc. We believe that hearing directly from college admission representatives provides valuable insight to our students, and we greatly value their expertise and perspective.

[Zoom Link for College Admission Panel Night](#)

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

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	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	Registration Deadline	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	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late
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(2023-24 School Year)		Registration
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024
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

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](#)

Have a great week!

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