



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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PJP Point of Pride

From PJP to Penn State: Our Spirit Stands Proud

PJP Alumni Dedicate THON Weekend to Rylee

Penn State University's THON weekend stands as a beacon of hope in the fight against childhood cancer, with over 700 Penn State (PSU) students enduring a grueling 46 hours of dancing and fundraising. This year, the event reached new heights, raising a staggering \$16,955,683.63 for Four Diamonds, an organization providing financial and emotional support to families battling childhood cancer, and funding research for a cure. Among the dedicated participants were three PJP alums (class of 2020), Caitlyn Breslawski, Luke Levant, and Maeve Riley, who chose to honor the memory of Rylee Monahan, a PJP freshman lost to childhood cancer this year. Their decision to dedicate their weekend to Rylee exemplifies the profound impact of cancer within the PJP community and the unwavering commitment to support those affected by the disease.

With heartfelt determination, Caitlyn, Luke, and Maeve took their place among the 700-plus students on the Bryce Jordan Center floor, wearing bracelets bearing Rylee's name throughout the event. These bracelets, lovingly crafted by Tess Riley, sister of Maeve and a PJP senior, served as a poignant reminder of Rylee's spirit and the unity of the PJP community in the face of adversity. Their gesture of solidarity not only reflects the love and support within the PJP community but also underscores the broader mission of THON to unite students in the fight against cancer. From volleyball games to fundraising events, PJP students and alumni continue to demonstrate their unwavering dedication to the cause, echoing the sentiment that together, through collective efforts like THON, a cure can be found. This demonstrates the PJP family's enduring spirit, which extends beyond the school year and fosters a sense of community support and solidarity.



Principal's Office

These are some very exciting times at PJP! We will be piloting a very special and successful STEAM cross-curricular initiative from the company InventXYZ in the Social Studies Department. PJP is the only school in the Archdiocese that will be initiating this program this year. 444 students in grades 9–11 will get to experience hands-on learning with the guidance of professionals from the InventXYZ company using two very different and unique software programs: Unreal Engine (which created Fortnite) and Tableau.

Nihil Ragav, a University of Pennsylvania graduate, founded InventXYZ as part of his 2020 President's Innovation Prize submission. Nihil saw the need to allow more creative, collaborative, and hands-on learning, especially for high school students. His company creates the projects, designs rubrics for grading, and assists the teachers with real-time support for the technology used for each project. Nihil has also partnered with Travis Kelce's foundation, Operation Breakthrough, to create makerspace areas (a collaborative workspace) in local, low-income community elementary and middle schools in the Kansas City area.

The freshmen project, which aligns with the Modern World History curriculum, will guide students as they create historically accurate empires for a studio. They will use research and their current knowledge to make their gaming empire as realistic as possible.

The sophomore and junior classes will work on a Senate visualization project in which they will use data analysis to better understand the history of our country, which aligns with both the American History and American Government curriculums. The students will be able to comprehend why and how particular historical events influenced history by identifying trends.

At the conclusion of both projects, students will present their findings and store their projects in a Google digital portfolio that they will add to each year they are at PJP. The benefit of these projects is that the students will have a better understanding of the history they studied and will also have a tangible representation of their creativity and abilities.

Students will begin working on these projects beginning the week of March 16th. The projects will take 2-3 weeks to complete. Students will receive guidance in class from their PJP teachers and also receive technical assistance from the advisors from InventXYZ. There are rubrics for each project and students will receive grades for the work they complete.

We are very excited to introduce these advanced STEAM projects to our students and hope to be able to expand this program to additional curriculums in the upcoming years!

Friday, February 23rd was the first of our Lunch and Learn series. Thank you to Mr. Trey Gannon for sharing his expertise on Cybersecurity. The next Lunch and Learn session is scheduled for Thursday, March 7th. The presenter will be Monica Panetta and the topic discussed will be Human Resources. Please encourage your student to attend.

Office of School Ministry

The Faith in Action II Class is coordinating this year's Lenten Food Drive. There is a competition between grade levels; the grade which brings in the most items wins a dress down day!! Donations may be placed at the foot of the Lenten Cross in the Legacy Atrium or brought to school during our Saturday Drop Off! A full list of items needed is available by clicking this link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vvhH_LazrcPPkbrCgtzt0dBp9CoqkRmz/edit?usp=sharing&oid=116309755736049091629&rtpof=true&sd=true

LENTEN FOOD

BENEFITTING THE PATRICIAN SOCIETY OF NORRISTOWN

DRIVE

FRESHMEN: BREAKFAST

SOPHOMORES: LUNCH

JUNIORS: DINNER

SENIORS: SNACKS



STARTING
FEBRUARY
21ST
ENDING
MARCH 13TH



SCAN ME

A poster for the Lenten Food Drive Saturday Drop Off. It features silhouettes of four people walking on a path towards a church building. The text includes 'LENTEN FOOD DRIVE', 'Patrician Society!', 'Saturday Drop Off', and 'Saturday, February 9 11:30 - 1:00'. A note at the bottom says '*Use Link below for information on the items needed'.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vvhH_LazrcPPkbrCgtzt0dBp9CoqRmz/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=116309755736049091629&rtopf=true&sd=true

Christian Service

A reminder that Christian Service hours are due on Friday, March 1st. In order to merit a Satisfactory on the 3rd Quarter report card, students must log their hours on MobileServe, get them verified by their service coordinator, and complete the reflection assignment on the Christian Service Schoology Class. Step-by-step instruction sets for how to log hours and how to check to see if they have been verified are available on the Christian Service Schoology Class. Upcoming service opportunities continue to be posted there as well.

Panther's Learning Center

Last week, a representative from Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week ([PFEW](#)) visited a 10th and 11th grade assembly to talk about an amazing summer experience students at PJP have enjoyed for many years.

PFEW is a summer program where students spend a week in Williamsport, Pennsylvania (either at Lycoming College or Pennsylvania College of Technology) to learn more about the business world while honing creative, public speaking, critical thinking, and analytical skills in a fun and competitive environment. It is open to current 10th and 11th graders.

Students and families are invited to explore the [PFEW website](#) and apply for the program over the next two weeks while space remains. If you have any questions, please let Mr. Rogers and Mr. Koz (past PFEW participants) know. This is a great program to put on a college resume, help you stand out and practice important life skills, and earn college scholarships.



Student Affairs

Senior Panoramic Photo

The Seniors will report to the Gym on Tuesday, February 27 for the Senior Panoramic Photo. They will receive specific email instructions. Please be sure that they are in full winter dress code including the official sweater, not the fleece. They can change into the fleece after the photo. Please also be sure that they are in the correct shoes and that ladies have tights without rips.

100 Days to Graduation

Sunday, February 25 will mark 100 DAYS until Graduation for the Class of 2024. We will celebrate this occasion with a senior gathering on Monday, February 26 during homeroom. We are very excited to celebrate with the Class of 2024 many of the traditional end of the year celebrations that will culminate in graduation day on Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

Blood Drive

The National Honor Society is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, February 28 during school for students 16 and older. Every pint donated can save three lives.

All donors must submit parent permission, even if over 18. Donors that are 16 must complete two permission forms, one for the Red Cross and one for PJP. Donors will receive an email with their appointment time and may dress down in PJP attire for the day.

Stall Day

Stall Day is March 1, 2024. This is a huge fundraiser for Pantheron. Students will bring in change for teachers to count during class. The more money they bring in, the longer it takes teachers to count. The teacher is "stalled" and cannot start class until the money is counted. Last year we raised over \$6000!



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Tuition Office

Scholarship Opportunity

The Monsignor John Mitchell Memorial Scholarship Fund supports Catholic African American students with exceptional academic ability who are in need of financial assistance.

For this scholarship, students must be:

- Catholic and African American
- in good academic standing with at least a cumulative B average at the time of the scholarship award
- eligible for financial assistance as determined by a completed FACTS Grant and Aid application (online)
- committed to serving his/her community
- interested in or currently attending an AOPS high school

Families can apply by visiting here: <https://officeforblackcatholicsadphila.org/mitchell-scholarship/>

The deadline is 4/30.

Tuition for the 2024-25 School Year

Tuition for the 2024-25 School Year includes:

- **Tuition \$10,225**
- **School Fee \$1,850**
- **Total \$12,075**

Payments for the 2024-25 school year will begin in June. **As a reminder, to be considered for any financial assistance you must complete/submit a FACTS application.**

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

Thank you!

Health Suite

We are now collecting physical exams for 10th grade students who have turned 16 (with updated vaccines). Please think ahead at your sophomore's age 16 well-check to satisfy this requirement due the beginning of junior year.

Current 11th Graders

A second dose of Menactra (MCV) is **REQUIRED** to obtain a senior parking pass and to start senior year. Please look for an upcoming email from fromnurse@pjphs.org if your junior has not yet turned in this mandatory update.

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 Flavor." We deeply value your support and would be honored to have you on board.

<https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/donor-form?svcid=renxt...>

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

Prizes to keep an eye out for:

Fitbit Versa 4, Free Wine Tasting at Evansburg Vineyards, Levoit Air Purifier

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!

Studio 38

**Pope John Paul II High School's
Studio 38
proudly presents**

THE **WIZARD** *of* **Z**



**March 1st at 7pm
March 2nd at 7pm
March 3rd at 7pm
March 8th at 7pm
March 9th at 1pm & 7pm**

**Tickets go on sale at ticketleap.com
on Sunday 2/18 at 10 am**

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

YETI COOLER RAFFLE

TICKETS \$10 EACH 3 FOR \$25

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POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL Studio 38

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 Enter our Raffle today!
 A chance to win **BIG** while supporting the
 performing arts at **PJP Studio 38**

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[Click Here to Enter the Raffle!](#)

Athletics

Lululemon Spirit Store

Do you need more PJP spirit wear? Do you wish you could get some PJP spirit wear that was also Lululemon? Well the good news is now you can! Don't miss the limited time Lululemon PJP Spirit Wear store. The store will open on Monday 2/26 and will close and will close on March 11th.

Get your Lululemon gear here: <https://www.google.com/url?q=https://bsnteamssports.com/shop/eqmaRSEWGd&source=gmail&ust=1708796395879000&usg=AOvVaw3q7hHSH4OzVrbtJXcNgd-j>

Girl's Lacrosse Interest Meet

There will be a girls lacrosse interest meeting at 3:00 PM after school on Wednesday 2/28 in the cafeteria. All girls interested in playing lacrosse should plan to attend.

Prayer Service

The Spring sports prayer service and parent meeting will be on Monday, March 4th at 7PM. All student athletes trying out for a Spring sport and at least one parent/guardian should plan to attend. Athletic department information as well as individual team meetings will happen after the prayer service.

PIAA Paperwork Reminder

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>.

Athletic Fundraisers

Boys Lacrosse-The boys lacrosse team is selling Rita's Water Ice season passes. For \$5 the season pass will get you 10% off your purchases for the whole season. See any boys lacrosse player to get yours or contact Mrs. Moffa at moffa22@me.com

Guidance Office

College Fair at PJP-Tuesday, March 5th, 6-8 PM, in the Main Gym

Join us for the annual College Fair at PJP on Tuesday, March 5th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, in the Main Gym. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required. So, bring a friend!

The PJP College Fair is a great opportunity to explore a wide range of colleges, meet with admission counselors, ask questions, and gather information about programs, admissions, and campus life! For a list of schools attending the fair, please scan the QR code below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Bell, College and Career Coordinator, at dbell@pjphs.org, or your child's school counselor.

Scan for a list of participating colleges and programs.



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

SAT Test Date	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 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 (2023-24 School Year)	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late 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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