



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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President's Office

Grandparents Day

PJP is excited to announce that Grandparents Day at PJP will be held on Wednesday, October 11th from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM. Grandparents and students of all grade levels are welcome to attend. To sign up, families can use the attached google form by Oct 4, 2023.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_L1pPj7eJd7MKvuWH7oT8FwecyA2YX28ZHpXOsqHkG/viewform?ts=6515bfc0&edit_requested=true

Principal's Office

PJP Point of Pride

Last week PJP announced that Matthew Rampulla and Oscar Luna were selected by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as award winners. Matthew was a semi-finalist selection while Oscar was selected as commended. Congratulations to both Matthew and Oscar on this fantastic accomplishment. Additionally, Matthew was the only student among all fifteen secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to be selected to either the finalist or semi-finalist category.



Matthew Rampulla



Oscar Luna

School Ministry

Freshman Retreat was held last week, and it was a faith and fun filled day for the freshman to come to know God, especially as they make PJP their Christ Centered home. Thank you to the Faith In Action Students and Ministry Students that led the students throughout the day!

Pennsylvania March For Life

On Monday, October 16th, PJP will send a bus to Harrisburg to join thousands of others from across our state to advocate for legislation which respects the sanctity of all human life: from natural conception to natural death. Our day will include both prayer as we attend Mass and political advocacy as we march around the State Capitol and participate in a political rally. We'll stop for Chick-fil-A on the way home. Please encourage your student to participate! Contact Mr. Allen with any questions (callen@pjphs.org) or click [here](#) to access the permission slip.



Tuition Office

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Application for the 2024-2025 school year will be open on October 1, 2023.

The application fee is \$30 and must be paid in order to submit. If you have any questions regarding the financial aid process, please feel free to reach out at ycarr@pjphs.org.

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Academic Affairs



Students from Pope John Paul II High school in grades 10 - 12 have the opportunity to attend a four day Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program through the generous support of the Connelly Foundation with full scholarship support for the program costs, meals, and lodging. **Please click on THIS FLIER to see more information.**

Join high school students from across the country in a once in a lifetime leadership and civic education experience!

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SPIRIT OF AMERICA YOUTH LEADERSHIP

OUR PROGRAM DATES:

- FEBRUARY 22-25, 2024
- FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 3, 2024
- MARCH 7-10, 2024
- APRIL 4-7, 2024
- APRIL 11-14, 2024
- APRIL 18-21, 2024
- JULY 11-14, 2024
- OCTOBER 17-20, 2024



APPLY TODAY!

DON'T MISS THIS FREE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!

"I HAD A BLAST LEARNING ABOUT OUR COUNTRY AND HOW I CAN CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY WHILE ENJOYING THE COMPANY OF MY PEERS AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS. IT WAS AN AMAZING SUMMIT ON BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS WHERE I LEARNED A LOT MORE ABOUT OUR COUNTRY. IT BROUGHT ME OUT OF MY SHELL IN A SAFE SPACE SO THAT I WILL FEEL MORE CONFIDENT VOICING MY OPINION." – AMELIA

REMINDER

Students will be taking the STAR Assessments for both Math and Reading this week. **Please click [HERE](#) for more information about the Renaissance Star Assessments.** Please be sure that your student brings their fully charged Chromebook to school every day.

Panthers' Learning Center

Now that we are well into the first quarter, students will be having tests and quizzes to assess their learning, and some may even have a few in a week. When preparing students for assessments, we encourage students to:

- Create study guides using key points emphasized in class and information about the test provided by the teacher. It helps to write down everything a student knows about a topic first and then organize the information into a graphic organizer.
- Write down questions during study time that can be asked or clarified in class.
- Review notes, handouts, and textbook readings each day, and spread out studying over multiple days, if possible.
- Create Kahoot games, Quizlets, and flashcards to make studying more fun and help students remember important information.
- Take a deep breath and be confident in the material students prepared!

Additionally, it is important to review grades on Schoology and PowerSchool to ensure students are caught up on their work. The Academic Intervention team continues to monitor grades and check in with students.

The Panthers' Learning Center is open from 2:30-4:00 PM for students to study after school, and students can request study time using this [form](#) at least one day in advance.

Student Affairs

Panthers vs. Cancer

Thursday marks the annual fundraiser Panthers vs. Cancer. The Volleyball team is working hard to raise funds for CHOP and Bott Cancer Center. **Students that purchased the 2023 Panthers vs. Cancer shirt are able to dress down on Thursday, wearing the shirt.** All Dress Down Day rules apply. Be sure to come out to the game and fill the stands! The Volleyball team will also host a Bake Sale on Thursday.

Friends in Faith

Seniors have been invited to St. Joseph's University on Monday, October 9 for a symposium with members of the Jack Barrack Hebrew Academy. This long-standing program invites PJP students and Barrack students to come together in open dialogue about faith and Jewish Christian relations. **Seniors must RSVP by Wednesday, October 4.**

Senior Meeting

On Wednesday, October 4, all seniors (even those with late arrival) will meet in the Cafeteria after homeroom. An important meeting will take place concerning Graduation. Seniors are encouraged to bring coffee and breakfast to enjoy during the meeting.

Guidance Office

SENIORS-COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELORS VISITING PJP

There are nineteen colleges that will be visiting PJP over the next two weeks. 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 Ms. Shoemaker (kshoemaker@pjphs.org).

<u>College</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	Mon. October 2, 2023	11:15 AM
Eastern University	Tue. October 3, 2023	10:30 AM
West Virginia University	Tue. October 3, 2023	11:15 AM
Ursinus College	Wed. October 4, 2023	9:45 AM
University of Rochester	Wed. October 4, 2023	10:30 AM
Immaculata University	Wed. October 4, 2023	12:00 PM
James Madison University	Thu. October 5, 2023	9:45 AM
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	Thu. October 5, 2023	10:30 AM
Seton Hill University	Thu. October 5, 2023	11:15 AM

Duquesne University	Thu. October 5, 2023	12:00 PM
Christopher Newport University	Thu. October 5, 2023	12:30 PM
Le Moyne College	Fri. October 6, 2023	12:00 PM
Champlain College	Tue. October 10, 2023	10:30 AM
Drexel University	Tue. October 10, 2023	12:00 PM
Lycoming College	Thu. October 12, 2023	9:45 AM
John Carroll University	Thu. October 12, 2023	10:30 AM
Millersville University of Pennsylvania	Thu. October 12, 2023	11:15 AM
Elizabethtown College	Thu. October 12, 2023	12:00 PM
Sacred Heart University	Fri. October 13, 2023	12:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE-COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT (Virtual Presentation) Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30 PM

This year, we are fortunate to have Michael Burke from Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) hosting a webinar on financial aid for our families. This presentation provides an early understanding of the financial decisions students need to make concerning higher education. He will discuss higher education costs, the types of financial aid available, and how to apply for financial aid. Also, there have been changes to the FAFSA this year, so join in the presentation to learn all about them.

Registration details will be coming at a later date, when we get closer to the presentation.

Upcoming Standardized Test Registrations

<u>Test</u>	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>
SAT	October 7th	September 7th	September 26th
ACT	October 28th	September 22nd	October 6th

To Register:

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

ACT Registration - www.act.org

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association would like to welcome all those new to our group this year. If you missed the Informational Zoom meeting last week and would still like to join or you have questions, please reach out to us at: goldenpanthersparents@gmail.com.

If you are unable to volunteer at this time and would like to make a monetary donation to the Parents' Association, you can do so with this link: [DONATE HERE](#).

Athletics

Interest Meeting-Swim

There will be a Swim interest meeting on Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:00 PM The meeting will take place in the Student Commons.

Interest Meeting-Softball

There will be a Softball interest meeting on Thursday, October 5th at 3:00 PM. The meeting will take place in the Student Commons.

Home Events

Monday, October 2nd

Boys Soccer vs Phoenixville- V and JV at 3:45 PM

Wednesday, October 4th

Girls Tennis vs Perkiomen Valley- 3:30 PM

Girls Soccer vs Pottstown (Senior Day)- 3:45 PM

Cross Country vs Phoenixville- 3:45 PM

Field Hockey vs Phoenixville- JV at 3:45 PM, Varsity at 5:15 PM

Thursday, October 5th

Volleyball vs Spring-Ford (Panthers vs Cancer)- JV at 5:30 PM, Varsity at 6:45 PM

Christian Service Opportunity

There are two athletic options for Service hours through athletics.

The first is being a ball runner at boys and girls soccer games. Students would receive two hours of service for each game. To sign up follow this link; <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4DAAAAA2AA2F94-game#/>.

The second opportunity is on Saturday, October 21st from 12-4 at the Spring Valley YMCA. The Special Olympics will be holding a competition and need students to help change plates on barbells for the athletes. There will be food provided after. If interested please reach out to Mark Brittingham at mark.brittingham@gmail.com for more information.

Concession Sign Ups

The PJPAC is looking for parents and student volunteers to help staff the concession stand during football and volleyball games. A student can use concession stand time towards their service hours requirements.

To sign up follow the following links:

Football: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AADA62AA7FF2-20231#/>

Volleyball: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AADA62AA7FF2-20232#/>

Fundraisers

Boys Basketball - 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_ii/shop/home. For questions, please contact Jenn Zavertrnik at jenn.zavertrnik@gmail.com.

Athletic Department - Free burger certificates for sale in the athletic office. Buy a certificate for \$10 good for a free burger and fries at Applebees from their handcrafted burger section (\$13+ value). Contact Tracey to get yours.

Health Suite

Juniors Physical Exams and Updated Vaccinations Now Overdue

If you have not yet turned in your 11th grader's most recent physical exam, please email the health suite at nurse@pjphs.org to notify us of the expected delivery date.

Please note that we can accept PIAA exams with attached immunizations but CANNOT access these from the athletic department - a copy is required.

Notifications of missing physical exams will be emailed in the next couple of weeks - thank you for your assistance!

Have a great week!

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