



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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President's Office

I am pleased to share some great news from the Office of Catholic Education with respect to student retention. Of all 15 secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, PJP is the only school whose enrollment is higher today than it was on the first day of school. Current PJP enrollment is 751 while enrollment on the first day of school was 742. This increase is a credit to the faculty, staff, administration, students and families who continue to care so much not only about Catholic education, but Catholic education at PJP.

Thank you to all!

Principal's Office

Congratulations to our Juniors who celebrated their Junior week last week. They attended retreat, celebrated mass together as a class and danced the night away at their Junior Prom. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who assisted us by serving and supplying the goodies. Special thanks to Mrs. Honyara, Mr. DiMartino, Mr. Kozeniewski, Mr. Allen, Mrs. Wickersham and all the chaperones who worked tirelessly all week to ensure the success of the events.

As some of you may know, Mr. Andrew Ericsson's last day at PJP was Friday. We wish him well, and are grateful for his service to PJP. We are actively searching for a per diem substitute for his classes for the remainder of the school year, beginning ASAP. If you know anyone who might be interested, please have them contact me at kguyger@pjphs.org.


The classes are 4 Chemistry and 1 Biology class. Recent college graduates are welcome to apply.

Academic Affairs



The opportunity to select courses for the upcoming academic year is now available for students in the PowerSchool portal. All required courses have been pre-selected for students based on the recommendations of their teachers. Members of the Class of 2027 who took Health and Physical Education this year should select from either the year-long art electives or select the semester-long Intro to Fine Arts and Intro to STEAM pairing to satisfy their graduation requirements in Fine Arts, Healthy, Physical Education and Technology. Students who are engaged in year-long art programs will have the opportunity to satisfy their other graduation requirements in later years.

All course requests MUST be submitted by Friday, April 19th. Students are encouraged to make appointments with their guidance counselor to discuss their course options and future plans.



EXAM INFORMATION

All students enrolled in an AP course must take the AP Exam for the course, including those taken by dual enrollment with the Arrupe Virtual Learning Institute. Below is the exam schedule dictated by the CollegeBoard. Please note that even though school is closed on Thursday, May 9th to observe the Feast of the Ascension, both the AP Environmental Science and AP Psychology exams are scheduled for that day and all students in both of these classes will have to report to school for their exam.

AP EXAM SCHEDULE

DATE	8:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Monday May 6, 2024	US Government and Politics	Chemistry
Tuesday May 7, 2024	Human Geography Microeconomics (AVLI)	Statistics (AVLI)
Wednesday May 8, 2024	English Literature and Comp	
Thursday May 9, 2024	Environmental Science	Psychology
Friday May 10, 2024	US History European History (AVLI)	Macroeconomics (AVLI)
Monday May 13, 2024	Calculus AB Calculus BC (AVLI)	Precalculus
Tuesday May 14, 2024	English Language and Comp	Physics C Mechanics 12:00 Electricity & Magnetism 2:00
Wednesday May 15, 2024	World History: Modern	Computer Science Principles
Thursday May 16, 2024		Biology
Friday, May 17, 2024	Physics 1	

More details will follow as we get closer to the testing dates.

Panther's Learning Center

The Panthers' Learning Center works to meet all students where they are and position them for success. Pope John Paul II High School is working collaboratively with the Spring-Ford School District to access Title III funding to support students who may be learning English as a second language.

All students are required to have the opportunity to [fill out this Home Language Survey](#), and students identified as English language learners will participate in a screening process conducted by the Spring-Ford School District. The survey is due by Friday, May 3.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rogers at jrogers@pjphs.org.

Office of School Ministry



Thank you to all who contributed to our Lenten Food Drive! The Senior Faith in Action Class tabulated the amount of food donated by each class based upon the number of servings of food donated. **The winner was the Junior Class with 1,757 servings donated! The Juniors received a dress down day on April 11th as a reward for donating the most servings of food!**



The words "Thank you!" written in a large, elegant, black cursive script.

Student Services

Friday, May 3rd 12:00 PM Early Dismissal Transportation Information

The following school districts will NOT provide transportation home on Friday, May 3, 2024. Alternative transportation home will be required.

Methacton
North Penn
Owen J. Roberts
Souderton
Spring-Ford

Upper Merion
Upper Perkiomen

The following districts will have transportation home at 12:00 PM on Friday, May 3, 2024.

Boyertown
Norristown
Phoenixville
Pottsgrove
Perkiomen Valley

Spring/Summer Uniform

Beginning Monday, April 8rd, the start of the 4th quarter, students may begin to wear the spring uniform.

- All students may choose to wear an official Pope John Paul II High School polo in place of the shirt, blouse, tie, and sweater. Any shirt placed under the polo must be white, tucked, and not protrude from the bottom of the polo or past the ends of the sleeves. If students are cold, they are permitted to wear a long sleeve polo, school sweater, or winter uniform. Sweatshirts or PJP sports attire are not permitted during the school day.
- Ladies have the option to wear navy blue opaque Flynn and O'Hara knee socks pulled to the knee in place of their tights.

The spring uniform is optional, students may continue to wear the full winter uniform if they wish, especially on cooler spring days.

Student Affairs

Pantheron Updates

The Pantheron Committee is hard at work preparing for an epic event on April 26. Check out the Pantheron website for more information about registration and donation.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

Please see some of the fundraising opportunities coming up! Feel free to participate in any or all events!!!

Teacher Head and Beard Shaving Contest

We are proud to announce our newest fundraising idea, Teacher head and beard shaving! Teachers were asked to provide a goal for them to shave their beard, and a goal for them to shave their head. If their goal is reached the teacher will have to shave their beard/head. Some of these teachers may be shaving their heads or beards at Pantheron, so get your registration done! For collection, there will be jars at the front of the lunchroom during each lunch period with posters that have teachers' goals posted on them. The teachers that will be participating in this are the following: Mr. Rogers, Mr. Mullarkey, Mr. Martinko, Mr. Koz, Mr. Allen, Mr. Fogarty, Mr. Tower, and Mr. Wahl.

The collection is going to start this Monday April 9th, so get your cash ready! Can't wait to see how we do! Have a good day PJP.

Mr. PJP

The annual Mr. PJP competition is coming up fast and soon a new Mr. PJP will be crowned. Who will it be?



Upcoming Dates

- Savor the Flavor - 4-19-24
- Pantheron - 4-25-24
- Morgan's Message - May



Fine Arts

May is *Fine Arts Month* at PJP. All events/shows are free! Mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate the arts and the amazing talents of our PJP family.

May 1st @ 5:00 - 7:00 pm "Reflection" Art Show Opening

(All art students will have works in this show. It will remain on display throughout the entire month.)

- In addition to the artwork & hors d'oeuvres, there will be musical performances by Studio 38's Jazz Band, String Ensemble, Mallet Ensemble, as well as solos and duets.

May 7th @ 7:00 pm - Spring Concert

- Featuring: The Studio 38 Orchestra, Jazz Band, String Ensemble, Mallet Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Drum Line, Chorus, & Performing Arts Classes

May 15th @ 7:00 pm - Studio 38 presents *Clue*

- This Theatre Workshop is a completely student run production of the play.

Studio 38 Fundraiser - private event at *Her Hide Out* in Providence Town Center on *May 5th @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm*.

her hideout

Shop with us and support



Sunday, May 5th, 2024

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Her Hide Out
141 Market Street
Suite 3
Collegeville, PA 19426

* We are located in Providence Town Center, across from Movie Tavern *

Shop 'til you drop at this private event for PJP families & friends and support Studio 38 at the same time!

20% of sales will be donated to PJP Studio 38!

Purchase a gift for Mother's Day or the soon-to-be Graduate!



Bring a friend!

Light refreshments will be served.



Health Suite

Juniors

Current Juniors must have a second dose of MCV (Menactra) on file in their PJP health record to receive a Senior parking pass and to remain in school senior year. Emails to juniors still missing this required health information will be sent mid-week.

Sophomores

Current Sophomores can turn in physical exams with updated vaccines now to satisfy this 11th grade requirement.

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.

Reminder

Just a reminder, all 2023-24 school year balances need to be cleared by April 15th. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Yvette Carr at ycarr@pjphs.org.

Development Office



Get ready for some amazing prizes at Savor the Flavor on April 20th! We've got an incredible lineup of live auction items that you don't want to miss out on...

- A week in the off-season in OCMD
- A set of braces from ROG Orthodontics
- VIP Student Parking
- Private Dinner for 14 from Aquilante's
- Philadelphia Phillies Diamond Club Tickets (4 seats) with Preferred Parking Pass for Wednesday, June 5, 2024 / 4:05pm vs Brewers / Row 12 Seats 9 & 10 and Row 13 Seats 11 & 12
- 6 Front Row Tickets and 2 Reserved Parking Spaces for Graduation

DON'T MISS OUT!!! These exclusive prizes can only be won in person! Grab your tickets now at the link below and join us for an unforgettable evening of fun. See you there!

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=DkaiiF>

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We'd like to extend a thank you to our incredible banner sponsors!

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Athletics

Upcoming Home Events

Monday, April 15th

Girls Lacrosse vs Phoenixville- Varsity at 3:45, JV to follow
Softball vs Phoenixville- Varsity and JV at 4:00

Tuesday, April 16th

Baseball vs Pottsgrove- Varsity and JV at 4:00
Boys Tennis vs Spring-Ford- 3:30
Girls Flag Football vs Ligouri- 4:00

Wednesday, April 17th

Softball vs Norristown- 4:00 (Varsity Only)
9th Baseball vs Boyertown- 3:45

Thursday, April 18th

Boys Lacrosse vs Spring-Ford- Varsity at 3:45, JV to follow (Senior Day)
Softball vs Notre Dame- 4:00 (JV only)

Friday, April 19th

Baseball vs Upper Perkiomen- Varsity and JV at 4

Spring Student Athlete Signing

We will be holding a Spring signing event for any student athlete who has committed to play their sport in college and did not attend the November signing. The Spring signing will take place on Thursday, April 25th. Please email Tracey at trarich@piphs.org if you are planning to attend.

Strike Out Cancer

PJP Baseball will be hosting their Strike Out Cancer event on May 8th against Boyertown. The team is selling t-shirts for the game. Any student who buys a t-shirt will be able to dress down on May 8th. Short sleeve shirts are \$20 and long sleeve shirts are \$22. All money raised will be donated to the CHOP Foundation in Rylee's memory. To buy a shirt click on the following link; https://shop.shirtandink.com/pjp_baseball/shop/home. Please note to dress down you have to buy the Strike Out Cancer shirt. The store will close on April 19th. There will not be any extra shirts ordered.

Senior Athlete Athletic Banquet

Join us on May 30th at 6:30 PM for a celebration of our Senior Student Athletes. Senior athletes are free with parent registration. There will be hors d'oeuvres, deserts, coffee and other beverages. Senior athletes will receive their banners from the PJPAC. Justice Smith, class of 2013, will be our speaker for the event. Registration will open on Wednesday, April 24th.

Free Heart Screening

Simon's Heart will be hosting a FREE heart screening on Saturday, April 20th at Gwynedd Mercy Academy. The screening is open to anyone ages 12-25 who have not had their hearts screened previously. Those that have been screened previously but then had COVID are also encouraged to attend. To register for the event follow this link: <https://simonsheart.org/event/heart-screening-at-gwynedd-mercy-academy-high-school-4-20-24/>

Fundraisers

Softball

Dine and Donate at California Tortilla on April 17th. The team will get 25% of your purchase. Orders must be placed online.

Ice Cream Night at Handels on April 30th. Grab some ice cream and the team will receive 20% back.

Baseball

Dine and Donate at Texas Roadhouse on April 24th. Eat at the restaurant or pick up to go and the team will get 10% back.

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

SENIORS-College Acceptances, Scholarship, & Grant Awards, and Financial Aid Award Letters Please Submit to the Guidance Office

Seniors are asked to please submit any and all college acceptances and financial aid award letters (scholarships and grants) to the Guidance Office. This is for any and all colleges to which they have applied and been accepted to.

The name of the scholarship / grant award(s) gets listed in the Graduation Program.

You can either make a copy of the acceptances and scholarships / grants and drop it off to Mrs. Bell, College and Career Coordinator, or you 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 school counselor.

College Academic Accommodations Workshop-Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 PM (Virtual)

Find out how students can apply for 504 and IEP accommodations in college. Dr. Andrea Swift, Director of Accessibility Services at Alvernia University, will provide information regarding what services are available and how to access those services. We will discuss the right time to initiate conversations with colleges regarding accommodations and what documentation you must provide to receive those services. We will also address FERPA and its impact on parent involvement in the process. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions. Students who currently receive accommodations at PJP and their families are encouraged to attend.

Presenter: Andrea Swift, Ed. D., Director of Accessibility Services at Alvernia University

Zoom Link: [College Academic Accommodations Workshop](#)

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
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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

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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