



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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Inclement Weather Procedures

Pope John Paul II High School utilizes the School Messenger Broadcasting System to notify all households and parents by phone and email within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event that causes early dismissal, school cancellation or late start. School closing information will be reported on the PJP web site (www.pjphs.org), on the PJP Facebook Page, Fox 29, KYW 3, and KYW Radio.

- Those students who ride public school buses must determine if transportation will be available by following their local district announcements.
- If PJP has a delayed opening but other school districts are busing at the regular time, students may report to school at the regular time **unless otherwise specified** through our School Messenger Broadcast. The building will be open and supervised.
- If a student is transported by their local school district and they have a delay, but PJP does not, student lateness will be excused.
- If a student is transported by their local school district and they are closed, but PJP is not, students from that district are excused for the day. In these instances, we do encourage the students to report for the day if an alternative mode of transportation is safe and accessible. **If a student is not reporting to school for this reason, please leave a message on the attendance line 484-975-6500 ext 3015). The excused absence will be reflected in their attendance record after the end of the school day.**
- When there is early dismissal because of inclement weather, students will be dismissed by district as each district notifies us and arrives for pick-up. This includes students who have an alternate means of transportation. **Students must be prepared to show their school ID verifying their School District upon dismissal.** STUDENTS MAY NOT RIDE A BUS FROM A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS NOT THEIR OWN. The school assumes no responsibility for students who ride home with another student, with or without parental knowledge.
- Early dismissal days are accompanied by an inordinate amount of phone calls and emails from parents hoping to pick up their child early or allow their child to leave early. In addition, students report to the office indicating that their parents texted them. Our attention will be focused on the coordination of safe transportation for our students during early dismissals. **PHONE CALLS OR EMAILS FOR EARLY DISMISSAL ON INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Parents must pick up their own children unless otherwise noted via our Authorization for Student Pick Up Form. Please make every effort to plan ahead. If you are concerned about your student driver, please consider having them take the bus or requesting an early dismissal via notification IN WRITING prior to the start of the school day.

President's Office

Last weekend I had the opportunity to attend Kairos 53 and lead a Scripture Meditation. During my visit the students presented me with a birthday card and sang "Happy Birthday". It was the highlight of my day. Congratulations to the great student leadership that was present at Kairos 53. That leadership consisted of Sarah Boyce, Kyanni Escudero, Avery Kuhnert, Aidan McCarel, Wyatt Pfeil, Antonio Ponzio and Tess Riley. Simultaneously, I want to also commend the student leaders who participated in Kairos 52. They were Mia Zernick, Allison McCafferty, Cameron Schuler, AJ Bordic, Mark Heffner and Jack Hughes. My next podcast, which will be aired later this month, will focus on spirituality at PJP and our guest will be Campus Minister Kevin Kozeniewski.

Academic Affairs



As we enter the 2nd semester, we also begin making plans for the 2024-2025 academic year. Later in February, we will host class meetings to begin discussing the course selection process part of which includes how students qualify for certain AP Courses. Some AP courses require students to take a qualifying exam. The math department is hosting the qualifying exams for AP PreCalculus, AP Calculus AB and AP Calculus BC on Monday, February 12th after school.

Students currently enrolled in Algebra II are welcome to take the qualifying test for AP PreCalculus.

Students currently enrolled in Trig/PreCalculus, AP PreCalculus, or Calculus are welcome to take the qualifying test for AP Calculus AB or AP Calculus BC

Juniors currently enrolled in AP Calculus AB should take the qualifying test for AP Calculus BC.

For any student currently enrolled in Algebra II that would like to be considered for the AP PreCalculus next year, the qualifying exam will be given on Monday, February 12.

Interested students with any questions or needing additional information should discuss with their current math teacher. Additional dates and exams will be communicated as they are added to the calendar.

Panthers' Learning Center

With midterm exams right around the corner, this is a great time for students to prepare and use their academic resources. To make the most of this exam season, students can:

- Ask their teachers what material they should focus on and what study aides may be available
 - Create homemade flashcards, outlines, and Quizlets to help show what they already know and bridge the gap between what they still need to study
 - Ask a friend for their ideas on the material and bring additional questions to class review sessions
 - Spend some time each night reviewing concepts from the day's lesson, even if no written homework was assigned
 - Use the resources offered by the Panthers' Learning Center like [after school studying](#) and [National Honor Society tutoring](#)
 - **Remember that "you got this!"-Good luck, Golden Panthers!**
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Office of School Ministry

46 of our Seniors just returned from a great Kairos retreat! These retreats could not be made possible without the support of our Administration, Faculty, Staff and you, our parents! Thank you to all that prayed and supported us this weekend. If your Senior student has not attended Kairos, please encourage them to attend our final Kairos of this school year which will be held from Monday, March 18th to Thursday, March 21st. Sign ups were sent to the Senior Students this past week. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the ministry office via email at kkoz@pjphs.org.

MOMs Prayer Group


The ministry office is starting the MOMs prayer group back up and are looking for any Mom that is interested in helping plan the group. If you are interested, we are having a planning meeting on Wednesday, January 17th at 1:30pm in the Ministry Office. To RSVP, please email ministry@pjphs.org.

40 Hours

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.



**40 Hours at PJP:
Family Adoration
Night**

January 29, 2024
7:00pm

Adoration, Praise + Worship,
+ Benediction

Followed by a Reception

RSVP: ministry@pjphs.org



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Senior Baby Picture

ATTENTION ALL SENIOR PARENTS!

It's not too late to submit your baby picture ad in the yearbook to celebrate your Senior!
Final deadline is January 14, 2024.

Design your own ad by including a baby picture and message to be included in a special section of the yearbook. Please also share the information with other family members...you are welcome to include more than one ad with different pictures and messages.

The cost per ad is \$75. Please see below for information on how to start!
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Once you login or create an account, the process is pretty simple and the website will walk you through the creation of your ad...but if you have any problems, see below.
TECHNICAL QUESTIONS? Call Jostens customer service at 800.358.0800
General yearbook questions contact Maureen Gray at mgray@pjphs.org.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31

DAY OF SERVICE

PJP would like to practice our Catholic values by continuing an interactive day of service that began in 2019.

We will be making care packages for nursing home residents, Birthday boxes for homeless youth, Breakfast bags for elderly homebound persons, and blankets for the homeless.

We ask that each grade donates specific items in homeroom.



BRING IN ITEMS BY THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

DAY OF SERVICE

SENIORS: \$2 donation for materials

JUNIORS: B1 - Granola Bars, B2 - Oatmeal Packets, B3 - Gallon Size Storage Bags, B4 - Peanut Butter Crackers, B5 - Packs of Raisins, B6 - Apple Juice Boxes, B7 - Tea Bags and Hot Chocolate Packs,

SOPHOMORES: C1 - Balloons and Markers, C2 - Birthday Cups and Napkins, C3 - Birthday Paper plates and Forks, C4 - Small toys/Party favors, C5 - Coloring Books, C6 - Crayons and Colored Pencils

FRESHMEN: D1 - Deodorant, D2 - Hand Sanitizer, D3 - Toothpaste, Toothbrushes and floss D4 - Sugar free Candy D5 - Shampoo and Hand Lotion, D6 - Packs of Socks, D7 - Body wash and Wipes



Health Suite

Juniors

Emails were sent on Jan 9, 2023 to Juniors still missing physical exams. Please respond promptly ***Keep in mind that failure to turn in updated health information with second dose of MCV (Menactra) vaccine will delay parking passes and attendance as seniors.***

Sophomores

Junior physical exam paperwork is being accepted NOW for age 16 well-checks with updated vaccines. Thank you for considering early submission!

****Email physical forms with vaccine updates to tonurse@pjphs.org. Any exam form with MD signature is acceptable.**

Tuition Office

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. FACTS accounts have been updated with the registration fee for the 2024-2025 school year.

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.

Development Office

Keeping the Faith at PJP

We are thrilled to bring you the latest update on a fantastic addition to our alumni community – the "Keeping The Faith with PJP" podcast. Hosted by Vinnie Cazzetta, our President, and Andy Souder, a graduate of St. Pius X and a parent of one current PJP student and four graduates of PJP, this podcast is designed to keep us all connected and inspired.

In our inaugural episode, Vinnie and Andy sat down with Ryan Sell, Head Coach of the two-time PIAA Class 3A Volleyball champions, and Scott Reed, Head Coach of the PAC and District One football champions. The discussions were filled with insights and stories that truly capture the essence of our school's spirit. [Click here to listen on Spotify.](#)

Savor the Flavor

I've heard of it, but what is it?

You may have heard about or seen information in the PJP Weekly about an event called "Savor the Flavor." But what exactly is Savor the Flavor? Below we have answered a few questions that we hope will have everyone excited to join us for a fun evening celebrating and supporting PJP!

So really, what is it?

Traditionally, Savor the Flavor has been the biggest fundraising event of the year. The event is held in the gym and features menu offerings from local restaurants, a basket raffle, silent auction, and a live auction, as well as performances from our performing arts department. Parents, alumni, and other members of our local community are invited to attend. Each year there is a theme for the event, and this year's theme is *Over the Rainbow*.

Who runs the event?

Savor the Flavor is coordinated by a committee of dedicated parents and alumni parents and members of Pope John Paul II High School's Office of Institutional Advancement.

Where do the funds from the event go?

The funds raised from the event support the John Paul Fund which sustains and enhances the student experience at PJP.

OK, I'm in! How can I help?

You will receive an invitation to purchase your tickets as soon as they are available in early March, but mark your calendars for April 20th today!

In the meantime, there are a number of ways to help! You can:

- [Make a donation to the auction.](#) Tickets to events, vacation stays, accessories, and services from businesses are always popular items and greatly appreciated!
- A quick and easy way to donate an item is to select one from the event's [Amazon Wish List](#) and send it to school!
- And most importantly, make sure you and your friends are with us on April 20th!

And if I have more questions?

If you have more questions you can visit the Savor the Flavor webpage or contact PJP's Development Coordinator, Sarah Bauer at sarah.bauer@pjphs.org

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you "Over the Rainbow"!

Athletics

Upcoming Home Events

Tuesday, January 16th

Boys Basketball vs Pottsgrove- JV at 5:30 PM, Varsity at 6:45 PM

Thursday, January 18th

Freshmen Boys Basketball vs Pottstown- 3:45 PM

Girls Basketball vs Owen J. Roberts- JV at 5:30 PM, Varsity at 6:45 PM

Friday, January 19th

Swimming vs Phoenixville- 7:15 PM

Saturday, January 20th

Girls Basketball vs Quakertown- JV at 12:00 PM, Varsity at 1:15 PM

Bag Bingo

We have officially changed the date of Bag Bingo to avoid a conflict with another athletic event. Bag Bingo will now be held on Friday, February 23rd. Doors open at 6 PM with Bingo starting at 7 PM. Join us at this BYO apps and drinks event featuring Bingo, basket raffles, 50/50s and of course FUN. Last year we had bags from Marc Jacobs, Michael Kors, Kate Spade, Coach, Karl Geiger and more. Tickets are \$30 for individuals or you can do a table (10 people) for \$275. Register now at the following 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_II/shop/home

Guidance Office

Career Day Interest Survey for PJP Students

The PJP Guidance Office is in the process of planning our Bi-Annual Career Day for the students of PJP on Friday March 15th. Students were emailed a Career Day Interest Survey on Tuesday, 1/9, to get their feedback regarding their interests in specific career fields. They will be emailed again on Tuesday, 1/16. If your student has not completed this survey, here is the link to the survey: [Career Day Survey](#). The survey will close on Wednesday morning and is restricted to PJP email accounts.

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 ***THIS FORM*** 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 dbell@pjphs.org with any questions.

College Admission Trends: Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:30 PM (Virtual)

Attention underclassman students and parents, take a deep dive into college admissions today with Dr. Kevin Bukatman, President of College Planning Service America, taking a look at the college admission process and the most important factors within a college application. Zoom link to follow in the near future.

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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