

Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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President's Office

Strategic Plan

At the May 15th meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the 2025–2028 PJP Strategic Plan. The plan has now been submitted to the Office of Catholic Education for final approval, which is expected to take place in June.

The new strategic plan will officially go into effect on July 1, 2025. At the start of the new school year, I will be in touch with all of our families to share the date when I will present the plan to the PJP community —similar to the process we followed with the previous plan.

Enrollment

Enrollment projections for the upcoming school year are very strong. As of today, we are expecting a total enrollment of 836 students, including a freshman class of 217. This marks an impressive increase of 138 students over the past three years.

Several factors have contributed to this significant growth. Notably, our PAWS program is set to enroll 70 students for the 2025–2026 school year. In addition, student financial assistance through the EITC program has played a major role. Over the past four years, EITC funding has grown from \$500,000 to \$1.6 million, expanding access and opportunity for many families.

Academic Affairs



Our annual Honors Convocation will be held on May 28th, 2025. ALL students who rank in the top 10% of their class will be recognized, and some students earning special recognition may be invited to receive a special award. All are welcome to celebrate with us in the auditorium.



Senior exams will be scheduled for May 27th, May 28th, and May 30th. Some classes might not have exams if the teacher utilized a project or alternative assessment. Most exams are scheduled during the 1st and 2nd academic periods, followed by practices and other events. Students DO NOT report to school for periods in which they do not have exams.

While the schedule is not yet finalized, students can expect exams on the following dates:

Date	8:00 AM	12 PM
Tuesday May 27, 2025	Mathematics	ELA
Wednesday May 28, 2025	Science/World Language	Theology
Friday May 30, 2025	Social Studies	Health & PE, Art, and Conflicts

The exam schedule will be shared with students and parents by email after it is finalized.

Office of School Ministry

NCYC

During the week of May 26, students will receive information in their Theology classes about the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) — a dynamic, three-day Catholic experience for high school teens held in Indianapolis from November 20–23, 2025. NCYC includes inspiring speakers, prayer, worship, and fellowship with thousands of young Catholics from across the country.

To learn more, view the presentation here: NCYC 2025 Slide Deck

Registration is due by June 5, and a parent/student meeting will be held in September. You can also visit ncyc.us for additional details.

Adoration

Come spend an hour in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament during the School day on Fridays. Sign up required.

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Student Affairs

Family Brunch

Pope John Paul II High School's 2025 Family Brunch will be held on Sunday, June 1, 2025 from 12-2 pm at the Sunnybrook Ballroom - Pottstown, PA Tickets will be \$45/person

Order tickets by Friday, May 23.

CLICK HERE TO ORDER TICKETS

Blue and Gold Day

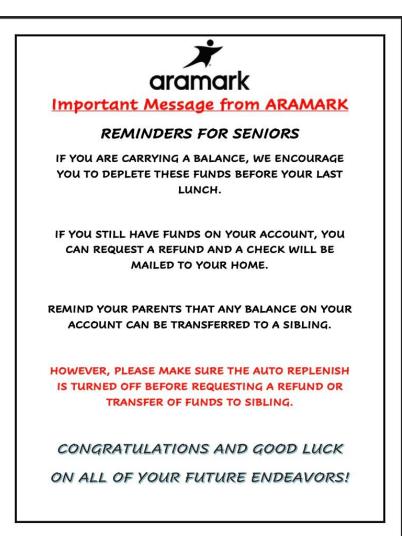
Blue and Gold Day, Wednesday, May 21st, is quickly approaching. Homerooms will be competing throughout the day starting and ending with a Pep Rally in the gym. Because of the nature of the competition in which they will be participating, students will be permitted to dress down. The dress code rules for this day are different from any other day. Please read the following dress code regulations carefully. TEN POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH HOMEROOM IF EVERYONE COMPLIES! Members of the BLUE TEAM must wear a BLUE T-shirt and GOLD TEAM members must wear a GOLD/YELLOW T-shirt. The shirts must have sleeves and they may be decorated to show your SCHOOL SPIRIT. Please avoid any inappropriate sayings or slogans. FOR BLUE AND GOLD DAY ONLY-- sweatpants, yoga pants/leggings, or athletic shorts/gym shorts may be worn. (They will not be permitted on future dress down days.) Athletic shorts must be as long as your fingertips when you hold your hands down by your side, and they should not have any writing on the back. Athletic shoes will suit you best for competition. All clothing must be whole—not ripped or torn.

The day will be warm and sunny, so don't forget your sunscreen. You may wear face paint on your cheeks only. Remember, the day will be warm and sunny, so think about whether painting your face is a good idea.

A BBQ Lunch is being provided for the entire school through the generosity of the PJP Parents Association and our local Knights of Columbus who will be grilling! The menu is Hotdogs, Hamburgers, snacks, and drinks will be provided. If you have dietary restrictions please pack a brown bag lunch for the day.

The dress code was created to ensure everyone is able to compete in comfort and to allow everyone to show SCHOOL SPIRIT. Please remember to limit yourself to the instructions above.





Parent's Association

Attention Class of 2025 Families:

Wednesday, May 21st is Blue and Gold Day. We are looking for volunteers to help serve lunch to the students, and we are also looking for food donations.

Donated items can be dropped off at the school office before May 21st so we can get everything where it needs to be.

Thank you in advance to all our parents who always support our students.

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PJP Summer Camp

Why Choose PJP for your Summer Camp Experience?

- Experienced, Passionate Staff
- Variety of Programs Offered
- Safe & Inclusive Environment

4 Sessions to choose from

- Session 1 June 16-19
- Session 2 June 23-26
- Session 3 July 7-10
- Session 4 July 14-17

Program Details

- Ages: Children K-9 (as of September 2025)
- Camp Hours: Vary by Camp 8:30am 3:30 pm
 Morning and Afternoon sessions
- All Camps located at Pope John Paul II Campus

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Athletics

Upcoming Home Events

Tuesday, May 20th

Baseball vs Holy Ghost Prep- 4PM, District Semi-Final Softball at Merion Mercy- 4PM, District Semi-Final

Uniform Returns

Uniform return for all Spring athletes who are done competing will be Wednesday, May 21st from 7:30AM until the start of home and after school until 3:30PM. Athletes are required to turn in the uniform that was issued to them. All athletes should return their uniforms to Tracey or Kyle. Do not leave uniforms at the Athletic Office door.

Coaching Vacancies

The Athletic Department has openings for the following positions. If you or someone you know is interested please forward resume and cover letter to Tracey at trarich@pjphs.org -Head Field Hockey Coach -JV Boys Soccer Coach

Fundraisers

Baseball- The Baseball team is raffling 4 tickets to a Phillies game (vs Marlins) and 4 tickets to an Iron Pigs game (vs Red Wings). Tickets are \$20 a piece. Raffle will be held on 5/25. To order raffles follow this link: https://forms.gle/NiQwabDz7YtT9oRf7. Please contact Mrs. Tindall for more information: tindall206@hotmail.com.



\$20/Raffle ticket

Football - Football will be hosting their annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 20th at Linfield National Golf Course. \$125 for an individual golfer, or \$500 per foursome. There are also hole sponsorships available. To find out more information please reach out to Coach Darrell Scott at football@pjphs.org.



Football is hosting a Big Man Clinic on Sunday, June 22nd. This Big Man Clinic will focus on developing lineman skills in players from grades from 5th-9th. To register for this event, please click the following link: https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=mop2eh



Guidance Office

The Main Line College Fair - Wednesday, May 21 at Villanova University

The Main Line College Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21st, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. The event will take place at the Finneran Pavilion on the campus of Villanova University. Attendance is free and no prior registration is required for families.

This annual fair, hosted in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling (PACAC), will feature representatives from over 200 colleges and universities. It's an excellent opportunity for students and their families to explore various post-secondary options, ask questions, and gather important admissions information.

Students are encouraged to register for a barcode atwww.StriveFair.com prior to attending. This barcode allows college representatives to scan and send more information directly to students, streamlining the information exchange process.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

The PJP Guidance Office and Morgan's Message are teaming up to promote the importance of mental health all month long. Each Thursday in May, students are invited to take part in our Mental Health Dedication Days - an opportunity to relax, connect, and prioritize well-being. Let's come together to support one another, reduce the stigma, and prioritize wellness!



SENIORS - College Acceptance and Scholarships and Grant Rewards Please Submit to the Guidance Office

This is a reminder for seniors to submit college acceptances and scholarships & grant awards 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.

Guidance needs a copy of the *documentation*. Seniors can either make a copy of the acceptances or scholarship/grant awards and drop it off to Mrs. Bell, College & Career Coordinator, or they can take a screenshot / picture of it and email it to her at dbell@pjphs.org. <u>Documentation will be collected until May</u> <u>9th</u>. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs. Bell.

Junior Parents - PARENT BRAG SHEET for Class of 2026 for Counselor's Letter of Recommendation

The PJP School Counselors request Junior parents/guardians to complete a Parent Brag Sheet for their child. Completion of this form is optional, but, during the College Application process, many colleges and/or scholarships require a Counselor Letter of Recommendation, and a parent/guardian's insight can provide invaluable information that is worth including in a Counselor Recommendation, conveying your child's unique qualities. This information will aid counselors in writing the individualized counselor letter of recommendation. If you choose to complete the Brag Sheet, the link is below and please have it completed by August 1st.

LINK: Parent Brag Sheet for the Class of 2026

Juniors: CONSENT TO RELEASE TRANSCRIPT & LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

Attention Juniors, this is a friendly reminder to submit your *Consent to Release Transcript & Letters of Recommendation Form* by the end of the school year, if you have not done so already. This signed form authorizes the Guidance Department to send your official transcript and letters of recommendation to all colleges and scholarships when you start to apply next year. The Guidance Office would like to be preemptive and get this on file now, before the rush of next year's application cycle.

LINK: Consent to Release Transcript Form

Please return your completed form to Guidance or email it to Mrs. Bell, College and Career Coordinator, at dbell@pjphs.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@pjpsh.org or your child's school counselor.

2024-2025 Educational Enrichment Opportunities - Google Docs

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

College Standardized Test Dates & Registration Deadlines for National Test Days

SAT TESTING - Register at www.collegeboard.org.

SAT Test Date (2024-2025 School Year)	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late Registration
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

ACT TESTING - Register at www.act.org

ACT Test Date (2024-2025 School Year)	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late Registration
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025

July 12, 2025

June 5, 2025

Have a great week!

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