



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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President's Office

Pope John Paul II High School is pleased to recognize the following members of the PJP Community Partner Program. If you would like more information on how you can become a PJP Community Partner, please contact Sarah Bauer sarah.bauer@pjphs.org.

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Academic Affairs

Mid-Term Exam Schedule

During the week of January 22, as we prepare to close out the 1st Semester mid-term exams will be held during class following the schedule posted below. Please note that not all teachers take advantage of an exam, some utilize alternative assessments such as projects or research papers. Please check with your student to see which classes they have exams in, and in which classes they may have an alternative assessment to help them manage their time well.

MONDAY, 1/22	TUESDAY, 1/23	WEDNESDAY, 1/24	THURSDAY, 1/25	FRIDAY, 1/26
Non-letter day NO testing	English Social Studies Fine Arts	Math Theology Health/PE	Science Business World Language	AP Science and Conflicts
	In-class testing	In-class testing	In-class testing	In-class testing

CONFLICTS: Conflicts arise when a student is taking two classes in the same content area, and both

classes have an exam. In these situations, the student should confer with their teachers to determine which exam they will take on the scheduled day, and which they will take on the conflict day. This must be pre-arranged between the student and their teachers by Friday, January 19th. If one conflict class has an alternative assessment in lieu of an exam, there is no conflict and the student will test on the scheduled day in the class that has an exam. Because there are many students who are enrolled in an AP Science course who are also enrolled in a general science course or elective, the AP Science course exams are scheduled on the conflict day.

Spirit of America Opportunity

The Connelly Foundation has provided an incredibly generous grant for our students to attend the Freedom Foundations Spirit of America program with a fully funded scholarship to attend the Spirit of America Program.



This fantastic program introduces students to a hands-on and critical thinking approach to civic education and their role as young, engaged citizens in our nation. The students' experience is filled with inspiring and educational activities, including a mock congressional debate, free enterprise challenge, workshops, and historical site visits while developing their leadership skills and identifying their future contributions to society. Students live on campus throughout the duration of the program and create new lasting friendships with peers from across the country.

For questions or more information, please visit the Freedoms Foundation website at <https://www.freedomsfoundation.org/program/spirit-of-america/>.

Student Affairs

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!
Go online to www.jostens.com/yearbookads, create an account or login, and use the yearbook ads designer to create your perfect ad.
Payment is also online, and payment plans are available for orders over \$30.

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.

Senior Panoramic Photo

The Seniors will report to the Gym on Wednesday, January 10 during Homeroom 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. January 10 will be a Liturgy Schedule.

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



Studio 38

There is a mandatory parent meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 PM in the auditorium for parents of any students of the cast, crew, and pit of Wizard of Oz.

Office of School Ministry

Service Opportunities



Community Service Corps (CSC) is sponsoring a service trip to St. Edmond's Home for Children in Rosemont. St. Edmond's, a ministry of Catholic Social Services, houses and provides care for over 40 multiply disabled children. The PJP group will depart from PJP at 9 AM and travel to St. Edmond's by bus, work with the children doing various recreational activities under the guidance of the St. Edmond's staff. We will return to PJP by 1 pm. This counts toward the Christian Service Requirement. There is no cost to attend; the permission form is linked here. Permission forms should be returned to Mr. Dunn in Rm. 143 by January 12th. Space is limited.

The Ministry Office is sponsoring a service trip to Caring for Friends in Northeast Philadelphia. Caring for Friends provides food and companionship for homebound senior citizens and individuals who are food insecure. The PJP group will meet at PJP at 10:45 am to travel to Caring for Friends via bus. We will assist in preparing meals for distribution and in organizing the warehouse. We will return to PJP by 5:30 pm. This counts toward the Christian Service Requirement. The cost to attend is \$20; the permission form is linked here. Permission forms should be returned to Mr. Allen in the Ministry Office by January 10th. Space is limited.

Development

Savor the Flavor

Our 2nd Savor the Flavor Committee meeting will be on Monday January 8th at 5:30 pm over zoom. We are in need of more volunteers to gather and assemble auction items. Email sarah.bauer@pjphs.org to be included on the call.

Trivia Night

PJP's 7th Annual Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, February 3rd. Doors open at 6:30, and trivia rounds begin at 7:30. \$25 per person or \$160/table of 8. Register online now at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=udpDEH>.

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. 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.

Athletics

Upcoming Home Events

Tuesday, January 9th

Girls Basketball vs Spring-Ford - JV at 5:30 PM, V at 6:45 PM

Wednesday, January 10th

Wrestling vs Pottsgrove - 6:30 PM

Thursday, January 11th

Freshmen Boys Basketball vs Perkiomen Valley - 3:45 PM

Girls Basketball vs Upper Merion- JV at 5:30 PM, V at 6:45 PM

Friday, January 12th

Swim vs Methacton (Spring Valley YMCA) - 7:15 PM

Fundraisers

Girls Basketball: Basket of Cheer sponsored by the Girls Basketball Parents

If you are interested in buying tickets to win this prize contact Mrs. Azure Albeck at Albeck.azure@yahoo.com. Must be 21 years or older to participate.



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.

For questions, please contact Jenn Zavertnik at jenn.zavertnik@gmail.com.

Guidance Office

School Day SATs for Juniors

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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