



# Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

## Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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### Principal's Office

We hope that everyone enjoyed their time on Thanksgiving for family, friends, and PJP. Classes resume tomorrow.

#### Thursday Evening: Our Annual Christmas Concert



Please join us Thursday evening for our annual Christmas concert. There is no better way to get in the spirit. Friday, we also welcome our local 1st graders for our First Grade Christmas Party. This is a favorite day for our staff and students!



## Office of School Ministry

### NCYC

Mr. Koz, along with three students; Annabelle Ferreira, Eamon McGinley, and James Pickell, recently attended the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). This three-day event was a powerful and unique experience, filled with prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment.



### Advent By Candlelight

We are happy to bring back an evening of fellowship for the ladies of PJP with our annual Advent by Candlelight! Come out for a wine and cheese social followed by a talk on preparing our hearts in Advent as we wait for the Joy of Christmas. RSVP is required by emailing [ministry@pjphs.org](mailto:ministry@pjphs.org).

## PJP Moms, Grandmoms, and Friends

Join us for an evening of light.

# Advent by Candlelight

Preparing for Advent

Guest Speaker: Annie Sarlo

*Director of Spirituality and Mission  
for Secondary Schools and Special  
Education for the Archdiocese of  
Philadelphia*

**Tuesday, November 28th  
6:30 pm**

**PJP Legacy Atrium**

Wine and Cheese will be offered.

Bring a dessert to share.

RSVP: [Ministry@pjphs.org](mailto:Ministry@pjphs.org)



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## Athletics

### Girls' Lacrosse Interest Meeting

Girls' Lacrosse interest meeting tomorrow at 3:00 PM in the student commons.

### Fundraisers

#### Baseball:

**-Are you looking to get your PJP student some baseball gear for Christmas?** Look no further. Store closes Sunday 11/12. Visit the store by clicking [here](#).

#### 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](mailto:jenn.zavertnik@gmail.com). Thanks for your support! GO PANTHERS!

[https://shop.shirtandink.com/pjp\\_gold\\_blooded/shop/home](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](https://shop.shirtandink.com/pope_john_paul_II/shop/home).

For questions, please contact Jenn Zavertnik at [jenn.zavertnik@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.zavertnik@gmail.com).

#### Athletic Department:

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

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# Guidance Office

## SAVE THE DATE-PSAT Score Interpretation Night (Virtual) Tuesday, December 5th, at 6:30 PM

PJP's School Counseling Office will host a virtual PSAT Score Interpretation Night on Tuesday, December 5th, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Information will be presented on how to interpret your student's scores and how to use these scores as your family begins to explore post-secondary education options. Link to follow. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Doreen Bell, College & Career Coordinator, at [dbell@pjphs.org](mailto:dbell@pjphs.org).

## SENIORS-COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELORS VISITING PJP

Below is a list of colleges and universities that will be visiting PJP. 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 Mrs. Doreen Bell at [dbell@pjphs.org](mailto:dbell@pjphs.org).

College	Date	Time
University of Mississippi	Tue. November 28th, 2023	12:00 PM
Montgomery County Community College	Fri. December 1, 2023	12:56 PM

## 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](mailto: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](#)

## PHEAA Public Service Webinars

Great topics to prepare families for filing for Financial Aid and understanding the next steps! Funding for education can be confusing and repetition and continued learning about the process is key.

### Understanding the Offer Letter and Balances

**November 30, Thursday, 6:30pm**  
**December 14, Thursday, Noon**

**December 19, Tuesday, 6:30pm**

The Offer letter, or Financing Plans, that you receive to provide an idea of the cost associated with attending post-secondary education can be confusing as each school formats their information differently. PHEAA, represented by Linda Pacewicz and Daniel Wray of PA Forward, will assist you in this 1 hour webinar, in understanding and navigating through the types of Aid that are listed, what you are being offered and identifying the balances and next steps needed so you can make knowledgeable and affordable decisions. Q&A interaction is encouraged!

**Covering the Gap: Pieces of the puzzle to help pay your education bill**

**November 28, Tuesday, Noon**

Understanding education balances can be confusing and whether you're trying to address the costs or beginning to plan for higher education, this review is for you. Join PHEAA representatives Linda Pacewicz and Daniel Wray for a 1 hour webinar that will emphasize best practices (such as seeking grants and scholarships first), remind families about additional resources (such as payment plans), and review private/alternative loans as a last resort in the process of covering the Gap and keeping balances affordable. The discussion will also include the basics of credit, what factors impact a credit score, how can a credit score be improved and the effects on your borrowing capability.

**Financial Aid and Planning Q&A with PHEAA**

**December 12, Tuesday, 6:30pm**

**December 21, Thursday, Noon**

Articles related to funding a higher education are in the news almost every day and it can lead even the most knowledgeable of us into information overload. Have you ever wanted to simply ask a few specific questions, yet couldn't find anyone to ask? Maybe you have questions about planning for college, finding the right school, applying for scholarships and for federal and state aid, understanding offer letters, competing loan applications, comparing federal loans to private loans, repaying/refinancing loans after graduation – etc. Join Linda Pacewicz and Daniel Wray of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) for a wide open one hour Q&A session. Ask your questions in an open forum or privately via chat. Hope to see you there!

[Register Here](#) (under PAFoward -more-)

*\*Please note these are not a PJP sponsored events\**

**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](mailto:dbell@pjphs.org). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs. Bell or your child's school counselor.

**Upcoming Standardized Test Registrations**

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
SAT	December 2nd	November 2nd	November 21st
ACT	December 9th	November 3rd	November 17th

**To Register:**

**SAT Registration - [SAT Registration – SAT Suite | College Board](#)**

**ACT Registration - [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)**

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# Tuition Office

## Archdiocesan Grants and Scholarships

Below is a link to several scholarships run by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the upcoming school year (2024-2025) including one that provides assistance to current Archdiocesan employees either on the parish or grade school levels.

<https://www.aop Catholicschools.org/affording-our-schools/financial-aid>

## Tuition Accounts

We also wanted to send out a friendly reminder to please keep tuition accounts current. If you have any questions, concerns or feel as if a discussion needs to be had, please feel free to reach out to me at [ycarr@pjphs.org](mailto:ycarr@pjphs.org). We want to make sure that every student gets through the school year with no bumps in the road due to missed tuition payments.

## Financial Aid

**The Financial Aid Application for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Pope John Paul II High School highly recommends ALL families fill out an application for financial aid.**

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](mailto:ycarr@pjphs.org).

[CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE FACTS WEBSITE](#)

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## Have a great week!

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