



## Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

### Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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#### *Keeping the Faith with PJP*

On the sixth episode of KEEPING THE FAITH, Mr. Cazzetta and Mr. Souder discuss student life at Pope John Paul II High School with students Myles McCullagh, Allie McCafferty, John Heibeck and Cameron Schuler.

[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN TO THE EPISODE](#)

#### Academic Affairs

Earlier this spring, all returning 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students were asked to submit their course requests for the 2024-2025 academic year in PowerSchool. Please sign in to your PowerSchool parent portal to review and acknowledge the courses that your student selected. This [direction set](#) will guide you through the process. If you have any questions about your child's course selection, please contact their guidance counselor. If you are having trouble accessing your PowerSchool parent portal, please reach out to Mrs. Maureen Gray at [mgray@piphs.org](mailto:mgray@piphs.org).



The 2023-2024 Academic Honors Convocation will be held on Wednesday, May 29th at 6:30 p.m. Students who are in the top 10% of their graduating class for all grade levels will be recognized, and there are some special recognitions awarded to members of the graduating class of 2024. Students receiving special recognition as well as those in the top 10% of their class and their families will receive more

information as the date approaches.



Final Exams are coming up! Senior Exams are scheduled for May 28th - 31st and underclass assessments are scheduled for June 6 - 10th. School policy does not permit students to take their assessments early, however, students may make arrangements with their teachers should they be absent on the dedicated exam day to take their assessments late or have an alternative assessment if the teacher allows that. Underclassmen who miss any exams during the dedicated exam periods may take their assessments on their closing class day. Arrangements for all any makeup exams must be made directly with the teacher. Testing is also available the week of June 17th - 21, however, students will receive incomplete grades for the year. Students who take late exams will receive an adjusted report card after their exam scores have been processed.

### Senior Assessment Schedule

Senior exams are taken during the 1st and 2nd periods of the academic day.

<u>Tuesday 5/28</u>	<u>Wednesday 5/29</u>	<u>Thursday 5/30</u>	<u>Friday 5/31</u>
Theology	Science	Mathematics	Electives
ELA	World Language	Social Studies	Conflicts

Seniors will only report to school if they have an exam scheduled. If they do not have an exam scheduled, they will not report to school and they will be dismissed from school after their last exam for the day. Students are not permitted to remain in the building beyond 2nd period so that they do not disturb classes as usual for underclass students. Some teachers may utilize an alternative assessment rather than an exam, in which case students will not report to school. Arrangements for conflicts and/or make up exams must be made directly with the teacher.

### Underclass Assessment Schedule

There is a special schedule for exam days. Students are only required to be in school for periods in which they have an exam scheduled. Sometimes teachers utilize alternative assessments (projects, research papers, etc) other than exams in which case your child may not have an exam for a particular exam period. Please be sure to check with your student to determine which classes they will need to report to school for on each exam day. Students who are in school and have an open exam period but will be remaining at school to await transportation will report to the cafeteria for a quiet study period. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. on these days.

The schedule for exam days is:

		<b>Thursday June 6</b>	<b>Friday June 7</b>	<b>Monday June 10</b>
Warning Bell 1	7:40 AM			
Warning Bell 2	7:45 AM			
Prayer & Pledge	7:50-7:55 AM			
Exam 1	7:55-9:00 AM	ELA	Mathematics	Theology

Exam 2	9:05-10:10 AM	World Language	Social Studies	Science
Exam 3	10:15-11:20 AM	Health/P.E.	Fine Arts	Business Conflicts Make Ups



## frequently asked QUESTIONS

**Q: We will be away on one of the exam days, can my student take their exams early?**

*A: The exam dates are published to the school calendar at the beginning of the year to avoid any conflicts. To protect the integrity of exams, students are not permitted to take exams early. At the teachers' discretion, an alternative assessment or alternate exam may be offered by special arrangement with the student. If no alternative assessment or alternative exam is available, the student must make the exam up at a later date. Exams completed by the end of term will be included in final grades, exams taken after the last day of school may produce an incomplete grade that will be corrected after the exam is scored and final grade processed.*

**Q: My student has only one exam on a particular day, when do they report and leave?**

*A: Students are only required to be in school for scheduled exams. If they have transportation to and from at the times specified on the exam schedule, they are expected to arrive 5 minutes prior to their exam and may leave when they are dismissed.*

**Q: My student rides the bus, but has only one exam on a particular day. Where will they report?**

*A: Students who are in school and have an open exam period but have arrived early or will be remaining at school to await transportation will report to the cafeteria for a quiet study period.*

## Panther's Learning Center

With final exams approaching, students should begin preparing for the end of year by doing the following:

- Check in with teachers about whether they will complete a test or project
- Identify what materials and resources they have for studying
- Review Schoology and PowerSchool to ensure all assignments are submitted
- Check in with Mr. Rogers for additional support as needed.

The Panthers' Learning Center is available for students throughout the day, particularly after school when multiple teachers are present to assist students with their work.

### Exams with Accommodations

Final exams will be taking place for seniors after Memorial Day and for students in grades 9, 10, and 11 on June 6, 7, and 10. Students with academic accommodation plans are welcome to take their midterm exams in the Panthers' Learning Center.

If your teacher is giving an exam and you would like to take it in the PLC, please email your teachers and then fill out this form using your PJP email address by Thursday, May 23 at noon (<https://forms.gle/ftTiFMRTarJQwMUu5>) to indicate that you wish to take your tests with extended time in the PLC. This helps us in getting our space ready for you. Students in Panther Performance will do this in class.

For planning purposes, students are not permitted to make last-minute changes (deciding to take their test in

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# Student Affairs

## UPDATES FOR SENIORS

- **Grad Signs**
  - Delivery update for those who ordered Graduation Lawn Signs. The Lawn signs have been submitted to Signarama and will be delivered to PJP on or around May 22.
- **Final Transcript Form**
  - Please complete and submit this form indicating your Post Graduation Plans and what college you will be attending so that we can send out your Final Transcript, which is Proof of Graduation for the college you will be attending. Final Transcripts will be submitted to colleges later in June, once the school year is officially closed out for all students in PowerSchool. Please complete the Final Transcript and Post Graduation Plans Form send by Mrs. Bell. [COMPLETE FORM](#)
- **Scholarship Letters**
  - Scholarship Letters: If you have not already turned in your scholarship letters, please do so as soon as possible. All scholarships will be listed in the graduation program, and we want to ensure that each of your achievements is properly recognized.
- **Graduation and Prom Information**
  - Parents have been asked to complete the Graduation and Prom Information Form through email from Mrs. Guyer. If you have not submitted, please do so as soon as possible.

## Blue and Gold Day

Blue and Gold Day, Wednesday, May 22nd, 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.

## Senior

- College shirt day
  - As communicated earlier this month, College Acceptance Day has been postponed to Tuesday, May 21.
  - *Since many colleges have pushed back their official Decision Day to either mid-May or June 1st due to this year's FAFSA delays and associated challenges, our College Shirt Day for seniors has been rescheduled from May 1st to May 21st as some of our students are waiting to make college decisions.*
  - All seniors are to report to homeroom on Tuesday, May 21 at regular time (even if you have late arrival). After attendance, seniors are to report to the gym for the celebration of College

Acceptances. You are asked to wear the college shirt for the school you are attending that day along with sweatpants or jeans.

- NHS members are meeting at 7:15am for elections for officers for next year. Attendance will be taken at the meeting, the vote will take place, and then you will join the rest of the senior class in the gym.
- Once you arrive in the gym, you are asked to group yourselves by college for photos. We will first take a large group picture on the bleachers, then go outside for individual school pictures.

## Monday Morning Arrival

The cafeteria will be used on Monday morning for the varsity athletes breakfast. Anyone who arrives to school prior to 7:40 and is not a varsity athlete will meet in the student Commons with Mr. Allen.

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# *Development Update...Lights On...Race On Close to Completion*

The “Lights On...Race On” campaign is close to completion. It has been a long road with a number of stops and starts. Below is a short summary of what has transpired over the last five plus years.

During the prior administration and board leadership, PJP unveiled plans to construct a Stadium at the current football field site. The renderings projected a total expense of \$1.8 million for the project. An official campaign was launched, accompanied by a planned event to rally support. However, the onset of COVID-19 abruptly halted progress on this initiative.

Once COVID-19 was over, a decision was made to reconvene with the architects and engineers to get updated pricing on the “stadium” project, recognizing the significant increase in the cost of goods and services in the post COVID world. This reassessment resulted in a revised cost of \$3.8 million for the construction of the proposed stadium.

Facing a number of challenges, PJP’s Board opted to approach the project in stages.

Stage 1, Completed in September 2021, involved the installation of a strategically positioned flagpole at the football field which is visible from all nearby athletic fields.

Stage 2: Launch a campaign for lights and bleachers on the east side of the field. However, due to concerns over the safety of the current track and PJP being in jeopardy of hosting track meets, the campaign shifted focus to replacing the track instead of installing bleachers.

Stage 3: PJP launched the “Lights on, Race On.” campaign to raise \$610,000 to replace the existing track and install lights.

Stage 4: With sufficient funds raised for the track, a new track was installed in October 2022.

Stage 5: Since October of 2022, efforts have been focused on raising the remaining funds to install the lights. As of May 8, 2024, PJP is only \$25,000 short of the required amount. Once this sum is secured, the vendor is poised to commence the installation of the lights. Beginning the week of May 19th, some PJP athletic teams will launch a fundraising campaign with schoolfundr to raise the remaining funds for the lights and the initial funds for the bleachers.

Stage 6: Future plans involve the installation of bleachers on the east side of the field. Any surplus funds raised beyond the lighting project’s requirements will be allocated towards this endeavor.

PJP will continue to keep the community informed of the continued progress on these projects. If you would like to make a gift to this initiative, please contact Morgane Kerns ([morgane.kerns@pjphs.org](mailto:morgane.kerns@pjphs.org)).

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## Parent's Association

Blue and Gold Day

The parents association is working hard to assist with Blue and Gold Day. Please consider volunteering or donating necessary items.

- Blue and Gold Day Sign Up - [DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED](#)
- If you are unable to volunteer or send in a donation, please consider making a monetary donation. [DONATE HERE](#)

## Graduation Bouquets

Do you have a graduate? The Parents Association is offering Graduation Bouquets for Graduation Day.

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=6WC2AK>

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# Student Services

## End of the Year Early Dismissal Transportation Schedule

All students will have transportation to school by bus on exam days and the final days of school, however, some districts will not provide transportation home on early dismissal days. Please review [the schedule posted on our transportation page of our website](#) to determine if your child will have transportation home by bus on the final days of school.

## School Uniform 2024-2025

It is never too early to start planning for our next school year. If your student requires new uniform items consider attending Uniform Measurement Night, Thursday, July 11 from 5-7 pm. Click the following link to make an appointment for the uniform measuring event: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/\\_FO\\_PA006\\_2024#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/_FO_PA006_2024#/)



## Please Join Us! For A Uniform Measuring Event

DATE: Thursday, July 11, 2024

TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Pope John Paul II High School  
181 Rittenhouse Road Royersford PA 19468

FlynnO'Hara invites Pope John Paul II High School to please join us for our Measuring Event. Our staff will be available to measure students, answer questions about the uniform, and help you shop for the upcoming school year.

### Make An Appointment

Click the link below to sign-up for an appointment!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Appointment times vary by date. Appointments are required for this event.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you're unable to attend this event, we recommend families get their uniform shopping done at least **ONE MONTH** before the first day of school to ensure your students have everything they need!

**QUESTIONS?**  
Contact us at (800) 441-4122 or [atyourservice@flynnohara.com](mailto:atyourservice@flynnohara.com)

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## Uniform Exchange

Thanks to the generosity of the PJP community, we have a uniform exchange. If you have a graduating senior or your student has grown out of their uniform, consider donating any of the following gently used items to the uniform exchange.

The following uniform items are being accepted in the Student Services Office:

- Boy's Pants
- Boy's White Collar Shirts
- Boy's Blue and Gold School Tie (maroon tie will not be accepted)
- Boy's Black Belts
- School Sweater or Vest
- Girl's Skorts (skirts will be accepted)
- Girl's Banded Bottom Blouses (blouses without the band will not be accepted)
- Girl's Navy Opaque Knee Highs or Stockings
- Short of Long Sleeve Polos
- Gym Uniforms
- School Shoe

## Bus Transportation for 2024-25 School Year

Local school districts that provide transportation for our PJP students require our parents or guardians to complete a request for transportation form for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.

If your child requires transportation by bus for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year, please complete the steps below.

1. Complete the appropriate school district form. [Click here](#) to find the form for your local public school district. Please read the district instructions carefully, some require proof of residency.
  2. **Email a copy of your student's transportation form to [transportation@pjphs.org](mailto:transportation@pjphs.org) by NO LATER THAN Friday, May 17, 2024.**
- **Please place the name of your school district in the subject line of your email.**
  - **If mom and dad reside in separate school districts, two separate district forms need to be completed.**
  - **The Student Services Office will provide each busing school district with a list of students requiring transportation and the forms. If the forms are not returned to PJP by Friday, May 17th, then you must follow submission instructions listed on the bottom of the form.**

- **Special note: The forms for Souderton, Owen J. Roberts School, Perkiomen Valley, and Great Valley School Districts are electronic and are automatically sent to these districts. If you reside in any of these districts, you may skip step 2.**

Please be prompt in returning these forms. The forms will assist the districts in creating more accurate and timely bus schedules for the next school year. The district in which you reside will share the bus schedule with you a week or two before the school year begins.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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## Tuition Office

### Friendly Reminder

2023-24 balances need to be cleared prior to the year ending, if balances are not cleared, this will have an impact on report cards, transcripts and rosters for the coming year. Also, for the 2024-25 school year, we are actively working on updating everyone's account with financial aid, scholarships or any credit due. Please allow two weeks for this to be accomplished. Please check your accounts one week prior to your first June payment.

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## Athletics

### Upcoming Home Events

#### Tuesday, May 21st

Baseball vs Springfield Township (1st Rd of Districts)- 4:00 PM

Softball vs Merion Mercy (1st Rd of Districts)-4:00 PM

### Uniform Return

Uniform return for all teams done competing is Tuesday, May 21st. Student athletes can return their uniforms in the morning from 7:30-7:50 before school, or after school until 4:00. Everything that was issued from the school to the athlete must be returned (exceptions include socks and hats) to be marked as returned. Senior student athletes must return all uniform pieces for they will not be given their graduation materials.

### Physicals

PJP will be hosting physicals on Monday, June 3rd from 3:00 PM-6:00 PM. To be eligible to participate in athletics in the 2024-25 school year, every student athletes must have a physical dated May 1st, 2024 or after. Physicals are \$20 cash. Student athletes can also receive physicals through their primary care physician as long as it is dated May 1st, 2024 or after. To sign up for a physical time slot follow the link:



\*Please note that this date may change due to playoff games. If the date needs to be changed, everyone who signed up will be notified.

## Varsity Letter Breakfast

Student athletes that were awarded a varsity letter should have received a Google Form to RSVP to the Varsity Letter Breakfast. Please make sure your student athlete RSVPs if they are interested in attending the breakfast before school on May 20th.

## Fundraisers

### Football

The Second PJP Football Golf Outing will be held on Friday, June 21st at Linfield Golf Course. It will be a 9:00AM shotgun start with lunch to follow. The cost will be \$125 per person or \$500 per foursome. Please consider supporting our event and save the date for June, 21st 2024. Reach out to Coach Reed at [football@piphs.org](mailto:football@piphs.org) if you have any questions, would like to register, or become a hole sponsor.

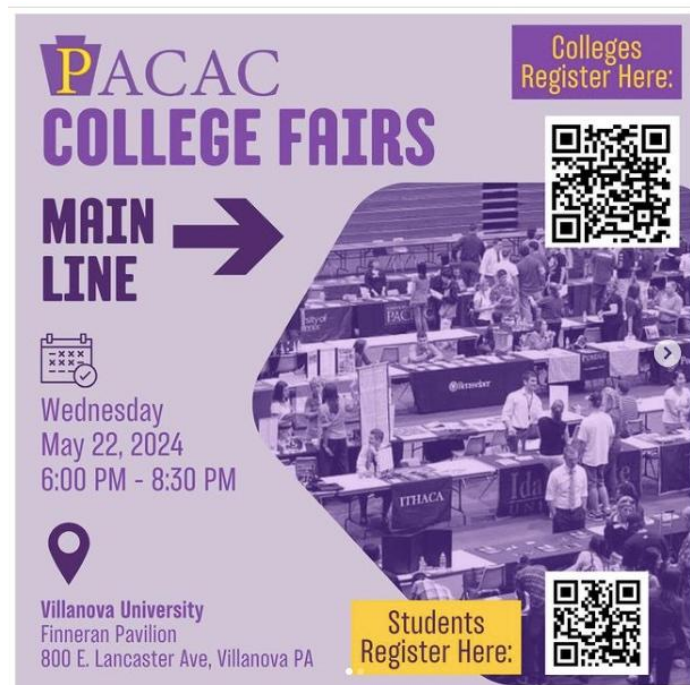
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## Guidance Office

### The Main Line College Fair at Villanova University- May 22nd 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

The Pennsylvania Association of College Admission Counseling (PACAC) will be hosting the Main Line College Fair in the Finneran Pavilion at Villanova University on Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024, from 6:00-8:30 pm.

With nearly 200 colleges and universities in attendance, this is a great opportunity for high school students to start their college search. This is a free event and all high school students and their families are welcome to attend. Students can register with [Strivescan](https://www.strivescan.com) for a QR code in advance of the fair to share their information with colleges. No additional pre-registration is required. For further information, including parking details and a list of attending colleges, please visit the [Main Line College Fair](#) page.



The poster features the PACAC logo at the top left, with 'PACAC' in purple and 'COLLEGE FAIRS' in large purple letters below it. To the right, a purple box says 'Colleges Register Here:' with a QR code. Below that, 'MAIN LINE' is written in large purple letters with a right-pointing arrow. A calendar icon shows the date 'Wednesday May 22, 2024 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM'. A location pin icon points to 'Villanova University Finneran Pavilion 800 E. Lancaster Ave, Villanova PA'. At the bottom right, a yellow box says 'Students Register Here:' with another QR code. The background of the poster is a photograph of a busy college fair with many people at tables.

**LAST CALL SENIORS-College Acceptances, Scholarship, & Grant Awards, and Financial Aid Award Letters Please Submit to the Guidance Office by May 15th**

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. Please submit this information by May 15th.

You can either make a copy of the acceptances and scholarship / 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](mailto:dbell@pjphs.org).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs. Bell or your school counselor.

## Junior Parents-PARENT BRAG SHEET for the Class of 2025 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.

[Parent Brag Sheet for the Class of 2025](#)

## 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
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](http://www.collegeboard.org)

ACT Test Date (2023-24 School Year)	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late Registration
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](http://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](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](#)

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# Have a great week!

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