



## Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

### Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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### Principal's Office

Congratulations to all our fall student athletes on a very successful sports season. Special congratulations to our repeat PAC football and volleyball teams! Please come out this week to support our Girls Soccer, Field Hockey and Volleyball teams as they compete in the District One Championships. Football begins its district competition on Friday night and Elliana DeCicco competes in the Tennis state competition Friday during the day. Good Luck to all our Golden Panthers!

#### Calendar Reminders

**Wednesday, October 30th** all Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior students will be taking the PSAT- Senior students are off for the day. Please make sure that your students charge their Chromebooks the night before. Seniors should use these days for college visits.

In the afternoon, all students are encouraged to spend the day showing their grandparents around PJP during our annual Grandparents Day.

**Thursday, October 31st** is a Professional Development Day for all teachers. Students do not have school this day.

**Friday, November 1st** is All Saint's Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, and a day off for all students.

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### Academic Affairs



## Get Ready for the Digital PSAT/NMSQT®

PSAT Testing will be taking place this week. These tests are a significant part of your child's academic journey. All 9th grade students will take the PSAT 8/9 and all 10th and 11th grade students will take the PSAT. This test also serves as the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's Qualifying for those students who are juniors. These tests are taken electronically on the students' chromebooks so please be sure that your child reports to school with their chromebook fully charged and brings their charger with them as well. We have extremely limited loaner devices and cords, so it is very important that each student brings their devices with them. There is a [Desmos](#) calculator built into the testing platform so while your student is welcome to bring their own approved calculator with them, if they do not have one, an approved calculator is available within the test. The [College Board Calculator Policy](#) is available online.

PJP reviews results across all grades when determining a student's eligibility for enrollment in AP classes and when making decisions about a student's course level during the course selection process in the spring.

Students will take the exam in their Homeroom. The classroom used by the Music Homeroom is not set up for test taking. If your child is in the Music Homeroom, they will report to the following rooms:

9th Grade: Room 145 with Deacon Hoyer  
10th and 11th Grades: Room 23 with Mr. Lynn

Dismissal is expected by 11:30 a.m. Please be sure you check with your local school district to confirm whether or not they will be providing transportation home from school. Those students who are staying to attend Grandparents day will need transportation home when the event is over.

For more information about this exam, please visit the [The Parents Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT](#) published by the College Board.

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## Panthers' Learning Center

Quarter 1 officially ends on Friday, November 8. The Academic Intervention Team will be checking in on Tuesday, October 29, with all students who currently have failing grades in their classes to offer support and identify ways to end the quarter on a strong note.

We encourage students and families to check grades on Schoology and PowerSchool, communicate and follow up with teachers, and let Mr. Rogers and the Panthers' Learning Center team know how we can support them. Mr. Rogers can be reached at [jrogers@pjphs.org](mailto:jrogers@pjphs.org).

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## Office of School Ministry

### Memorial Mass

We will celebrate an All Souls Memorial Mass for those who have passed away in the last year as a school

on November 5th. If you've lost an immediate family member or a close loved one within the past year and would like to pay tribute to their memory during this liturgy, kindly share their name, their relationship to the student, and a photograph via an email to [ministry@pjphs.org](mailto:ministry@pjphs.org).

All the names and photos received will be displayed throughout the entire month of November in the Legacy Atrium. Your participation will help create a beautiful and heartfelt tribute to those we hold dear in our hearts.

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## Student Affairs

### Blood Drive


The NHS is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 13. Parents, please take a look at the requirements for student donors.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/info-for-student-donors.html>

Students wishing to donate will be required to register and have parental consent.

### Underclassman Picture Retakes

This is a reminder that you are scheduled for Picture Retakes which will take place on Thursday, November 7 during lunch periods in the Auditorium. Scheduled students have either requested a retake, were absent on the day of pictures, or were out of uniform for the day of pictures.



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November 6, 2024 4PM - 8PM

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1 Start your order at [order.redrobin.com](http://order.redrobin.com) and select the restaurant above.
- 2 In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3 Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4 Add your meal items and check out.
- 5 Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

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## Grandparents Day

Today is the last day to register! We invite all grandparents to join us for Grandparents Day on October 30th at 12 PM at Pope John Paul II High School. This event is open to grandparents of all PJP students.

To attend, please sign up using the form below by midnight tonight.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



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### Grandparents Day Agenda

- 12:00 PM**      **Check In-** Auditorium Lobby
- 12:05 PM**      **Welcome and Opening Prayer**
- 12:15 PM**      **First Rotation**
- Red:** Auditorium
- Green:** Cafeteria
- Yellow:** Self-Guided Tours  
Suggested stops: The Chapel, PLC, Student's locker, Classrooms
- 12:45 PM**      **Second Rotation**
- Green:** Auditorium
- Yellow:** Cafeteria
- Red:** Self-Guided Tours  
Suggested stops: The Chapel, PLC, Student's locker, Classrooms
- 1:15 PM**      **Third Rotation**
- Yellow:** Auditorium
- Red:** Cafeteria
- Green:** Self-Guided Tours  
Suggested stops: The Chapel, PLC, Student's locker, Classrooms
- 1:45 PM**      **Auditorium (All)...**Closing and Dismissal

181 Rittenhouse Road | Royersford, Pennsylvania 19468 | **PHONE:** (484) 975-6500 | **FAX:** (610) 792-3082 | [pjphs.org](http://pjphs.org)

## Tuition Office

### Need Financial Aid?

The FACTS application portal is now open for the 2025-2026 school year! We encourage you to apply as soon as possible, as filing sooner is always better than later.

To complete your application, you will need to upload your 2023 tax documents, and there is a \$35 application fee.

[www.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com)

If you have any questions, please contact the office for assistance.



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## Alumni Office

It's Class Reunion Season and you're invited! Check out the full list of legacy school and PJP class reunions, located at: <https://www.pjphs.org/reunions-and-events> to see if your class is celebrating any milestones this year.

### Hall of Fame 2024

Please join us in celebrating the Legacy Hall of Fame Class of 2024 with a cocktail hour, butlered hors d'oeuvres, and beautiful induction ceremony starting at 6pm on Friday, December 13th.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

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## Athletics

### Upcoming Events

#### **Tuesday, October 29th**

Girls Soccer vs Villa Joseph Marie- TBA (District Championship)  
Field Hockey vs Faith Christian- 7:00 PM at Wissahickon High School (District Championship)

#### **Thursday, October 31st**

Volleyball vs Strath Haven- 7:00 PM Harriton (District Championship)

#### **Friday, November 1st**

Girls Tennis (Elliana DeCicco) at States- Penn State  
Football vs TBA- 7:00 PM

### Fall Uniform Return

For all Fall athletes that are done competing, Fall uniform return is Thursday, November 7th. All uniform pieces and equipment should return to Tracey or Kyle in the Athletic Office. Student athletes are responsible for returning their own uniform. Please do not leave uniforms at the athletic office door. The uniform must be returned to a person. The athletic office will be open from 7:25 am-7:50 am and afterschool from 2:30pm-4:00pm.

### Senior Signing Day

We will be hosting our Senior Signing Day for any Senior student athlete who is committed to playing their sport next year collegiately. The signing will take place after school at 3 PM. Please email Tracey at [trarich@pjphs.org](mailto:trarich@pjphs.org) if your student athlete is interested in participating.

## Stadium Perimeter Policies

As we start to host night athletic events outside we are instituting some new policies to help keep our PJP spectators and visiting spectators safe.

- All PJP spectators should enter the perimeter at the check in site closest to the school building.
- No outside food or drinks will be allowed past the check in area.
- No bags larger than a belt bag will be allowed past the check in table.
- All students must show their student IDs to enter the perimeter.
- Any student 8th grade or younger will not be admitted without a parent or guardian in attendance.
- Any student suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be required to be tested. Students refusing to be tested will be disciplined according to the procedures listed in the handbook in our Substance Abuse Policy.

## Winter Sports Update

Winter sports begin on Friday, November 15th. All students who plan to tryout need to have their PIAA paperwork completed and uploaded to BigTeams (<https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/?keyword=%2Fuser%2Fsignin&schoolID=0>) If winter is your student's first sport a physical is required. If this is your student's second sport a section 7 form is required.

## Winter Sports Offered

PJP offers the following winter sports: Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Wrestling, Boys and Girls Swimming. If your child is interested in trying out for or competing in any of these sports please make sure you are reaching out to the coaches to be added to their email list for open gym and tryout information.

**Girls Basketball-** Coach Flanagan: [Girlsbasketball@pjphs.org](mailto:Girlsbasketball@pjphs.org)

**Boys Basketball-** Coach Wise: [Boysbasketball@pjphs.org](mailto:Boysbasketball@pjphs.org)

**Wrestling-** Coach Jeff: [Wrestling@pjphs.org](mailto:Wrestling@pjphs.org)

**Swimming-** Coach Emily: [Swim@pjphs.org](mailto:Swim@pjphs.org)

**Club Ice Hockey** is also offered. Please reach out to Club President John Wiese at [PJPatriotshockey@gmail.com](mailto:PJPatriotshockey@gmail.com) for more information.

## Fundraisers

### Ice Hockey- Frecon Farms Pies

The Ice hockey team is selling pies and cookies from Frecon Farms that will be available for pickup just before Thanksgiving. Orders are due by November 12th with pickup on November 26th from 3-4 in the athletic lobby. Visit the following link; <https://freconfarms-pjphockey.square.site/auth/unlock> and enter password PjhockeyPies24 to begin your order. For any questions contact [pjpatriotshockey@gmail.com](mailto:pjpatriotshockey@gmail.com).

### Baseball-Yeti Cooler Raffle

The Baseball team is selling raffle tickets to win a Tundra 45 Yeti Cooler, 18oz Yeti Rambler, and various drinks. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 from Danielle Tindall, contact her at [tindall206@hotmail.com](mailto:tindall206@hotmail.com).



### Football-Discount Cards

Football is selling their annual discount cards. The card is \$10 and gets you various discounts at local establishments. Some of the discounts can be applied at Anna Marie's, Hilltop, Java's Brewin, Qdoba, SV Sports, Sweet Aloha and more. For a card see any football player, parent, or coach. You can also contact Tracey at [trarich@pjphs.org](mailto:trarich@pjphs.org)

## Guidance Office

### SENIORS-COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELORS VISITING PJP

Below is a list of colleges and universities visiting PJP the week of 10/21. 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. Bell, PJP's College and Career Coordinator, at [dbell@pjphs.org](mailto:dbell@pjphs.org).

College	Date	Time
Harcum College	Mon. October 28	9:45 AM
Holy Family University	Mon. October 28	11:15 AM
Arcadia University	Tue. October 29	11:15 AM

### COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID FORMS-FAFSA & CSS Profile

#### **FAFSA – Opens December 1st**

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the application used to apply for federal student aid, such as federal grants, work-study, and loans. In addition, many states and colleges use your FAFSA information to determine your eligibility for state and school aid, and some private financial aid providers may use your FAFSA information to determine whether you qualify for their aid.

Senior students and parents can create their Studentaid.gov Account (FSA ID) now. This is recommended to be done prior to the release of the 2025-26 FAFSA application on December 1st, 2024. So, create your *StudentAid.gov* account now to be FAFSA® form ready!

FAFSA is free: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

#### **CSS Profile – Open Now**



In addition to the FAFSA, there are about 400 colleges and universities that require the completion of an additional financial aid form called the CSS Profile. The CSS Profile is used for consideration of any institutional aid that the college may be able to offer your student. *Be sure the college requires the CSS profile prior to registration.* Again, like the FAFSA, the CSS Profile has a variety of deadlines to consider. Your exact deadline depends on the specific college you're applying to, so check the colleges' websites.

There is a cost for the CSS Profile: <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org>

## College Standardized Test Dates & Registration Deadlines for National Test Days

SAT TESTING – Register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

SAT Test Date (2024-2025 School Year)	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late Registration
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024	October 22, 2024
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024	November 26, 2024
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

ACT TESTING - Register at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

ACT Test Date (2024-2025 School Year)	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late Registration
December 14, 2024	November 8, 2024	November 22, 2024
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025	March 16, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 5, 2025	June 20, 2025

*SAT School Day Testing (for Juniors only) – PJP will offer the SAT School Day Test on April 16, 2025. Registration information for this test will be supplied to students in February.*

## 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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