



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR PJP FAMILIES!

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President's Office

SAVOR THE FLAVOR: APRIL 20TH!

It seems far away but it will be here in a blink of an eye. Savor the Flavor and the Heritage Golf Classic are the two school-wide special event fund-raisers held on an annual basis. We need each PJP family to participate in Savor The Flavor.

Here are ways in which you can participate:

1. Join the Savor The Flavor Committee (more information about their next meeting is below in the Development Update)
2. Purchase a table or be a sponsor for the event.
3. Find a prize valued at \$500 or more for the live or silent auction.
4. Purchase or sell a full page advertisement (or its equivalent, i.e. 4 quarter page ads) in the event program.

To get involved, contact Sarah Bauer (sarah.bauer@pjpshs.org).

Panthers' Learning Center

Happy New Year from the Panthers' Learning Center! Have you thought about your New Year's resolution? As we continue through the second quarter and look toward semester exams, we encourage students to check their grades regularly, meet with their teachers, and use the resources offered by the Panthers' Learning Center like [after school studying](#) and [National Honor Society tutoring](#). These are great ideas for academic resolutions!

The Panthers Achieving Worthwhile Success (PAWS) program provides individualized and intentional support to students with documented learning differences who may have benefited from academic support and accommodations in their previous schools.

Mr. Joseph Rogers, our Director of Academic Support, and our school leadership are hosting an information session to introduce both current and prospective families to the PAWS program on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:00PM in the Panthers' Learning Center at PJP. The session will include a formal presentation that outlines the program and objectives, enrollment process, documentation required, program fees, and financial aid opportunities.

Current and prospective families can [sign up here](#). Individual meetings and tours can also be scheduled for families who are not able to attend our information session.

Office of School Ministry

March for Life: January 19th

PJP's Respect Life Club is partnering with the Knights of Columbus to provide students the opportunity to attend the March for Life in Washington, DC on January 19, 2024. The PJP group will meet for Mass at St. Teresa of Calcutta at 6:30 AM, then travel to Washington, DC for the pre-March rally and the March. The cost is \$15.00 and includes boxed dinners for the trip home. To sign-up complete the linked [permission form](#) and return to Mr. Allen in the Ministry Office by January 5th. Space is limited!



The We Three Project

The Church celebrates the coming of the Magi, the three wise men who came from afar to visit Christ symbolizing his manifestation to the nations. This Christmas season, we too are invited to be like these three kings: bringing much needed gifts to children in need. PJP's Respect Life Club is collecting donations of Diapers (Sizes 4-6), baby wipes, and pull ups to donate to The Patrician Society of Norristown. Donations may be left by the Christmas trees in the Legacy Atrium and are due on January 8th!



Development

Savor the Flavor Meeting

Additional committee members are needed and welcome to attend the next meeting of the Savor the Flavor committee. The meeting will be held via zoom at **5:30PM on January 8th**. Additional committee members are needed to make this event the success it needs to be and has been in the past. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Sarah Bauer at (sarah.bauer@pjphs.org)

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Athletics

Upcoming Home Events

Tuesday, January 2nd

Boys Basketball vs Pottstown - JV at 5:30 PM, V at 6:45 PM

Thursday, January 4th

Boys Basketball vs Upper Perkiomen - JV at 5:30 PM, V at 6:45 PM

Friday, January 5th

Swimming vs Upper Merion - 7:15 PM

Saturday, January 6th

Girls Basketball vs Souderton - JV at 12 PM, V at 1:30 PM

Winter Athletic Transportation

PJP provides busing to and from away competitions. All members of a team are required to ride the bus with the team both ways. There are some exceptions, but permission must be given by the Athletic Office prior to the game.

Winter Sport Home Games

For all Winter Sport home games, admission for students of PJP is free. All students should be prepared to show their ID if asked. Admission for adults and everyone else is \$5.

Bag Bingo

The best night of Bingo is returning on Friday, February 2nd. More details and information on Bag Bingo will be shared in the coming weeks. We had some amazing bags last year, so you do not want to miss out on making this event.

Concession Stand

Please consider signing up for a shift at the concession stand for winter events. This is also an opportunity for students who need service hours.

Sign up [HERE!](#)

If you have any questions please contact Kelsey DeSantis at kelsjoy@me.com.

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

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.

FASFA: Opens December 31, 2023

If you are applying for financial aid for college, the Department of Education has announced the 2024-2025 FAFSA will be available by December 31, 2023.

But, first, you need to create your FSA ID ... don't wait to do this because it can take a number of days for the Department of Education to verify your information. Dependent students will need an FSA ID for one or both of their parents as well. All students and contributors (such as parents and spouses) must create an FSA Account—even if the contributor does not have a Social Security number. The FSA ID (account username and password) allows students and parents to identify themselves electronically to access, complete, sign, and submit a FAFSA form.

If you don't already have an FSA ID, go to: studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch to create an FSA ID now.

Parents: If you previously created an FSA ID, you don't need to create another one. You can only have one FSA ID linked to your Social Security number. However, if you don't remember your username, select "Forgot Username." If you verified your email address or mobile phone number during account creation, you may enter your email address or mobile phone number instead of your username. If you forgot your password, select "Forgot Password," and follow prompts to reset your password.

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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