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## Office of the President



### Facility Enhancements Completed Over the Summer

In addition to the updated visitor entry procedures—outlined in the August 17th edition of the *PJP Weekly*—we're excited to share several important facility improvements completed over the summer, all aimed at enhancing the learning environment for our students and staff.

#### Highlights of the updates include:

- The transformation of the Student Commons into the new PJP Business Institute

- Installation of a more efficient phone system
- Fresh paint throughout the Arts Wing and Auxiliary Gym
- Varnishing of floors in both gymnasiums
- Thorough cleaning and refinishing of all classroom and hallway floors
- Installation of 40 new security cameras
- Comprehensive turf care on all athletic fields
- Upgraded hallway security door latch system

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to our dedicated student workers—Beckett Cordrey, Billy Tighe, Nate Stroup, Ivan Morales, Brady Kleine, Nick Moffa, Sean Cooper, and Matt Fiore—whose efforts were instrumental in completing these projects.

We're looking forward to a fantastic new school year and are excited for your children to experience the benefits of these improvements!

## Principal's Office

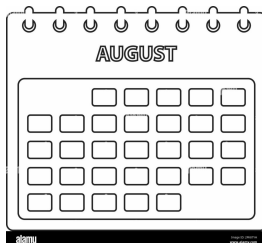
**A very special welcome to the following faculty members who are new to our building this year:**

Ms. Abigail Snyder - PJP Alumna, PT Visual Arts  
 Mrs. Maura Kelch - PJP Alumna, Visual Arts  
 Ms. Marissa Wahl - Daily Building Substitute

Please keep in mind that when a teacher is absent on any given day, our own faculty often substitute for that teacher. Ms. Wahl, our building substitute, will also be assigned to classrooms when a teacher is absent. If we are aware of an extended teacher absence, when possible, Ms. Wahl will be assigned to that classroom to keep the curriculum moving forward. Unfortunately, if a teacher is out due to a family or personal illness or emergency, it is often difficult to predict the length of the absence. We are not permitted to hire a subject specific substitute for an absent teacher unless the leave is extended and the teacher's date of return is able to be identified.



**Summer Reading:** Please ensure that your student has their summer reading assignments completed prior to the first day of school. They will be held accountable for the content of the books. The One Book, One School book, A Single Bead will be discussed and celebrated throughout the school year through various activities. If you have not yet read it, please do! It has a wonderful message.



**Tuesday, August 26th** is our annual Archbishop's Day for Educators at Bishop Shanahan. Our faculty will celebrate the beginning of a new school year with Archbishop Nelson Perez and guest presenter Bishop Espaillat from New York. Our music ministry will be led by Dana Catherine. The theme of this year's day is HOPE.

*"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our*

hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. “ (Romans 5:5)

**Wednesday, August 27th** we will welcome our new students from the Class of 2029 and our transfer students to PJP from 2-7pm.

## Office of School Ministry

As we settle into the new school year, our Office of School Ministry is grateful for the many opportunities to walk with our students and families in faith.

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### ☐ **Save the Date!**

Family Communion Lunch – Sunday, September 28th

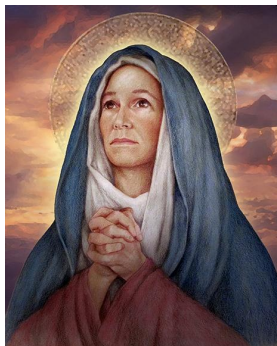
We invite all PJP families to join us for Mass and a luncheon celebration together. This will be a beautiful time for prayer, fellowship, and strengthening the bonds of our school community. More details will be shared soon, but please mark your calendars now!

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### † **Retreats**

Each grade level will participate in a retreat experience designed to deepen their relationship with God and one another. Retreats are at the heart of our ministry—times to step away, reflect, and encounter Christ in a new way. Students will receive more information about their retreat dates through Theology classes.

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### **Saint of the Week: St. Monica (Feast: August 27)**

This week we celebrate St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine. Known for her steadfast faith and perseverance in prayer for the conversion of her Son to come back to the faith, she is a powerful example of trust in God's timing and love for family. May her witness inspire us to pray faithfully for our loved ones and entrust them to Christ.

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**We look forward to walking with you this year in faith, hope, and joy!**

## Academic Affairs



The Office of Catholic Education now reports both the weighted and unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale. The GPA for all returning students has been recalculated to reflect the new scale.

## Panthers' Learning Center



Our goal in the Panthers' Learning Center is to position all students for academic success which is why we, along with guidance counselors and school leadership, check the grades of all students on a weekly basis as part of Academic Intervention.

Students who are failing two classes for the week will be asked to come to the Learning Center twice that week at lunch or after school to work on assignments and study for upcoming tests. Additionally, students failing one class and their families may receive an email notifying them of this and encouraging them to check their grades.

We understand that the grade report at any given time is simply a snapshot of grades and may not acutely reflect student performance (due to absences, extensions, or assignments waiting to be graded). It is important for us, however, to ensure that students and families are aware of grades to avoid any potential interruptions to activities and participation in summer school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Rogers at [jrogers@pjphs.org](mailto:jrogers@pjphs.org).

## Advancement Office

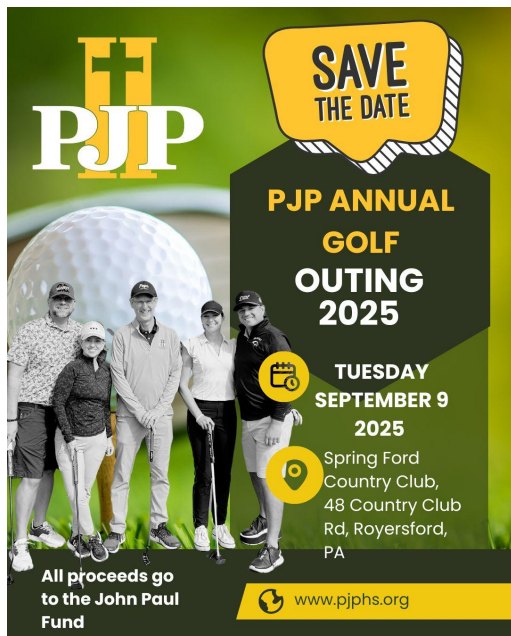
Pope John Paul II High School would like to extend our sincere thanks to our community partners:



**Your generous support helps us continue to grow and thrive!**

For more information on how to become a PJP Community Partner, please contact Susan Mollahan at [susan.mollahan@pjphs.org](mailto:susan.mollahan@pjphs.org)





## Last Chance to Join the Annual PJP Heritage Golf Outing!

We cordially invite you to TEE off the new school year with us at the Annual PJP Heritage Golf Outing on September 9th, 2025, at Spring Ford Country Club!

Whether you join as a golfer or a sponsor, your participation makes a difference. Proceeds benefit:

- Merit-based scholarships
- Facility enhancements
- Innovative academic programs
- General operational support

**Register or Sponsor Today!**

# YOU'RE INVITED

To the Blessing, Dedication & Ribbon Cutting of the PJP Business Institute!

16 SEPTEMBER,  
2025

Starting At  
6:00pm

Pope John Paul II  
High School

Business Institute



Heather Derecola  
[heather.derecola@pjphs.org](mailto:heather.derecola@pjphs.org)



**Student Services**



## **STUDENT HANDBOOK CHANGES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Our 2025-2026 student handbook is available on our school website under Student Services and with our electronic school forms on PowerSchool. All modifications for the 2025-2026 school year -have been highlighted and will be reviewed with students during their class meetings at the beginning of the school year.

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## **SCHOOL FORMS**

All 2025-2026 school forms must be completed by both students and parents by Friday, September 12, 2025. Instructions were emailed to all families on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these important forms. Your cooperation ensures that we can provide the best possible experience for your student this school year. We look forward to a successful year ahead and appreciate your continued support.

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## **TRANSPORTATION and EARLY DISMISSALS**

There are several early dismissal days on our school calendar. All school districts provide transportation to school on early dismissal days, but not all school districts will provide transportation home.

We have provided an early dismissal transportation schedule under the Student Services, and Transportation tabs of our website. [Click here](#) to see the transportation schedule.

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## **PICK UP AND DROP OFF PROCEDURES**

To maintain the safety of our school community PJP has established student Drop-Off and Pick-Up procedures. Please review these procedures [here](#) prior to the start of the school year if you plan on driving students to and from school daily.

We kindly request that parents refrain from parking in our parking spaces for a student drop-off or pick-up because this delays the students, faculty, and staff assigned to the spaces from entering the building. In addition, we request that all drivers maintain a 15 mph speed limit as they travel through the lot. Thank you in advance for following these protocols to keep our school community safe.

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## **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL HOURS**

Students may arrive at school beginning at 7:00 am. Between 7:00 am and 7:40 am all students must report directly to the cafeteria where they are moderated. After 7:40 am all students may report to their locker and homeroom.

Students are permitted to remain after school to visit teachers, participate in scheduled activities, or for transportation. If necessary, students remaining at school after dismissal must report to the Panther's Learning Center (PLC) while waiting for their

extra curricular activity to begin or when waiting for a ride home. The PLC is designated for academic purposes and students must follow the specific protocols outlined under the Panthers' Learning Center. All students must be picked up by 4 pm unless participating in an extracurricular activity that begins later.

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### **SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTS**

Lunch is available for all PJP students in the cafeteria. Students are permitted to pay in cash, however, if you are interested in signing up for a school lunch account please [click here](#) for additional details. You will need your child's

student number to establish an account. Student numbers are listed on the printed roster a student receives on their first day of school.

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### **VISITOR POLICY**

PJP utilizes the Raptor Technologies Visitor Management System to screen visitors and identify them as a risk. Each visitor is required to present a driver's license upon entry. A visitor's badge will be printed for them to wear throughout the building.

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### **SCHOOL LOCKS**

All students who are new to PJP will receive a school lock on the first day of the school year; this lock is to be used by the students for all four years. All locks placed on school lockers must be a school lock.

All returning PJP students must bring their lock to school upon their return in September.

Any student who does not have their school lock from last year must purchase a new one through the Student Services Office. The cost of a new lock is \$10 and used locks are \$5. This fee will be charged through FACTS.

All school lock combinations are on file in the Student Services Office for those who do not remember their combination.

All students must have their school lock on their locker by Friday, September 12th. After that date, locks will be placed on all lockers not in use.

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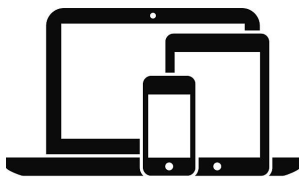
### **ID CARDS**

All students will be provided with two cards. One will be a student ID card with their photo specifying their class year. Students are expected to wear their student ID on a PJP lanyard as part of their school uniform. Freshman and transfer students will receive a lanyard at the beginning of this year.

The second card is a building access card that must be kept with their student ID. Grades 10 - 12 will have their access card returned to them at the beginning of the year. A \$30 replacement fee will be charged to the FACTS account for any student who did not turn in their access card at the end of the year.

ID's and access cards will be collected at the end of the school year and will be returned again the following school year.

Students missing access cards must report it immediately. The fee for a replacement access card is \$30. The fee for the replacement of student ID's is \$5.



### RESPONSIBLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

At PJP, our students use technology on a regular basis to enhance their learning. School Chromebooks should be utilized for that purpose only and all students should adhere to the Responsible Use of Technology Policy outlined in our

Student Handbook.

As our students prepare for college and enter the workforce, we highly encourage our students to leave a positive digital footprint. Even when social media accounts are private, colleges and companies find ways of reviewing what individuals post. The book, [Light, Bright, and Polite](#), by Josh Ochs educates students on how to use their social media accounts as a platform to present their strengths rather than a way to post criticisms.

Younger more inexperienced students have the tendency to misuse social media in an inappropriate manner. We encourage both students and parents to read Light Bright and Polite together so that students may create a positive digital identity.

## Student Affairs

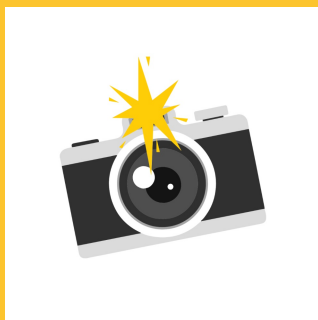
### SENIOR INFORMATION

☐ Senior Portraits are scheduled for Monday August 25, 2025- Thursday August 28, 2025. If you have not already signed up, please use the sign up link below.

[Senior Portrait Sign Up](#)

☐ Senior Fleecees will be available for order again until Friday September 5th, 2025. They should be here in time for winter uniform, but please hold on to your sweaters until you have your fleece just in case they are running a little late. The link will be available next week for you to place your order.

☐ Senior sunrise information will be provided as we get closer to your start day.



**Picture Info**



**Volunteers NEEDED**



For all 9th, 10th, and 11th graders! On your first day, either Wednesday 9/3 or Thursday 9/4, your yearbook picture will be taken. Make sure you are in full winter uniform. If you want to order pictures use the link below with the code. If your child brings cash or check on that day there will be forms they can fill out. After their pictures are taken all orders must be placed online.

**Picture Day Id: EVTCJ46BP**

[Mylifetouch.com](https://mylifetouch.com)

All 10th, 11th, and 12th graders are invited to help with New Student Convocation. They can earn service hours and help our new students get adapted and comfortable with our school. Please use the form below to sign up. Convocation is Wednesday August 27, 2025 at 2pm for students, volunteers arrive between 1 and 1:30. There is also the need for meeting and setting up Monday August 25, 2025 for our volunteers.

[Volunteer Form](#)

Volunteers will also be needed for the first day of school on Wednesday September 3, 2025 and for Back to School Night on Thursday September 11, 2025. Forms for sign ups will go directly to students as these events draw closer.

## Health Suite

### **WANTED: PJP SUBSTITUTE NURSES**

Pope John Paul II High School is looking for nurses who would be willing to substitute on an as needed basis. We are looking for caring, compassionate, professionals who love working one-on-one with high school students. A bachelor of nursing is required. Interested candidates should email their resume to Mrs. Kathleen Guyger, principal, [kguyger@pjphs.org](mailto:kguyger@pjphs.org).



As we ready the health suite for the 25-26 school year, please prioritize completing the Health Emergency Information form in Power School prior to students' first day. (Instructions on form completion should have been emailed to you on 8/21/25.)

This is our 'permission slip' to treat your student and PA Law requires it to be completed each year. It also provides us with a quick glimpse into your child's health history so that we can best care for each individual student.

**Thank you and we look forward to a safe and healthy school year at PJP!!**

## Athletics

# Upcoming Sporting Events

## Monday, August 25th

Girls Tennis at Phoenixville- 3:30 PM

JV Football vs TBA- 3:45 PM

## Tuesday, August 26th

Boys JV Golf vs Perkiomen Valley (Bella Vista)- 3:00 PM

Field Hockey vs Delco Christian- Varsity 3:45 PM, JV 5:00 PM

## Wednesday, August 27th

Boys Varsity Golf vs Methacton (Bella Vista)- 3:00 PM

Girls Golf at Spring-Ford (Linfield National)- 3:00 PM

Girls Tennis vs Spring-Ford- 3:30 PM

Girls Soccer at Lansdale Catholic- 3:45 PM

Volleyball vs Berks Catholic- JV 5:30 PM, Varsity 6:45 PM

## Thursday, August 28th

Boys JV Golf at Methacton (Skippack)- 3:00 PM

Girls Golf at Owen (Arrowhead)-3:30 PM

Boys Soccer at Strath Haven- 3:30 PM

Field Hockey at Dock- JV 5:30, Varsity to follow

Football vs Shawnee- 7:00 PM

## Friday, August 29th

Girls Soccer vs Faith Christian- 3:45 PM



### Concession Stand:

Concession stand volunteers needed for the fall sports season!

The concession stand is not possible and certainly not successful without the help of our amazing volunteers. Your time and support make a big difference!

### Questions?

Contact:

Kelsey DeSantis

kelsjoy@me.com

484-949-4521

### Student Volunteers:

Students are always welcome to sign up as well! Participation will count toward their volunteer hour requirements.

**Thank you for supporting PJP sports and athletes!**

**Concession Stand Signups**

**Picture Day for fall sports is on Thursday August 28th.**

**Picture Day schedule is as follows:**

Boys Soccer- 12:00PM

Boys Golf- 12:20PM

Girls Golf- 12:40PM

Field Hockey- 1:00PM

Girls Tennis- 1:20PM

Cheer- 1:40PM

Volleyball- 2:00PM

Cross Country- 2:20PM

Girls Soccer- 2:40 PM

**Pre-Order Pictures Today!**

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# Have a Great Week!



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