



## Office of the President



### **PJP Dedicates New Business Institute, a First in Pennsylvania!**

This past Tuesday, Pope John Paul II High School proudly held the dedication ceremony for the newly established PJP Business Institute. With the launch of this groundbreaking initiative, PJP becomes the first high school in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to offer

students access to Bloomberg Certification—a significant step forward in preparing students for success in finance, business, and economics.

The school was honored to welcome **Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, the Most Reverend Keith J. Chylinski**, who presided over the blessing.

This transformative endeavor would not have been possible without the generous support of our valued partners: the **Connelly Foundation**, the **Ambassadors Fund for Catholic Education**, **EFS**, **KLJ Associates**, **The Souder Family**, and **Drew and Susie Mitala**.

## Principal's Office

### Calendar Reminder!!

Tuesday, September 23rd is the Freshmen Retreat. Only Freshmen students and retreat leaders need to attend school that day. All other students are encouraged to make the most of their day off from school.

This week is **Start with Hello!** Week at PJP. Every day, a different group from the community will welcome students in the morning and activities geared towards meeting new friends will be held. Please encourage your student to participate and put forth the effort to meet a new friend this week.

## Academic Affairs

The school year is now well underway and you are encouraged to monitor your student's progress with the tools provided to you with PowerSchool and Schoology.



PowerSchool is our gradebook of record, where you will complete online forms and find a summary of your student's progress in each of their classes.



Schoology is our learning management system. In Schoology you will find more detailed information about the work that your student has been assigned in each of their classes as well as important calendar items and reminders.

Beginning this week we will be reviewing all students' grades as part of our Academic Intervention program to monitor and ensure success for all of our students.



Now that the school year is in full swing, our NHS Students are ready to help any students who may need some support with our peer tutoring program. If your student would like to register for a peer tutor, they should complete the [Peer Tutoring Request Form](#).

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the 5 members of the Class of 2026 who have been named National Merit Commended Scholars by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation! Pictured left to right are: Scott Larson, Josalin Fennell, Jacob Dietrich, Emma Jin, and Zachary Philipp!!



## 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. Academic Intervention officially begins this Wednesday.

- Students who are failing two or more classes when the grade report is pulled on Tuesdays during 8th period will be asked to come to the Learning Center twice that week at lunch or before/after school to work on assignments and study for upcoming tests.
- Additionally, students failing one class and their families may periodically 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 accurately reflect student performance (due to absences, extensions, or assignments waiting to be graded). Because grades are constantly changing, sometimes grades are updated right after our notification emails are sent!

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. Our Academic Intervention Initiative has helped nearly eradicate course failures here at PJP, and we are proud of our students' hard work.

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

## Advancement Office

On Tuesday, September 16, we joyfully celebrated the Dedication and Blessing of our new Pope John Paul II Business Institute. It



was a blessing to have some of our parents with us for this special moment in our school's journey.

Thank you to our parents, whose encouragement, generosity, and faith make opportunities like this possible. Together, we are building a future full of promise for our students.

If you'd like to learn more about how you can support the Business Institute, please contact Susan Mollahan at [susan.mollahan@pjphs.org](mailto:susan.mollahan@pjphs.org).



Join us on Friday, November 14th for the Legacy of Impact Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Honorees for this year are:

Jim Shaffer  
1976 Bishop Kenrick Boys Basketball Team  
Charles A. McPherson  
Alyssa (Neilson) Borzillo  
Douglas T. Dunn  
Rick Keeley

For more information see our website: [PJP LEGACY OF IMPACT HALL OF FAME](https://www.pjphs.org/legacy-of-impact-hall-of-fame)

RSVP

**SAVOR THE FLAVOR – Save the Date!**

□ Saturday, March 14, 2026

Are you interested in helping us create a memorable evening for our PJP parents, alumni, and friends? Join the Savor the Flavor Committee and be part of our biggest event of the year!

#### What is Savor the Flavor?

Savor the Flavor is Pope John Paul II High School's largest annual fundraiser, supporting the John Paul Fund. Proceeds provide merit-based scholarships, fund innovative academic programs and resources, and enhance our campus facilities. This special evening brings our community together to enjoy food tastings from local restaurants, live music and dancing, basket raffles, and exciting auction items. Last year's theme—Prom Night—was a huge success, and we can't wait to make this year even more unforgettable. Gather your friends, mark your calendars, and join us in celebrating and supporting PJP students!

#### How Can You Help?

We're building a team of enthusiastic volunteers to make this year's event shine. We need help with:

- Securing basket raffle and auction items
- Recruiting restaurants to participate in the evening
- Planning event details, decorations, and displays
- Facebook group updates and event website data entry
- Assisting with setting up the day before and cleaning up after the event

If you love event planning and want to give back while having fun, we'd love for you to join us!

☐ Contact Susan Mollahan at [susan.mollahan@pjphs.org](mailto:susan.mollahan@pjphs.org) or complete the form to get involved.

**VOLUNTEER FORM**

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# SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION WITH EITC!



Did you know that you can help make a Catholic education accessible to more students through Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program?

By simply redirecting your state taxes, you can provide scholarships to students in need at PJP, giving them the opportunity to receive a high-quality Catholic education.



VISIT [PJPHS.ORG](http://PJPHS.ORG)  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION!



## Did You Miss Us at Back to School Night?

You may have heard about the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC) during Back-to-School night this past Thursday. If you didn't get a chance to stop by our table, here's what you need to know:

The EITC program is a unique opportunity for Pennsylvania taxpayers and businesses with a state tax liability of \$1,000 or more to support scholarships for students at Pope John Paul II High School. Simply check Line 12 of your PA state tax return to see if you qualify. By participating, you can redirect your state tax dollars to provide much-needed tuition assistance for our families. In fact, over 25% of our students rely on these scholarships to attend PJP. Even better—you'll receive a 90% tax credit toward your total state tax liability.

Interested in learning more? Click [here](#) to provide your contact information, and a member of our Development Committee will reach out to you directly about how to get started.

For immediate questions, contact Susan Mollahan at [susan.mollahan@pjphs.org](mailto:susan.mollahan@pjphs.org).

## Student Affairs

☐ Spirit Week is Almost Here! ☐

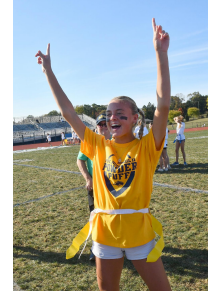
Kick off the excitement with the Powderpuff Game on Sunday, September 28 at 2 PM.

Enjoy a full week of school spirit, activities, and fun leading up to

the Pep Rally on Friday, October 3.

Don't miss the Homecoming Game at 7 PM on Friday, October 3, where our Homecoming King & Queen will be crowned at halftime!

☐ Stay tuned for all the fun happening during [SPIRIT WEEK](#)—you won't want to miss it!



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**The homecoming dance is Saturday Oct. 4 at 7pm until 9:30p.** Students must be here and in before 7:30. Parents need to sign the Conduct Form for dances in order for their child to attend.

The Homecoming Dance is a semi-formal event. In general, students are expected to be clean and neat in their personal appearance, observing standards of modesty, moderation, and good taste. Any interpretation, judgment and final authority in these matters lies with the Administration. No transparent material is permitted. Clothing displaying any offensive or sexually-suggestive language, or anything related to tobacco products, alcohol, or other illegal drugs will not be permitted. Clothing should be clean, hemmed, and not ripped. Students not in compliance with the Dress Code may be asked to leave.

Dress length and neckline should be appropriate, and no bare midriffs or sides are permitted. Two-piece dresses must overlap at the waist. Backless dresses are unacceptable and any opening in the back must be no lower than the waist. Strapless and spaghetti-strap tops are allowed insofar as they do not reveal cleavage and are appropriate length.

Appropriate gentlemen's attire includes a dress shirt and tie, a suit, or sport coat with dress slacks and dress shoes.



Senior Portrait Retakes are September 30th. Contact Mrs. Tammany if you need to be on the schedule. Once the schedule is full you will need to set up with Prestige to go to their studio to get photos redone.

## Health Suite

**Form Completion:** Emails were sent on 9/17/25 to parents who have not yet completed students' Health Emergency Forms. Please complete this urgent request per instructions attached to the email.

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**General Request:** Cold and flu season has arrived. If your student is exhibiting symptoms of illness, please consider symptom control at home as we are limited with our treatment options at school. For recurring symptoms, please keep students home and consult with your private healthcare provider to prevent spread of illness at school.

Thank you for your assistance with keeping PJP Students healthy!

# Guidance Office

## **College Financial Aid Information Night (Virtual) – Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Guidance Office is hosting a College Financial Aid Information Night on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Our guest presenter, Mr. Nathaniel Perrucci, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Rider University, will provide valuable information on the financial aid process, including FAFSA, CSS Profile, scholarships, and tips for maximizing financial aid opportunities. Don't miss this opportunity to get your questions answered and gain helpful insight as you support your student through the college application process.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bell, PJP's College and Career Coordinator, at [dbell@pjphs.org](mailto:dbell@pjphs.org).

**ZOOM LINK**

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## **SENIORS & JUNIORS – COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELORS VISITING PJP**

The following college admission representatives will be visiting PJP during the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>. These visits are a great opportunity for seniors applying to a school and juniors exploring their college options to connect directly with the admissions representative who will review their application.

Students can sign up by logging into their Naviance account and registering for the visits they'd like to attend. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Bell, PJP's College and Career Coordinator, at [dbell@pjphs.org](mailto:dbell@pjphs.org).

College	Date	Time
Montgomery County Community College	Mon September 22, 2025	9:45 AM
Elon University	Mon September 22, 2025	10:30 AM
Ursinus College	Mon September 22, 2025	11:15 AM
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	Wed September 24, 2025	9:45 AM
DeSales University	Wed September 24, 2025	10:30 AM
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach	Wed September 24, 2025	11:15 AM
Mount St. Mary's University	Wed September 24, 2025	12:00 PM
University of Pennsylvania	Thu September 25, 2025	9:45 AM
Neumann University	Thu September 25, 2025	10:30 AM
West Chester University of Pennsylvania	Thu September 25, 2025	11:15 AM
Wagner College	Thu September 25, 2025	12:00 PM
University of Notre Dame	Fri September 26, 2025	9:45 AM
University of Rochester	Fri September 26, 2025	12:00 PM


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## **COLLEGE STANDARDIZED TEST DATE & REGISTRATION DEADLINES FOR NATIONAL TEST DAYS**

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

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 4, 2025	September 19, 2025	September 23, 2025
November 8, 2025	October 24, 2025	October 28, 2025
December 6, 2025	November 21, 2025	November 25, 2025
March 14, 2026	February 27, 2026	March 3, 2026
May 2, 2026	April 17, 2026	April 21, 2026
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	May 26, 2026

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

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 18, 2025	September 12, 2025	September 30, 2025
December 13, 2025	November 7, 2025	November 24, 2025
February 14, 2026	January 9, 2026	January 23, 2026 
April 11, 2026	March 6, 2026	March 24, 2026
June 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 29, 2026
July 11, 2026	June 5, 2026	June 24, 2026

**\*\* 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. \*\***

## Athletics



## Upcoming Sporting Events

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### **Monday, September 22nd**

JV Football vs Phoenixville- 3:45 PM

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

Girls Tennis at Upper Merion- 3:30 PM (Norristown High School)

Field Hockey at Methacton- 5:30 PM JV, 7:00 PM Varsity

### **Tuesday, September 23rd**

Girls Soccer vs Boyertown- 5:30 PM JV, 7:15 PM Varsity

### **Wednesday, September 24th**

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

Girls Tennis at Pottstown- 3:30 PM

### **Thursday, September 25th**

Field Hockey vs Norristown- 3:45 PM

Girls Soccer vs Upper Merion- 3:45 PM

Boys Soccer at Upper Perkiomen- 5:30 PM JV, 7:00 PM

Volleyball at Spring-Ford- 5:00 PM, 6:15 PM Varsity

### **Friday, September 26th**

Girls Soccer at Shanahan- 3:45 PM

Field Hockey at Harriton- 4:00 PM Varsity, JV 5:30 PM

Football vs Upper Perkiomen- 7:00 PM (Senior Day)

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### **Panthers vs Cancer T-Shirts**

Panthers vs Cancer T-shirt sales are now closed. T-shirt hand out will be on Monday 9/29 during lunch periods. We will have some extra shirts. Raffle tickets will be given out to those hoping to get one of the extra shirts. Tickets will be randomly selected, those students will be notified, and will have until the end of the day on Tuesday 9/30 to pay for their shirt. If the shirts are not paid for it will go to the next raffle ticket. We cannot guarantee size availability.

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### **Transportation**

Please remember that all team members should be riding the bus to and from competitions. There are exceptions to this. However, the Coach and Athletic Director must be communicated with at least the day before the contest. Convenience is not an approved reason. Thank you for your cooperation following this rule.

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### **Fundraisers**



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## Have a Great Week!



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