



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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President's Office

"When they saw the star they rejoiced, exceedingly with joy" Matthew 2:10.

On behalf of The Board of Directors, the Administration, the faculty and staff here at PJP, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

Academic Affairs

Progress Reports were shared electronically on Friday afternoon. It is important to remember that a progress report is a frozen snapshot of your child's performance at the time when the report was printed. At this point in the quarter, grades are regularly being updated. You are encouraged to use the tools available to you in the PowerSchool and Schoology portals to remain up-to-date on your child's most current progress. Parent Teacher Conferences are available for the parents of students whose Progress Reports indicate that they are struggling in their classes. These virtual conferences are designed to help teachers and parents partner together to provide appropriate support to these students. The long Christmas break is an excellent opportunity for students who may have some gaps to fill to complete overdue assignments and work on areas that they may need to improve upon.

These conferences are available by appointment and will be held over zoom on Wednesday, December 18th from 5:30 to 7:30. Please visit this [Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up](#) sheet to select from available times for the teachers with whom you would like to meet. The Sign Up form will be available until NOON on Tuesday, December 17th. If you are not available to meet on Wednesday or a teacher's calendar is full, please contact the teacher directly to make an appointment.

Panthers' Learning Center

We are midway through the second quarter, and Progress Reports and Student and Parent Teacher Conferences are great opportunities to reflect on how the year is going so far. We encourage students and parents to review grades on Schoology and PowerSchool and ensure all missing assignments are submitted.

Mr. Rogers, Mrs. Will, and Mrs. Gray are happy to meet with students in the Panthers' Learning Center about grades, tutoring, and study strategies. We are here to help position our students for academic success here and beyond.

Office of School Ministry

Adoration

Every Friday, our students have the opportunity to sit with the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration in the Chapel. We invite our parents to join us and spend an hour with Jesus—a beautiful opportunity to pray, reflect, and be in His presence.

Please consider signing up for an hour of Adoration. Your participation not only deepens your own spiritual journey but also supports our school community's faith-filled environment. Together, let us grow in faith and trust in the Lord.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

Blessing of the Nativity

This Friday, December 20th, during our Christmas prayer service, we will have a special Blessing of the Nativity. We invite students to bring the Baby Jesus figurine from their family nativity set to be blessed. Thank you for helping us celebrate the true meaning of the season!

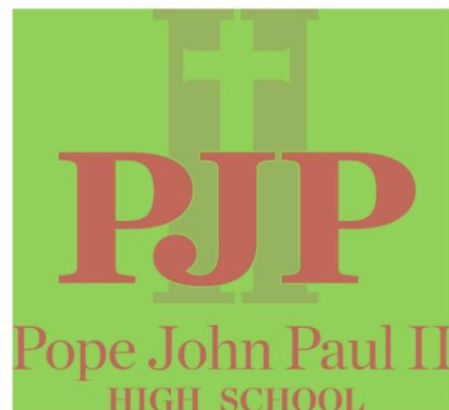
Student Affairs

'Twas the week before Christmas at PJP

'Twas the week before Christmas, and all through PJP,
The students were buzzing with bright energy.
It only seems right to spread festive cheer,
With outfits and fun as the holidays near.

Let's dress up with spirit, let's all do our best,
In socks, ties, or sweaters—whichever is best!
From Christmas pajamas to characters we know,
Our holiday spirit will surely glow!

So join in the fun, it's that time of year,
To laugh and to celebrate Christmas cheer.
At PJP, the joy will be bright and clear,
A magical way to end the school year! 🌲



What an incredible week of Christmas fun! It's clear PJP students will be embracing the holiday spirit in style. Here's a breakdown to keep everything festive and organized:

Monday: Merry & Bright

Wear your most colorful, sparkly, or glittery Christmas-themed socks and/or ties. Accessorize your Official PJP Winter Uniform with festive socks and/or a holiday-themed tie. Show off your Christmas creativity while staying in uniform!

Tuesday: Liturgy

Full Winter Uniform for Advent Liturgy.

Wear your Official PJP Winter Uniform (shirt/pants, skirt/blouse, ID, and school shoes).

Wednesday: Christmas Character Dress Down

Channel your inner Buddy the Elf, Frosty the Snowman, or even the Grinch. Dress like your favorite Christmas movie character. Have fun and let the holiday magic shine through your outfit! Register using this link: [REGISTER HERE](#) (Student email required)

Thursday: Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Pull out your funniest, gaudiest Christmas sweater and make it the star of your outfit. Make it as festive and bold as possible! Wear with jeans or sweatpants.

Friday: Pajama Party

Go all out! Wear your comfiest Christmas PJs or deck yourself out in red and green. Don't forget to add some festive accessories like reindeer antlers, Santa hats, or light-up necklaces. Wear your coziest holiday PJs or onesies. Perfect for a comfy and festive end to the week!

Additional Festivities to Enjoy

- Candy Grams: Share some sweetness with friends.
 - Student Council will be selling Candy Grams at all lunches this week and Monday. \$1 each or 5 for \$3, \$5 for a special delivery
- Find the Elf: Keep your eyes peeled for hidden elves throughout the school.
 - If found, bring to the Student Affairs Office for a Prize.
- Gingerbread House Competition: Test your building and decorating skills! Register by Friday, December 13. Competition on Tuesday after school.
- Golden Ticket Prizes: A little holiday magic for the lucky winners.
 - If found, bring to the Student Affairs Office for a Prize.
- Music Between Classes: Enjoy your favorite holiday tunes as you transition between classes.
- Movies and/or Trivia at Lunches: Relax and enjoy some holiday classics or test your Christmas knowledge.
- Best Outfit Award: Each day, a best dressed award will be announced!
- Beats Raffle: A chance to win some cool headphones!

Dress Down Day Rules

- Students may wear sweatpants or jeans.
- Clothing must be appropriate for school.
- IDs must be worn and visible.
- Students may not wear shorts or leggings/tights/yoga pants.
- Students may not wear clothing with inappropriate slogans/sayings.
- Students may not wear open toed/open heeled footwear.
- Students may not wear ripped/torn clothing or shirts without sleeves.
- Students may not wear cut off shirts or crop tops.

Dress Down Theme must be the outermost layer of clothing.

PANTHERON COMMITTEE PRESENTS

BEATS STUDIO PRO RAFFLE

**\$10 EACH
ONLY 250
TICKETS SOLD**



BEATS STUDIO PRO - WIRELESS NOISE CANCELLING OVER-EAR HEADPHONES - BLACK & GOLD

 PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE USING THE LINK OR AT THE STUDENT AFFAIRS WINDOW

**WINNER ANNOUNCED ON
DECEMBER 20**

[CLICK HERE TO BUY RAFFLES](#)



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POPE JOHN PAUL HIGH SCHOOL

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
4PM-8PM**



10%

DONATION NIGHT

for **Pope John Paul High School**.
Present this flyer at the Royersford location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to **Pope John Paul High School!**

**610-948-4006
70 BUCKWALTER ROAD
ROYERSFORD, PA**

GIVING TREE

THE RESPECT LIFE CLUB IS COLLECTING

BABY ITEMS:

WIPES

FORMULA

DIAPERS

BABY FOOD

HOW TO HELP:

GRAB AN ORNAMENT FROM THE ATRIUM TREE.

BUY THE ITEM LISTED ON THE ORNAMENT.

RETURN THE ITEM AND PLACE IT UNDER THE

LEGACY ATRIUM TREE

BY JANUARY 6



Tuition Office

Financial Aid Update for the 2025-2026 School Year

We are pleased to announce that the first round of financial aid awards for the 2025-2026 school year has been distributed.

If you have not yet applied for financial aid, we encourage you to complete your application as soon as possible by visiting www.factsmgt.com.

As we approach the holiday season, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your family for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Athletics

Upcoming Home Events

Tuesday 12/17

Freshmen Boys Basketball vs Norristown- 3:30 PM
Boys Basketball vs Norristown- JV at 5:30 PM, V at 6:45 PM

Thursday 12/19

Girls Basketball vs Pottsgrove- JV at 5:30 PM, V at 6:45 PM

Friday 12/20

Swimming vs Perkiomen Valley- 7:00 PM (Spring Valley YMCA)

Coaching Vacancies

We are still looking for a JV Baseball coach for the Spring. If you know anyone that may be interested please have them send their resume to Tracey at trarich@pjphs.org, or Coach at baseball@pjphs.org.

Bag Bingo

Save the date for Bag Bingo on February 21st, 2025. This exciting fundraiser directly benefits PJP Athletics. If you are interested in helping with the planning please reach out to Tracey at trarich@pjphs.org.

Summer Camps

Looking for a gift that will keep the excitement alive well beyond the holidays? Give your child the gift of adventure, learning, and fun with a PJP Summer Camp!

Registration is now open, and we've got an incredible lineup of camps for every interest. Secure your child's spot and let them look forward to an unforgettable summer!

Visit pjphs.org/summer-camps to explore all the exciting opportunities we're offering this summer.

Why settle for the usual presents under the tree? Wrap up an experience they'll treasure forever—filled with friendship, growth, and Golden Panther pride. Make this a Christmas to remember and a summer they'll never forget!

Health Suite

Friendly reminder that students are limited in the number of medications (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, TUMs) distributed over the school year under the standing order. Please consider having your student's private healthcare provider complete the [OTC Med Form](#) to avoid interruption in medical treatment available at school. Your students should know if they have visited the nurse frequently for medications thus far.

Still looking for [Junior physical exams](#) and updated vaccinations for age 16-well checks. Thank you for

sending if you haven't already done so!

Have a healthy Christmas and New Year!

PJP Nurses

Guidance Office

SENIORS- College Acceptance 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! 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.

Guidance needs a copy of the *documentation*. Seniors can either make a copy of the acceptances or scholarship/grant awards and drop it off to Mrs. Bell, College & Career Coordinator, or they can take a screenshot / picture of it and email it to her at dbell@pjphs.org. Documentation will be collected until May 1st. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs. Bell.

College Standardized Test Dates & Registration Deadlines for National Test Days

SAT TESTING – Register at www.collegeboard.org.

SAT Test Date (2024-2025 School Year)	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late Registration
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.

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.

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@pjpsh.org or your child's school counselor.

[2024-2025 Educational Enrichment Opportunities - Google Docs](#)

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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