



## Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

### Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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#### Academic Affairs

Report cards were shared electronically on Wednesday, February 5.

We've just wrapped up AP Information week, where teachers spend class time in their department discussing the different opportunities for AP classes within their departments, and the admission metrics. Course placement is a multi-layered process at Pope John Paul II High School, and it is not uncommon to see movement in many directions for students between class levels. Prior to the course selection process, teachers make recommendations for their students' placement based on their performance and participation in class, as well as their readiness for high level courses based on the STAR and PSAT assessments. Both of these tools are very helpful in determining a student's readiness for AP and Honors courses. When the new Course Catalog is released in March, please review the requirements to remain in or move to a different course level as each department has specific requirements and standards.

As we move forward in February, grade level class meetings will be held to discuss the upcoming course selection process, and the different electives available within each department for students to choose from. For our 9th grade students, these meetings are typically very brief as they have very few elective options while they continue to complete their graduation requirements. The course selection process will begin in March, and Guidance Counselors remain available to help students understand their graduation requirements and elective options.

#### Office of School Ministry

##### Adoration

Parents are always welcome to spend an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays during school hours! Pope John Paul II said that "The best way to establish everlasting peace on earth is through Adoration."

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##### Archbishop's Pastoral Letter and Listening Sessions

On January 5, 2025, the memorial of Saint John Neumann, Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez published a Pastoral Letter addressed to the faithful of the Church of Philadelphia, and to all people of good will in the five-county region comprising the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

This Pastoral Letter takes the unique form of an Invitation to participate in encounters over the coming months that will guide our efforts to renew the Church of Philadelphia and especially to reach out in a missionary spirit to those who feel distanced from the Church for a variety of reasons. Read the letter or sign up for a listening session at PJP on February 5th or March 12th here: <https://trustandhope.org/>

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## Student Affairs

### Senior Panaramic Photo

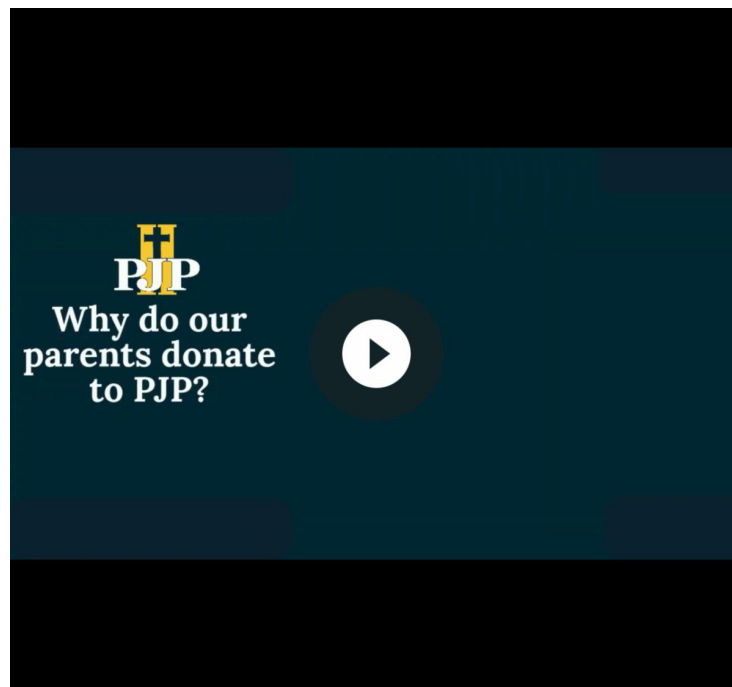
The Seniors will report to the Gym on Wednesday, February 19 for the Senior Panoramic Photo. They will receive specific email instructions. Please be sure that they are in full winter dress code including the official sweater, not the fleece. They can change into the fleece after the photo. Please also be sure that they are in the correct shoes and that ladies have tights without rips.

### Save the Date - Class Dances

Cotillion - March 28 - PJP Main Gym  
Junior Prom - April 11 - PJP Main Gym  
Senior Prom - May 16 - Redners Event Center

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## Development



### Summer Camp

Exciting news! Summer camp session sign-ups are now live. Don't miss the chance to give your child an unforgettable summer filled with fun, learning, and adventure. Spots are limited, so secure your place today!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

### Panthers' Pack Kids Club

Do you have a student entering 4th-7th grade next year? Get them involved in our Panthers' Pack! Our exclusive kids club allows young future panthers the chance to connect with the school community well before the walk through the doors as freshmen

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## Name That Tune

**Name That Tune has been POSTPONED due to inclement weather to March 21st.**

We're excited to announce a fun twist for this year's annual fundraiser event! Instead of Trivia Night, we'll be hosting Name That Tune, a lively evening of music, fun, and friendly competition.

**When:** Saturday, March 21st

**Time:** Doors open at 6:30 PM, and Name That Tune kicks off at 7:00 PM

**Where:** Pope John Paul II High School Cafeteria

**Included:** Drinks provided (BYO snacks!)

**Prizes:** Lots of exciting prizes to win!

**Tickets:**

- \$35 each
- \$200 for a table of 8

Gather your friends, bring your musical knowledge, and prepare for an unforgettable night of melodies and memories. Whether you're a solo superstar or part of a harmonious team, there's something for everyone.

Tickets are limited, so secure yours now!

We can't wait to see you there and hear you Name That Tune!

[CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS](#)

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## Savor The Flavor

We are thrilled to invite you to this year's Savor the Flavor: Prom Night, an evening dedicated to fun, laughter, and reconnecting with friends. This year's event, held on Saturday, May 17th 2025, promises to be more exciting than ever with live music, dancing, and a night to remember!

Here's what you can look forward to:

- A Live Band to keep you on your feet all night long.
- Delicious Restaurant Faire paired with an open bar to enjoy throughout the evening.
- Silent and Live Auctions offering a variety of unique items and experiences.

While there will be plenty of opportunities to bid on amazing prizes, the true heart of the evening is about letting loose, enjoying great food and drinks, and having a memorable night with friends.

Mark your calendar and get ready to relive the magic of prom—with a grown-up twist! More details, including ticket information, will be shared soon.

We can't wait to see you there!

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## Tuition Office

### Weekly Reminders

**FACTS Account Updates** – Some FACTS accounts have been updated with charges. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

**Re-Registration Charges** – These will be entered into your FACTS account soon. Please keep an eye out for updates.

**Financial Aid Applications** – If you have not yet submitted your FACTS application for financial aid, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to these important updates. Wishing everyone a fantastic week ahead!

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## Athletics

### Bag Bingo

Bag Bingo is returning on Friday, February 21st at PJP. Doors open at 6:00 PM with Bingo starting at 7:00 PM. Join us for Bingo, bags, raffles, and socializing. Tickets are \$40 for individuals and \$375 for a table of 10. Ticket prices include ALL beverages (alcoholic and nonalcoholic) and 20 games of Bingo. All you need to bring is snacks and apps. Raffles for baskets sponsored by the athletic teams, 50/50 tickets, extra bingo cards, dobbers, and of course the raffle for the signature bag will be available. Bag brands include; Kate Spade, Coach, Radley London, Michael Kors, Karl Lagerfeld, Rebecca Minkoff and Balmain. Please remember that this event is 21+. All proceeds from this event will go directly back to the athletic department to pay for things like Senior gifts, the Senior banquet and small equipment that benefits the overall department.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

### Spring Sports Update

Spring sports will officially begin on Monday, March 3rd 2025. To be eligible to participate all student athletes must have the appropriate PIAA forms uploaded to BigTeams prior to the start date. Please do not wait until the last minute to upload forms. If this is your student's first sport of the school year you will need to complete all the forms including a physical signed by a doctor. If this is your student's 2nd or 3rd sport you will just need to complete Section 7. To upload forms visit this link; <https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/index.php?keyword=/user/signin>

### Coaching Vacancies

Pope John Paul II High School has the following openings for coaches. If you know anyone interested please have them send their resume and cover letter to Tracey at [trarich@pjphs.org](mailto:trarich@pjphs.org).

Girls Lacrosse Assistant Coach  
Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coach  
Track and Field Assistants (Throws and Jumps)  
Head Football Coach

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## Guidance Office

### Junior Parents: School Day SAT at PJP

PJP is offering a School Day SAT test for juniors on Wednesday April 16, 2025 at 7:50 AM. The SAT registration fee is \$68 (nonrefundable) and will be charged to your student's FACTS account. The registration deadline is March 1st.

To register please complete this form: School Day SAT

*Please note: There is no bus transportation provided on April 16th. Students who take the bus will need to make alternative transportation arrangements.*

Please contact Mrs. Bell at [dbell@pjphs.org](mailto:dbell@pjphs.org) with any questions.

### Financial Aid Webinars Through PHEAA



**February 2025**

## Financial Aid Assistance Webinars

**Improve Your Credit—Get Your Loan**

For most families, borrowing for education is part of the equation and can be confusing as families look for the best options to fit their needs. Join Daniel Wray, Suzanne Sparrow, and William McGinley of Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) for a 1-hour webinar to increase your financial literacy and knowledge on the process of credit, how to maintain or improve ratings, and comparison points to help make informed and affordable education borrowing decisions.

**Advance Planning for Financing Higher Education**

The thought of higher education costs can be overwhelming; however, planning and identifying what you can do to help lessen those costs is an important step. It's never too early or too late to start understanding what those costs are and what is available to help maintain, plan, and help you make affordable decisions. Join Daniel Wray, Suzanne Sparrow, and William McGinley of PHEAA's PA Forward and Keystone Student Loan programs in a 1-hour webinar to begin that process and become prepared.

Event Dates	Event Dates
Thursday, February 13 6:30 PM (ET)	Tuesday, February 11 Noon (ET)
Thursday, February 27 Noon (ET)	Tuesday, February 25 6:30 PM (ET)

**Register today**  
at [pheaa.org/virtual](https://pheaa.org/virtual)

**PA FORWARD**  
Student Loans  
by PHEAA

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### College Fair at PJP - March 4th, 6:00-8:00 PM in the Main Gym

Join us for the annual College Fair at PJP on Tuesday, March 4th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, in the Main Gym. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required. So, bring a friend!

The College Fair is a great opportunity to begin your college search or refine your college list! For a list of schools attending the fair, please scan the QR code below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Bell, College and Career Coordinator, at [dbell@pjphs.org](mailto:dbell@pjphs.org), or your child's school counselor.

Scan for a list of participating colleges and programs



## Seniors - Midyear Grades to Colleges

As the first semester comes to a close, some colleges may request your midyear grades. Most colleges do not require midyear grades, so they are only sent if requested. If requested, an updated academic report, which will include your first and second marking period grades, as well as first semester grades, will be sent to the colleges you indicate. Please complete the Midyear Grade Request Form (below) if your college(s) are requiring midyear grades.

If your college does not request your midyear grades but you would like to submit them, then please check your portal first to see if grades can be uploaded (this is the quickest, most efficient way). If you cannot upload senior grades to your portal, then please complete the Midyear Grade Request Form (below). If you self-reported your initial transcript (ex. SRAR), then you need to self-report your midyear grades, as well. Please let Mrs. Bell know if you need an updated copy of your transcript for reference.

Midyear transcript requests will be processed beginning the week of February 3rd, which is when the second quarter grades, first semester grades, GPA and rank will be finalized and validated. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Bell at [dbell@pjphs.org](mailto:dbell@pjphs.org).

Please complete this form [Mid-Year Grade Request](#) if you need your grades to be sent.

## SENIORS - College Acceptance and Scholarship & Grant Awards Please Submit to the Guidance Office

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## 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
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

*SAT School Day Testing at PJP (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*

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

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

## 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](mailto:dbell@pjphs.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](#)

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# Have a great week!



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