



# Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

## Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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### President's Office

Rylee Monahan was a member of the PJP Class of 2028 who passed away in January of 2024. A Foundation called Rylee's Legacy Foundation has been established in her memory. MaGerk's in Royersford has so graciously approved a Dine & Donate to benefit Rylee's Legacy Foundation on Thursday, March 20th, which is Li Fraumeni Syndrome Awareness Day. Below is a flyer about the event.

The flyer is a blue rectangular graphic. At the top left is the Rylee's Legacy Foundation logo, which includes a butterfly and the text 'Rylee's Legacy FOUNDATION'. In the top center is a small icon of a fork and knife. At the top right is the MaGerk's logo, featuring a bell and the text 'EST. 2000 MAGERKS PUB & GRILL'. The central text reads 'DINE & DONATE' in large, bold, white letters. Below this text is a photograph of three food items: a salad, a burger, and fried chicken. Underneath the photo, the text reads 'MaGerk's', '70 Buckwalter Road Suite 1600', and 'Royersford, PA'. A blue rounded rectangle contains the text 'MARCH 20TH' and 'Li Fraumeni Syndrome Awareness Day'. At the bottom, a dark blue rounded rectangle contains the text 'MENTION RYLEE'S LEGACY TO YOUR SERVER SO 15% OF YOUR BILL BENEFITS THE FOUNDATION'.

### Academic Affairs



Course selections in PowerSchool will open for students this week to make their choices for classes for next year. The 25-26 Course Catalog was sent to students and parents by email this past week, and is available on the website. PowerSchool will remain open through Friday, April 4 for students to submit their course requests.

### **AVLI Partnership**

Some students have expressed interest in our partnership with the Arrupe Virtual Learning Institute (AVLI) to broaden their course opportunities. AVLI is an online Catholic high school course provider that provides a variety of courses for students with highly specific interests. Both semester and year long courses are available for additional course fees of \$285 and \$425 respectively. These courses are largely online, and students should expect to spend about 6-7 hours per week devoted to each. An academic period of time at PJP is provided for them and they will be scheduled in the Panthers' Learning Center during that time to work on these courses. Often times, courses will have a virtual meeting time over zoom that will meet at a specific times to address questions and provide direct contact with the instructor, but for the most part students work independently. The AVLI Course Catalog was emailed to both students and

### **Dual Enrollment Opportunity for College Credit**

We have partnerships with both Immaculata University and Montgomery County Community College to provide students with the opportunity to earn both college and high school credit. Immaculata University provides two in-person courses, Statistics and Intro to Criminal Justice that are taught by Immaculata Professors at PJP. MONTCO courses are primarily online courses that the students enroll in and we provide an academic period of time for the students where they are scheduled into the Panthers' Learning Center to spend that time devoted to their course work. Some courses are available in the late afternoon and/or evening at MONTCO at both the Pottstown and Blue Bell campus where students can select an in-person opportunity. Additional tuition and fees for these courses are paid directly to Immaculata and MONTCO.

To qualify for AVLI and Dual Enrollment courses, students must be in grades 11 or 12 and have a minimum general average of 88 or better. Some courses have specific prerequisites that must also be met. Students interested in any of these programs are required to express that interest on the Dual Enrollment Interest Form that was shared with them by e-mail last week.

For more information on each of these programs, please review the course catalog!

If your student has any questions or concerns about the course selection process, please encourage them to make an appointment with their guidance counselor.

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## **Panthers' Learning Center**

Several weeks ago, a representative from Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week spoke to our sophomores about their summer enrichment program, and since then, 40 PJP sophomores and juniors have applied to participate, the largest number of PJP students in over 5 years.

The previous deadline for application that was shared, February 21, was a priority registration deadline to guarantee students the week they wanted to attend. There are still spaces available for students on a first come, first serve basis. Any PJP sophomore and junior is welcome to apply, and please list Mr. Rogers' name and email as the teacher recommender.

**At PFEW, sophomore and junior students will:**

- Learn about the business world, especially about finance, accounting, and marketing, from experts in the field
- Compete in a business simulation where students take the lead in their own company and make all financial, operational, and marketing decisions
- Use creativity and problem-solving skills to accomplish team goals, needed for any career path
- Hear from world-class speakers about future goals, opportunities, and life lessons
- Make friends and collaborate with the best and brightest students from across Pennsylvania
- Experience a week away on a college campus while earning an automatic \$20,000 scholarship to Lycoming College and \$4,000 to Pennsylvania College of Technology

For more information and to apply, please visit [www.pfew.org](http://www.pfew.org). *Financial aid may be available for qualifying families.* Please see Mr. Rogers and Mr. Koz with any questions you may have.

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## Student Affairs

### Cotillion

The Cotillion is scheduled for Friday, March 28, 2025 from 7 to 9:30pm. This is a special dance just for freshmen and sophomores. You do not want to miss out! According to your survey results, the theme is Masquerade.

#### Registration and Permission

Students will need to register for an electronic ticket and return a permission slip to attend the dance.

Permission slips were distributed during homeroom Wednesday and are due to the Office for Student Affairs by Wednesday, March 26. If you did not receive one, please ask your homeroom teacher.

#### Guest Tickets

Please stop by Student Affairs to pick up a guest form. This form needs to be shared with the guest to have their school and parents sign. This should be returned to Student Affairs with a \$30 payment by Wednesday, March 26.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

### St. Patrick's Day Dress Down Day

Just a reminder that Monday is a full dress down day for those students that purchased the St. Patrick's Day shirt. If you were unable to pick up your shirt on Friday, please stop by the Office for Student Affairs on Monday morning.

#### 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.

Dress Down Theme must be the outermost layer of clothing.

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## Development

LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS FOR 'NAME THAT TUNE'

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POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

# NAME THAT TUNE!

BENEFITTING THE JOHN PAUL FUND



6:30 PM

FRIDAY,  
MARCH  
21st, 2025

TEST YOUR MUSIC  
KNOWLEDGE FOR A  
CHANCE TO WIN

TABLE OF 8: \$200  
INDIVIDUAL TICKET: \$35  
*TICKET INCLUDES DRINKS*

Join  
-US-

# Savor The Flavor



Restaurant Fair, Auction & Dance Party

Saturday, May 17th,  
2025

6 pm until 10 pm  
PJP Gymnasium



*Prom  
Night*



Tickets are  
on sale  
now!

**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.



Live auction prizes such as...



Green Fees for 4 worth \$400



Admission for 4 to any show



Some of the participating restaurants!

Hi, I'm Alice-Ann Schiele- I'm a regular at Savor the Flavor- I love gathering with my friends and having a fun night out!

[www.pjphs.org/supportus](http://www.pjphs.org/supportus)

To find out more about how you can support this amazing event!

## Health Suite

### Class of 2026

If you haven't turned in your Junior's second dose of MCV (given at age 16 well-check), you should have received an email dated 3/12/25. Parking passes are withheld until this mandatory vaccination is submitted, so we urge you to comply prior to summer break.

### Class of 2027

Junior physicals are being accepted now from current sophomores. Please have your sophomore turn in a physical exam with updated vaccines for his/her age 16 well-check.

## Athletics

### Upcoming Home Events

**Tuesday, March 18th**

Boys Tennis vs Phoenixville- 3:30 PM

Softball vs Prendie- 4:00 PM (Varsity Only)

### Wednesday, March 19th

Boys Tennis vs Norristown- 3:30 PM

### Thursday, March 20th

Softball vs Villa Maria- 4:00 PM

Boys Lacrosse vs Quakertown- 4:30 PM Varsity, JV to follow

Flag Football vs Pottstown- 4:00 PM

### Friday, March 21st

Softball vs Norristown- 4:00 PM (Varsity Only)

## Concession Stands Sign Ups

Parents and Students: We need your help! Please consider signing up for a shift at the concession stand during the CYO track season. Students can earn service hours and are always welcome. Easy one-hour shifts on Sunday afternoons through May 4th. As always thank you for your support and time!

## Picture Day

Picture Day for Spring sports is March 17th after school for the athletic teams. Paper order forms will be sent home next week.

[CLICK HERE TO PRE-PURCHASE](#)

## Fundraisers

**Boys Lacrosse-** Boys lacrosse is selling Rita's Discount cards. Purchase a discount card that can be used at Rita's all season from any boys lacrosse player. You can also reach out to Melissa Moffa at [moff22@me.com](mailto:moff22@me.com) for more information or purchase a card.



## Guidance Office



Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Vaping? Yes, unfortunately many high school students are engaging in this behavior and we are concerned about the effects of nicotine on the developing brain. To support our student body, Pope John Paul II High School in partnership with Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services will be encouraging students to proactively quit by launching a vape buy-back. The program is simple. The student voluntarily hands in their vaping devices, completes an 8-week virtual nicotine cessation program (with signed parent/guardian permission), and will receive an incentive upon completion. Disciplinary and legal consequences will NOT be pursued if the student voluntarily turns in their vape device.

Here is how it works:

1. Students can turn in their vape device to the PJP Guidance Office March 17th – March 21st at the start of school or after school, from 7:30 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. or from 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (NOTE: the Guidance Office is open on Tuesday, 3/18/25, and Thursday, 2/20/25, when students are not in school. Devices can still be dropped off on these days.)
2. Only vapes without THC will qualify for this program.
3. Students will be given a paper copy of the parent/guardian cessation program permission form to take home. An email from PJP will also be sent to the parent/guardian with the permission form. A permission form can be returned to the Guidance Office to enroll the student in the cessation program.
4. Parent/guardian permission is due by Monday, March 24th.
5. Students attend the virtual nicotine cessation program called N.O.T. (Not On Tobacco), which is an evidence-based program created by the American Lung Association. Virtual groups will be an hour a week for eight weeks. During these sessions, students will be encouraged to explore the facts about nicotine, the reasons they started vaping, and provide education on the psychological, physical, and social benefits of quitting.
6. N.O.T. is provided for free by Montgomery County’s contracted Student Assistance Program (SAP) Provider.
7. N.O.T. virtual cessation class dates will be Tuesdays at 6 p.m. on: 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13 and 5/20.
8. Incentive upon completion of the 8-week nicotine cessation program, students will be given the choice of one ticket to prom, \$100 school store credit, or \$100 Amazon gift card (emailed to parent) for their participation.

Considerations:

- This program does not apply to THC vapes. If a student turns in a *THC* vape, the school policy for discipline will be followed.
- Maximum allocation is ONE incentive of the student’s choosing.
- Students caught on school property with vape devices without proactively turning them in, will not be eligible to participate.
- Once vape is turned in, it will NOT be returned to the student or parent/guardian even if the N.O.T. program is incomplete.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Warm Regards,  
Rebecca Houchins  
Mental Health and Wellness Coordinator  
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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
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](http://www.act.org)

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

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**Have a great week!**

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