



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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President's Office

I would like to recognize our students who were selected for “All Catholic Chorus”, “All Catholic Orchestra”, “All Catholic Concert Band”, and “All Catholic Jazz Band”. Every time I attend a PJP performing arts event I am astonished by the talent assembled on the stage. Congratulations and thank you for sharing your talents with us.

4 year All Catholic Concert Band Award

Benjamin Robbins (Alto Sax)

All Catholic Chorus

John Brocagh Lynn - Tenor I (1st chair)

Benjamin Robbins - Bass I

Xavier Vigliotta - Bass I

Riley Dunn - Alto I (1st chair)

Gianna Inforzato - Alto I

Caitlyn Kenning - Alto I

Lauren Dalasio - Soprano II

Reese Grove - Soprano II

Josie Mollahan - Soprano II

Aricelis Santiago - Soprano II

PJP String Quartet accompanying the AC Chorus:

Drew Antrobus, Julianne Klaput, Angelus Tamaro-Hernandez, Alexa Rubin

All Catholic Orchestra

Drew ANtrobus - Violin I (1st chair)

Julianne Klaput - Violin I (3rd chair)

Xavier Vigliotta - Violin II

Alexa Rubin - Cello (2nd chair)

Angelyn Tamaro-Hernandez - Viola

John Brocagh Lynn- Piano

Benjamin Robbins - Alto Sax

Zachary Gauntner - Mallets

Josalin Fennell - Percussion

All Catholic Concert Band

Benjamin Robbins - Alto Sax (2nd chair)

Colin Merolla - Alto Sax

Scott Larson - Clarinet

Luke O'Boyle - Trumpet

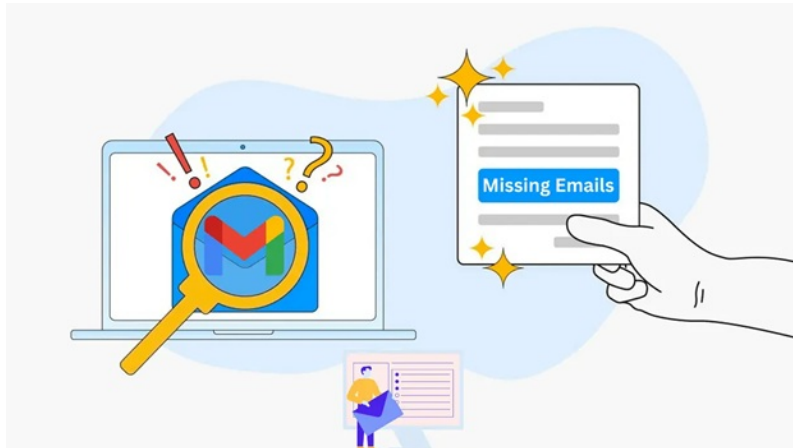
Zachary Gauntner - Mallets

All Catholic Jazz Band

Phillip Werner - Piano

Academic Affairs

Do you have a Comcast email address? After report cards were shared, we heard from several parents who did not receive them. Our research revealed that Comcast recently instituted a "Rate Limiting Policy" on inbound emails, restricting bulk messages from the same domain (i.e. pjphs.org). While individual emails are unaffected, multiple messages sent to Comcast addresses on the same day are blocked after the first. To prevent missed messages, we will now send Honor Roll certificates the day after report cards instead of on the same day.



Office of School Ministry

40 Hours Eucharistic Devotion

We invite all parents to spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament during our 40 Hours Eucharistic Devotion from February 25-27. This is a beautiful opportunity to step away from the busyness of life and be with Christ in the Eucharist.

As St. John Paul II reminds us:

"In the Eucharist, we find Jesus—His sacrifice, His resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Here, we learn true adoration, obedience, and love."

Sign up for an hour and experience His peace.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Night of Hope

Join us for Night of Hope on February 26th from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Pope John Paul II High School. Come together for Adoration as we pray for the Archbishop's Pastoral letter and reflect on a new way forward as the Catholic Church of Philadelphia!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

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

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](#)

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](#)

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!



Tuition Office

Weekly Reminders

FACTS accounts have been updated with the registration fee for the 2025-2026 school year. The fee is \$200.

Additionally, there is a scholarship opportunity available! Please see the flyer regarding the Monsignor John Mitchell Memorial Scholarship for more details.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

Thank you!

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Monsignor John Mitchell Memorial Scholarship Fund

"Catholic schools in our neighborhoods should be the concern of the entire Black community.
As an important agent for evangelization they must be the
concern even of those who have no children in the school." ***

Cardinal Justin Rigali, then Archbishop of Philadelphia, announced on Monday, March 3, 2008, that the Archdiocese of Philadelphia had received a bequest to fund a scholarship in honor of Monsignor John T. Mitchell. Monsignor Mitchell served as a priest of the Archdiocese from 1939 through 1981. During that time, he was the Pastor of Saint Ignatius of Loyola and Saint Francis de Sales Parishes in West Philadelphia, where he was known for his faithful ministry to African American Catholics. In light of this, the Monsignor Mitchell Scholarship Fund will support high school students in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who are Catholic and African American, with academic ability and financial need. One (or more, if economically feasible) one-year scholarship(s), up to \$2,500, will be awarded annually based upon the determination of the Selection Committee. Student recipients must reapply each year.

Application Deadline – April 1, 2025

Criteria for selection:

- African American Roman Catholic.
- Registered and active at a parish within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.
- Academic Excellence - with at least a cumulative "B" average - or the numerical equivalent thereof - at the time of the scholarship award.
- Financial Need – as determined by a completed FACTS application, www.Factsmgt.com
- Attend or desire to attend a Roman Catholic High School - an initial emphasis for candidate selection will be to attend high school in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, as per the Trust.

Athletics

Upcoming Home Events

Tuesday, February 18th

Girls Basketball vs Springfield Montco- 5:30 PM

Boys Basketball vs Lower Moreland- 7:00 PM

Winter Uniform Return

All winter athletes who are done competing should return their uniforms to the Athletic Office on Wednesday, February 26th. Tracey will be available to accept uniforms from 7:30am-7:50am and after school from 2:30pm-3:30pm. All athletes are responsible for returning their own uniforms. Athletes should not leave their uniforms in bags in front of the office.

Spring Prayer Service and Parent Meeting

The Spring Sports Prayer Service and Parent Meeting will be held on Monday, March 3rd at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. All Spring Sport athletes and 1 parent or guardian should plan to attend. After the prayer service there will be individual team meetings.

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.

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 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

Thursday, February 13
6:30 PM (ET)

Thursday, February 27
Noon (ET)

Event Dates

Tuesday, February 11
Noon (ET)

Tuesday, February 25
6:30 PM (ET)

Register today at pheaa.org/virtual

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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, or your child's school counselor.



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

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.

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

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 |
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| 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

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

Have a great week!

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