



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

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Keeping the Faith with PJP

Keeping the Faith with PJP returns with excitement as Athletic Director and former Athletic Trainer, Tracey Rarich, joins the show to dive into all things athletics! Hosts Mr. Cazzetta and Mr. Souder are back and eager for another thrilling season filled with special guests, insightful discussions and, of course, plenty of laughs.

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Academic Affairs



We were thrilled to learn this week that two of our Golden Panthers were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.



Nathan Ponzek has been commended in recognition of the exceptional academic promise demonstrated by his outstanding performance on the qualifying test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Congratulations, Nathan!!



Randall Petras has been named a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program! The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. These exceptional students have the opportunity to continue in the selection process to potentially be named a Finalist, and ultimately a National Merit Scholar.

Congratulations, R.J.!

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.

Students who are failing two classes for the week will be asked to come to the Learning Center twice that week at lunch or after school to work on assignments and study for upcoming tests. Additionally, students failing one class and their families may 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 acutely reflect student performance (due to absences, extensions, or assignments waiting to be graded). 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.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Rogers at jrogers@pjphs.org.

Student Affairs

Underclassman Photos

During homeroom this week, students will receive portraits (if pre-ordered) or proofs of the photos taken in September. Retakes will take place on Thursday, November 7. If you would like to be placed on the retake list, please email Mrs. Honyara at chonyara@piphs.org.

Start with Hello Week

During the week of September 23, we will focus on including peers who may be isolated or left out of day-to-day school activities. It's as easy as starting with "hello!" More information will follow.

Senior Portraits Proofs/Retakes

Most senior students have received their senior portrait proofs. If you have not, please let me know. Please follow the instructions provided regarding the choice of yearbook photo. You are required to choose a pose for the yearbook by October 21. If you do not choose one, the default pose will be used in the yearbook.

If you would like retakes, they will take place on Monday, September 23 and please let me know ASAP if you require retakes so that I may schedule a time.

Parent Association Information Meeting

The Parents' Association is composed of parents and guardians of our students with the goal of supporting both the educational and spiritual mission of our school. We provide volunteer opportunities throughout the year supporting our students and faculty and it is a great way to feel part of our PJP family.

If you are interested in learning more about our Parents' Association please join our informational Zoom meeting on Tuesday, September 24th at 7pm.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING](#)

Student Services

School Uniform-Girls' Dress Slacks

This year, to accommodate our female students who are unable to wear the uniform tights for medical reasons, we have added Flynn and O'Hara navy blue girls' flat front slacks as a uniform option. Leggings are NOT permitted to replace the uniform tights.

After receiving inquiries from families who saw the slacks on the Flynn and O'Hara uniform order form, we have decided to permit all of our female students to wear the Flynn and O'Hara navy blue girls' flat front slacks in place of their skirt any time during the school year. This is an optional item, NOT a mandatory one.

If you believe that your daughter may be interested in wearing the slacks, [please click here to order](#)

Attendance-Early Dismissals

In the event that your child requires an early dismissal from school please follow the procedures listed below.

- A note, signed by the parent or guardian, must be brought by the student to the Student Services Office in advance. The note should include student name, section, student number, reason for early dismissal, time for early dismissal and type of transportation student will be taking home, e.g.

- parent will pick up or student will be driving.
- Students scheduled for early dismissal must report to the Student Services Office immediately prior to leaving the school building.
- Parents picking up their students must report to the Student Services Office to sign them out.
- A student must be present for 4 full periods in order to be considered present for the day.
- Students who are ill at school must be assessed by the school nurse before being picked up by a parent. The nurse will contact a parent when the student should be sent home.

Tuition Office

Notice to Parents: Upcoming Charge Adjustments

Account charges – In the next couple of days you may see charges added to your account if your student had any:

- roster changes
- parking permit
- AVLI course

These adjustments will be reflected in your next payment. If you have any questions, please reach out to the office for assistance.

Thank you for your attention!

As a side note, we kindly ask that you keep tuition payments current to avoid any disruption to your child's participation in school activities.

Alumni Office

It's Class Reunion Season and you're invited! Check out the full list of legacy school and PJP class reunions, located at: <https://www.pjphs.org/reunions-and-events> to see if your class is celebrating any milestones this year.

Hall of Fame 2024

Please join us in celebrating the Legacy Hall of Fame Class of 2024 with a cocktail hour, butlered hors d'oeuvres, and beautiful induction ceremony starting at 6pm on Friday, December 13th.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

Advancement Office

Annual PJP Golf Outing

Calling all PJP families! Join us for the Annual PJP Golf Outing on October 8th at Spring Ford Country Club. This is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a beautiful day on the course while showing your support for the PJP community. With many of our families already participating, we encourage everyone to join in the fun! Foursomes are available for \$750, which includes a day of golf, lunch, dinner, cocktail hour, and a stretch clinic courtesy of The Golfer's PT! Let's come together as a community and make this outing a great success—your participation makes a HUGE difference!

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Athletics

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 23rd

Girls Tennis vs Upper Merion- 3:30 PM
Volleyball vs Villa Maria- JV 5:30 PM, V 6:45 PM (Youth Night)

Tuesday, September 24th

Boys Varsity Golf vs Upper Merion- 3:00 PM (Bella Vista)
Field Hockey vs Methacton- JV 3:45 @ PJP, Varsity 7:00 PM (Gwynedd Mercy University)

Wednesday, September 25th

Girls Tennis vs Pottstown- 3:30 PM (Senior Day)

Thursday, September 26th

Boys Soccer vs Upper Perkiomen- JV/V 3:45 PM
Volleyball vs Spring-Ford- JV 5:30 PM, V 6:45 PM (Morgan's Message Game)

Friday, September 27th

Girls Soccer vs Upper Merion- JV/V 3:45 PM

Concession Stand Signups

Now that athletics are in full swing, the concession stand will be open for volleyball and football games. Proceeds from the concession stand come right back to the athletic department and are used for Senior Flowers and a Senior gift for all Senior Student Athletes at the end of the school year. Students can sign up for shifts and get service hours. Please consider signing up for a shift.

VOLLEYBALL SIGN UPS

FOOTBALL SIGN UPS

Electronic Ticketing

PJP, as well as all other Archdiocesan High Schools, will be switching to electronic ticketing starting this Fall season. For Volleyball and Football there will no longer be any cash sales. **All home games, including Football, will be \$6 per person.** PJP students will still get free admission to events.

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Fundraisers

Football- Mums

The Football team is selling mums from Ott's in Schwenksville. The mums are \$12 for a 9" potted plant. The colors available are white, burgundy, light purple, yellow and orange. Sometimes colors have to be substituted due to availability. All order and money is due to Karen Owens by 9/27. Orders will be delivered 10/1. For more information contact Karen Owens at k_owens@comcast.net.

Football-Discount Cards

Football is selling their annual discount cards. The card is \$10 and gets you various discounts at local establishments. Some of the discounts can be applied at Anna Marie's, Hilltop, Java's Brewin, Qdoba, SV Sports, Sweet Aloha and more. For a card see any football player, parent, or coach. You can also contact Tracey at trarich@pjphs.org

Cheer-Ultimate Philly Sports Fan Raffle

Cheer is selling raffle tickets for \$20. Winner of the raffle will receive 2 tickets to every home Flyers,

Sixers, Phillies, Union, Wings and Eagles game. That's 200 pairs of tickets. Second prize is a Phillies Spring Training trip for 4. If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket see any cheerleader, or contact Coach Erin at cheer@pjphs.org.

Art Department

Hello PJP Families! Do you have old bins or clear storage containers you don't need anymore? We would love to take them off your hands! The Art Department is currently working hard to organize many years' worth of materials in the art storage closets and would greatly appreciate any donations of clear bins or storage containers with lids. All donations can be dropped off in Room 108 located in the art hallway across from the auditorium. Thank you for your help!

Guidance Office

SENIORS-COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELORS VISITING PJP

Below is a list of colleges and universities visiting PJP the week of 9/23. Senior students who are applying to any of the schools, as well as students exploring their college options, should sign-up to attend these visits. It is an opportunity for your student to meet the college admissions person who will read their application. **To sign up for a visit, please have your student login to their Naviance account and register.** If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bell, PJP's College and Career Coordinator, at dbell@pjphs.org.

COLLEGE	DATE	TIME
University of New Haven	Mon. September 23, 2024	9:45 AM
Moravian University	Mon. September 23, 2024	10:30 AM
Cedar Crest College	Mon. September 23, 2024	11:15 AM
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	Mon. September 23, 2024	11:45 AM
Lehigh University	Mon. September 23, 2024	12:00 PM
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	Wed. September 25, 2024	9:45 AM
Seton Hall University	Wed. September 25, 2024	10:30 AM
University of Rochester	Wed. September 25, 2024	12:00 PM
The Catholic University of America	Thu. September 26, 2024	9:45 AM
Marywood University	Thu. September 26, 2024	10:30 AM
Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Main Campus	Thu. September 26, 2024	11:15 AM
High Point University	Fri. September 27, 2024	9:45 AM
King's College	Fri. September 27, 2024	11:15 AM

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 fro Change, Regular Cancelation, and Late Registration
October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024	September 24, 2024
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024	October 22, 2024
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024	November 26, 2024
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

SAT Test Date (2024-2025 School Year)	Registration Deadline	Deadline fro Change, Regular Cancelation, and Late Registration
October 26, 2024	September 20, 2024	October 7, 2024
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.

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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