



Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

[DOWNLOAD THE FEBRUARY CALENDAR HERE](#)

Academic Affairs

Course Selection for 2025-2026 is around the corner! The junior class meeting was held this week, and meetings for the sophomore and freshman classes will be held next week. In these meetings, the students learn about elective offerings and the process of selecting their course preferences for next year in PowerSchool. This is a great time to be talking with your students about what courses they might be interested in. Students should make appointments with their guidance counselors if they have specific questions about the courses available to them or any of the Panther Pathways that they may be interested in following. The Course Catalog will be available in early March, and PowerSchool will open in mid-March for students to make their choices.

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](#)



POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

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This special evening will include Adoration, followed by a social gathering, as we come together in prayer for the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter and reflect on a new way forward as the Catholic Church of Philadelphia. All are welcome to unite in faith and hope!

FEBRUARY 26TH @ 6:30 PM



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Student Affairs

100 Days to Graduation and Senior Class Meeting

Sunday, February 23 will mark 100 DAYS until Graduation for the Class of 2025. We will celebrate this occasion with a senior gathering on Monday, February 24 during homeroom & 1st period. We are very excited to celebrate with the Class of 2025 many of the traditional end of the year celebrations that will culminate in graduation day on Wednesday, June 4, 2025. After the celebration, we will have a brief Senior Class Meeting.

Blood Drive

The National Honor Society will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on February 26. Students 16 and older are eligible to donate. Every donation can save three lives!!!

Please take a look at the following video to see the importance of Blood Donation: Blood Donation Video

Please use the following link for eligibility information:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/info-for-student-donors.html>

Students can come to the Student Affairs window to sign up and pick up permission slips!!

Stall Day

February 28, 2025

BRING YOUR COINS

Stall Day is a major fundraiser for Pantheron, where students bring in coins to class and "stall" the teacher from beginning class until all the coins are counted.



Studio 38

Pope John Paul II High School
Studio 38
proudly presents

The logo for the musical Grease, featuring a red classic car with a couple kissing in the back seat, set against a yellow circular background. The word "GREASE" is written in a stylized, bubbly font across the front of the car.

Friday, February 28, 2025 at 7pm
Saturday, March 1st, 2025 at 7pm
Sunday, March 2nd, 2025 at 3pm
Friday, March 7th, 2025 at 7pm
Saturday, March 8th, 2025 at 1pm & 7pm

Tickets available at <https://gofan.co/app/school/PA71082> & at the door

Join us as over 140 talented students in the cast and crew bring the electrifying world of *Grease* to life! From high-energy dance numbers to unforgettable songs, this is a show you won't want to miss.

[CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS](#)

Fundraisers

You can support Studio 38 with our pre-sale for flowers and candy bouquets. Order one today for your favorite *GREASE* cast and crew members. Flowers and candy bouquets will be available to purchase in advance for any of the show performances. You can pick up your order in the lobby before the show or

during intermission. Pre-sale orders for the first weekend shows are due by Wednesday, February 26th, and pre-sale orders for the 2nd weekend of shows are due by Wednesday, March 5th.

Show your support by purchasing flowers or a candy bouquet! Use this link to place your order today:
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=NzvsCj>

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a limited number of flower and candy bouquets available for cash purchase on the performance nights. Ordering in advance is encouraged.

Studio 38

GREASE

Support our Studio 38 Cast & Crew with our flower and candy sale. All proceeds benefit the Performing Arts at Pope John Paul II High School

\$12 flowers **\$10 candy**

Flower & candy SALE

- Pre-Order NOW for pick-up on any night of the show
- Friday, Feb 28 - 7pm
- Saturday, March 1 - 7 pm
- Sunday March 2 - 3 pm
- Friday, March 7 - 7 pm
- Saturday, March 8 - 1 pm or 7 pm

★ **Pre-Orders for first weekend due Wednesday, February 26; Pre-Orders for following weekend due Wednesday, March 5**

Use this link to order now:
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=NzvsCj>

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!

PJP would like to thank the following restaurants that have committed to supporting Savor The Flavor: Manfredo's, Philadelphia Pretzel Factory, Gotta Make the Cupcakes, Handels, Keepin' It Simple Catering. More restaurants are expected to join in. We will keep you posted.

Tickets for Savor The Flavor will go on sale March 17th. This is the one PJP event of the year designed to bring the entire community together.



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!

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW FULL SCHOLARSHIP FLYER](#)



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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.Factsmat.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

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.

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

Guidance Office

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 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

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.

Scan for a list of participating colleges and programs



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
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
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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