

# Pope John Paul II

### Pope John Paul II High School Weekly Newsletter

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In the second episode of Season 2 of *KEEPING THE FAITH WITH PJP*, Mr. Cazzetta and Mr. Souder dive into a conversation about the Board of Directors, EITC, and everything PJP with special guests Bob Getts, Chair of the Board, and Jeff Mehallick, a member of the Board's Executive Committee.

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### **Principal's Office**

Thank you for taking the time each week to read all of the information provided. A lot of time and effort goes into this newsletter to make sure that you have the most up to date information. Also, please make sure that you become familiar with the information that is always on the school website: <a href="www.pjphs.org">www.pjphs.org</a>. There you will find information regarding transportation for the year, forms you might need and the handbook.

Please have your students check their emails on a daily basis. If there is information specific to them, ie Dress Down Days, it is communicated directly to them via their email. Unless there is an email sent specifically announcing a Dress Down Day, students must report in their uniforms.

**SENIOR PARENTS:** There is no Senior Cut Day sanctioned by the school! Any day that your student is absent is recorded and reported on their transcript.

EVERY student's grades are reviewed each week by the Academic Intervention Team. If you receive an email indicating that your student has a failure in more than one class, that is simply a snapshot of what we see when grades are pulled. This is meant to keep you up to date with your student's progress and to help us help them to stay on track. By providing this information, we are trying to help to eliminate the possibility of course failures for the year and the need for summer school to remediate them. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Elliana DeCicco for finishing in the Elite 8 of the Girls Tennis Singles tournament on Friday.

On Saturday morning, Mary Kate Zollers and Grace DiBricida, were in Hershey competing in the PIAA State Cross Country Championships.

Conratulations Mary Kate and Grace!!

Congratulations again to all our Fall student athletes. We had a tremendous season and are very proud of you!

### **Academic Affairs**

This is the final week of the first quarter, the marking period will close this Friday, November 8th. Please take some time to review your child's progress and check PowerSchool and Schoology to ensure that your child has not missed any assignments or assessments.

### **Student Affairs**

The PJP II Parents' Association will be hosting "Tastykake Friday" on Friday, November 8th. During lunch that day, we will be serving different varieties of Tastykakes to our students and faculty. Please consider donating a box or two Tastykakes to help make this day successful and fun. The students love this day and we couldn't do it without you!

Tastykakes can be dropped off in the school office anytime between now and Friday, November 8th. If you drop off your donation early, please check the expiration date. Thanks for your support!

#### **CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP**

#### **Underclassman Picture Retakes**

This is a reminder that you are scheduled for Picture Retakes which will take place on Thursday, November 7 during lunch periods in the Auditorium. Scheduled students have either requested a retake, were absent on the day of pictures, or were out of uniform for the day of pictures.



### **Summer Camps**

Summer may seem far away, but our 2025 camp season registration is officially open as of November 1st! We're thrilled to invite students in grades 1 through 9 to join us for a season packed with exciting activities, new friendships, and endless fun. This year's program promises an incredible lineup of favorite camp traditions alongside fresh new experiences designed to spark creativity, adventure, and growth.

Don't wait—our spots fill up quickly! Sign up now to secure a spot for your camper and set them up for a

summer filled with memories they'll never forget. For more information, visit https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=6205ec&tm=yes. We can't wait to welcome your camper to the best summer yet!

### **Health Suite**

#### **Annual Health Screenings**

Annual health screenings (BMI, vision) will occur on Nov 25, 2024 at PJP as part of the PA Dept of Health school mandates. Please remind your student to wear corrective lenses to school if applicable. If you prefer your student be waived from this brief screening, please complete form here: Waive Health Screening

#### **Junior Physical Exams**

Junior Physical Exams with updated vaccination records are still being collected. Please turn in for your Junior as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Thank you to all who have sent us this mandatory documentation!

### **Tuition Office**

#### **Need Financial Aid?**

The FACTS application portal is now open for the 2025-2026 school year! We encourage you to apply as soon as possible, as filing sooner is always better than later.

To complete your application, you will need to upload your 2023 tax documents, and there is a \$35 application fee.

#### www.factsmgt.com

If you have any questions, please contact the office for assistance.



### **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: <a href="https://www.piphs.org/reunions-and-events">https://www.piphs.org/reunions-and-events</a> 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**

#### **Athletics**

#### Winter Sports Prayer Service and Parent Meeting

The Winter Sports Prayer Service will be held on Monday, November, 18th at 7PM in the cafeteria. All winter student athletes and at least one parent/guardian need to attend. Individual sport parent meetings will occur after the prayer service.

#### **Fall Uniform Return**

For all Fall athletes that are done competing, Fall uniform return is Thursday, November 7th. All uniform pieces and equipment should return to Tracey or Kyle in the Athletic Office. Student athletes are responsible for returning their own uniform. Please do not leave uniforms at the athletic office door. The uniform must be returned to a person. The athletic office will be open from 7:25 am-7:50 am and afterschool from 2:30pm-4:00pm.

#### **Senior Signing Day**

Signing Day for any Senior athlete who has committed to play their sport collegiately will be Wednesday, November 13th at 3:00 PM. The signing will take place in the Atrium. Please RSVP to Tracey at trarich@piphs if you plan to attend.

#### **Winter Sports Update**

Winter sports begin on Friday, November 15th. All students who plan to tryout need to have their PIAA paperwork completed and uploaded to BigTeams (<a href="https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/?">https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/?</a><a href="https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/">https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/?</a><a href="https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/">https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/?</a><a href="https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/">https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/?</a><a href="https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/">https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/?</a><a href="https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/">https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/?</a><a href="https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/">https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/?</a><a href="https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/">https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/</a>?<a href="https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/">https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/</a>?<a href="https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/">https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/</a>?<a href="https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/">https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/</a><a href="https://studentcentral.bigteams

#### **Winter Sports Offered**

PJP offers the following winter sports: Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Wrestling, Boys and Girls Swimming. If your child is interested in trying out for or competing in any of these sports please make sure you are reaching out to the coaches to be added to their email list for open gym and tryout information.

Girls Basketball- Coach Flanagan: <u>Girlsbasketball@pjphs.org</u>
Boys Basketball- Coach Wise: <u>Boysbasketball@pjphs.org</u>

Wrestling- Coach Jeff: Wrestling@pjphs.org Swimming- Coach Emily: Swim@pjphs.org

**Club Ice Hockey** is also offered. Please reach out to Club President John Wiese at <u>PJPatriotshockey@gmail.com</u> for more information.

#### **Fundraisers**

#### **Ice Hockey-Frecon Farms Pies**

The Ice hockey team is selling pies and cookies from Frecon Farms that will be available for pickup just before Thanksgiving. Orders are due by November 12th with pickup on November 26th from 3-4 in the

athletic lobby. Visit the following link; <a href="https://freconfarms-pjphockey.square.site/auth/unlock">https://freconfarms-pjphockey.square.site/auth/unlock</a> and enter password PjhockeyPies24 to begin your order. For any questions contact pjpatriotshockey@gmail.com.

#### Baseball-Yeti Cooler Raffle

The Baseball team is selling raffle tickets to win a Tundra 45 Yeti Cooler, 18oz Yeti Rambler, and various drinks. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 from Danielle Tindall, contact her at tindall206@hotmail.com.



#### **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 <a href="mailto:tracey">tracey</a> at <a href="mai

### **Guidance Office**

#### SENIORS-COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELORS VISITING PJP

Below is a list of colleges and universities visiting PJP the week of 11/4. 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
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Mon. November 4	9:45 AM
Monmouth University	Wed. November 6	12:00 PM
Rider University	Fri. November 8	10:30 AM
Drew University	Fri. November 8	12:00 PM

#### **COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID FORMS-FAFSA & CSS Profile**

#### FAFSA – Opens December 1st

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the application used to apply for federal student

aid, such as federal grants, work-study, and loans. In addition, many states and colleges use your FAFSA information to determine your eligibility for state and school aid, and some private financial aid providers may use your FAFSA information to determine whether you qualify for their aid.

Senior students and parents can create their Studentaid.gov Account (FSA ID) now. This is recommended to be done prior to the release of the 2025-26 FAFSA application on December 1st, 2024. So, create your *StudentAid.gov* account now to be FAFSA® form ready!

FAFSA is free: https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

#### CSS Profile - Open Now

In addition to the FAFSA, there are about 400 colleges and universities that require the completion of an additional financial aid form called the CSS Profile. The CSS Profile is used for consideration of any institutional aid that the college may be able to offer your student. *Be sure the college requires the CSS profile prior to registration*. Again, like the FAFSA, the CSS Profile has a variety of deadlines to consider. Your exact deadline depends on the specific college you're applying to, so check the colleges' websites.

There is a cost for the CSS Profile: https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org

## 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
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 atwww.act.org.

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