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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear PJHS Families,

The 2023 - 2024 school year is off to a great start at Perrysburg Junior High School and many thanks go out to the tremendous amount of support we receive from our students and families. Thank you for that!

It has been exciting to see students back in the school and settling into their new routines. Our students have done such a great job in the opening weeks and we're excited to see them progress as the year continues.

As we move past the Labor Day Holiday, the fall becomes quite a busy time at PJHS. Our OHSAA sponsored athletics are in full swing and more and more clubs and activities are beginning. We encourage all students to join an extracurricular club, activity or one of our school-based athletic teams. Last year, over 70% of our students participated in at least one of those activities. We believe participation plays a key role in cultivating a sense of belonging with the PJHS environment.

We're excited to once again participate in the Junior High Parents Organization (JHPO) Color Run, which is scheduled for Friday, September 22. This event is the primary fundraiser for our Jacket Way Program at PJHS. More information regarding this will be communicated with you as we get closer to the event.

Auditions have taken place for PJHS's *High School Musical Jr.* and we are anxiously awaiting the performances on November 16, 18 and 19.

Please mark your calendars for our Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled for October 23 and October 26. Our teachers will reach out to parents/guardians to help schedule these sessions.

Thanks for all your support with the start of this school year – we very much appreciate it. We look forward to a great year at PJHS!

Go Jackets!

Scott Buker
Principal

ATHLETIC AVENUE



My name is Andrea Monheim and I am the new PJHS Athletic Director (AD). Some of you may already know me as one of the School Counselors. I am excited to add this role! I have always loved sports as I was a Physical Education Teacher prior to being a counselor. I ran track and cross country in high school and college. I have coached Junior High XC and Cheerleading. Most recently, I coached 16 years of track as the PHS Girls Head Track Coach.

As a counselor, coach and now AD, I see so many life skills and opportunities in connection with being involved in sports. I look forward to supporting families, coaches and athletes here at PJHS!

Perrysburg Junior High Athletic Department Website:

https://www.perrysburgschools.net/AthleticDepartment_PJH.aspx



We are excited to announce that we will be using HomeTown Ticketing at the Junior High Sporting Events just like the High School NLL Teams! Get the HomeTown Fan App on your smartphones to make getting tickets easier!

All online tickets are \$5 and you may purchase those tickets prior to the event or scan the QR code at the event. You may still purchase tickets with cash at the door for \$8.

If you bought a Family Season Pass, you may scan your pass four times per event. You may send a picture of your pass to others in your family or print out copies of the pass. People may come at different times to the event, too.

If you are a school district resident who is 60 or over, you qualify for a "Senior Citizen Activity Pass" for seniors that will get you into Perrysburg Sponsored Events for free. Just make an appointment at the Central Office with Aricca Sorg. You may call Aricca at 419-874-9131 ext. 2102. You must live in Perrysburg to receive this discount. More information is available here: <https://www.perrysburgschools.net/SeniorCitizenActivityPasses.aspx>.

To view upcoming events, please click on the link below and use the drop down "View Events by School."


<https://www.perrysburgschools.net/OnlineTicketPurchase.aspx>

Students may still obtain Athletic Passes for \$20. All they need to do is bring their money to the main office and give it to Mrs. Slocum, the Athletic Secretary. Once the school IDs are in, students who purchased the passes will be called down and their IDs will be hole-punched. Then, they just need to bring their IDs to the home junior high athletic events. Thank you!

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FROM THE CLINIC

Students learn best when they are healthy and alert in school.

Keeping your ill student at home promotes a quicker recovery and helps prevent illnesses from spreading to classmates, teachers and staff members.

Please keep your child home if they have:

- **Fever of 100.0 or more.** May return to school if fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever lowering medication such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen.
- **Vomiting or diarrhea** the evening before or morning of a school day. May return to school after 24 hours since the last episode AND normal diet resumed.
- **Diagnosed bacterial infection** such as strep throat, pink eye or impetigo. May return 24 hours after an antibiotic has been started.

Failure to follow these guidelines means your student will be sent home until recovery is complete.



Please note:

All students who are feeling ill need to be seen in the clinic before a parent/guardian is contacted for pickup due to an illness at school. If your student texts you for pickup due to illness, please have them go to the school clinic. The nurse or school personnel will call you if the student needs to go home.


Any questions, please contact Kelly Meredith RN, Health Aide
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FROM THE PERFORMING ARTS

Orchestra

PJHS Orchestra students are off to a great start this school year and have already begun preparing for their first concert. Please save the date for our orchestra concerts this school year!



- Nov. 2nd 7:00 p.m. at PJHS Auditorium
- Feb. 21st 7:00 p.m. at PJHS Auditorium
- May 20th 7:00 p.m. at PJHS Auditorium

PACTB

Perrysburg Association of Choir and Theater Boosters is a volunteer organization serving 5th-8th grade choir students. If you're interested in joining this organization to help support our choir students, please contact Katie Kuhlman (kkuhlman@perrysburgschools.net) or Joel Hamilton (jhamilton@perrysburgschools.net).



Drama Club

All PJHS students are eligible to join our Drama Club! Students may fill out a form and return it to Mrs. Kuhlman. High School Musical Jr. will be taking the stage November 16-19!

Band

The PJHS Bands swarm into Fall with two wonderful performances as part of the Perrysburg Homecoming Celebration! The PJHS Marching Yellow Jackets will kick off the festivities by taking over Louisiana Avenue for their performance in the Homecoming Parade. Members of the PJHS Pep Band will continue to rock the Coming Home festivities with a performance at Country Charm Shopping Center during the Homecoming Pregame Celebration.

The PJHS Bands have their next rousing performance at 8th Grade Night with the Perrysburg Marching Yellow Jackets on Friday, October 6th. 8th grade band students will rehearse high school marching music and take the field with their big PHS "band siblings" during a Perrysburg Varsity Football game! We can't wait to see them in the "big leagues" next year with the PHS Marching Yellow Jackets!

Members of the PJHS Bands formed the horn section "The Protractors" to rock out with the PJHS Teacher Band - The Clipboards! The two groups rehearsed all summer and performed for over 600 people at Perrysburg Schools' All Employee Opening Day. The Clipboards and The Protractors are excited to take their next steps together for the 2023 - 2024 school year!



Vocal Music Concert schedule

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| • Fall Concert | Monday, October 16 at 7 p.m. |
| • Winter Concert | Monday, December 11 at 7 p.m. |
| • Evening of Love Concert Fundraiser | Tuesday, February 13 at 7 p.m. at PHS |
| • Festival Concert | Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at PHS |
| • Showcase Concert | Thursday, May 16 at 7 p.m. |



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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Mrs. Monheim (8th Grade) and Mr. Przybylski (7th Grade) want to welcome all students back to school. We are so excited to start the year and see all the bright smiles in the hallways. We want to encourage students and parents/guardians to contact the Student Services's Office with any questions or concerns. A great way for students to get connected and enjoy school is to participate in the many clubs, sports and activities that the Jr. High offers. Here's the link to view all of the clubs and activities: [Clubs & Activities](#)

Students and parents/guardians, please pay close attention to the announcements for information on how to sign-up. We look forward to helping students get off to a great start for their school year.

Resource

A great resource for parents/guardians to help keep children alcohol and drug free is a campaign started by The Ohio Department of Education called Start Talking. Parents/guardians may subscribe to receive monthly updates by going to starttalking.ohio.gov. This month's topic is transitioning back to school. The 10 suggestions to help the transition are:

1. Allow for feelings
2. Listen
3. Preserve routines
4. Ensure self-care for both you and your teen
5. Maintain boundaries
6. Offer choices
7. Stay realistically positive
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10. Ask for help

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MathCounts

The PJHS MathCounts club is for 7th and 8th grade students who want to be involved in math problem-solving and, if interested, in math competition against other schools. The PJHS MathCounts club will begin meeting in late September through March to practice our math problem-solving skills. The club will meet after school in Mr. Zwyer's room, Room 212, from 2:50 to 3:50 p.m. MathCounts club members will have the opportunity to take part in math problem-solving competitions and will be eligible to compete for a spot on the team that could head to a national championship. Students are encouraged to attend even if they don't want to be a contest-going mathlete. Keep an eye out for more information about signing up through Schoology. See Mr. Zwyer in room 212 or email Mr. Zwyer with any questions!



Student Council

PJHS Student Council is currently looking for new members for the 2023-2024 school year!

The google form application may be found here: StuCo Application 23-24. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, Aug 29 after school in Mrs. Roach's room (122) until 3:45 p.m. Some of the things we are excited about this year include: continuing the School Store, planning spirit weeks, showing appreciation for teachers and staff members, participating in Kindness Projects and having our Lock-In event in January.

We are looking forward to helping make PJHS the best place it can be! Please see or email Mrs. Roach (croach@perrysburgschools.net) if you have any questions or ideas for Student Council.

(Here are some proud Student Council members from our last meeting in May with their certificates!)



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Power of the Pen

Get your pens ready because Power of the Pen will begin at the end of September! Listen to the announcements and check Schoology for more information. Seventh and eighth grade students learn writing skills that last a lifetime in Power of the Pen. It empowers young people to find and develop their own unique creative voice through participating in district, regional and state writing tournaments.

ROX

We are excited to announce that the ROX Program will be returning to PJHS this year! The first group meeting will be taking place in October. Information regarding the ROX program can be found below.

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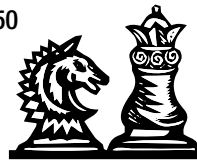
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Science Fair

The PJHS Science Fair club is for students who want to design and complete their own scientific research. Students will choose their own research topic, then design and complete an experiment to answer their research question. Students may present their findings at local, district and state Science Days. The club will meet after school on Mondays from 2:50 to 3:45 p.m. with Mr. Brangham in room 104 starting on September 10th. The informational meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5th. More information will be posted on Schoology. Email Mr. Brangham with any questions.

Chess Club

The PJHS Chess Club will be meeting on Tuesdays after school from 2:50 to 3:40 p.m. with Mr. Brangham in room 104 starting on September 11th. Students of all levels are welcome. Learn to play, learn openings and strategies and have fun playing chess! More information will be posted on Schoology. Email Mr. Brangham with any questions.



The Jacket Way

PJHS is proud to have our award winning Jacket Way program back again this year to encourage students to engage in positive behaviors. The Jacket Way focuses on the three R's – Respectful, Responsible and Ready. Students are taught expected behaviors from our 8th grade Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) leaders and faculty and staff members. Students may earn Jacket Way Tickets for their positive behaviors exhibited through the school day, and those tickets may be redeemed on Fridays in the cafeteria for candy, items from the school store, time with the school therapy dog or gym time during Jacket Period.

Students also have the option to defer the immediate reward and instead receive raffle tickets for the seasonal spirit assembly. One Jacket Way ticket equates to five raffle tickets and students may enter those for bigger prize items. Some past raffle items have included a \$100 Amazon gift card, slushy machine, a custom-engraved Yeti and Apple AirPods. In addition, random Jacket Way tickets will be selected for monthly Subway lunches and opportunities to play Plinko at the Spirit Assemblies for various gift cards.

Class meetings are an important part of the Jacket Way Program and will return this school year. Our 7th grade class meetings will be led by our 8th Grade WEB Leaders while our 8th grade class meetings will be facilitated by our 8th grade teachers. The focus of the Jacket Way lessons this school year will be service. They will also include lessons on character traits, leadership development and empathy.

The PJHS Jacket Way team has also acquired a spirit rock that will be on display for student groups to paint and decorate. A huge thank you to Perrysburg Landscape LLC for donating the rock! In order to decorate the spirit rock the student group needs to complete a small service project for the community. Be on the lookout for all the great things our Jacket Way program will do for our school, school district and community.

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Perrysburg Junior High Parents Organization

Perrysburg Junior High Parents Organization (JHPO) is excited for another busy and fun year supporting PJHS students, teachers and staff members.

Please help by:

- Coming to our next monthly meetings on Wednesdays – 9/13, 10/25, 11/29 & 12/13, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the school library.
- Volunteering time and/or making donations for the Friday, 9/22, Color Run, for the Friday, 10/13, Halloween Dance and for the Monday, 10/23, teacher appreciation event during Conferences. Watch our social media and the weekly school email announcements to sign up.
- Liking our Facebook page, @PerrysburgJHPO and Instagram page, @JHPOPerrysburg.
- Making a monetary donation to JHPO by check mailed to or dropped at school, or through Venmo to @jhpoperrysburg.
- Participating in Box Tops for Education for 'Perrysburg Junior High School,' Kroger Community Rewards for Org. UV412 and Office Depot/ Office Max Give Back to Schools Program for ID 70079938.

Thank you for your help!

WEB Program - Where Everyone Belongs

The WEB program is in its fourth year at PJHS and is composed of 96 terrific 8th grade student leaders with help from five energetic staff members. WEB stands for "Where Everyone Belongs" and is a multifaceted program geared toward making a successful transition from 6th to 7th grade while building the leadership skills of our 8th grade WEB leaders. Our 8th grade WEB leaders go through multiple training days during the summer on how to be great mentors to the 7th grade students. The program officially started the first day of 7th grade where the WEB team led a welcome assembly, small group activities and a closing assembly. This mentorship continues during the year and is incorporated into our Jacket Way class meetings. These meetings consist of team-building and strategy-developing activities that are led by the 8th grade WEB leaders. "Bee" on the lookout for more WEB events as the year progresses.

