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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear PJHS Families,

It's been a busy time here at PJHS for our staff members and students and Quarter 4 is just around the corner. It seems like just a few days ago we were starting in the first days of August, but now we're looking at our year-end activities. Hopefully this year has been a great one for you and your students!

Outside of the successes in the classroom, our students have been engaged in many areas within our school community. Quarter 3 saw the following events:

- Over 180 students enjoyed themselves at our PJHS Student Council Lock-In that took place in January.
- Nine teams of students compete to be crowned "PJHS Dodgeball Champions" in February.
- Multiple winners of our Winter Jacket Way Raffle.
- All of our Grade 8 students took an exploratory trip to Penta Career Center and were treated to a moving and inspirational presentation from Dr. Irene Butter on overcoming living through the Holocaust.
- Over 50 students were selected to hear published authors M. Kristina Smith and Kevin Moore present their new book, *Unnatural Ohio*.
- All of our Grade 7 and 8 students participated in the PJHS Career Day in February that was organized by PHS DECA Students.
- We've completed three different Career Cafes, where guest speakers have come to PJHS to present on their various career fields.
- The recognition of our winter activities at the Spirit Assembly.

As we look towards April and the remainder of Quarter 4, please take note of the following:

Dates of Ohio State Testing:

- Tuesday, April 2 - English Language Arts (ELA) Day 1
- Thursday, April 4 - ELA Day 2
- Tuesday, April 16 - Math Day 1
- Thursday, April 18 - Math Day 2
- Tuesday, April 23 - Science Day 1 (8th Grade Only) – 7th Grade will participate in YouScience
- Thursday, April 25 - Science Day 2 (8th Grade Only) – 7th Grade will participate in YouScience

We also look forward to some of our end-of-the-year events, including:

- Friday, May 3 - 8th Grade visit to PHS for FroshFest
- Friday, May 17 - Spring Spirit Assembly
- Wednesday, May 22 - Last Day of School for 7th and 8th Grade Students. Evening 8th Grade Recognition Ceremony and Dance at Perrysburg High School (6:00 p.m.)

Thank you again for your support of your students, our staff members and our PJHS Community.

Go Jackets!

Scott Buker
Principal



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Important Dates

May 3rd: Frosh Fest for 8th grade students. The 8th grade will travel to the high school for half of the day to participate in tours, play games and learn about all of the activities offered at the high school.

State Testing

Mark your calendars. State testing will be held on April 2, April 4, April 16, April 18, April 23 and April 25. These tests will take place in the morning. Please do not schedule appointments during that time.

Summer STEM Camp via Penta Career Center:

- 1 Week Camp will be June 3-7 (grades 6-9, current grade)
- 3 Day Camp will be June 10-12 (grades 6-9, current grade)
- 2 Day Camp will be June 13-14 (grades 6-9, current grade)

**Registration will begin online March 20th
www.pentacareercenter.org

If you have any questions on the Penta camps, please contact: stemcamp@pentacc.org.

JHPO

Our Junior High Parents Organization (JHPO) is looking for new officers for the 24-25 school year! Please join us at our next meeting or reach out to us on Facebook with any interest!

- Next meeting is Wednesday 3/20/24 at 6:30 PM in the Jr. High library

We are putting together our staff appreciation day luncheon for Wednesday, March 20 and are excited to offer a baked potato and salad bar!

Teacher grants approved at our last meeting included buying new globes for our Science department so that students can further explore topology! We're so thankful for the funding provided through our families to enhance the learning experience!



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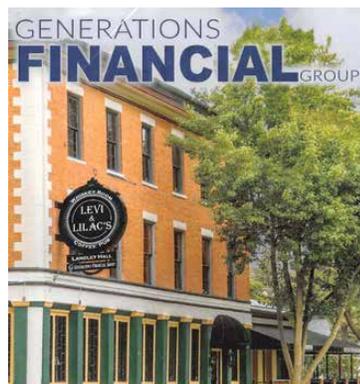
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JACKET WAY

The PJHS Jacket Way Program celebrated the winter months with the Jacket Way Raffle at the Spirit Assembly on Friday, March 8th. Over 2,100 Raffle Tickets were distributed to students who had elected to redeem their Jacket Way Tickets for that option. During the spirit assembly Student winners of the raffle included:

- Nathan Hertzfeld, Convertible bean bag
- Calvin Martin, \$100 Visa Gift Card
- Allyson Miller, 40 inch Smart TV
- Makenzie Pohlman, Make-up supplies and gift card
- Ella Stagner, Gaming chair

Three Jacket Way tickets that were redeemed were randomly selected and those students played Plinko for a chance to win a giftcard of their choice, sponsored by the Jacket Way program. Those students were:

- Samiyah Bennett, 8th grade
- Thomas Mcquillen, 7th grade
- Lainie Wilkins, 8th grade

Class Meetings continued in February and March. Our 8th grade class meetings focused on the lessons behind "Pay it Forward." The students were asked to brainstorm and implement "pay it forward" ideas to better the community. Our 7th grade class meetings were led by our 8th Grade WEB Leaders and focused on "Rumors" and using language that will "Lift-up" others.



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Runner-Ups - The Tigers!

MOCK TRIAL

With just weeks until the April 19, 2024 Middle School Mock Trial Showcase, the students have been working diligently in preparing for the trials, which will take place in downtown Columbus at the Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center.

Several 7th and 8th graders have even agreed to play dual roles, one on the prosecution side of the case and the other on the defense side. Students have been grappling with tough issues in preparing this case, which is based on the book, *The Giver*. On the one hand, the prosecution side seeks to hold the teenage defendant guilty of kidnapping and child endangering for boldly disregarding the rules of The Community and taking the struggling "newchild" to "Elsewhere." On the other hand, the defense hopes to convince the judges that Jonas acted heroically in escaping The Community's controlling principles of "Sameness" and saving the "newchild" from the horrific process of "release."

Regardless of whether they play prosecution or defense roles, all of the students are learning the invaluable skills of thinking on their feet, speaking persuasively and resolving conflicts in a civil, structured forum. But most importantly, they are working together in a creative way and supporting each other as they take on new challenges, all the while enjoying pizza and other treats.

MATHCOUNTS

Perrysburg MathCounts competed on Saturday, February 3 at the Chapter MathCounts Competition at The University of Toledo. Our "mathletes" used problem solving skills, worked very hard and competed with excellent results. Our PJHS team earned 1st place of all the teams who competed. Hasrith Chatla, Paul Davies, Eric Sun, Aiden Wilson and Ean Wilson all advanced to the State MathCounts competition in March in Columbus, Ohio. We are very proud of all individuals who participated and wish continued success to those five students who will compete at the State competition.

Students participating at the MathCounts competition included in the picture are (from left to right): Paul Davies, Eric Sun, Ean Wilson, and Hasrith Chatla.



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POWER OF THE PEN

On Saturday, March 2nd, the 7th and 8th grade Power of the Pen Teams competed at Lourdes University in the Power of the Pen Northwest Regional Tournament. Students completed three rounds of writing, and during each round they had 40 minutes to write to a given prompt. The 7th grade team placed second out of 21 schools and the following 7th grade students earned individual medals: Elaine Tan placed 1st and Aubrie Ghesquire placed 10th. For the eighth grade team, Momina Gill placed 10th and Freyja Langrish placed 11th. These students earned a spot at the State Tournament on May 17. Congratulations to all writers!



WORLD LANGUAGE CLUB

The PJHS World Language Club had the opportunity to participate in the Perrysburg High School Mardi Gras celebration event on Saturday, February 24th. Our students did an incredible job creating a Guess the Flag game and running our booth during the event. We are already looking forward to participating in this event again next year!



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NURSE'S NOTES



We are still in the cold and flu season!

A few friendly reminders:

Please, do NOT send your student to school if he/she has or has had:

1. Fever more than 100 degrees within the last 24 hours (must be fever free without medication)
2. Vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours (must have resumed a normal diet)
3. Bacterial infection (strep throat, impetigo or pink eye) (must be on antibiotics for 24 hours)

As many people are getting colds and flu we would greatly appreciate your assistance in preventing the spread of illnesses in our school. Please encourage healthy habits to protect themselves as well as others.

1. Plenty of rest and nutritious food are needed.
2. Keep hydrated by drinking a lot of healthy fluids (soda does not count).
3. When coughing or sneezing, cover the nose and mouth by coughing or sneezing into a tissue or bent elbow.

4. Practice frequent handwashing with soap and water or hand sanitizer, as this is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of germs.

If your student emails or calls you to be picked up, please have them go to the clinic. If they need to go home ill, someone from the office will give you a call to pick up your student.

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PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

Band

The PJHS Bands began their transition from winter to spring by wrapping up their PJHS Pep Band season with a rousing performance at a Perrysburg High School Girls Varsity Basketball game! Over 150 members of the PJHS and PHS Pep Bands swarmed Perrysburg High School to bring their unique blend of musicianship, enthusiasm and school spirit to PHS. Thank you to the PHS Bands for being amazing hosts!

34 performers will showcase their talents as soloists or in small ensembles during the PJHS Bands Recital Day on March 18th. These students worked independently on challenging music and were able to perform with minimal director instruction. Soloists had the experience of working with a professional piano accompanist to enhance their performance. Congratulations to all of our performers!

The PJHS Bands now set their sights on their Spring Pops Concert on Wednesday, April 25th. All three concert bands have been arduously practicing their pieces in class and are thrilled to once again perform for a full auditorium of family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone at the PJHS Bands Spring Concert!

The HPI and PJHS Bands invite everyone to participate in the 11th annual HPI/PJHS Band on the Run 5K! This year's event takes place on Saturday, May 4th at Levis Commons and is an evening glow run, with the race starting at 9 p.m. Participants are encouraged to get in the spirit by "glowing up" with lights, reflectors or anything to light up the night! More information about this year's event can be found here: <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Perrysburg/PJHSBandontheRun>.



Orchestra

On March 1st, PJHS Orchestra students participated in the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) State Orchestra Contest at Perrysburg High School. They performed three songs and were given a rating by an adjudicator. Congratulations to both the 7th and 8th Grade orchestra students for receiving a superior (I) rating at this event, which is the highest rating awarded by the adjudicators.

On Saturday March 2nd, PJHS String Ensemble students participated in the Central Ohio String Festival (COSF) hosted by Upper Arlington Schools in the Columbus area. Students performed two songs and were given a rating by an adjudicator. Congratulations to the PJHS String Ensemble students for receiving an excellent (II) rating at this event.

We're proud of the orchestra students for doing an amazing job of representing Perrysburg Junior High School! Congratulations to all and Go Jackets! The next orchestra concert is Monday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the PJHS Auditorium.



Choir

In a dazzling display of talent and determination, the Golden Jackets Show Choir dominated the stage at four competitions this season, leaving a lasting impression with their electrifying performance. With a theme centered around redemption, the choir's dynamic renditions of iconic hits like "Danger Zone," "Jailhouse Rock" and "Comin' Out on Top" resonated with a passion that transcended the stage.

Leading the charge were the dynamic soloists Riley Davidson and Madi Gankosky, captivating the audience with every note. They were joined by a stellar lineup of featured singers including Edison Eggenberger, Elena Gildner, Maggie Sadowy, Frankie Stretar, and Jaydon Whiting. Judges recognized Outstanding Performers at each competition including Edison Eggenberger, Alex Krieter, Jay Patel, and Jaydon Whiting.

Under the direction of Katie Kuhlman and Joel Hamilton, with choreography by Elise Hanson, the Golden Jackets swept the competition, earning accolades for Best Vocals and Best Choreography, as well as claiming the prestigious title of Grand Champions.



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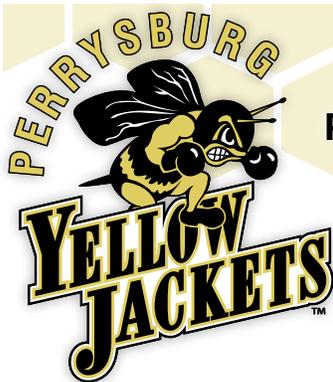
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ATHLETIC AVENUE

Friday, March 1st was the start of our Track and Field Season!! Below is a copy of our schedule. This year, we have four home meets!! We will need parent/guardian volunteers to help time running events, move hurdles and help measure in high jump, long jump, shot and discus. We promise the tasks are easy. We need many volunteers to help our home meets run smoothly and efficiently. Please contact one of the following people to let them know which home meet you can help. Thanks in advance for your efforts!!

Sean Murray, *Girls Head Coach*
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Andrea Monheim, *Athletic Director*

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Wednesday, April 3	Dual Meet at Bowling Green	4:30
Wednesday, April 10	Dual Meet at Washington	4:30
Saturday, April 13	Ottawa Glandorf Invitational	10:00 AM
Monday, April 15	Home Dual Meet vs. Fassett	4:30
Thursday, April 18	Panther Relays at Whitmer	4:30
Monday, April 22	Dual Meet at Napoleon	4:30
Thursday, April 25	Home Tri Meet vs. Springfield & Arbor Hills	4:30
Monday, April 29	Home Dual Meet vs. Fremont	4:00
Wednesday, May 1	Home Dual Meet vs. Anthony Wayne	4:30
Saturday, May 4	NLL Championships at Napoleon	TBA

