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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We're off and running with the 2022 - 2023 school year at PJHS! Our students have done a tremendous job during the opening weeks of school and we're happy to see so many students settling into the school year. Our staff constantly comments on how great the students are and how excited they are to dive deeper into the school year.

As we move past the Labor Day Holiday, the fall becomes quite a busy time at PJHS. We encourage all students to get involved in an activity or extracurricular in which they are interested. Our OHSAA sponsored athletics are in full swing and more and more clubs and activities are beginning.

We're excited to once again participate in the Junior High Parents Organization (JHPO) Color Run, which is scheduled for Friday, September 23. 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.

In addition to the Color Run we have several school events on the horizon. JHPO will be sponsoring a Halloween Dance in October and our HIPP Program will sponsor their annual student volleyball tournament, also in October. Both events have been very popular with students in years past.

Our PJHS Musical, *Annie Jr.*, concluded their auditions at the end of August. The cast and crew continue to work hard towards their performances on November 17, 18 and 19.

Please mark your calendars for our Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled for October 24 and October 27. 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 look forward to a great year at PJHS!

Go Jackets!

Scott Buker
Principal

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Mrs. Monheim (7th Grade) and Mr. Przybylski (8th Grade) want to welcome all students back to school. We are so excited to start the year and see all the bright and shiny smiles in the hallways. We want to encourage students and guardians to contact the Student Services 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:

<http://www.perrysburgschools.net/ClubsActivities.aspx>

Students and guardians should 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 this school year.

8th Grade PSAT: 8th grade students will take the PSAT 8/9 on October 12th.

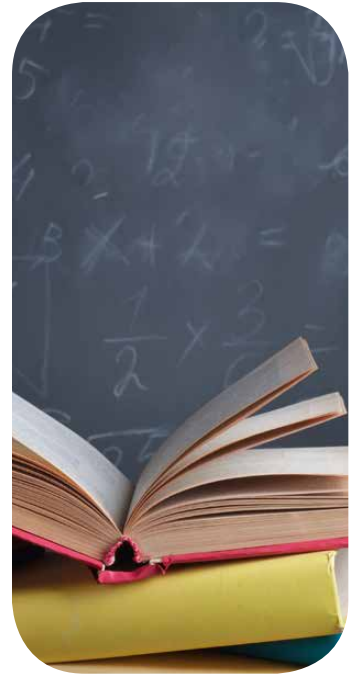
The PSAT 8/9 is the first test in the SAT Suite of Assessments. It serves as a "check-in" on progress, allowing students and teachers to pinpoint areas for focused practice as students progress through high school. You may access more information about the PSAT by going to the following website: www.collegeboard.org.

Resource

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

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| 1. Allow for feelings | 4. Ensure self-care for both you and your teen | 7. Stay realistically positive |
| 2. Listen | 5. Maintain boundaries | 8. Separate your anxiety from theirs |
| 3. Preserve routines | 6. Offer choices | 9. Don't project your worries |
| | | 10. Ask for help |

For more information, please go to starttalking.ohio.gov.



FROM THE CLINIC

Students learn best when they are healthy and alert in school. Keeping your student at home when ill promotes a quicker recovery and helps prevent illnesses to classmates, teachers and staff.

Your child should not come to school if:

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

Failure to follow these guidelines could result in your student being sent home until recovery is complete.



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

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ATHLETIC AVENUE

Athletics at Perrysburg Junior High School are in full swing! Our fall athletic teams are into their game schedules and are having some early success.

The girls and boy cross country teams finished in first place in their first meet of the season at the Seneca East Tiger Classic. Each team had multiple athletes make the podium at the meet. What a fantastic start to the season!

Currently, the 7th grade football team is 0-1 on the young season. The 7th grade team rallied from an early deficit, but was defeated by Springfield in week 1 action. The 8th grade team defeated Springfield by a score of 31-12. Good luck football teams!

The 7th grade volleyball team is currently 4-0 with wins over McCord, Gateway, Bowling Green and Arbor Hills. The 8th grade volleyball team is currently 3-1 with wins over McCord, Gateway and Arbor Hills.

It is exciting to see all of our students come out and support their classmates. If you have not been to a home contest yet, please come check out the excitement and help us grow our student section. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the start of the event.

You may find more information on the PJHS Athletic Department at http://www.perrysburgschools.net/AthleticDepartment_PJH.aspx/.





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MATH COUNTS

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 meet 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!



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PERRYSBURG JUNIOR HIGH PARENTS ORGANIZATION

There are several ways you can get involved and stay connected with the Junior High Parent Organization (JHPO). All of the following opportunities (sign-up links) will be in the daily email, on Facebook, and Instagram as the event dates approach. You may do one or all of these and we are happy with any support you are willing to give.

In-Person Volunteering

Some of the upcoming events for the first semester that we need volunteers for include the following:

- **Color Run** - Friday 9/23 (rain date 9/30). Volunteers needed: color throwers.
- **Halloween Dance** - Friday 10/14. Volunteers needed: ticket sales, set up, food, check in and tear down.
- **Cookie Bowl** - Monday 11/21 and Tuesday 11/22. Volunteers needed: cookie seller (lunch times).
- **Scholastic Book Fair** - Monday 12/5 through Friday 12/9. Volunteers needed: set up, take down, cashier and student helpers.

Food Donations

- **Staff Appreciation Dinner** - during conferences (last week of October)
- **Cookie Jar** (desserts for teachers) - Wednesday 12/14

Monetary Donations

If you don't want to work an event or bake for something, monetary donations are always welcome to JHPO. We will put your money towards the events and activities!

Venmo to @jhpoperrysburg

Free Ways to Donate to JHPO

You can link your Kroger Plus Card to JHPO and the organization will receive money back each time you use your card. Our org is #UV412.

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GIRLS IN STEM

Our PJHS prairie is growing! Two acres of native plants and landscape will be the site for our very own outdoor space. The area is being offered to help engage science enthusiasts and learners to build on their curiosity, data collection skills and/or critical thinking skills starting this fall.

Our first phase brought opportunities for clearing the campus space. Then, our team developed ways to seed and add plugs in order to kick off this native scene. This past summer, we added paths and professional development to jump start authentic lessons and cross-curricular opportunities for our PJHS students. The second phase will begin this year as we work to set up collaborative spacing, added signage, additional native landscape and maintenance equipment.

We could not have cultivated such an incredible plan without the help of so many community members and educational experts. Many of these people volunteered to go above and beyond to help nurture the development of this project. A big shout out to some of the following people and companies that helped bring this opportunity to fruition and to best serve our student population:

- » City of Perrysburg
- » MF Grant
- » PJHS Girls STEM Club years 2019 - 2022
- » PJHS Science Department
- » Perrysburg Schools Teachers, Support Staff, Administrators, and Maintenance
- » Perrysburg Schools Foundation
- » ProMedica
- » Perrysburg Garden Club
- » The Toledo Zoo
- » Woodring Bobcat Services

Before we got started:



Current Project:





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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 dates for our orchestra concerts this school year!

- November 2nd . . 7:00pm . . PJHS Auditorium
- February 16th . . 7:00pm . . PJHS Auditorium
- May 3rd 7:00pm . . PJHS Auditorium

Band

The PJHS Bands are so excited to have the band back together! Our guardian volunteers set the tempo for a great year by hanging up our PJHS Bands locker signs and creating the Welcome Back PJHS Bands banner for the first day of school. It was a wonderful way for our students to begin their 2022 - 2023 PJHS experience!

The PJHS Bands started the year working hard on playing AND marching fundamentals. Our eyes are set on the Homecoming Parade on Saturday, September 24th. We can't wait to represent our band, school and community while marching and rocking out down Louisiana Avenue! Make sure to wave and cheer on the PJHS Marching Yellow Jackets as we return to the streets for our first fall parade in three years.

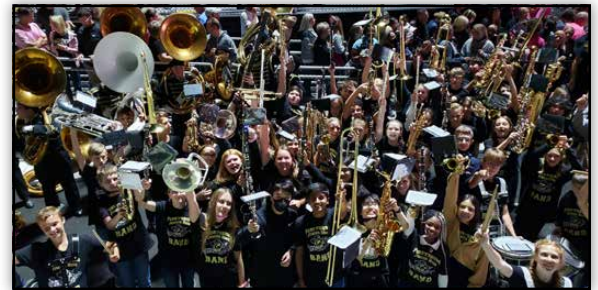
Hopefully you've had a PJHS "bandling" approach you about our current fundraiser with Crossroads Candles! The PJHS Bands have partnered

up with this Bucyrus, Ohio based company to present our fall fundraiser. Interested in getting an awesome new scent or yummy treat for your home? Find a PJHS band member or check out our HPI/ PJHS Bands Facebook Page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/HPIandPJHSBands>.

Our 8th grade band members will take the field with their big brothers and sisters in the PHS Marching Yellow Jackets at 8th Grade Night on Friday, October 7th. Our combined forces will field 230 marchers at the PHS Varsity Football game. The 8th graders and PHS Marching Yellow Jackets will be performing "All-Star" by Smashmouth and "Animal" by Neon Trees. We're looking forward to seeing our 8th graders step up to the big leagues next year and become members of the PHS Marching Yellow Jackets!

Vocal Music Concert schedule:

- Fall Concert Monday, October 14 at 7pm
- Winter Concert Monday, December 12 at 7pm
- Evening of Love Concert Fundraiser Wednesday, February 8 at 7pm
- Festival Concert Thursday, March 23 at 7pm
- Showcase Concert Thursday, May 18 at 7pm



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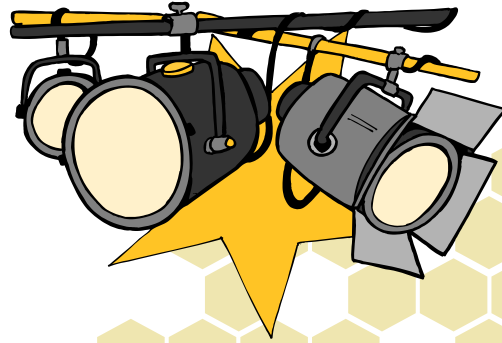
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PACTB

Perrysburg Association of Choir and Theater Boosters is an organization servicing 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 Drama Club! Students may fill out a form and return it to Mrs. Kuhlman. Annie Jr. will be taking the stage November 17-19!



PJHS Student Council



STUDENT COUNCIL

PJHS Student Council is currently looking for new members for the 2022-2023 school year!

The Google form application may be found here: <https://forms.gle/FvdRzXBg5nyHsob67>. Our first meeting was on Tuesday, August 30. Some of the things we are excited about this year include: continuing the School Store, planning spirit weeks, showing appreciation for teachers and staff, 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.

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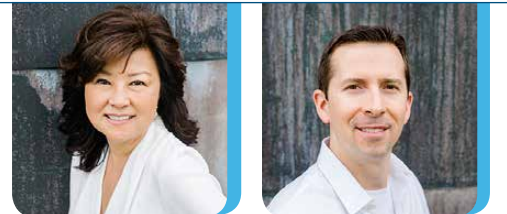
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WEB

The WEB program is in its fourth year at PJHS and is composed of 64 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 all while building the leadership skills of our 8th grade WEB leaders. Our 8th grade web leaders go through multiple training days during the summer, learning how to be great mentors and leaders 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, all led by the 8th grade WEB leaders.

Be on the lookout for more WEB events as the year progresses!

Students compete in a WEB Activity at the Welcome Assembly on the 7th grade first day of school.



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 WEB leaders and the staff. Students may earn Jacket Way Tickets for their positive behaviors exhibited throughout the school day, and those tickets may be redeemed on Fridays in the cafeteria for whatever the scratch-off prize item indicates. This could be candy or items from the school store. 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 are 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. These lessons focus on character traits, leadership development and empathy development. Be on the lookout for all the great things our Jacket Way program does for our school.