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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

We cannot believe that we are fastly approaching our Winter Holiday Break and the conclusion of our Second Quarter and First Semester of the 2022 - 2023 school year. It has been a great first half the year and we look forward to what awaits us during the second portion of the school year.

Quarter 2 was highlighted by many fantastic student events. We recognized our fall athletes and Jacket Way Winners at our October 21 Spirit Assembly, which culminated our Red Ribbon and Spirit Week. It was one of the spirit weeks here at PJHS that received the most participation! Our students even got one last M-A-U-L Maumee chant before the end of the historic rivalry.

We were very proud of our PJHS Community and our student council efforts during our Spirit Week with our fundraiser for the ProMedica Russell J. Ebeid Children's Hospital. We far exceeded our goal and ultimately raised over \$2,500 for children and families in need of support. Thank you deeply for your generosity for this event.

Dr. Chad Warnimont and his Purple Star Team organized our annual Veterans Day Assembly on November 10. Mr. Wade Kuns, 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher, was the featured speaker discussing his desire to serve as a member of the United States Air Force. Afterwards, PJHS hosted a small reception for all military veterans who attended along with their families.

Our PJHS Drama Club's production of *Annie Jr.* hit the stage over three nights in November to tremendous crowds and much success! Our students, both cast and crew members, worked diligently through the fall to produce wonderful performances. Student talent and skill were well on display over those three performances. We are very thankful for all the efforts of Mrs. Katie Kuhlman and Mr. Joel Hamilton for directing the performances!

The last day of the semester for students is Tuesday, December 20. As a reminder, if your student is leaving school early for family travels, please complete a Pre-Planned Absence Form, which can be obtained in our Student Services Office or online at the school district website under the "Parents" tab. Students are responsible for coordinating with their teachers regarding any assignments that are due.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of your students and our PJHS community.

Go Jackets!

Scott Buker
PJHS Principal

HOUSE BILL 410

What is the difference between habitual truancy and excessive absences?

Winter is coming! Do you need help getting coats, boots, or shoes for your children? If so, please reach out to Mrs. Monheim or Mr. Przybylski and let them know your needs. All information will be kept confidential!!

	Consecutive hours	Hours per school month	Hours per school year
Habitual Truancy	30 without legitimate excuse	42 without legitimate excuse	72 without legitimate excuse
Excessive Absences	--	38 with a nonmedical excuse or	65 with a nonmedical excuse

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

8th Grade PSAT Scores

The Junior High should be receiving scores for the PSAT that the 8th graders took in October in mid-December. Results will be sent home soon after they are received.

Be Grateful

The Ohio Department of Education sends out parent tips each month. This month the focus is on Being Grateful and how it can affect our mental health. Ways to teach your children to be grateful are:

1. Be the example
2. Volunteer together
3. Encourage your children to express gratitude
4. Practice looking for the good
5. Write thank you notes

More information about this can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/37wemur4>

Both Mrs. Monheim and Mr. Przybylski sent out student surveys recently on Schoology. This is a good way for them to get to know your children better and learn some of their needs. It is also a way for students to sign up for Small Groups. Mrs. Monheim started Changing Families, Grief, and Study Skills this Fall. After winter break, Mrs. Monheim will begin her Stress Management and Self-Confidence Groups.

Student success starts with school attendance. Students who are absent from school miss important learning opportunities, which can be difficult, or even impossible, to make up.

THE JACKET WAY

The PJHS JacketWay Program continues to recognize students for their positive behaviors at PJHS! At the October Spirit Assembly, the winning raffle tickets for the Jacket Way Raffle were drawn. Congratulations to the following students for winning these rewards! Ava Geffe - \$100 gift card to Amazon, Kaleb Cloyne - 40 inch smart TV, Amani Baker - AirPods pro, Lillianna Johnson - \$75 Big Daddy Graphics gift card and Alexis Glover - Cotton Candy Machine. We would also like to congratulate our Plinko gift card winners – Lauren McConnachi, Libby Graven, Caleb Weaver, John Simpson, Sydney Randecker, and Grey Burnett. We are proud of these students for embracing the Jacket Way and being great examples of positive behavior in our school.



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PJHS STUDENT COUNCIL

PJHS Student Council has been busy the past few weeks!

At our most recent meeting we honored Veterans Day by writing thank you letters to our local veterans and coloring red poppies that were displayed throughout the school on Veterans Day. We also helped at the Veterans Day reception after the assembly, serving cookies and punch to veterans and having conversations with them about their service to our country. Student Council members thoroughly enjoyed talking with the veterans about their experiences. In the picture to the left, Mr. Kuns is one of the veterans we honored this year.

Before the semester's up, Student Council members will be working with Youth to Youth AND Pep Band to Defeat Hunger by collecting canned food items for Operation Bread Basket from November 28 to December 9 to support local families. There will be a competition between the Jacket Period classes to see who can collect the most canned goods, with the winning JP class in 7th and 8th earning an ice cream party!

We are excited to continue finding ways to support our school and community and are looking forward to what the next semester brings!



JUNIOR HIGH PARENTS ORGANIZATION (JHPO)

The PJHS Parent Organization has been busy this fall. We hosted a successful Boo Bash Halloween Dance - attendance was great and students had a wonderful time. We also thanked our over 100 teachers and staff members with 'Conference Week Survival Bags' filled with treats to get them through the long week - they were well-received by teachers and staff members.



At our November monthly meeting, our board and members heard three presentations made by teachers applying for JHPO Mini-Grants. JHPO voted to fund all three:

1. The team of 7th grade Social Studies teachers were funded to purchase tug-of-war ropes and potato sack race bags to add those activities to their Ancient Greece Olympic unit in coming years.
2. 8th grade Pre-Algebra Math teachers, Ms. Mundrick and Ms. Matolyak, were funded to purchase vertical whiteboards that have the coordinate plane. These boards will help them put into practice ideas learned in the "Thinking Classroom" to improve student engagement and collaboration.
3. Art Teacher, Ms. Amato, was funded to purchase supplies for her newly developed 7th grade Arts Related Career Exploration unit.



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PJHS CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

MOCK TRIAL

Hear ye, hear ye. The middle school mock trial case of *State of Texas v. Walker* will soon be in session.

Based on the book, *Holes*, by Louis Sachar, this year's case involves allegations of endangering children and felonious assault. The prosecution charged Warden with these offenses for exposing Stanley Yelnats and other juveniles to dangerous desert conditions, vicious reptiles and venomous nail polish. But Warden Walker and her advocates will attempt to show that Stanley, the great-great-grandson of a no-good-dirty-rotten-pig stealer, and his new friends cannot be believed. She will urge the judges to conclude that she neither assaulted Stanley nor jeopardized any of the campers' health or safety by requiring them to dig a hole every day while at "camp."

While preparing for the Middle School Mock Trial Showcase, which takes place in the spring at the Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center in downtown Columbus, mock trial students will learn and practice the roles of attorneys, witnesses, bailiffs and/or timekeepers. Some will represent the prosecution, while others will advocate on Warden Walker's behalf.

And don't be mistaken, mock trial is not just for students interested in pursuing a career in the law. Rather, mock trial helps students develop the invaluable skills of putting together coherent and persuasive arguments, speaking in public and "thinking on their feet." We are very proud of our PJHS mock trial alumni, several of whom have gone on to participate in mock trial, speech and debate and theatrical productions while at PHS. Beyond high school, our alums have gone into a variety of studies, including communications, computer science, economics, engineering, finance, math, psychology, speech pathology and urban/regional planning.

If you are interested in joining the PJHS mock trial team, it's not too late. Just contact Mrs. Shultz at jshultz@perrysburgschools.net if you have any questions or want to join the team.

WORLD LANGUAGE CLUB

The PJHS World Language Club is planning a cultural food experience after school on Friday, December 9th including a food lab, where the students will be baking Mexican Wedding Cake cookies together. Students will also bring in a variety of foods and drinks to share with each other from various cultural backgrounds. Additionally, the students will have the opportunity to watch a holiday film in French.



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POWER OF THE PEN

The following students qualified for our Power of the Pen team: Alexander Ban, Lillith Bell, Audrey Canales, Chase Cannon, Myla Dawson, Morgan Easter, Luella Eynon, Momina Gill, Ria Khatri, Amelia Mazzarella, Maanya Parikh, Krisha Raichura, Alexandra Severt, John Simpson, Maura Tehan and Anushree Verma.

We are so excited about this year's Power of the Pen team! We are meeting weekly to practice and prepare for our first tournament on February 4th.


MATHCOUNTS

PJHS MathCounts is a club 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 began meeting in late September and will continue meeting through the end of our competition series (typically February - March) to practice our math problem-solving skills. The club meets after school with Mr. Zwyer from 3:00-3:45 p.m. once a week.

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 competition. Students are encouraged to attend even if they do not want to be a contest-going "mathlete."

See Mr. Zwyer in room 212 or email Mr. Zwyer with any questions.

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PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

Annie Jr.

November 17-19 students took the stage performing *Annie Jr.* Students participated in a variety of roles including cast, student directors, lights, sound, projections and stage crew. Thank you for supporting our theater program!



Orchestra

The 7th and 8th Grade Orchestra students performed their first concert of the school year on November 2nd. Pictured is the 7th grade orchestra performing at the concert. PJHS Orchestra students are now preparing music for their next orchestra concert on February 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the PJHS Auditorium. Save the date!



Choir

Winter Concert: The PJHS choirs will perform their winter concert December 12th. The choirs will perform a variety of show-stopping numbers. Highlights from the concert will include a combined song entitled "Here We Come A-Caroling," 8th grade girls singing "Cool Yule," 7th grade girls performing "Auld Lang Syne" and boys singing "Holiday Tango."

Concert Schedule:

Winter Concert Monday, December 12 at 7 p.m.
 Evening of Love Concert Fundraiser Wednesday, February 8 at 7 p.m.
 Festival Concert Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m.
 Showcase Concert Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m.



Band

The Perrysburg Junior High School Bands are eager to bring in a BANDTASTIC holiday season with some exciting upcoming performances!

The PJHS Bands Holiday Concert on Monday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Perrysburg Junior High School will feature our three concert bands - the Jacket Band, Gold Band and Commodore Band. These groups have prepared a wonderful evening of excellent musicianship, memorable music and holiday excitement. There will be a small reception afterwards to celebrate the success of our student musicians. Come out to see Mr. Buker read *The Night Before Christmas* to all of the little ones!

The PJHS Pep Band will make its PJHS Basketball season debut at the PJHS Girls vs. Arbor Hills home game on Tuesday, January 10th beginning at 4:45 p.m. Come experience the thrills as the athletes, cheerleaders and PJHS Pep Band combine to create the most exciting junior high basketball atmosphere in our region! This year's PJHS Pep Band is the biggest and most spirited EVER!



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Students have been busy making and creating during class, study hall and makerspace lunch. So far this year, Ms. Bohnsack's health classes have used the makerspace to help decorate their mental health toolboxes, Mrs. Scasny's English Language Arts lab worked on painting mantra rocks and Mrs. Flynn's students completed a paper circuit sugar skull to celebrate The Day of the Dead for their Spanish exploration class. Makerspace lunch has also taken off this year and gives our students a chance to meet in the library to eat their lunch and to complete a planned craft, play a game with friends, create a project of their own or just explore one of the many things our Makerspace has to offer.

****If you are cleaning out your craft or game closet, please consider donating your unwanted items to our library Makerspace. We welcome a wide variety of items for our library Makerspace. Items may be dropped off at the Junior High office.****

With the holidays coming up, students are encouraged to use the eBooks and digital audio books available through our library catalog (gofollett.com), INFOhio resources (www.infohio.org) or any of Way Public Library's digital resources with their eCard (digital.waylibrary.info/index.php). Students have directions for accessing these resources in Ms. Franck's Junior High Library Resources Group in Schoology, but they may also contact Ms. Franck through school email (lfanck@perrysburgschools.net). Have a safe and happy holiday season!

ATHLETIC AVENUE

The fall athletics seasons have come to a close at Perrysburg Junior High School. Winter sports have begun to practice, with the first games starting the week of November 28th. Good luck to our boys and girls basketball teams and our wrestling team as they try to continue the success our teams had in the fall.

Our boys and girls cross country teams finished their seasons by competing in the OHSAA Cross Country Invitational on October 22nd. The girls' team finished the meet as now 5X State Champions. The boys' team finished the meet as now 3X State Champions. Congratulations to our Junior High Cross Country teams on your continued excellence.

Both the 7th and 8th grade football teams finished their season strong. The 8th grade football team finished the season undefeated at 8-0 and NLL Champions!

The volleyball teams closed out fantastic seasons with successful tournament runs. The 7th grade team finished the season with a first round win in the NLL Tournament and a winning season. The 8th grade team finished as NLL Runner-ups after a strong tournament performance. Congratulations, student athletes!

As we head to the winter season, we would like to encourage all of our students to come out and support our teams at basketball games and wrestling matches. Come for the game and root for your Jacket classmates and cheer for our Jacket Pep Band, one of the few Junior High Pep bands around, and definitely the best! We hope to see you there!



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WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS (WEB) PROGRAM

The WEB Program is a peer mentoring and transition program that helps 7th graders transition to PJHS. The 8th Grade WEB Leaders are responsible for planning the first day of school and directing monthly class meetings with their 7th grade WEB Groups. Recently, we held a spirit competition for the 7th grade during spirit week. We would like to congratulate WEB Group #24 for having the most students participate in the Spirit Week dress up challenge! They earned a pizza party for lunch! Here are the group members:



WEB Leaders: Logan Moore, Lillian Shield and Lillian Shield

WEB Team: Ellie Blumberg, Paul Davies, Cooper Dornan, Zaid Ishkhatem, Sean Kelly, Ella Kersker, Eli Lindsey, London Longoria, Amelia Mazzarella, Sydney Randecker, Varnith Sadhu, Maggie Sadowy, Hayden Salisbury, Lainie Wilkins and Ava Yarcusko