



# THE BUZZ

## AT PJHS

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*Principal*

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*Assistant Principal*

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*Assistant Principal*

### LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear PJHS Parents/Guardians,

During the winter months, the 7th and 8th grade students have been very busy participating in music concerts, athletics, cheerleading, Spelling Bee, History Bee, Pep Band, Winter Running Club, Mock Trial, Youth to Youth, Student Council, Where Everyone Belongs, Math Counts, Power of the Pen and many other activities. It is great to see how many of our students are involved in so many activities both inside and outside of school.

It is already time to begin planning for the 2022-23 school year. Over the next couple of months there will be many events scheduled to help prepare our 8th grade students transitioning to the high school and getting the 7th grade students scheduled for next year. I encourage you to attend as many of these events as possible so that you are informed of the academic options available.

Thank you for entrusting us with educating your child, and your continued support of our teachers and school.

Respectfully,

Mr. Don Christie, *Principal*  
[dchristie@perrysburgschools.net](mailto:dchristie@perrysburgschools.net)



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

### 8th Grade Registration

8th Grade Registration forms were due on Tuesday, February 8 to either the students' AO teacher or Student Services Offices. If there are any questions regarding current 7th graders registration for 8th grade classes, please contact the Student Services Office at 419-874-9193.

### Freshman Registration

Current 8th grade students should follow the timeline below for freshman registration at Perrysburg High School:

- February 9: Registration officially opens online and can register on PowerSchool. Please visit "The Hub" on the PHS Website (<https://www.perrysburgschools.net/PHScounseling.aspx>)
- February 22: PHS Counselors will be visiting PJHS to verify registration and assist students in completing their registration during their social studies classes.
- March 15: All 8th grade students will visit Penta Career Center for a Career Expo.
- April 29: Frosh Fest at PHS for all 8th grade students.

### State Testing

Please mark your calendars for the annual state testing. Students will take these tests on:

Tuesday, April 5	Tuesday, April 19	Tuesday, April 26
Thursday, April 7	Thursday, April 21	Thursday, April 28

These tests will take place in the morning. Please do not schedule appointments during that time.

### Ohio's Whole Child Framework

Please go to the website below to learn about the importance of the Whole Child Framework from the Ohio Department of Education.

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Ohios-Whole-Child-Framework>

### Ohio Means Jobs

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## THE PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

### Choir

The PJHS Choir Department is planning its *Evening of Love* concert for Wednesday, February 9 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Hull Prairie Intermediate School. This concert is an annual fundraiser, which features a cabaret-style event with choir students performing from grades six through eight. You may purchase your tickets at the following times:

### Band

The PJHS Bands rang in the New Year with the exciting news that 28 PJHS students were selected for the Ohio Music Education Association District 1 Honor Band. That is the most students selected from any of the 27 participating schools in NW Ohio and the 6th consecutive year PJHS Bands had the most students selected. Congratulations to our students for representing our school, district and community with pride and musical excellence!

The PJHS Pep Band is thrilled to be back at PJHS Boys and Girls Basketball games this season! The Pep Band started performing in December and will be in attendance at PJHS games through the beginning of February. We're excited to combine with our big siblings in the PHS Pep Band for the PHS Girls Varsity game vs. Bowling Green on Thursday, February 10 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Perrysburg High School. Come out to PJHS Boys and Girls basketball games and experience the electric atmosphere created by our athletes, cheerleaders and the Pep Band!

Be on the lookout for more information about this year's PJHS Bands Recital Day happening on Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. Students will perform a variety of solos, duets, trios and quartets while collaborating with a professional piano accompanist.



*The PJHS Pep Band performs at a junior high basketball game prior to the Holiday Break*

### Orchestra

In January, students in PJHS String Ensemble helped with our 4th grade orchestra recruitment events. Students performed a concert for the 4th grade class, then helped at the Instrument Choice Night at HPI. At the instrument choice night, String Ensemble students helped 4th graders try stringed instruments for the first time, demonstrated the instruments and performed for the students.

Our next PJHS Orchestra concert is Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the PJHS Auditorium. We hope to see you there!



*PJHS student Liam Hamilton demonstrates the fitting of instruments to an HPI student*

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# CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

## YEARBOOK

The Yearbook has started receiving pictures and interviews for our second deadline! We will be working to cover semester 2 activities and highlighting all of the great things students at PJHS are doing. Our staff has done a great job improving their photography skills, generating questions to ask their peers and conducting interviews to incorporate different student experiences into the Yearbook. As a reminder, yearbooks are available for purchase at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com) for \$40! Make sure to get yours today!

## RULING OUR EXPERIENCES (ROX)

Our ROX students are having a great time getting to know each other! We have been spending time discussing the importance of social media boundaries and establishing healthy relationships with friends and partners. The students had a holiday gift exchange before winter break and were able to have fun with each other before our time off of school. In the next few weeks, we will begin working on our physical self defense and practicing scenarios to keep ourselves safe.

## MOCK TRIAL

In December, PJHS Mock Trial students enjoyed learning about the practice of law from our guest speaker, attorney Michelle Christie. At other practices, they have been diligently studying the witness statements provided by the Ohio Center for Law Related Education, analyzing how the witnesses will contribute to each side of the case, and forming questions geared toward eliciting valuable testimony. In other words, they have been engaged in trial preparation. In upcoming practices, the students will start crafting cross-examination questions designed to impeach or discredit the opposing side's witnesses. They will also learn about raising objections to hearsay, speculative and otherwise improper testimony. Student attorneys will draft and present opening statements and closing arguments.



It is not too late to join Mock Trial this year as we won't compete until late May. The coaches would love to have more students participating so that we may form two teams. If you are interested in Mock Trial, we practice (with snacks, of course) on Tuesdays, from 2:50 - 4:30 p.m., in room 209. Feel free to contact Mrs. Shultz at [jackiemk99@yahoo.com](mailto:jackiemk99@yahoo.com).

*Mock Trial Members include: Front row: Jake Trautman, Abbi Appenfelder-Myers, Alex Ban, & Jonathan Severt. Back row: Lucy Buelow, Katie Avery & Wesley Imel.*



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## STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council has continued their mission to make PJHS the best place it can be!

Last November, Operation Bread Basket was a huge success, helping our school collect over 4,000 canned food items for families in our area. There were 2 winning AO classes with 800 canned goods: Mr. Zwyer's class and Mr. Toney's class. Both were awarded pizza parties on the day before break.

Last December, Student Council also thanked teachers and staff members for all they do, by providing a Hot Cocoa Bar! Candy canes, whipped cream and marshmallows were just a few of the items staff members could add to their hot cocoa cups.



And currently, PJHS Student Council is in the midst of preparing the PJHS Lock In! We were excited to invite all 7th & 8th grade students to the PJHS Lock In on January 28.. it was a fun night of food, games, movies and friends!

*Student council provided PJHS staff a hot cocoa bar as a thank you!*

## GIRLS IN STEM

Our PJHS Girls in STEM club continues to explore STEM-related "fields." Speaking of fields, our PJHS Prairie Project is quietly hibernating, patiently waiting for more direct sunlight and warmer/rainier days this spring before beginning the first blooms on campus! We are excited to invite all the students of PJHS to participate in a plug-planting opportunity later in May.

We have several goals related to this project. One of those goals includes providing seedlings back to our community at the end of a 3-4 year cycle. Fingers crossed that our prairie becomes not only an outdoor classroom but an opportunity for all of us to share in many different ways.



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Planting Plugs



Winter Seeding (2022)

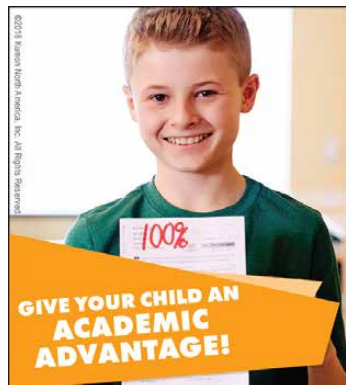
## POWER OF THE PEN

Our Power of the Pen writers have been working hard to prepare for our first competition at the beginning of February! They have continued to practice incorporating figurative language, descriptive word choice, a full plot line and a theme. We are getting excited for our upcoming competition and can't wait to see how well these talented writers do.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

**Bonjour tout le monde! ¡Hola!**

We are planning to have our next World Language Club meeting on Friday, February 11 from 2:45 p.m - 3:45 p.m. in room 223. We will be making Valentine's Day cards in different languages. If you know anyone interested in joining, feel free to bring them along with you. This would be a great time to join as we continue on with the second semester. Come on in to check it out.



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## JACKET WAY

The PJHS Jacket Way Program continues to supply students with positive behavior interventions as we progress through the year.

On January 26, students participated in their monthly Class Meeting that saw the 8th grade students dive into a leadership lesson focused on the Perrysburg Schools Portrait of a Jacket. The 7th graders were treated to a lesson on sportsmanship that was directed by the 8th grade WEB Leaders.

Congratulations to the following students and staff members who were selected as the December Subway Jacket Way Winners:

- **Student Winners:** Myles Broadway, Darian Douglas, Grace Heinold, Andy Myerholtz, Jack Pappas and Samantha Welch.
- **Staff Winners:** Mr. Matt Ferguson, Mrs. Ashley Mundrick and Mr. Nate Wallace.

The next Jacket Way Prize Raffle will be held on February 25 during the Spirit Assembly. Items in the raffle include: \$100 Visa Giftcard, an Astro MiniFridge, an Oculus Quest, a 3-D Pen and a Slushie Machine. Students can turn in their earned Jacket Way Tickets for Raffle Tickets during their lunch on Fridays instead of taking the instant reward.

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## JUNIOR HIGH PARENTS ORGANIZATION

As is the natural progression of things, JHPO will be looking to fill various Board positions for next school year. JHPO is a active and very noticeable organization that strives to better its community by focusing on the needs of the students and staff members at the Junior High. If you would like to be a part of something exciting and help make a difference, please contact Tim Wozny at [jhpoperysburg@gmail.com](mailto:jhpoperysburg@gmail.com) for more information.

# JOIN US!



## ATHLETIC AVENUE

The winter athletics seasons are winding down at Perrysburg Junior High. Winter sports have had a successful run and are looking to close out their season strong.

Our Wrestling team is currently undefeated and have taken home first place in every tournament they have entered. The team has won championships at Genoa, Wauseon, Lake, Archbold and the Northwood invitationals. The NLL tournament will be hosted at Springfield on Saturday, February 5 as the Jackets look to repeat as NLL Champions.

Both our 7th and 8th grade girls basketball teams are currently 13-1 and both are sitting in second place in the NLL. The student athletes have two games remaining before they begin tournament play the following week. Good Luck!

Our 7th grade boys basketball team currently sits at 10-2 and second place in the NLL. The 8th grade boys basketball team is 7-5 and currently sits at 4th in the NLL with 4 games to play. The 7th grade boys basketball tournament is hosted at Perrysburg Junior High this year, beginning February 10.

As we finish up the winter season, we would like to encourage all of our students to continue to come out and support our teams at basketball games and wrestling matches. Our Jacket Pep Band creates an exciting and entertaining atmosphere for all of our students. We are so proud to have them be a part of our events. PJHS continues to be a special place for so many reasons!

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## STEM

The STEM classes have recently been working on a "Choice" project. The students were able to choose what piece of equipment they wanted to use, then create their design using various software programs. The projects ranged from 3D printing, garment printing, posters, vinyl and laser engraving.



*Pictured is 7th grader Elena Fuetes with the laser engraved item she designed*



*Pictured is 7th grader Carter Picking with his choice project*