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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear PJHS Families,

The first quarter of the school year has gone very quickly with the last day of the first quarter being Friday, October 15. Families will be notified when the first quarter grades are final on PowerSchool. If you have a question regarding a grade, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher.

Our students have been involved in many activities outside the regular school day. These activities have included football, volleyball, cross country, cheerleading, the Color Run, marching band, instrument lessons, musical auditions/rehearsals and club meetings. It is great to see how many students are getting involved throughout the school and the success all are experiencing.

Thank you to our JHPO (Junior High Parent Organization) for organizing an outstanding Color Run to raise money for the Jacket Way program. Also, thank you to those who supported by volunteering to throw the color or helping to set up for the event.

Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday, October 25 and Thursday, October 28. The conference times for both days are 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Our conferences are designed for teachers to meet with the families of students as needed. Parents/ guardians will also have the opportunity to schedule a conference if requested. Sign-up directions and additional information will be provided in future communications.

A reminder that each team of teachers (ELA, Science, Social Studies, Math) have a common period each Monday, Wednesday and Friday when they are available to meet virtually or in person. You may contact the teachers directly to arrange this meeting.

Thank you to everyone for a great start to the 2021-22 school year.

Go Jackets!

Don Christie, *Principal* dchristie@perrysburgschools.net 419-874-9193 ext. 4006



PSAT

On Wednesday, October 13 Perrysburg Junior High administered the digital PSAT to all eighth grade students. The digital PSAT 8/9 results are useful for many reasons. First, we will be able to pinpoint specific strengths and challenges in academic areas for your child. Second, this assessment will give us information to better design current instruction for your child. Third, this assessment will help guide selection of future coursework for your child. This will be especially useful as we meet to discuss your child's transition to high school. Finally, your child will have gained valuable experience with test-taking strategies for success on college entrance exams. We know from experience that the more comfortable a student is with the test format, the better they perform.

Our goal is to prepare your child so that he or she will feel comfortable and prepared for the SAT in their junior year. The PSAT will also help us better advise your child for high school course selection this winter. Results will be shared with you in January 2022. An informational video about SAT and PSAT practice with Khan Academy may be found at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iz70dl6e8EI. The following link also provides access to a student guide. https://digitaltesting.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-89-student-guide-digital-testing.pdf.

Counseling Groups

8th Grade Counselor Andrea Monheim conducted three New Student Lunches in September. In the first meeting, new students learned some trivia information about Perrysburg and PJHS. In the second meeting, new students shared fun facts about themselves and learned more about each other. In the last lunch, students practiced easy "conversation starters" used to meet new people. Overall, our 8th grade new students shared their positive experiences so far.

Mr. Przybylski, 7th Grade Counselor will be conducting New Student Lunches at the beginning of October.

New Students to Perrysburg will have the opportunity to learn more about our school and Perrysburg. They will also get the chance to meet other new students who share the same lunch period and who have similar interests.

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Resources

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 may subscribe to receive monthly updates by going to starttalking.ohio.gov.

This month's suggested topic to talk to your children about is balancing work and play. In an article shared by Synergy Academics. Dr. Jerry Bubrick, a clinical psychologist at the Child Mind Institute, encourages parents/guardians to ask ourselves the following questions to determine if our children are overscheduled:

- Are your children getting quality homework done?
- Are they getting the recommended amount of quality sleep nightly?
- Are they able to take part in family activities?
- Are they able to hang out with their friends?

Dr. Bubrick says that if the answer is 'no' to one or more of these questions, then it's time to cut back. He also says that while it's tempting to allow our kids to sign up for all the different activities or programs they are interested in, the risks can sometimes outweigh the rewards.

Those risks include our children:

- Feeling too much pressure.
- Developing issues related to stress and anxiety.
- Experiencing disrupted or not enough sleep.
- Not getting enough free or "down" time.
- Feeling isolated and not spending time with friends.
- Getting poor grades and decreased academic performance.

Counseling Questionnaire

7th and 8th grade students will be filling out a survey from their grade level counselor. Within the survey, students will be able to sign up for small groups, such as grief, study skills and stress, just to name a few. If you have any questions or would like your child to be signed-up for a small group, please contact your child's school counselor: 8th grade-Mrs. Monheim or 7th grade-Mr. Przybylski.



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CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

YEARBOOK

Yearbook club is now staffed with a talented group of seventh and eighth graders who will be tasked with recording the year's memories. We had our first meeting on September 28, when we began to discuss what it means to be on the yearbook staff. In the coming weeks, students will be learning how to use a professional-grade camera and how to navigate the interface we use to create the yearbook. They will also be receiving their page assignments and collaborating on how to best document the events taking place. Yearbooks are currently available to buy for \$35 at jostensyearbooks.com. Please contact Allie Latella (alatella@perrysburgschools.net) or Katie Steele (ksteele@perrysburgschools.net) if you require assistance with ordering your student's yearbook!

POWER OF THE PEN

Tryouts for Power of the Pen have ended, and we are working to finalize our 2021-2022 team! We have been so impressed with the writing we have received, and cannot wait to move forward with our team in the next few weeks. Practices will begin shortly after we contact our new team members. Students who make the team will learn about methods they can implement to strengthen their writing and let their creativity shine.

STUDENT COUNCIL

PJHS Student Council is well under way for the 2021-22 school year with over 40 members volunteering their time to help make our school the best place to be!

At our meetings we have completed some "Kindness Projects" for teachers and for the student body, including chalking the sidewalks outside the school.

We also re-opened the School Store during the lunch periods (on select Fridays) and it has been a hit! (See images.) Dino pens, Yellow Jacket bracelets and squishies are the most popular items. All of the money collected from the School Store will go back to supporting students and staff in some way. We are looking forward to continuing these projects throughout the year!

MOCK TRIAL

Mock Trial will begin in November so be on the lookout for sign-ups for those interested in the announcements and on Schoology. It has been announced that the case for this year's competitions will be based on the book, *Greystone Secrets: The Strangers* by Margaret Peterson Haddix.





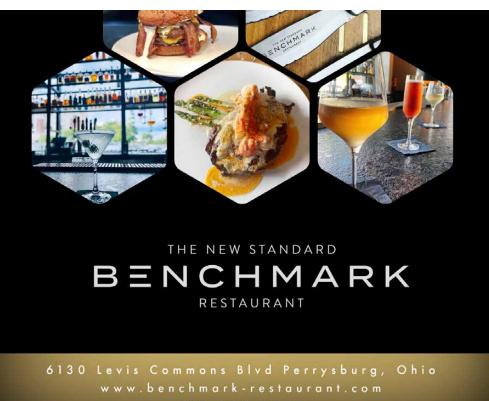
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PERRYSBURG JUNIOR HIGH PARENTS ORGANIZATION

On September 24, PJHS and JHPO held ours annual Color Run! The weather was perfect and kids and adults alike were quickly adorned in bright and vibrant coloring! This is something we look forward to every year. There was even time for the kids to do the Electric Slide on a parking lot dance floor covered in a myriad of colors. Thank you to everyone who played part in making this event a day to remember!

JHPO would like you to mark your calendar for the upcoming Boo Bash Dance on Friday, October 22 from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. The Junior High and JHPO will be sponsoring this spooktacular Halloween event! There will be music, refreshments and a special Halloween themed photo booth! Please look for a sign-up genius to come out soon as we're always looking for volunteers to join the fun! Tickets will go on sale starting October 11.



Students and staff members attend HIPP Camp at Camp Palmer from October 6 - 8.

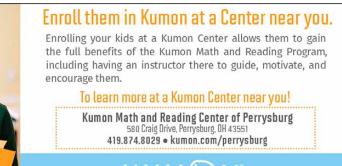
HIPP

HIPP (High Impact Peer Program) is back at PJHS! On October 6 a group of nominated 7th graders took to Camp Palmer for three days of leadership and skill training. In addition, HIPP is sponsoring the PJHS Volleyball Tournament that is taking place on Saturday, October 23.

WORLD LANGUAGE CLUB

The Perrysburg Junior High World Language Club will be meeting on Tuesday, October 19 from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. in room 223. We are planning to share folklores (cultural stories) and paint pumpkins with themes focused on different world languages and cultures.









Students participate in the Color Run on September 24.









THE JACKET WAY

The PJHS Jacket Way Program continues to be expanded on as the year progresses. During the week of September 8, all students were taught lessons by the building principals on what the Jacket Way means, the building expectations and how to incorporate Respectful, Responsible and Ready into their lives.

In the month of September students redeemed a grand total of over 400 Jacket Way Tickets! Students can earn Jacket Way tickets from staff members for following the Jacket Way and going above and beyond with their attitude, effort and work with others. Students can redeem their Jacket Way ticket on Friday's for whatever the scratch off reveals (snack, school store item, pass) or have their tickets entered in the Jacket Way Raffle during the Spirit Assembly on Friday, October 22. Raffle items this fall include a \$100 Amazon gift card, two

Mr. Seth Durham and Miss Allison Latella lead the Jacket Way Class Meeting lesson on September 29.

custom engraved Yeti Mugs, a tailor made longboard, a gaming keyboard and a bluetooth waterproof music speaker.

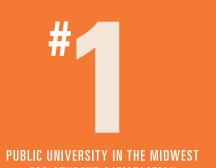
On September 29, all students participated in the first Jacket Way Class Meeting. The lesson for this meeting was "It's All in How You Look at Things." The focus of the lesson was learning how to view a situation from a different perspective and how your own attitude determines how far and how much success you could gain. The lesson for the 7th graders were taught by their 8th grade WEB Leaders while 8th graders were led by their teachers.

Each month, random Jacket Way tickets are selected to win a free Subway Lunch. September's winners include: Kensington Carver, Yara Mourad, Claire Myers, Bryn Rajner, Keegan Short and Riley Williamson. Staff member winners were: Mrs. Helman, Mr. Lucas and Mrs. Stoots. Congratulations!

Karson Klapper was recognized as the PJHS Extracurricular Student of the Month and Austin Hinesman as the PJHS Academic Student of the Month.







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FROM THE PERFORMING ARTS

Musical

The PJHS Drama Club presented *Matilda Jr.* an inspiring story of a girl who dreams of a better life. The musical was packed with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs in which the students excelled. The musical was held on October 14, 16 and 17 at PJHS.

Choir

The PJHS Choir Department continues to prepare for their concert season! Below is a schedule of upcoming performances:

Fall Concert	Tuesday, October 18 @ 7:00 p.m.
Winter Concert	Monday, December 13 @ 7:00 p.m.
Evening of Love Concert Fundraiser	Wednesday, February 9 @ 7:00 p.m. (at PHS)
Festival Concert	Thursday, March 10 @ 7:00 p.m.
Showcase Concert	Wednesday, May 18 @ 7:00 p.m.

Orchestra

PJHS Orchestra students are working hard to prepare for their first concert of the school year. The concert takes place Wednesday, November 3 at 7:00 pm in the PJHS Auditorium. The concert will feature the 7th grade orchestra, 8th grade orchestra and PJHS String Ensemble. There is no cost to attend the concert but donations will be taken at the door to support our Orchestra Booster program. Parents/ Guardians- please look for an email with specific arrival times and concert details closer to the event.

Band

The PJHS Bands swarmed into Fall with a rousing performance at 8th Grade Night with the Perrysburg Marching Yellow Jackets on Friday, October 1. 8th grade band students rehearsed high school marching music and took to the field with their big PHS siblings during a Perrysburg Varsity Football game! This year's show included Animal by the Neon Trees and Allstar by Smashmouth. Our 8th graders looked and sounded great. We can't wait to see them in the "big leagues" next year with the PHS Marching Yellow Jackets!

The PJHS Pep Band is starting up rehearsals this month and have their sights on the first basketball performance at the Girls Basketball game vs. Timberstone on Tuesday, December 14. This year's PJHS Pep Band is shaping up to be one of our most exciting experiences yet. Students have been waiting for this group to perform ever since last year's cancellation. Look for the PJHS Pep Band at school assemblies, home basketball games, community events and at a PHS Varsity Basketball Game!

The PJHS Marching Yellow Jackets are thrilled to have been invited to be a part of this year's Levis Commons Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, November 20. This event will include performers from six local school districts: Anthony Wayne, Eastwood, Lake, Maumee, Perrysburg, and Rossford. Students will give a pep band performance to cheer holiday shoppers on to victory and then marching Santa and Mrs. Claus to their places for the ceremony. The PJHS Marching Yellow Jackets will be rocking out to our own arrangement of "Jingle Bells" and are proud to represent Perrysburg with excellence and spirit!



PJHS Band students join the high school Marching Yellow Jackets on Friday, October 1 at the varsity football game against Anthony Wayne.



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Both the boys and girls PJHS Cross Country Teams claimed NLL Championships on Monday, October 4.

ATHLETIC AVENUE

On Monday, October 4 both the boys and girls cross country teams competed in the Northern Lakes League Championship races at Rolf Park in Maumee. Both teams captured first place and took home NLL Championships!