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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It has been a great first quarter of the school year here at PJHS! It has been exciting to see how the students, teachers and staff members have embraced the many things that make PJHS such a great place to be. As the leaves begin to change colors outside we too begin to change, learn and adapt to the individual needs of our students.

The end of Quarter 1 is October 14. We encourage all students to work with their teachers to ensure that all assignments are submitted and if any items need to be made up to have those completed. An alert will go out when families are able to view their student's finalized grades via PowerSchool.

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday, October 24 and Thursday, October 27. Due to the limited amount of time and conference sessions, these conferences are intended for collaboration between our school teams and students and families who may need additional support. Our teachers may reach out to schedule a session and families will also have an opportunity to request a session.

A big thank you goes out to our school community for the support of the Annual Color Run/Walk sponsored by our Junior High Parents Organization. The amount of support through donations for our Jacket Way Program was incredible! It truly is humbling to see the level of support the event demonstrated. Our students had a great time being outside with their friends and having a break in their typical school routine.

We have several events on the horizon for our students to look forward to, including an evening dance sponsored by JHPQ, a HIPQ-sponsored volleyball tournament, our fall seasonal spirit assembly/spirit week and a Veteran's Day assembly.

Thank you for your continued support!

Go Jackets!

Scott Buker
PJHS Principal



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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

PSAT

On Wednesday, October 12, Perrysburg Junior High School 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 the high school course selection process this winter. Results will be shared with you in January 2023. An informational video about SAT and PSAT practice with Khan Academy may be found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iz7Odl6e8EI>. The following link also provides access to a student guide: <https://digitaltesting.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-89-student-guide-digital-testing.pdf>.

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Counselor Happenings

Mrs. Monheim completed 2 New Student Lunches and 1 Jacket Period Check In with all 26 of the New 7th Grade Students. Ask your child what their silly food name is! Mrs. Monheim's is Marshmallow Monheim!

Mrs. Monheim also taught a Suicide Prevention Lesson in Mrs. Drewes and Ms. Bohnsack's Health classes. Students learned a 3-Step Procedure on "How to Help a Friend in Need." It is called A.C.T. (Acknowledge, Care, Tell). Please ask your child about this visit. Some 7th grade students don't have Health until 2nd semester. Mrs. Monheim will visit them in the Spring.

8th Grade WEB Leaders taught their 1st Lesson, "How to Catch a Positive Attitude," to their 7th grade groups. Great Job, WEB Leaders!

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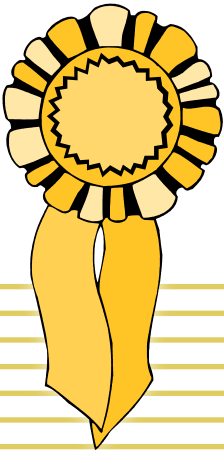
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THE JACKET WAY

The PJHS Jacket Way Program continues to expand as the year progresses. During the week of September 12th, all students were taught lessons by the 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 over 350 Jacket Way Tickets! Students may 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 may redeem Jacket Way tickets on Fridays for a snack or have their tickets entered in the Jacket Way Raffle during the Spirit Assembly on Friday, October 21st. Raffle items this fall include a \$100 Amazon gift card, 40-inch Smart TV, AirPod Pros, cotton candy machine and a gift card to Big Daddy Graphics.

On September 28th, all students participated in the first Jacket Way Class Meeting. The lesson for the 7th grade 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 lessons for the 7th graders were taught by their 8th grade WEB Leaders while 8th graders brainstormed ideas about the completion of a service project. Each month, random Jacket Way tickets are selected to win a free Subway Lunch. September's winners included: Siena Eggenberger, Lyla McClain, Isabelle Rose, Joe Silloway, Evan Thompson, Ethan Uday and Cannon Whiteside. Employee winners are Mrs. Amato, Mrs. Helman and Mr. Marquette.

Congratulations to our September academic student of the month Sawyer Hart and our extra curricular student of the month Olivia Green.



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PJHS CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

YEARBOOK

Yearbook Club is now staffed with a talented group of seventh and eighth graders who are tasked with recording the year's memories. We had our first meeting on September 20th, where students learned about taking quality photos to document the year's events. They even got to try out the professional-grade camera to photograph the Color Run. In the coming weeks, students will begin to navigate the online interface used to create the yearbook. They will be paired in teams based on areas of interest to collaborate on specific page spreads. Yearbooks are currently available to buy for \$35 at jostensyearbooks.com. Please contact Virginia Vasey (vvasey@perrysburgschools.net) if you would like assistance with ordering your student's yearbook!

POWER OF THE PEN

Power of the Pen kicked off at the end of September with tryouts! 12 students will make the team to compete! Students who tried out will know soon if they made the team. If they make the team, students will meet on Wednesdays to practice.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council members were busy at our last meeting! We had about 40 students attend the meeting, so we did our best to divide and conquer. In image 1, you'll see a group of StuCo members working on plans and posters for our next fundraiser in October for the ProMedica Russell J. Ebeid Children's Hospital. Another group of students wrote kind messages to teachers and staff members in little notebooks as a way to show our appreciation for all they do. Some students wrote kind, inviting messages and drew pictures with chalk on the sidewalks outside the school (image 2). Additionally, Student Council students organized our PJHS School Store. Members are responsible for setting up the store, tracking what is purchased and making adjustments for future sales. Finally, we had another committee of students gardening and weeding in the school courtyard. Student Council is off to a great start this year!



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WORLD LANGUAGE CLUB

The World Language Club kicked off the year with a movie night in September that featured "Frozen" in French and "Monsters, Inc." in Spanish. Our members enjoyed going between our classes to hear songs and dialogue from movies that most have seen in English. We will have our next meeting on October 24th from 2:45-3:15 p.m. to begin planning our first cultural food experience of the year, which will take place in November. We look forward to seeing our members there!



MATHCOUNTS

The PJHS MathCounts Club began practices with a group of students who are excited to challenge themselves mathematically. The MathCounts club will continue to meet once a week after school until 3:50 p.m. in Mr. Zwyer's room, Room 212. If you have any questions or need to know the scheduled days for practices, please see or email Mr. Zwyer.

QUIZ BOWL

Quiz Bowl season has begun! For the past month, team members have been practicing for upcoming competitions against local junior high schools. During practice, students have learned how to be detail-oriented, work as a team, quickly adapt to different types of questions and operate the required technology in a match. Students must have knowledge in many different areas including current events, geography, history, literature, math, mythology, science and more.

Our first meet is Monday, October 10 at Bowling Green. At the meet, students will engage in an exciting head-to-head battle with the Bowling Green team, where they will race against the clock to answer difficult trivia questions. We welcome members of the community to come and watch these talented young people compete throughout our season. Hope to see you there!

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- Friday, November 18 (7 p.m.)
- Saturday, November 19 (2 p.m.)

Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased online at <https://www.showtix4u.com/events> by searching for "Perrysburg Junior High School." Tickets will be available November 11th for the public and may also be purchased one hour before each performance.

Choir

Concert Schedule:

Fall Concert Monday, October 17 at 7 p.m.
 Winter Concert Monday, December 10 at 7 p.m.
 Evening of Love Concert Fundraiser Wednesday, February 8 at 7 p.m. **at PHS**
 Festival Concert Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m.
 Showcase Concert Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m.

Orchestra

World-renowned violinist Christian Howes visited PJHS orchestra classes in September. He performed for students and led them through activities exploring improvisation and composition. Thanks to the Perrysburg Orchestra Boosters for their support of this unique experience for our students!

PJHS Orchestra students are working hard to prepare for their first concert of the school year. The concert takes place Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the PJHS Auditorium. The concert will feature the 7th Grade Orchestra, 8th Grade Orchestra and the PHS Chamber Strings (9th Grade). There is no cost to attend the concert but donations will be taken at the door to support our Orchestra Program. Families, please look for an email with specific arrival times and concert details closer to the event.



Christian Howes visiting PJHS Orchestra classes

Band

The PJHS Bands swarmed into Fall with two wonderful performances as part of the Perrysburg Homecoming Celebration! Members of the PJHS Pep Band kicked off the festivities with a performance at Country Charm Shopping Center during the Homecoming Pregame Celebration. The PJHS Marching Yellow Jackets took over Louisiana Avenue for their terrific performance at the Homecoming Parade! The PJHS Marching Yellow Jackets were excited to perform in their first Fall parade in three years!

The PJHS Bands had their next rousing performance at 8th Grade Night with the Perrysburg Marching Yellow Jackets on Friday, October 7th. 8th grade band students rehearsed high

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school marching music and took 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 when they will become 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. Arbor Hills on Tuesday, January 10th. This year's PJHS Pep Band is looking to be one of our biggest years yet! Look for the PJHS Pep Band at school assemblies, home basketball games, community events and at a PHS Varsity Basketball Game!

ATHLETIC AVENUE

The fall athletics seasons are winding down at Perrysburg Junior High School. Our athletes have represented our school and community very well both on and off the field and we are excited about their accomplishments.

The boys' cross country team completed a remarkable season, going undefeated in dual meets and winning 4 of 6 invitational meets. Their season culminated on October 3rd with the NLL Championship Race at Whiteford Valley Golf Course. The girls' cross country team also completed a remarkable season, winning all of their dual meets and all 6 invitationals. Several members of each team will be participating in the OHSAA Cross Country Invitational on October 22th where the girls' team looks to win their 5th straight State Championship and the boys' team looks to win their 3rd straight State Championship. Great job Jackets and good luck at NLL and State!

The football season has passed the midway point, and both the 7th and 8th grade teams are finding success on the gridiron. The 7th-grade team is currently 2-4 heading into battle with Gateway this week. The team is riding back-to-back wins. The 8th grade is playing strong at 6-0, including wins over defending league champion Anthony Wayne 13-0 on September 8th. The action continues through October. Good Luck!

The volleyball teams are both looking to close out fantastic seasons as we head towards the finish. The 7th grade team is playing strong and is currently 13-2, while the 8th grade team is playing well at 9-5. The regular season finishes up October 4th with the tournament beginning October 8th. Keep up the good work!

The student sections at our home contests have been amazing this year! We would love to see all of our families come out to support our successful programs and to see all of our students come out and support their classmates. Let's finish the season strong!

Winter sports seasons are right around the corner. You may find more information on the PJHS Athletic Department webpage at http://www.perrysburgschools.net/AthleticDepartment_PJH.aspx.

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PERRYSBURG JUNIOR HIGH PARENTS ORGANIZATION

We hope your year has started out well. Our first activity of the year was the Color Run to raise money for the Junior High Jacket Way program. We want to give a big shout-out to all of the volunteers and staff members who helped make this event a success. We appreciate you giving up your time to help make memories for the students! Thank you Don Murad for set-up, take-down and figuring out all of the in-between!

For the first month of school we advertised that anyone who donated \$25 or more to JHPO would be entered into a drawing for a Visa card. Thank you to everyone who donated to our organization! We appreciate you! Congratulations to the Dowling family and we hope you enjoy your gift card.

Future Opportunities

In-Person Volunteering:

- **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, Student Helpers

Food Donations:

- **Staff Appreciation Survival Bags**—Prior to Parent/Teacher Conferences (last week of October)
- **Cookie Jar**—(desserts for teachers)—Wednesday 12/14

How to Sign up to Help

We will send out a sign-up in the daily emails from the school and on our social media. Like us on Facebook @ [perrysburgJHPO](#) or on Instagram @ [JHPOperrysburg](#).

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