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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear PJHS Families,

The opening quarter of the 2023 - 2024 school year is wrapping up and I can't be prouder of our students, families and staff members at PJHS! We're off to such a great start and we are incredibly grateful for the energy our students bring and the support our families have provided us.

A huge thank you to our JHPO for organizing our annual Jacket Way Color Run and for all the support from our families in terms of volunteers and financial donations. Without this support we could not provide our students with the range of incentives that we do through our Jacket Way Program.

Recently, the State Report Card was released and we are certainly proud of earning the top level 5 Star Rating through this process. The Ohio State Tests are measurement tools that we reflect on with our process of teaching and learning and use this, in combination with our classroom-based data and student experiences, to continue to do what we can to show our students the love of learning. This also cannot be achieved without the partnership of home.

Building our collaborative efforts with families is always one of our priorities. Our Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on Monday, October 23 and Thursday, October 26. Our Grade Level Teams will reach out directly to families to request a conference prior to opening the window for families to request an individual conference with a teacher. More information, including how to request a conference, will be coming soon.

November offers two of our favorite activities, including our annual Veterans Day Assembly on Thursday, November 9 and the production of our musical, High School Musical Jr., which is set to hit the stage on Thursday, November 16; Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19.

It amazes us how the talent and skill of our students is growing. We encourage everyone to try and experience this, whether it is an athletic event, music concert, theater performance or club activity.

Thank you again for your support of your students, our staff members and our PJHS Community.

Go Jackets!

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What is the Lifeline and will 988 replace it?

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a national network of over 200 local, independent, and state- funded crisis centers equipped to help people in emotional distress or experiencing a suicidal crisis. By transitioning to 988, the goal is that the three-digit number will be an easier way to access a strengthened and expanded network of crisis call centers. Since July 16, 2022, people in a mental health or addiction crisis can access the Lifeline via 988 or by the 10-digit number 1-800-273-8255. Ohio has 19 Lifeline providers who are actively answering calls in Ohio. In our community, our Lifeline provider is through Lima. Additionally, we have the Wood County Crisis Line that is still available: 419-502-4673. The Wood County Crisis Line is still active and can be called for crisis services in Wood County.

How is 988 different from 911?

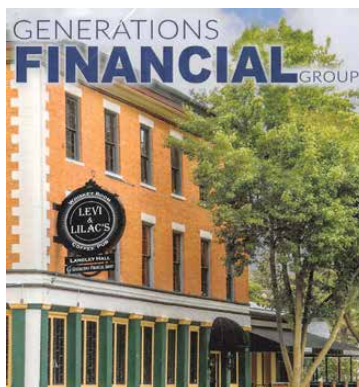
988 was established to improve access to crisis services in a way that meets our country's growing suicide and mental health related crisis care needs. 988 will provide easier access to the Lifeline network and related crisis resources, which are distinct from 911 (where the focus is on dispatching emergency medical services, and police as needed).

For questions, please contact the Wood County ADAMHS Board: 419-352-8475 <https://www.wcadamh.org/>

Suicide prevention lessons were taught in social studies 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 lesson.

8th Grade WEB Leaders taught their 1st Lesson on communication to their 7th grade groups. Great Job WEB Leaders!

Mrs. Monheim & Mr. Przybylski will be having new student lunches in the next couple of weeks for our students who are new to Perrysburg Schools this year.



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PERRYSBURG JUNIOR HIGH PARENTS ORGANIZATION

Perrysburg Junior High Parents Organization (JHPO) is off to a great start to the year in supporting PJHS students, teachers and staff members. We were happy to provide snacks for our teachers and staff members the evening of the school's Open House to get them through those long hours and we look forward to doing it again during Parent Teacher Conferences. We also provided volunteers and handled supplies, decorations and entertainment for the school's Jacket Way fundraising Color Run.

We are excited for the Boo Bash School Dance on Friday, 10/13, and for our Book Fair with Gathering Volumes Monday, 10/23, through Thursday, 10/26.

Please help by:

- Coming to our next monthly meetings on Wednesdays, 10/25, 11/29, 12/13 & 1/17, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the school library
- Volunteering time and/or making donations for the Friday, 10/13, Halloween Dance, and for the Monday, 10/23, teacher appreciation event during Conferences - watch our social media and the weekly school email announcements to sign up
- Liking our Facebook page, @PerrysburgJHPO and Instagram page, @JHPOPerrysburg
- Making a monetary donation to JHPO by check mailed to or dropped at school, or through Venmo to @jhpoperysburg
- Participating in Box Tops for Education for 'Perrysburg Junior High School', Kroger Community Rewards for Org. UV412, Office Depot/Office Max Give Back to Schools Program for ID 70079938

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PJHS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

ROX

Ruling Our eXperiences (RoX) is a research-based program for girls to help them use their voice, rule their experiences and embrace their confidence. Our school psychologist and social worker are going to form a group this year that will begin at the end of October and run for 20 weeks during the school day. The group will consist of 10-15 7th grade girls. More information will be shared with students during the 7th grade lunch periods. Girls interested in submitting an application may either sign-up during lunch or in the guidance office. Girls will need to submit an application by 10/18, and participants will be chosen on a lottery basis. For more information about RoX, visit this website: <https://www.rulingourexperiences.com/>. You can also email Stacey Bunker (sbunker@perrysburgschools.net) or Caitlin Keener (ckeener@perrysburgschools.net).

We are thankful for our school district ROX facilitators!



QUIZ BOWL

The Quiz Bowl team is just beginning their season and off to a great start! Throughout the month of September, the eighteen team members met twice a week to practice various skills in preparation for competitive matches against local junior high school teams. The team has been working hard to identify their areas of strength and maximize their knowledge in ways that will best benefit the team. 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 math, science, literature, history, geography, mythology, current events and more.

Our first match is home on Monday, October 9. At the match, students will engage in an exciting head-to-head battle against Bowling Green where they will race against both each other and 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!



STUDENT COUNCIL

Student council members were busy at our last meeting! We had about 50 students attend the meeting, so we did our best to divide and conquer. First, some groups of StuCo members discussed some future planning goals and questions with our administrators, Mr. Buker and Dr. Warnimont. We are working to find ways to revamp the school bathrooms and promote more recycling awareness in PJHS – so stay tuned!

Other StuCo members worked on organizing our PJHS School Store. Members are responsible for setting up the store, tracking what is purchased and making adjustments for the future. Our next School Store Open date is Wednesday, October 11! Our Kindness crew wrote thank you notes to our custodial staff members and spread joy throughout the hallways with lots of kind sticky note messages on lockers. In the next few weeks we plan to do a service project to paint the new Spirit Rock. Student Council is off to a great start this year!





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MATHCOUNTS

The PJHS MathCounts club began practices with a great group of students who are excited to challenge themselves mathematically. The MathCounts club will continue to meet once a week after school until 3:45 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.

WORLD LANGUAGE CLUB

Are you interested in other languages? Do you already speak another language at home? If you answered yes to either of these questions then you should consider joining the PJHS World Language Club this year!

PING PONG

Ping Pong Club will start up again this year in October. Our Ping Pong Club is for students who would like to play Ping Pong with fellow students after school, one day a week for one hour. The schedule and location is posted on Schoology. Both boys and girls and all skill levels are welcome. Ping Pong paddles and balls will be available. Please feel free to bring your own paddle if you'd like. Email Mr. Blue if you have any questions.

PEER MENTORS

"Peer Mentors have been working on "Getting to know you" activities! When new people come into a safe space it can be a bit challenging but our mentors this year have been GREAT! They dove right in and are gaining knowledge about everyone's abilities, even their own! It's great to see new friendships form outside of the classroom as well. We are hoping to start working on getting our Buzz Cafe up and running within these next few weeks!"



WINTER RUNNING CLUB

Members of the Winter Running Club dedicate themselves to stay active this winter by running with their friends after school during the months of December-February. They brave the elements to stay fit and be prepared for any spring sports they decide to do.

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THE JACKET WAY

The PJHS Jacket Way Program continues to be expanded on as the year progresses. During the week of August 21st, the principals conducted lunchtime Jacket Way talks. Every day the principals would review the Jacket Way expectations culminating with Jacket Way trivia and the first Jacket Way ticket redemption. The students have had a great start to the year, earning and redeeming over 200 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 can redeem their Jacket Way ticket on Friday's for a snack or have their tickets entered in the Jacket Way Raffle during the Spirit Assembly on Friday, October 20th. Raffle items this fall include a pack of four \$25 gift cards (Target, Starbucks, Amazon and Visa cash card), Mini fridge, JBL speaker, TV projector with movie, popcorn and snacks, and gaming gear. On September 13th and 14th, all students participated in the first Jacket Way Class Meeting of the school year. The lesson for the 7th grade meeting was about "cooperation." The focus of the lesson was to discover teamwork strategies to accomplish challenging tasks. The lessons for the 7th graders were taught by their 8th grade WEB Leaders. The following day, the 8th graders participated in a meeting where they learned about their peers, discussed the three "R's," then brainstormed ideas for service projects they could complete this year. Each month, random Jacket Way tickets are selected to win a free Subway Lunch. September's winners include: Keaton Nottingham, Angel Torres, Alana Jackson, Isabella Jacobsen, Logan Short, Ava O'Leary, Gaines Bailey and Jaeden Johnson. Staff winners are Mrs. Avery, Mr. Blue and Mrs. Schnerer.



The Bowling Green Salvation Army will have
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FROM THE PERFORMING ARTS

Choir

Concert schedule:

Fall Concert - Monday, October 16 at 7 p.m.

Winter Concert - Monday, December 11 at 7 p.m.

Evening of Love Concert Fundraiser - Tuesday,
February 13 at 7 p.m. at PHS

Festival Concert - Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at PHS

Showcase Concert - Thursday, May 16 at 7 p.m.

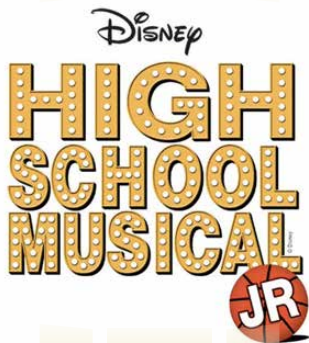
Musical

High School Musical JR: One of the biggest pop-culture phenomena in recent memory, *High School Musical* topped the music charts and broke records within weeks of its 2006 Disney Channel premiere. Follow the antics of East High's most popular students as they come alive on the PJHS stage in this fun-tastic, family-friendly show that only Disney can bring you. Get'cha head in the game!

Performances:

- Thursday, November 16 (7 p.m.)
- Saturday, November 18 (7 p.m.)
- Sunday, November 19 (2 p.m.)

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased online at <https://www.showtix4u.com/events> and search "Perrysburg Junior High School." Tickets will be available November 9th for the public and can also be purchased one hour before each performance.



Orchestra

PJHS Orchestra students are working hard to prepare for their first concert of the school year. The concert takes place November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the PJHS Auditorium. The concert will feature the 7th grade orchestra, 8th grade orchestra and the 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 and 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 6th. 8th grade band students rehearsed high 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 Louie, Louie, popularized by The Kingsman. 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!

Over 30 of our "bandlings" also completed a "Campus Clean-Up" service project this past month, staying after school to patrol the grounds of PJHS for anything they could stuff into their trash bags. The students earned the privilege of painting the PJHS Spirit Rock upon completion of their service project. The PJHS Spirit Rock was BANDALIZED in black and gold and serves as a visual representation of the pride, love and excellence of our PJHS Bands.

The PJHS Pep Band is starting up rehearsals and have their sights on the first basketball performance at the Boys Basketball game vs. Donnell on January 9th. This year's PJHS Pep Band is shaping up to be one of our most exciting experiences yet. Look for the PJHS Pep Band at school assemblies, home basketball games, community events and at a PHS Varsity Basketball Game!



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MOCK TRIAL

Hear ye, hear ye. The middle school mock trial case of *The Community v. Jonas* will soon be in session. The case this year is based on the book, *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry. Signups will start in mid-October, and after-school practices will start in early November. Mock trial participants will play the roles of attorneys, witnesses, bailiffs or timekeepers and will practice once a week to prepare for the Middle School Mock Trial Showcase, which will take place in downtown Columbus later in the spring of 2024. If you are not sure whether you'll like mock trial, you can sign up and give it a try. Feel free to email Mrs. Shultz at jshultz@perrysburgschools.net if you have any questions.

ATHLETIC AVENUE

Are you thinking about participating in WINTER SPORTS??

1. Then you need to attend the Winter Code of Conduct Meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
2. To enroll your student/athlete and complete athletic department required forms, use this Parent Playbook to walk through the registrations process on FinalForms.

**Basketball Cheerleading tryouts are
October 20 and October 24.**

Information will be sent out on Schoology very soon!

Girls Basketball season officially starts on October 27th.
Boys Basketball season officially starts on November 3rd.

Tryouts for basketball will be announced soon. Keep an eye out on the Schoology announcements and listen to the PA announcements.

Wrestling season starts officially on November 17th.