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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear PJHS Families,

The beginning of the school year has been an exciting time for families, students and staff members. It also can be a time of anxiety transitioning to a new schedule with unfamiliar teachers, new locker and getting to meet new people. Our goal at the junior high is to create a welcoming environment for students and families that includes an open line of communication between the school and home.

The "Jacket Way" program is an important part of helping our students to understand the expected positive behaviors that should be displayed in the classroom, hallways, cafeteria, restrooms and during technology use. Students will continue to earn "Jacket Way" incentive awards on a weekly, monthly, and semester basis. Students will also be recognized monthly by individual teachers for effort and citizenship in the classroom. On September 24, all of our students will be participating in our annual Color Run to raise funds to support the "Jacket Way" program. This is a fun activity for our students with the support of our JHPO volunteers and there will be more information being shared in the coming weeks.

Please encourage your child to become involved in the many different clubs, activities and sports that occur throughout the school year and are listed on the junior high home page. By getting involved, students get to know new people, build self-esteem and be a part of a positive group.

The successful education of a student, needs the family, student, and teacher working together as a team. The communication between the family and teacher is the main component to help students reach their greatest potential. Our teachers have time built into their daily schedule to meet with families and I encourage you to contact them if you would like to meet. Many times a face-to-face meeting helps everyone to understand better.

I look forward to having a great 2021-22 school year!

Go Jackets!

Mr. Don Christie, *Principal*
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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Mrs. Monheim (8th Grade) and Mr. Przybylski (7th Grade) want to welcome all of the students back to school. We are so excited to start the year and see all the happy students in the hallways. We want to encourage both students and parents/guardians to contact the Student Services' Office with any questions or concerns. A great way for students to get connected and enjoy school is to participate in the many clubs, sports and activities that the Jr. High offers. A complete list of our extracurricular activities may be found on the Perrysburg Junior High webpage.

Students and parents/guardians should pay close attention to the announcements for information on how to sign-up. We look forward to helping students have a great school year.

8th Grade PSAT: 8th grade students will take the PSAT 8/9 on October 13th.

The PSAT 8/9 is the first test in the SAT Suite of Assessments. It serves as a "check-in" on progress, allowing students and teachers to pinpoint areas for focused practice as students progress through high school. You may access more information about the PSAT by going to the following website: www.collegeboard.org.

Resource

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 can subscribe to get monthly updates by going to starttalking.ohio.gov. This month's topic is transitioning back to school. The 10 suggestions to help the transition are:

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| 1. Allow for feelings | 6. Offer choices |
| 2. Listen | 7. Stay realistically positive |
| 3. Preserve routines | 8. Separate your anxiety from theirs |
| 4. Ensure self-care for both you and your teen | 9. Don't project your worries |
| 5. Maintain boundaries | 10. Ask for help |

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PJHS Student Council is currently looking for new members for the 2021-2022 school year!

The Google form application may be found here: <https://forms.gle/FvdRzXBg5nyHsob67>. Our first meeting was on Tuesday, Aug 31 after school in Mrs. Roach's room. Some of the things we are excited about this year include: bringing back the School Store, planning spirit weeks, showing appreciation for teachers and staff, participating in Kindness Projects and having our Lock-In event in January. We are looking forward to helping make PJHS the best place it can be! Please see or email Mrs. Roach (croach@perrysburgschools.net) if you have any questions or ideas for Student Council.

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@ the Commodore Building
February 15, 7:00 PJHS Orchestra Concert @ PJHS
April 26, 7:00 PJHS Orchestra Concert @ PJHS

Our 8th grade band members will take the field with their big brothers and sisters in the PHS Marching Yellow Jackets at 8th Grade Night on Friday, October 1. Our combined forces will field 210 marchers at the PHS Varsity Football game. The 8th graders and PHS Marching Yellow Jackets will be performing "All-Star" by Smashmouth and "Animal" by Neon Trees. We're looking forward to seeing our 8th graders step up to the big leagues next year and become members of the PHS Marching Yellow Jackets!



[/www.facebook.com/HPlandPJHSBands.](http://www.facebook.com/HPlandPJHSBands)

Concert schedule:

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| Fall Concert | Tuesday, October 19 @ 7 p.m. @ PJHS |
| Winter Concert. | Monday, December 13 @ 7 p.m. @ PJHS |
| Evening of Love Concert Fundraiser | Wednesday, February 9 @ 7 p.m. @ HPI |
| Festival Concert. | Thursday, March 10 @ 7 p.m. @ PJHS |
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PJHS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



MathCounts

The PJHS MathCounts club is 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 will begin meeting in late September through March to practice our math problem-solving skills. The club will meet after school in Mrs. Hemmelgarn's room, Room 213, from 2:50 to 3:50 p.m. 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 championship. Students are encouraged to attend even if they don't want to be a contest-going mathlete. Keep an eye out for more information about signing up through Schoology.

See Mrs. Hemmelgarn in room 213 or email Mrs. Hemmelgarn with any questions!

WEB

The WEB Program is in its third year at PJHS, although this is the first year the program is being run in its entirety. WEB Stands for Where Everyone Belongs and is a multifaceted program geared toward making a successful transition from 6th to 7th grade while also building leadership skills in 8th Grade WEB Leaders and providing mentorship to 7th grade students.

There are over 70 8th grade WEB Leaders and five faculty WEB Coordinators who assist in running the program. The first major event sponsored by WEB was the 7th grade first day of school, which consisted of a Welcome Assembly, Small Group Activities and Closing Assembly. 7th grade students were introduced to the junior high in these fun activities and then broke into small groups to do team-building and strategy-developing activities with their individual WEB Leaders.

Be on the lookout for more WEB events as the year progresses!



Students compete in a WEB Activity at the Welcome Assembly on the 7th grade first day of school



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GIRLS IN STEM

There is a new addition being built for our Jacket family! A prairie will serve as an environmentally friendly, project based and outdoor learning landscape. Construction of the prairie, which replaces the old softball field, began August 24, 2021. The energy is palpable as this project, led by the Girls STEM club, comes to fruition. A team of scientists, government officials, administrators, faculty, and students have collaborated to provide the next generation of learning opportunities for PJHS students and the community in which they live.

The first phase is unfolding, which focuses on the removal of invasive grasses (non native) and fencing. The dugouts will remain in honor of the many competitive games and athletes that represented our Jacket family. The dugouts will eventually house unique and artistic murals representing our Jacket family and the community in which we serve along with prairie maintenance equipment.

The second phase is planned for cooler winter-like temperatures, where we will begin seeding and plugging. By spring, we may witness the glimpse of budding native prairie plants that will reach tall toward the warming skies while burrowing their roots several feet - over 3 times the height of some people even - deep into the Earth's crust. This root structure begins a much-needed transformation to a sustainable and inviting prairie for an assortment of pollinators, native habitats and a place for our students to reflect empathetically, wonder curiously and plant their own roots in a community that loves and supports their efforts as each student meets their greatest potential.

Final phases include signage, professional development and use of the prairie.

We could not bring these opportunities forward without the help of so many. Our greatest thanks and deep appreciation goes to our matching donor who provided the financial support for our community. This donor commits to projects that seek long lasting investment in communities that support selfless causes for the good of the whole. We are so grateful to the Toledo Zoo for helping us bridge the resources necessary and to put forth the expertise in planning and implementing the fundamental needs of a prairie ecosystem. The Perrysburg School Board, Superintendent Tom Hosler, the City of Perrysburg, Perrysburg Maintenance Department, Perrysburg Schools Foundation, the staff and faculty at PJHS and the students in Girls in STEM club are owed our deepest gratitude; without their support, this project would not have been possible.

If you are interested in financially supporting this endeavor, please visit the Perrysburg Schools Foundation's webpage at <https://perrysburgschoolsfoundation.org/>.

DRAMA CLUB

All PJHS students are eligible to join Drama Club! Students may fill out a form and return it to Mrs. Kuhlman. Matilda Jr. will be taking the stage October 14, 16 and 17!

PACTB

Perrysburg Association of Choir and Theater Boosters - an organization servicing 5th-8th grade choir students. If you're interested in joining this organization to help support our choir students please contact Katie Kuhlman (kkuhlman@perrysburgschools.net) or Joel Hamilton (jhamilton@perrysburgschools.net).



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THE JACKET WAY

PJHS is proud to have the Jacket Way once again this year to encourage students to engage in positive behaviors. The Jacket Way focuses on the three R's, Respectful, Responsible and Ready. Students are taught expected behaviors from the staff and then students may earn Jacket Way Tickets for their positive behaviors.

Jacket Way tickets may be redeemed on Fridays in the cafeteria for whatever the scratch off prize item indicates. This could be candy, passes or items from the school store. Students also have the option to defer the immediate reward and instead receive raffle tickets for the seasonal spirit assembly. One Jacket Way ticket equates to five raffle tickets and students may enter those for bigger prize items. The raffle items for the fall spirit assembly in October are a \$100 Amazon gift card, a blue-tooth speaker, a custom engraved Yeti, a custom built longboard and a gaming keyboard.

In addition, random Jacket Way tickets will be selected for monthly Subway lunches and opportunities to play Plinko at the Spirit Assemblies for various gift cards.

Class meetings are an important part of the Jacket Way Program and will return this school year. Our 7th grade class meetings will be led by our 8th Grade WEB Leaders while our 8th grade class meetings will be facilitated by our 8th grade teachers. These lessons could focus on character traits, leadership development and empathy development.

We're excited to be able to provide students with many great opportunities to be rewarded for outstanding behavior!

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Athletics at Perrysburg Junior High are in full swing! Our fall athletic teams are into their game schedules and having some early success.

The girls and boy cross country team finished in first place in their first meet of the season at the Seneca East Tiger Classic. Each team had multiple athletes make the podium at the meet.

Currently, the 7th grade football team is 1-0 on the young season. The 7th grade team defeated McCord 16-8. The 8th grade team opens their season with Springfield.

The 7th grade volleyball team is currently 2-2 with wins over Gateway and Arbor Hills. The 8th grade volleyball team is currently 3-1 with wins over Gateway, Bowling Green and Arbor Hills.

This year, students are allowed to attend our athletic contests. It is exciting to see all of the students come out and support their classmates. Please come check out the excitement and help us grow our student section.

You may find more information on the PJHS Athletic Department web page at http://www.perrysburgschools.net/AthleticDepartment_PJH.aspx.



The 7th Grade Volleyball Team competes in a match earlier this season

PERRYSBURG JUNIOR HIGH PARENTS ORGANIZATION

The Junior High Parents Organization (JHPO) is a non-profit organization. We have a strong tradition of being an integral part of the PJHS community. We meet once a month and work closely on various activities for both the kids and the staff! We have two very exciting activities just around the corner! Mark your calendars for the Color Run on 9/24 (rain date of 9/28). Kids and families alike will have the opportunity to run the "color gauntlet" all while raising money for the Jacket Way. The following week of 9/27 will be our annual Book Fair, where kids will have the opportunity to purchase from a wide variety of great titles. We are always looking for volunteers to help at these events. Please keep an eye out in your inbox for a SignUp Genius. We'd love to have you be a part of what we do and continue to foster a great environment for our kids!

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GOLDEN JACKETS

Auditions for the PJHS Golden Jackets took place on September 9. The Golden Jackets are an award-winning competitive show choir that travels, competing against numerous other Junior High Show Choirs.

