

# THE BUZZ

## AT PJHS

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**Don Christie,**  
*Principal*

**Scott Buker,**  
*Assistant Principal*

**Chad Warnimont,**  
*Assistant Principal*

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

As we close out the 2020 - 2021 school year we wanted to extend a deep "thank-you" to all of the families and students for making this a very successful year. At our end of the year recognition ceremonies we were able to see the tremendous achievements and growth of our students during such a challenging year. This is a testament to the effort, support and flexibility of families, students and our entire staff. We are excited to see what next year brings as our 7th graders rise to 8th graders and we look forward to following the current 8th grade class as they transition into high school students.

This communication will begin to provide you some important information and dates to mark on your calendar before the summer break begins. There will also be additional information shared during the summer.

### Summer Read

Students are to choose any novel that they have not previously read. It should be a good fit book for the student's reading ability and be interesting to them. After reading the book, they need to complete the questions in the organizer. The Summer Read information can be found on Schoology.

### Orientation Nights

These nights provide the opportunity for students and parents/guardians to pick up and walk their schedule, complete or turn in forms, purchase an optional school lock, and put school supplies in lockers. If you have a child in both grades, you may bring both to one session. There will also be additional times provided if this date does not work for you and these will be shared once they are set.

**Tuesday, August 10 – Orientation Night,**  
**Incoming 7th Grade Last Name beginning in:**

A-E = 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm

F-L = 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm

M-S = 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

T-Z = 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm

*\*Students are able to attend at a different time if this time does not work*

**Wednesday, August 11 – Orientation Night,**  
**Incoming 8th Grade Last Name beginning in:**

A-E = 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm

F-L = 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm

M-S = 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

T-Z = 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm

*\*Students are able to attend at a different time if this time does not work*

### Student Schedules

The student schedules will be available to be viewed on PowerSchool at 8:00 am on Tuesday, August 10. There will also be a hard copy of the schedules available at the Orientation Nights. If you notice a mistake on your child's schedule, please email the grade level school counselor. If your child needs to make a change to their schedule, please email the grade level counselor. For example, if your child wants to join a music class, you need to let your counselor know. Questions for incoming 7th grade students should be directed to Tom Przybylski at [tprzybylski@perrysburgschoolsnet.net](mailto:tprzybylski@perrysburgschoolsnet.net) and for incoming 8th grade students to Andrea Monheim at [amonheim@perrysburgschools.net](mailto:amonheim@perrysburgschools.net).

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## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL *continues...*

### School Start Date

The PJHS school year begins with a staggered start to enable the students to be in the school with just one grade level for one day. The 8th student leaders will help lead activities for the 7th grade students on their first day of school on Wednesday, August 18. These activities will help to welcome the students to PJHS and also get to know older students that will continue to help and support them throughout the school year.

- Tuesday, August 17 = 8th grade only
- Wednesday, August 18 = 7th grade only
- Thursday, August 19 = Both grade levels

### Important Contacts

- 7th grade School Counselor - Mr. Tom Przybylski [tprzybylski@perrysburgschools.net](mailto:tprzybylski@perrysburgschools.net)
- 7th grade Assistant Principal - Dr. Chad Warnimont [cwarnimont@perrysburgschools.net](mailto:cwarnimont@perrysburgschools.net)
- 8th grade School Counselor - Mrs. Andrea Monheim [amonheim@perrysburgschools.net](mailto:amonheim@perrysburgschools.net)
- 8th grade Assistant Principal - Mr. Scott Buker [sbuker@perrysburgschools.net](mailto:sbuker@perrysburgschools.net)
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- Principal - Mr. Don Christie - [dchristie@perrysburgschools.net](mailto:dchristie@perrysburgschools.net)

### School Supply List

These are general supply lists for each content area and teachers will inform students during the first week of school if any additional supplies will be needed. These lists may be found on the Perrysburg Schools' website under the parent tab under Back to School.

### Summer Office Hours

The junior high offices (419-874-9193) are closed beginning June 8 and then will reopen on August 2. Please contact the Central Office (419-874-9131) with any questions during that time. The building administrators will also be periodically checking emails throughout the summer.

### Athletics

All fall athletes (cheerleading, cross country, volleyball, football) and their parents/guardians must attend the Code of Conduct Meeting on July 14 in the JH Auditorium at 6:30pm. If you cannot make the meeting, please contact Mr. Sorg at [ssorg@perrysburgschools.net](mailto:ssorg@perrysburgschools.net). All of the fall sports begin practices the first week of August and coaches will share more detailed information throughout the summer. All athletes must be registered in Final Forms and have a current physical on file in order to participate on the first day of practice. The following is a link to Final Forms (<https://perrysburg-oh.finalforms.com/>) and it may also be accessed on the Perrysburg Junior High website.

We understand that there is a great deal of information in this communication, but felt it was important to get this to you as soon as possible when making summer plans. Look for additional information to be sent later in July. We look forward to meeting the students in August and have a great summer. Go Jackets!

Sincerely,

Mr. Don Christie, *Principal*

## WORLD LANGUAGE CLUB

It is with great excitement that we announce that beginning during the 2021-2022 school year, the World Language Club will kick off its inaugural year. We are so excited to bring the fun and excitement of the languages that are offered at PJHS to our club experiences. This club will offer a cultural experience like no other which will include games and fun celebrations highlighting a variety of cultural celebrations in French and Spanish culture with an emphasis on FUN. We will get things started early in the school year so be on the lookout for a Schoology update in September. We look forward to seeing everyone back next school year.

¡Hasta luego! - Señora Flynn  
A bientot! - Monsieur Furrie



## MOCK TRIAL

The PJHS mock trial team competed, on Zoom, in the Middle School Mock Trial Showcase. This year's case, which was based on the book, *The Outsiders*, involved murder and voluntary manslaughter charges against the teenage defendant, Johnny Cade, who claimed that he had acted in self defense. Mock trial team members played the roles of attorneys, witnesses, a bailiff, and a timekeeper. The student attorneys were Jady Dorn, Ella Hahn, Wesley Imel, Brody Kosbab, Marcus Lauber, Jillian Pearce and Alex Speer. The student witnesses were Madison Fisher, Xander Lewis, Jacob Nahhas, Jordan Nahhas, Om Patil and Jonathan Severt. Marcus also acted as the bailiff. And Xander kept the time. Jady received an "Outstanding Attorney" award. And Jonathan earned an "Outstanding Witness" award. The team as a whole received a "Superior" rating. The coaches are very proud of this group of hardworking, dedicated, and creative students.

We hope to practice and compete in person next year and will be asking interested students to sign up in the fall, once they hear about mock trial on the Announcements.

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## YEARBOOK

The yearbook club is an afterschool club staffed with a talented group of seventh and eighth graders. These students are tasked with recording the year's memories. They undergo an application process and are selected by the advisors to be in charge of creating the book. The staff learns a plethora of skills to help them create the yearbook. Some of these skills include using a DSLR camera to take photographs, elements of graphic design, page layout strategies, and utilizing an online interface to create the book.

The staff members work hard to ensure major events from the school year are incorporated in the book. Sporting events, clubs, extracurricular events, and spirit weeks are all examples of what our staff will cover from year to year. Through pictures, interviews of classmates, and polls, staff members are able to gather pieces of our school year to be remembered through the yearbook.

More information regarding the application process will be announced at the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Also, be on the lookout throughout the next school year with information on how to purchase a book!

## PJHS LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER

It's been an interesting school year. Here's to a more normal year in the library including class visits, use of our new makerspace equipment (3D printers, Cricut machine, CNC machine and laser engraver) and new reading materials.

And don't forget to keep reading all summer long with access to the digital materials below!

- PJHS Library Catalog (gofollett.com) - Over 350 ebooks and digital audiobooks
- INFOhio (www.infohio.org) - Articles from magazines and encyclopedias
- Way Public's Digital Library (https://digital.waylibrary.info/) - Use your eCard information to access ebooks, digital audio, movies and more.

*\*Need help or have questions? I'll be checking my school email (lfrack@perrysburgschools.net) and my Schoology messages periodically.*

Have a great summer!

## MATH COUNTS

MathCounts is a club students can join to build stronger mathematics problem-solving skills. Students practice once a week working on math problems that challenge their mathematical aptitude and prepare for a competition. This year, they competed in their first competition in January, all online. After this challenging math competition the top students in the Toledo area moved on to an invitation only competition where they could earn a chance to go to the State level competition. Patrick Chen earned a 7th place finish and Jacob Xiao earned a 4th place finish at the Chapter Invitational. Jacob qualified to compete in the State MathCounts Competition, which occurred over Spring Break. Jacob earned a 25th place finish in the State Level competition. Congratulations to all students who participated in MathCounts and an extra congratulations to both Patrick and Jacob for an exemplary competition performance! Next year we will begin our new season around the end of September. We look forward to having any student who wants to work on their math problem solving join our team.

## WEB

The WEB Program is planning to return in its entirety for the 2021 - 2022 school year! Beginning in March, WEB has recruited potential 7th graders to become WEB Leaders. The WEB Program is a leadership, mentorship and citizenship program that focuses on 8th grade WEB Leaders who mentor 7th grade students and help facilitate and build school culture through student leadership. All 7th grade students were able to participate in mini-assemblies during their AO period as an introduction to the WEB Program. From there, students had the opportunity to apply to be a WEB Leader. WEB Leaders were chosen in May and next year's leaders have already begun their training by participating in the Spring Play Date on May 18.

The WEB Program will facilitate and lead the first day of school for all 7th grade students on August 18 and then coordinate school-wide activities on a monthly basis next year.



7th grade students participate in one of the WEB Mini Recruitment Assemblies. Mr. Troy Opperman gives directions during the WEB Mini Recruitment Assembly

## POWER OF THE PEN

Power of the Pen is a creative writing organization that provides young writers with the chance to write and compete against students from schools throughout the state of Ohio. Students competed at the district, regional, and state level this school year. The following students earned a spot on the Power of the Pen team.

### 7th Grade

Aaditya Ambulkar  
 Alexis Brown  
 Ella Hahn  
 Sophia Halm  
 Kathryn Kleinfelter  
 Riley Lammie  
 Taliah Reed  
 Logan Yaniglos

### 8th Grade

Layelle Alammar  
 Sophia Cadaret  
 Margaret Cox  
 Ella Ibsen  
 Nithya Rajan  
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Members of Power of the Pen meet virtually for one of their meetings.

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## STUDENT COUNCIL

PJHS Student Council was virtually successful this year! Throughout this year, we held meetings on zoom, and tried our best to make our school the best place it can be. Recently, Student Council sponsored a Leukemia Lymphoma Society Fundraiser and as a school we raised over \$1,800 to support blood cancer research. The team that collected the most money was Team 8C and they had the pleasure of watching Mr. Christie and Mr. Buker color their hair pink at a "mini assembly." (See picture!) Student Council members also thanked our wonderful teachers and staff at the Jr High during Teacher Appreciation week with a virtual card and donuts-- because we DONUT know what we'd do without our staff! Next year, Student Council hopes to do more fun events for the student body, like bringing back the Lock In, opening the School Store again, and maybe even planning a school Dance. We are looking forward to what the next year brings!



*PJHS Assistant Principal Scott Buker and Principal Don Christie show their colored hair after the Student Council fundraiser for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society*

*PJHS Student Council meets virtually for one of their meetings*



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## THE JACKET WAY

PJHS once again provided the students with the Jacket Way Experience during the 2020 - 2021 school year. Although the program was modified because of the learning environments and changes, students continued to excel in demonstrating the components of Respectful, Responsible and Ready.

The Jacket Way Program featured a building make-over led by Miss Jackie Derr and her STEM Students. Miss Derr and her students took on the challenge of updating all the Jacket Way signage throughout the school by creating their own posters and banners. Students rose to the occasion using student-created images to express what it means to be a Jacket.

Students continued to have positive behaviors reinforced through the use of Jacket Way Tickets. Every Friday, students redeemed their Jacket Way tickets for the prize on their scratch-off ticket. Prizes included food items, passes or school store selections. For the second year in a row, students could defer their immediate reward and enter their Jacket Way ticket into our seasonal raffle for bigger items. We held three seasonal raffles this year in alignment with our spirit weeks. Each raffle, we had over 1,000 tickets entered to win the various prizes. Prizes raffled off this year included:

### Fall Raffle Items

- \$100 Visa Gift Card
- Big Daddy Graphics Perrysburg Spirit Wear Package
- Portable Mini Fridge
- Go Pro Camera

### Winter Raffle Items

- Mr. Badik Mystery Box
- \$100 Amazon Gift Card
- 2 LED Bedroom Lights
- 2 Hydro Flask Water Bottles
- Drone



Mr. Badik presents the Mr. Badik Mystery Box to the Jacket Way Raffle Winner, Dominic Dellisanti

### Spring Raffle Items

- 2 Cedar Point Season Passes
- Apple AirPods Pro
- \$100 Amazon Gift Card
- Big Daddy Graphics Perrysburg Spirit Wear Package
- Summer of Ice Cream Package
- Gaming Chair

## PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

### Talent Show

PJHS students took the stage showcasing a variety of talents to celebrate a successful year. The Golden Jackets (PJHS show choir) opened the talent show with a show-stopping medley entitled "Sing." The audience was energized with a twirl routine performed by Mazie Zepeda and tap dance to "Thriller" performed by Isaac Bermudez. Isabella Mati captivated the audience when she performed "Sound of Silence" on the Piano. These were only a few highlights of the outstanding performances performed by all students involved.

### Showcase Concert

The PJHS choirs closed out the year strong at their showcase concert May 20th. The choirs performed current pop songs and entertained the audience with their choreography. Highlights from the concert included the 7th & 8th grade boys performing "Eight Days a Week," 7th grade girls performing "Born to Be Brave," and the 8th grade girls performing "Waving Through a Window." Closing the concert was a dynamic virtual choir performance by all choir students singing "Heroes and Dreamers." Mrs. Kuhlman and Mr. Hamilton would like to extend a special congratulations to all 8th grade students and wish them the best of luck at the High School.



The Perrysburg Golden Jackets perform during the 2020 - 2021 school year.

### Upcoming in the Fall

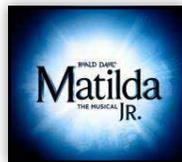
Musical: We are excited to announce next year's musical Matilda Jr. Audition information will be available August 2021 upon our return to school.

Golden Jackets Show Choir: Auditions will take place Fall 2021. More information to follow.



Choir students participate virtually via Zoom to assemble a virtual concert.

2021 - 2022 Event Calendar	
October 5, 2021	Fall Choir Concert
October 15-17, 2021	PJHS Musical - Matilda Jr.
December 10, 2021	Golden Jackets Preview Night
December 13, 2021	Winter Choir Concert
February 9, 2022	Evening of Love
March 10, 2022	Festival Choir Concert
March 15, 2022	Solo & Ensemble
May 18, 2022	Showcase Choir Concert



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## ATHLETIC AVENUE

The Jackets had an exciting spring athletic season on the track as both the boys and girls teams finished as NLL Champions.

The following individuals earned NLL Championships: Brandon Waddell (110m Hurdles), Dylan Blubaugh (400m), Emma Ogdahl (100m), Lexie McGuire (100m Hurdles), Camille Francis (200m Hurdles), Ava Beeks (800m and 1600m), Kennedy Boze (Discus), Iliana Graves (Shot Put), Cam Wright (High Jump), 4x100m Relay (Tatum McCoy, Emma Ogdahl, Morgan Hoverman, Chelsea Jassal), 4x200m Relay (Tatum McCoy, Mekenna Conley, Slyvia Pennese, Sydney Evert), 4x400m Relay (Camille Francis, Natalie Sanders, Adyson Brown, Ava Beeks).

Several athletes qualified to the Junior High State Track and Field Championships in Lancaster, Ohio on Saturday, May 15. Lexie McGuire (100m Hurdles), Ava Beeks (800m, 1600m), Camille Francis (200m Hurdles), Natalie Sanders (800m), Laura Valette (Long Jump), 4x100m Relay (Tatum McCoy, Emma Ogdahl, Morgan Hoverman, Chelsea Jassal), 4x200m Relay (Tatum McCoy, Mekenna Conley, Slyvia Pennese, Sydney Evert), 4x400m Relay (Camille Francis, Natalie Sanders, Adyson Brown, Ava Beeks). At the meet, school records were broken in the 800m (Sanders), 1600m (Beeks), the 4x200m Relay (McCoy, Conley, Pennese, Evert) and the 4x400m Relay (Francis, Sanders, Brown, Beeks).

Fall athletics will be here soon! If your student plans to participate in athletics at PJHS, please be sure to complete enrollment on FinalForms and have a doctor-signed physical before practices begin. Go to **Final Forms on the Perrysburg Junior High Athletic Department website** and follow the playbook to complete the forms. Returning 8th graders will also need to complete new forms for the new season. There will be a mandatory Code of Conduct and Team Informational Meetings on July 14 at 6:30 p.m. at PJHS. If you cannot attend you must contact Scott Sorg, Athletic Director, at [ssorg@perrysburgschools.net](mailto:ssorg@perrysburgschools.net).

PJHS offers the following fall sports: 7th and 8th grade football, 7th and 8th grade boys and girls cross country, 7th and 8th grade girls volleyball, and 7th and 8th grade cheerleading. Tryouts for volleyball begin August 2. Practices for cross country and football also begin August 2.



The PJHS Boys Track and Field Team won the NLL Championship this past spring



The PJHS Girls Track and Field Team won the NLL Championship this past spring

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## BAND

The PJHS Bands enjoyed a wonderful 2020 - 2021 school year filled with music, spirit, and friendship! These "bandlings" worked harder than ever to maintain the same level of excellence and pride we showcase in typical years.

We started their year on the big screen, creating and recording videos for PJHS virtual spirit assemblies, recruiting, and other community events. Students helped conceptualize, write, and record over 20 different videos this year! We're excited to add this new side of performing to our typical round of performances next year.

Our first live event was the PJHS Band Recital Day. This event featured a variety of soloists and small ensembles performing for their families and friends. Students prepared this music outside of class, without instruction from their directors, and worked with a professional accompanist to perform in the PJHS auditorium. Students also performed virtually for those who weren't able to be in attendance.

Next up in the 2020 - 2021 school year, the PJHS Bands learned their pep band tunes to be able to rock the 8th annual HPI/PJHS Band on the Run 5k! The 2nd biggest 5k in our region featured amazing weather, wonderful runners, and two awesome pep bands playing our runners to victory. Even in a year with restrictions, the 2021 Band on the Run 5K still boasted close to 300 participants in the race!

The final live performance of the year put the Gold Band, Jacket Band, and Commodore Bands (our concert bands) in the spotlight at the PJHS Band Spring Concert. Each of our concert bands prepared a program with fun and challenging pieces. The Gold Band performed the school fight song, *Go Yellow Jackets!*, complete with PJHS majorettes performing their traditional pre-game routine. It was a wonderful night of live music and community spirit.

We're looking forward to kicking off our 2021 - 2022 school year with the PJHS Marching Yellow Jackets marching down Louisiana Avenue in the Harrison Rally Day Parade! We'll have a few weeks to fine tune our marching even more as the next performance will feature our 8th graders marching with the PHS Marching Yellow Jackets at a home varsity football game.

The PJHS Pep Band is on track to perform again next year at school assemblies, home boys and girls basketball games, and community events! We missed this ensemble this year and are anxious to rock and roll together in 2021 - 2022. Next year will feature many new tunes as we make our way back to the PJHS and PHS gymnasiums. We've been bottling up our enthusiasm and spirit this year so that the PJHS Pep Band can celebrate our school and community even more in 2021 - 2022!

The final big addition to next year will be the Ohio Music Education Association Honor Band and Band Competition. PJHS leads the pack in NW Ohio every year in these events with the most students selected for the OMEA Honor Band and the highest ratings in the OMEA Band Competition. We can't wait to represent our band, school, and community again in 2021 - 2022 at these high-level, skill-testing events.

Thank you for everything you have done to support the PJHS Band during the 2020 - 2021 school year! We are looking forward to a year filled with even more opportunities, excitement, and musicianship in 2021 - 2022! Enjoy your summer and... GO JACKET BANDS - Mr. Jordan



Mr. Jordan conducts the PJHS band at a concert

## ORCHESTRA

Students in the PJHS Orchestra program have had a successful school year! Despite the challenges they faced this year, students made great progress musically. Students continued to participate in many music events and had a wonderful year of making music.

Many 7th and 8th grade students participated in the Solo and Ensemble event hosted at Perrysburg High School on Saturday, April 24th. Students performed a solo or in an ensemble for a guest orchestra teacher. The guest provided comments for each student and worked with the students. The students had a wonderful experience and gained new skills from this event. (Pictured: Moana Kitamura, violin)

All PJHS Orchestra students showcased their progress this year at their Spring Concert on Wednesday April 28th. A few weeks before, students also participated in a clinic with an orchestra teacher from Michigan, Allison Holden. Ms. Holden coached students and extended their knowledge of their prepared music for the concert.

**Congratulations to our PJHS Orchestra students on a successful school year!**

Moana Kitamura receives instruction from guest teacher Allison Holden



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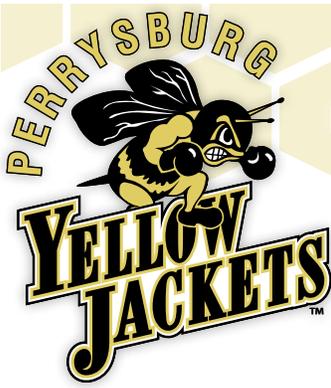
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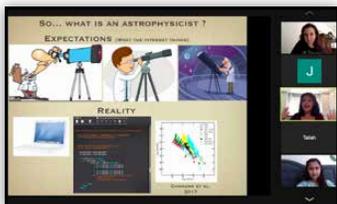
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## GIRLS IN STEM

Girls STEM Club was home to several 7th and 8th grade girls. This year, the girls participated in exciting meet and greets with Women Professionals around the area. Although we were provided with unprecedented circumstances throughout the school year, we were still able to connect with a wealth of females diligently committing resources and expertise to many STEM-related careers. These careers included (but not limited to) medical laboratory scientists. We virtually visited with a leading economics manager from Owens Corning and met a female physicist who is currently a professor of astronomy at The University of Toledo, and who worked on (and with) the Hubble Telescope. Although we were unable to visit local resources this past year, we were able to successfully grow our knowledge and enthusiasm towards STEM-related experiences.

We want to thank all of our supporters and wish to highlight three amazing people and professionals. We greatly appreciate the time and commitment that Dr. Rupali from The University of Toledo shared about her passion and experiences working as an astrophysicist. Ms. Weaver, from Owens Corning, allowed for great collaboration opportunities and shared her expertise from Wall Street to economics to building confidence in leadership. Ms. VanCamp from Mercy Health shared her laboratory time showcasing the science behind microscopic organisms and testing for certain ailments including Covid. We thank all of these amazing people, leaders in their fields, for encouraging our students to consider many career choices that are foundationally rooted in STEM-related fields.



*Girls in STEM met virtually through the year meeting on varying topics such as Astrophysics*

## YOUTH TO YOUTH

Youth to Youth is wrapping up another fun and exciting year at PJHS! We have planned Red Ribbon Week, promoted our school through spirit weeks, encouraged everyone at PJHS to choose a drug-free lifestyle, and had tons of fun! Youth to Youth is a club that promotes a drug free and positive lifestyle at PJHS. We have around 100 members this year and just had our End of the Year Party at the end of May, which involved pizza and prizes. Thanks to all the members who dedicated their time and energy to making the 2020-21 school year a huge success!

## PJHS FUN DAY

On Friday, May 14 PJHS students were treated to the inaugural Fun Day sponsored by the Junior High Parents Organization. Students were able to spend roughly an hour outside to play cornhole, can jam, spike ball, touch football, pop-a-shot, or simply walk the track and hang out with friends while music was playing in the stadium. All students were treated to a slushie as well. The weather was beautiful for the event and the students had fun at each session. Students enjoyed it so much that this event will be an annual event each spring at PJHS.

*PJHS Teachers, Mr. Justin Fahncke and Miss Jen Scharer, play cornhole with students during the first-ever PJHS Fun Day*

