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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear PJHS Families,

The 2018-19 school year has been an outstanding year for our students. It has been amazing to watch the growth of our students in so many areas of their lives during the school year. In a short time our 8th grade students will be going to the high school and our 7th grade students will become the leaders at PJHS. Our teachers have continually commented to me on how they are impressed by the talents that our students possess academically, athletically and artistically.

Make sure to check the announcements and calendar for the upcoming events scheduled for the 2019-20 school year. One of the most important events will be the Orientation Night, Monday, August 5, 3:00-8:00 p.m. (7th grade 3:00-5:30 p.m., 8th grade 5:30-8:00 p.m.). This will provide the opportunity to pay school fees, pick up class schedules, put supplies in lockers and tour the school.

I want to personally thank the following staff members who are not returning to PJHS next year. These individuals include: Mrs. Pat Mauer, Mrs. Amy Szyndler, Mr. Glenn McIntyre and Mr. Marjoe Cooper. Their dedication and caring for Perrysburg Junior High School students is greatly appreciated. They will be sorely missed. We wish them the best of luck in their new personal and professional endeavors.

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to all parents and guardians for your support of your child during the school year. The success of students in school is truly a partnership between all stakeholders involved in each child's education.

Sincerely,

Don Christie, Principal
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YEARBOOK

After months of hard work, the yearbook staff will finally see their product in students' hands. Yearbooks will be distributed during lunch on Monday, May 20 and students who pre-ordered one will need to bring a photo ID to claim their copy. Documented in this 80-page, hardcover publication will be moments big and small from August to February. (Due to production deadlines, events from March and later are not featured.) There are a limited number of extras that will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis out of room 127. These yearbooks can be purchased *before and after school only*, beginning the afternoon of May 20. The cost is \$45, which can be paid in cash or check made out to "PJHS Yearbook." For more information, please email yearbook adviser Kathy Mayfield at kmayfield@perrysburgschools.net.

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PJHS WELCOMES WEB IN 2019 - 2020

PJHS is very excited to bring the WEB Program to our school for the 2019 - 2020 school year. The WEB program is a the junior high version of the Link Crew, which Perrysburg High School has successfully implemented over the last three years. WEB, which stands for Where Everyone Belongs, and the Link Crew are both created by the Boomerang Project and are researched-based curriculums that are utilized in all fifty states and multiple countries around the world.

WEB has three components to the program. Those components include an Orientation Program, Transition Program and Mentorship Program. The program uses 8th grade WEB Leaders to connect with assigned 7th grade students to welcome the students to PJHS.

WEB Leaders will run an orientation day at PJHS for all incoming 7th grade students. At this orientation, WEB Leaders will focus on teambuilding and strategy-based activities to integrate the students with their junior high career. In addition, WEB Leaders will meet their assigned 7th grade groups that they will continue to mentor throughout the 2019 - 2020 school year through academic follow-ups and social follow-ups.

PJHS sent a team of five educators in March to Ypsilanti, Michigan to be trained to be WEB Coordinators. Those teachers include Mr. Troy Opperman, Mr. Justin Badik, Ms. Sara Picking, Mrs. Andrea Monheim and Mr. Scott Buker. The WEB Coordinators have been building the inaugural year by selecting WEB Leaders, planning the Spring Play Day for May 13 and beginning preparation for the WEB Training Days in August.

Through WEB, we hope all students will be able to connect with a peer mentor to assist in the transition to the junior high while continuing to build a positive school culture and climate.



Pictured left: Faculty members from both PJHS and PHS took part of the Boomerang Project's training for either the WEB Program or the Link Crew in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Pictured from left to right are Mr. Troy Opperman, Mrs. Andrea Monheim, Ms. Sara Picking, Ms. Leah Oliver, Mrs. Lindsay Czech, Mr. Scott Buker and Mr. Justin Badik.

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THE JACKET WAY UPDATE

The Jacket Way Program had another successful year in 2018 - 2019 and is already gearing up for next school year!

This year, over 700 students earned at least one Jacket Way Redemption Card. In total, there were over 4,000 Jacket Way Tickets given out by PJHS faculty members. The average teacher at PJHS has given out 31 Jacket Way Tickets throughout this school year and on average, a PJHS student has received four Jacket Way Tickets during the school year.

In addition to the weekly rewards of Jacket Way Tickets, each month random students who submitted Jacket Way Tickets were selected to be monthly winners, earning a Subway Lunch. This year featured 36 student monthly winners who were treated to a Subway Lunch from the Jacket Way Team. At our latest Spring Pep Assembly, three 7th grade students were winners of a team game and earned the privilege to play Plinko for an opportunity to earn gift cards of their choice. The Jacket Way Team sponsored three assemblies during the year to reward student behavior and give students the opportunity to play Plinko to win these gift cards, which are sponsored by JHPO. This year, JHPO has given out more than \$400 in gift cards to student winners from various locations such as Starbucks, Books-a-Million, Amazon, Target and the XBox store.



Pictured Above: At the Spring Pep Assembly Adelle Francis is presented with her 2018 State Champion Long Jump Banner from Girls Track Head Coach Sean Murray.



Pictured Above: At the Spring Pep Assembly the Girls Cross Country Team is presented their 2018 State Champion banner.



Pictured Above: At the Spring Pep Assembly, Mr. Don Christie, Principal, fulfills his promise by being pied in the face as a reward for the amount of money collected for Pennies for Patients.



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FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Orchestra

On Wednesday, April 24, over 20 junior high orchestra students participated in the Bowling Green State University Middle School Honors String Festival. Students watched performances, observed rehearsals and participated in clinics with BGSU professors. The event wrapped up with a concert combining BGSU students with the junior high students.

The PJHS String Ensemble performed at the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Junior High Solo and Ensemble event hosted at Defiance High School on Saturday, April 13. Students performed one piece of music for an adjudicator and received a Superior (I) rating for their performance. There were many PJHS orchestra students who performed solos and ensembles at this event and received superior and excellent ratings.



On Saturday, April 27, the PJHS String Ensemble performed with the Perrysburg Symphony Orchestra at their Spring Concert. Students performed side-by-side with adult music professionals from all over NW Ohio. It was most of the JH orchestra students' first experience performing in a symphony orchestra with winds, brass and percussion!

All PJHS Orchestra students showcased their progress this year at their Spring Concert on Thursday, April 25. The 7th and 8th grade orchestra performed, as well as String Ensemble. Students also participated in a clinic with a retired orchestra teacher from Ann Arbor, Gabriel Villasurda. Mr. Villasurda coached students and extended their knowledge of their prepared music for the concert that evening. Congratulations to our PJHS Orchestra students on a successful school year!

Pictured Above: PJHS Orchestra students participated in the Bowling Green State University Honors Spring Festival on April 24.

Talent Show

PJHS students took to 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 number from their award-winning competition set. The audience was energized with Izzy Mandells' twirl routine

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and Abigail Donaldson's poetry slam entitled "What's Your Story." Ricky Gardiner captivated the audience when he performed "Maple Leaf Rag" on the Piano. Closing out the Talent Show was a stunning performance entitled "Shallow" performed by Reese Looser and Evan Boyers who sang and were self accompanied by guitar and piano. These were only a few highlights of the outstanding performances performed by all students involved.

The PJHS Choirs closed out the year strong at their showcase concert May 16. The choirs performed current pop songs and entertained the audience with their choreography. Highlights from the concert included the 7th and 8th grade girls singing "Girls Just Want To Have Fun" and 8th grade singing songs from the musical *Hamilton*. Closing the concert was a dynamic number performed by all choir students singing "The Defining Moment." 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.

Band

The end of the school year is a busy time for the PJHS Bands. The Spring Concert showcased an eclectic set of music by the Gold Band, Jacket Band and Commodore Band. Students performed music from Africa, the Americas and Europe. The HPI/PJHS Band on the Run 5K shattered previous records with over 380 runners and 60 volunteers. PJHS Band students formed two pep bands along the route to play and cheer on the runners!

May holds the Ohio Music Education Association Large Group Adjudicated Event. This event hosts middle school bands from NW Ohio to perform for state adjudicators and receive a rating based on state music standards. The Gold Band will perform in "Class B" (the second most difficult division) and the Commodore Band will perform in "Class A" (the most difficult division). Good luck to our young musicians!

The PJHS Marching Yellow Jackets will close the year by marching in the Perryburg Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27. The students are eager to march down Louisiana Avenue playing "America, the Beautiful." Thank you for your support and a wonderful 2018 - 2019 school year!

YOUTH TO YOUTH

Youth to Youth is wrapping up another fun and exciting year at PJHS! We have planned Red Ribbon Week, had nights out to the movies and Skyzone, volunteered at Heartland and cleaned up around the community to celebrate Earth Day. Youth to Youth is a club that promotes a drug free and positive lifestyle at PJHS. We have roughly 150 members this year and will be having our End of the Year Party at the end of May. Thanks to all the members who dedicated their time and energy to making the 2018-19 school year a huge success!

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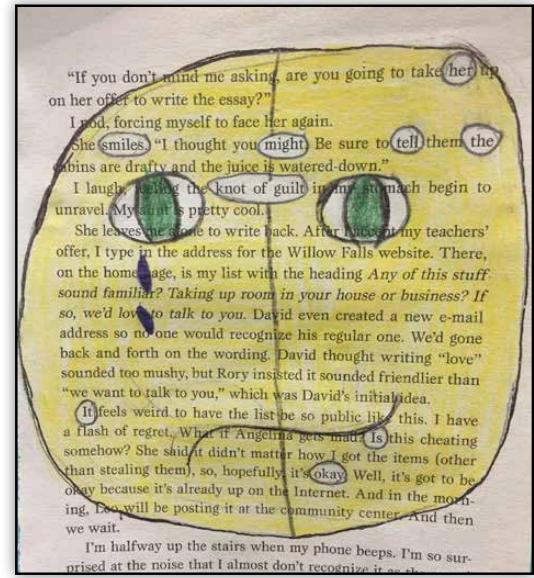
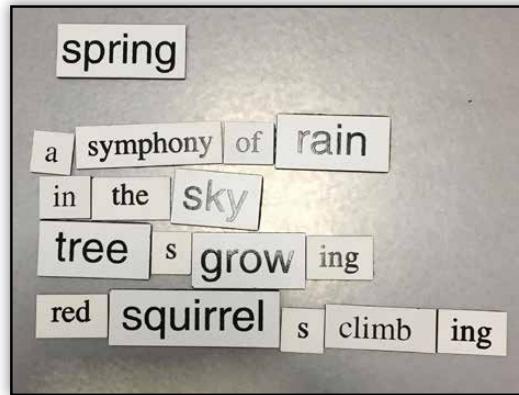
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LIBRARY

We just finished celebrating Poetry Month, where students had the opportunity to create poetry with magnetic words or blackout/found poetry from old book pages.

As we go into summer, remember that although the Junior High Library will be closed, our students may still use eBooks available through our library catalog (gofollett.com), INFOhio resources (www.infohio.org) or use any of Way Public Library's digital resources with their eCard (digital.waylibrary.info/index.php). Students have directions for accessing these resources in my Junior High Library Resources Group in Schoology, but they can also contact Mrs. Franck through school email (lfranck@perrysburgschools.net). Don't forget that Way Public Library also has a summer reading program for teens. Please check them out!

Cleaning out your craft or game closet? We welcome a wide variety of items for our library MakerSpace. Some of our creative students this year have learned to crochet/knit, bead, use small toys and props for stop motion animation, make cards and do origami, build with Legos and K'Nex or use a wide variety of recycled items to create unique projects. If you have any craft or game you are cleaning out, please consider donating them to our library Makerspace. Items can be dropped off at the Junior High office.



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BGSU summer camps provide opportunities for junior high and high school students to expand their knowledge, build life skills and explore their interests while experiencing the Bowling Green State University campus.

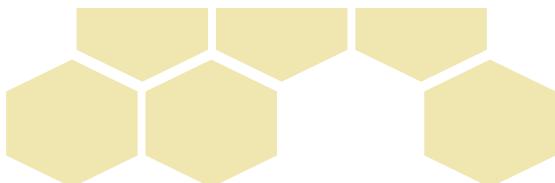


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ATHLETIC AVENUE

The PJHS Track and Field season has come to an end that saw both the boys and girls teams have tremendous success! At the NLL Championships, the girls team claimed first place overall and the boys team earned third place.

Winning individual NLL Championships for the Jackets were Anna Steinmetz in the 1600 meter run, the 4x100 relay team of Ava Kincaid, Avery Zeisloft, Michaela Christie and Adelle Francis, Brooke Daudelin in the 800 meter run and Adelle Francis in the long jump.

On Saturday, May 11 the Jackets had several athletes qualify to the 7th and 8th Grade State Championship Meet in Lancaster, Ohio. The 4x100 relay team of Ava Kincaid, Avery Zeisloft, Michaela Christie and Adelle Francis placed 9th overall, Ava Kincaid placed 11th in the 200 meter hurdles and Adelle Francis placed 2nd in the long jump and 11th in the 100 meter dash.

In addition, three new school records were established this year. Ava Kincaid set the mark in the 200 meter hurdles, Adelle Francis in the long jump and the 4x200 meter relay team of Emma Thompson, Kara Lintner, Michaela Christie and Caroline Thomas.



Pictured Above: The PJHS Girls Track and Field Team were NLL Champions this spring.



Pictured Above: Avary Zeisloft, Michaela Christie, Emma Thompson, Adelle Francis, Ava Kincaid, Coach Taylor Rogers at the Junior High State Championship Meet.

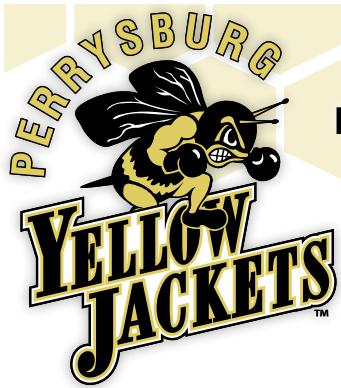


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MOCK TRIAL

On May 3 the Perrysburg Junior High School Mock Trial team competed in the state competition in Columbus, Ohio. Mock Trial is a club offered at PJHS where students learn about law, criminal cases and the logistics of how a courtroom works during proceedings. Although official scores have not been released yet from the state, PJHS students did another excellent job and brought back two "Best Attorney" certificates (Nikhil Methi and Matilda Dalton) and three "Best Witness" certificates (Aditya Gupta, Maggie Merriman and Joe Cobb). Spending time in the Supreme Court building was amazing. Officials and volunteers commented several times that our kids are the best and extremely well-behaved while putting forth a fantastic case. Special thanks to Mock Trial advisor Jackie Shultz, who continues to support our students and place the team in the most successful position she can. Further, thank you to Judge Ohanian who volunteered his time as well throughout the Mock Trial season to guide, assist and offer input to our team.



JHPO

JHPO would like to thank everyone for an amazing year! We accomplished so much with your help! We have transformed the school with so many positive additions, from the front doors to the music hallway to the stairways and the Teacher lounges. We have many more amazing things we are planning for next school year for our teachers and students. Look for the latest JHPO info on our Facebook page this summer. For those who are moving on to high school, we thank you for your support and hope that you will get involved with PHS/S and volunteer at the high school. For those returning families and students, we look forward to having you become involved with JHPO and support us next year. For those incoming 7th grade students, we can't wait for you to experience Perrysburg Junior High School and get involved with JHPO! Have a great summer and we'll see you in August!