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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear PJHS Families,

As we're concluding our opening quarter of the school year, we simply cannot express our gratitude enough to our students, families and staff. I'm often asked the question, "how's the start of the school year going?" My answer has been consistent through our first nine weeks. *Fantastic*. Our students have been grateful, engaged, thoughtful and have embodied the Jacket Way of respectful, responsible and ready. We couldn't be prouder. We can also say the same for our PJHS families. Thank you for your support of your students and our community here!

The first quarter was highlighted by our annual Jacket Way Color Run. We would like to thank our JHPO and the Perrysburg Schools Foundation with the planning and organization of this event. The event raised substantial financial funds to assist in the operation of our positive student incentives through the Jacket Way Program. Once again, a huge thank-you to all the families for your support, donations and the adults who were able to volunteer at the Color Run!

Another high-point moment was the release of the annual Ohio State Report Card. We are certainly proud to have earned the top ranking of being a 5-Star School through this process. Although we take pride in our evaluation from the state, we do understand that it is only one chapter of our book. Oftentimes the best stories are found in the additional chapters that may not be seen through the report card.

Our students are busy engaging in the many opportunities that PJHS has to offer. October sees our fall sports season coming to an end while our winter season begins to take form. Our fall musical, *Aladdin Jr.*, is gearing up for their November performances, and our clubs are beginning their regular schedules. As of this writing, we've had student groups take the lead in adding three clubs to our offerings to help students create a sense of belonging in our school community.

Building our collaborative efforts with families is always one of our priorities. Our Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on Monday, October 21 and Thursday, October 24. 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.

It amazes us how talented and skilled our students are at growing. We encourage everyone to try and experience this, whether it's an athletic event, music concert, theater performance or a club activity.

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

Go Jackets!

Scott Buker
Principal



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Important Numbers to Know!

Safer Ohio School Tip Line - 844-723-3764

This is a free service that accepts calls and texts 24/7 and allows anyone to anonymously share information with school officials and law enforcement about threats to safety.

Crisis Text Line - text "4hope" to 741 741

People of all ages may reach out by text 24/7 to communicate with someone trained to listen and respond in a method that is free, private, secure and confidential. Data usage while texting Crisis Text Line is free and the number will not appear on a phone bill with the mobile service carrier.

988 Lifeline

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 or at the following QR Code.

Suicide prevention lessons were taught in 1st semester Health classes. 7th grade Students learned a 3 Step Procedure on "How to Help a Friend in Need." It is called A.C.T. (Acknowledge, Care, Tell). 7th graders that have Health 2nd semester will get this lesson at that time. Please ask your child about this lesson.

8th Grade WEB Leaders taught their 1st Lesson on Cooperation to their 7th grade groups. October's Lesson will be on Study Skills. Great Job, WEB Leaders!



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PJHS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

MATHCOUNTS

The PJHS MathCounts club began practices at the end of September 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.



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STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council is an after-school club that represents over 800 students and organizes events for Perrysburg Junior High School. We work on 10 different committees to support our building, school and faculty. This year, we are planning special events such as spirit assemblies, community service projects, building supports, and our annual Lock-In where we are currently soliciting ideas from the student body to put together a school-wide evening of fun activities while socializing with our friends. We are a group of students who are proud of our school, friends, district, teachers, and community. We are future leaders who represent voices that positively enhance the world around us.

PING PONG

We are excited to start our Ping-Pong Club Wednesday, October 9th, from 3-4pm in the cafeteria. Boys and girls of any and all skill levels are welcome! We play singles and doubles. You are NOT required to sign up ahead of time. Just show up in the cafeteria to play! We offer ping-pong paddles to use, however, you may want to bring your own paddle if you have one. Ping-Pong Club will run most Wednesdays through the end of March. See Schoology for the schedule. I look forward to seeing you all there!

– Mr. Blue (advisor)

WINTER RUNNING CLUB

The Winter Running Club is an opportunity for spring athletes to prepare themselves for the upcoming season. It's also an opportunity for anyone to stay active during the cold winter months and, hopefully, have fun doing it. The club will start in December, and additional information will be available on Schoology in November.



MOCK TRIAL

Signups for Mock Trial will start in late-October, and after-school practices will start in November. The case this year will be based on the book, *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, written by Elizabeth George Speare. 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 2025. 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.



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ROX

The mission of Ruling Our Experiences (ROX) is to create generations of confident girls who control their own relationships, experiences, decisions, and futures. The 7th grade and 8th grade ROX groups are starting this month. Since almost 50 students applied, names were randomly selected to decide who would participate this year. Our groups will kick-off with a field trip at BGSU's Recreation Center, where the students will participate in team-building exercises to promote communication and collaboration. Students will also have a chance to show their confidence and open-mindedness by climbing the rock wall. Ms. Bunker and Ms. Keener are excited to start off another year of friendship, fun, food, and field trips with the ROX groups!



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WORLD LANGUAGE CLUB

The PJHS World Language Club met in September to enjoy French fondue au chocolat and play Hispanic Heritage Month games. We kicked off the school year with a wonderful start and look forward to what future meetings have to bring!

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Performance Dates:

- November 14 @ 7pm
- November 16 @ 7pm
- November 17 @ 2pm



Tickets:

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 7th 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 will be on October 30th at 7:00pm in the PJHS Auditorium. The concert will feature the 7th grade orchestra, 8th grade orchestra, PJHS String Ensemble, and Jacket Strings. There is no cost to attend the concert but donations will be taken at the door to support our Orchestra Booster program. Parents/Guardians, please look for an email with specific arrival times and concert details closer to the event. See you there!

Band

The PJHS Bands continued their active Fall season with The Clipboards and The Protractors teaming up with the PJHS Pep Band to sell out all 500 seats of The Maumee Indoor Theater! They performed a benefit concert for the Perrysburg Schools Foundation's Full Experience Fund. Over \$3,000 was raised for students who would like to participate in school activities but may not have the financial support to fully participate. Stay tuned for more opportunities to hear The Clipboards and The Protractors as they begin work on their 2024 Holiday Tour!

Our 8th grade "bandlings" took the PHS Football field with their older "siblings" to perform at the annual "8th Grade Night" with the Perrysburg High Schools Marching Yellow Jackets on Friday, October 4th. This year's show includes *Animal* by the Neon Trees and *Louie, Louie*, popularized by The Kingsman. They practiced, had dinner, and rocked the stands in addition to marching with the PHS Marching Yellow Jackets. We can't wait to see everyone marching in the big leagues next year at PHS!



The PJHS Pep Band finished up pre-season rehearsals and performed at their first-ever PJHS Football game on Wednesday, October 9th. The PJHS Pep Band marched into the stadium like a high school marching band and rallied on our Yellow Jackets with spirit, pride, and musical excellence. Be sure to check out the PJHS Pep Band, PJHS Cheerleaders, and our PJHS athletes this winter at PJHS Boys and Girls Basketball games!

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PERRYSBURG JUNIOR HIGH PARENTS ORGANIZATION

JHPO is in full swing and excited for another great Fall season! THANK YOU to all our volunteers from the Color Run and for all your support so far at our meetings and events!

Join us for a meeting in the Junior High Library at 6:30pm on these days (Meeting notes posted the following week on our FB Page):

- Oct 23*
- Nov 20*
- Dec 18
- Jan 22
- Feb 26
- Apr 2
- May 14

*We will host these meetings virtually as well with a link shared on our page to gauge interest



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Don't forget to check your Kroger Community Rewards to make sure JHPO is your beneficiary of choice! It's free to you and adds up quickly!

Upcoming Events:

Oct 21-25: Book Fair at PJHS set up by Gathering Volumes (will be open during conference days)



Oct 21: Teacher "Survival" bags will be delivered to our fantastic educators – there's still time to sign up to donate:

Oct 24: Dine Out Night! Panera Bread is hosting a fundraiser night for us from 4-8pm! Grab a sandwich/drink/dessert and 25% of the proceeds will go to JHPO so we can fund more Teacher/Club grants and fun student events!

Fri. Oct 25: Boo Bash – We will need some chaperones and setup/teardown help, please watch our page for a signup as it gets closer!

Nov 23: PJHS Craft Show – JHPO is excited to host a Craft Show at PJHS on Saturday, November 23! We are looking for vendors who have interest. Please send an email to pbschoolscraftshow@gmail.com for any additional information or check out the JHPO Facebook page for all the details! We also have tables for students/school clubs at a reduced rate!

Spirit Wear items were delivered the first week of October! We had a few extras of the small purse bags and will sell them for \$15 if you still want one! Please reach out to jhpoperrysburg@gmail.com to order!

There are plenty of ways to get involved! Follow our social pages to get access to signups and the latest info about what's happening next!

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ATHLETIC AVENUE

Are you thinking about participating in winter sports?

1. Then you need to attend the Winter Code of Conduct Meeting on October 14th at 6:00pm in the Auditorium
2. To enroll your student/athlete and complete athletic department required forms, use this Parent Playbook (via QR Code) to walk through the registration process on FinalForms.

GIRLS BASKETBALL SEASON OFFICIALLY STARTS ON OCTOBER 25TH.

BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON OFFICIALLY STARTS ON NOVEMBER 1ST.

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

WRESTLING SEASON STARTS OFFICIALLY ON NOVEMBER 15TH.

Please make sure your athlete has signed up for the specific sport in Final Forms if they want to receive emails from the coach.

