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Dear Parents,

As we get ready to transition to another season, we are also aware that some of our students are still making the transition to junior high. We have crossed several milestones along the way – we are currently 1/3 into our 2nd nine weeks for the school year. We are moving very quickly. It is so important that our students work hard and stay ahead. The transition to having more teachers and daily grades and tests weighted differently, can affect their grades greatly. It is so difficult to recover from zeros. Please remind your child to complete their homework and work hard in class. Please encourage them to use their planners and stay on top of their assignments.

Our volleyball teams completed their season, and our last football games will be next Tuesday for 7th grade and 8th grade. All teams played hard and walked away with wins. A big shout out goes out to all of our volleyball and football coaches and players for an outstanding season.

During the next two months, your students will have more common assessments in their core classes. Teachers will be using the data to evaluate their progress. We take these opportunities for our teachers and students to make adjustments, and provide additional assistance in areas of concern before our upcoming STAAR tests. We encourage our students to take their time and give 100% in order to give us a more accurate picture of their abilities.

On December 6, 7 & 9th, several of our students will be competing in our District UIL Academic contest. Our students have competed for 10 years, and we wish them and their coaches the best of luck. We know they will represent PJH well and with pride.

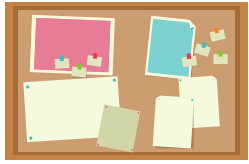
Finally, we send home monthly news and resources specifically designed to address issues related to middle school/junior high school students. The information is shared through a Smore digitally and are uploaded to our website and will be sent home through Remind. We are here to support our students and parents. If you are in need of resources, please reach out. The Junior High years are important years, and we encourage you to remain involved in your child's life, even when they seem resistant to your involvement.

We have many ways for you to stay informed of campus information (Parent Portal, PJH PTO, School Messenger, PJH Website, Teacher Webpages, Remind, Email, etc.) As always, we encourage your questions, and you are always welcome on our campus at any time. Please do not hesitate to contact us. Have a great Thanksgiving Break!

Sincerely,
Kristi Callihan
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 3-Peter Pan Performance
- Dec 3-UIL Checkpoint
- Dec.6, 7, 9-Academic UIL
- Dec. 7-Choir Concert-6:00
- Dec. 9 Band Concert 6:30
- Dec. 10-Regain Eligibility
- Dec. 16- Early Dismissal/Semester Exams
- Dec. 17- Early Dismissal/Semester Exams
- Dec. 20-4-Christmas Break
- Jan. 17- Student Holiday



PARENT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Academic UIL

Students who are participating in the Academic UIL Meet on Dec. 6, 7, & 9th should check with coaches for dates and times of competition. Practice schedules can be found on the PJH website. We would like to wish all our students and coaches good luck as they participate in this year's meet.

Grades/TxConnect/Parent Portal

The PISD parent portal through TxConnect allows parents to see student grades and attendance. This is another great way to stay on top of your child's progress at school. Please view your child's progress regularly. Contact our Counselor's Office (903-737- 7434) for more information.

Progress Reports & Report Cards

Six weeks progress reports will be posted in Parent Portal on November 5th. Please login to see your child's progress report and contact his/her teacher should you have any questions.

Cell Phone Policy

Please make sure that your child understands our cell phone policy. Cell phones must be turned off and out of sight during school hours. Students who use cell phones without permission will have the phone confiscated and the can be picked up after 3:40 for a \$15 fee. If you need to contact your child, please call our office and will will gladly get a message to your child.

PICTURE Retakes

Monday, Nov. 8th 8-9 AM

All students and faculty will take fall pictures for the yearbook. If you like to retake your picture (or were absent picture day), you may do so on November 8th

PTO News

During the month of November, we will be collecting socks for our Care Closet. Care Closet items are given to students who are in need of items. Donation can be sent to the PJH Office. We would love for you to join our PTO. We will be having a meeting in November. For Information, email Angie Black (angelica.black@parisisd.net)



THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

As we approach the holiday season, we would like to take a few moments to reflect & share with everyone the many things for which we have to be thankful. This is a time to be most grateful for the country that we live in and the freedom in which we have. Each of us gather will gather with friends and family during the holidays. Be thankful for those who are present and the time you have together. Remember those who have touched our lives but are now gone. Remember that children are our most precious gifts and be thankful that such as been given to us. We, at PJH, are thankful for the opportunity to share our knowledge and lives with your children each day. We would like to say thank you for the time you've given to the school and your child. Please continue to be an active part of our school and your child's life. We wish you and your family a restful holiday season.



Students of the Month



NOVEMBER 2021

	M	T	W	T	F	S
7	1	2  Football @PHS Neon Pep Rally	3 	4	5  UIL checkpoint	6
14	8  Picture Retakes Girls Basketball @ Gilmer 	9	10	11	12	13 All Region Band Auditions 
21	15  Girls BB @ PJH	16	17	18  Boys BB @ PJH	19	20
28	22 	23	24	25	26	27
	29	30				

THANKSGIVING BREAK