

Port Jervis

City School District

Welcome to the
2011-12 School Year!

Welcome Back!

Please stand when called:

- 30 years or more working in PJ
 - 20-29 years working in PJ
 - PJHS graduates
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Port Pride !

- Improved facilities
 - Stable budgets
 - Tons of technology
 - New programs and textbooks
 - Dedicated faculty & staff
 - Supportive Board of Education
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PJHS Alumni Hall of Fame

□ 2011 – 5 inductees

Jerome Cohen '44 - first elected Orange County DA;
Cohen, Bavoso, Weinstein & Fox; SUPA courses to PJHS

Tom Hoppey '49 – PJ educator for 30+ years including last
22 as MS principal

Roberta Ginton '51 – registered nurse, realty owner and
community servant; Meals on Wheels, Ottaway Medal

Mike McCarthy '52 – 20+ years on City Council; Pop
Warner, Little League, K of C, Mt. Carmel volunteer

Donald Simon '71 – Harvard & Harvard Law grad; expert
in campaign finance and election law at DC firm

P. J. Educational Foundation

Purpose: provide additional opportunities for our students

Raise Money: alumni, events, pay deductions

- College course tuition assistance
 - PSAT, SAT, ACT fees
 - Large group educational trips
 - Special programs
 - Extra-curricular opportunities
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P. J. Educational Foundation

Bill Onofry, Pres.

David Bavoso, VP

Lisa Randazzo, Treas. Tonya Addy

Chana Auerbach Phil Chase

Marc Greene

Tom Hoppey

Nick Nicolette

Mike Quinn

Shaun Parker

Jim Reyle

George Rollman

John Xanthis, ex-officio

Professional Development

Areas of Major Emphasis

- Professional Learning Communities
 - 7 Habits of Highly Effective People
 - Literacy
 - Common Core State Standards
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Professional Learning Communities (PLC)

- **Less:** staff working in isolation behind closed doors
 - **More:** staff working in collaborative groups to create better products and/or solutions (synergy)
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PLC Products

- Strategic Plan Action Plans (2015)
 - Curriculum Maps
 - Common Unit/Chapter Tests
 - Common Grading Policies
 - Common Vocabulary Lists
 - Pyramid of Interventions
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7 Habits of Highly Effective People

Habit #1 – Be Proactive

Habit #2 – Begin with the End in Mind

Habit #3 – Put First Things First

Habit #4 – Think Win-Win

Habit #5 – Seek First to Understand,
Then to be Understood

Habit #6 – Synergize

Habit #7 – Sharpen the Saw

Literacy

- ❑ Elementary committee developed a literacy statement & plan that outlines “what great literacy instruction looks like” based on the research
 - ❑ Grades 3-6 implemented last year
 - ❑ K-2 implementation this year
 - ❑ Reading Teachers - LLI training
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Technology

- All full-size classrooms have Smartboard, computer and projector
 - Most classes have Elmos
 - Software - Study Island, Castle Learning, Accelerated Reader, STAR
 - Gadgets and Gizmos Galore
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Mission Statement Committee

28 Members

- Teachers
 - Support Staff
 - Parents
 - Community Members
 - School Board Members
 - Building Administrators
 - Central Office Administrators
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Mission Statement

The Port Jervis City School District, in partnership with our community, has an uncompromising commitment to measurably improve student achievement and prepare students to be productive and responsible life-long learners, ready to meet the challenges of citizenship in our ever-changing global society.

Motto

“Better schools
build
better communities”

Core Beliefs

Our *Beliefs* are principles that guide the Port Jervis City School District's efforts in achieving our *Mission*.

We believe:

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Teacher & Principal Evaluation (APPR)

- ❑ **2011-12:** Teachers and Principals in grades 4-8 for ELA or Math
 - ❑ **2012-13:** All teachers and principals
 - ❑ Requested one year waiver
 - ❑ Highly Effective, Effective, Developing and Ineffective
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Common Core State Standards

- ❑ Often referred to as Common Core or CCSS
 - ❑ New NYS website about CCSS
www.achieveny.org
 - ❑ CCSS roll-out will begin in October
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Common Core State Standards

- ❑ 2011-12: Still tested on 2005 NYS standards (add more higher order questions)
 - ❑ 2012-13: NYS tests aligned to CCSS
 - ❑ 2013-14: NYS tests aligned to CCSS
 - ❑ 2014-15: PARCC assessments
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College and Career Ready

- **Less:** Workbooks and worksheets
True-False, Multiple Choice

 - **More:** Reading (especially non-fiction)
Writing
Discussing
Higher level thinking
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Attendance

- Every day of school matters
 - Every lesson you teach matters
 - Ongoing campaign this year on the importance of good attendance
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Annual Compliance Video

- View by September 30 – Teacher Corner
 - You just saved 28 minutes of your first day back!
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Challenges Ahead

- ❑ NYS = financial mess
 - ❑ New grades 3-8 cut scores
 - ❑ ASK & HS didn't meet AYP
 - ❑ Graduation/drop-out rates
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Port Jervis School District

- ❑ A district on the move
- ❑ A district with dedicated employees
- ❑ A district with a proud past and bright future

Thanks for all you do for our kids!

A Powerful Thought!

Better schools today =
a better community
tomorrow
