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Happenings November 2024

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. This is a busy time of the year but yet one of the best times of the year. I hope everyone gets a chance to relax and enjoy their time off next week. Remember we get to leave on Tuesday 11/26 half day (elementary

at 12 and secondary at 11). PJTA appreciates all that everyone does for our students and community from your day to day efforts and all the donations that are typically asked upon you from Thanksgiving dinners, money collections, toy drives, etc. As always, if anyone needs anything please feel free to reach out.

In solidarity,

Joe Becker
PJTA President

Other items:

- The district sent out the EAP information
- Thank you to all who have attended the BOE meetings and please consider signing up for future ones
- VOTE Cope is currently underway please consider contributing.
- GCN training- If you have not completed it, please get it done asap.
- Mandated Reporter Training must be completed by April 2025
- If you traveled for a conference, please be sure to put in for mileage
- Reminder of the conference day times: Monday, November 25th
Elementary Conferences 1-3 & 5-7 Secondary 12-3 & 5-7.
- Legal Update: Will Days have come and gone but if you missed your meeting or still want to complete one, please visit the PJTA website and call the number listed. I am still waiting on confirmation on next steps for a signing day and once I get more information, I will share it. Be on the lookout for a NYSUT letter that has ID cards for you.

Upcoming Meetings:

- **PTJA: 12/16 @ 3:45 pm in the MS library or attend virtually.**
President Joe Becker will send out a link prior to each meeting.
- **Board of Education: 12/10 @ 7:00 pm**

Correspondence:

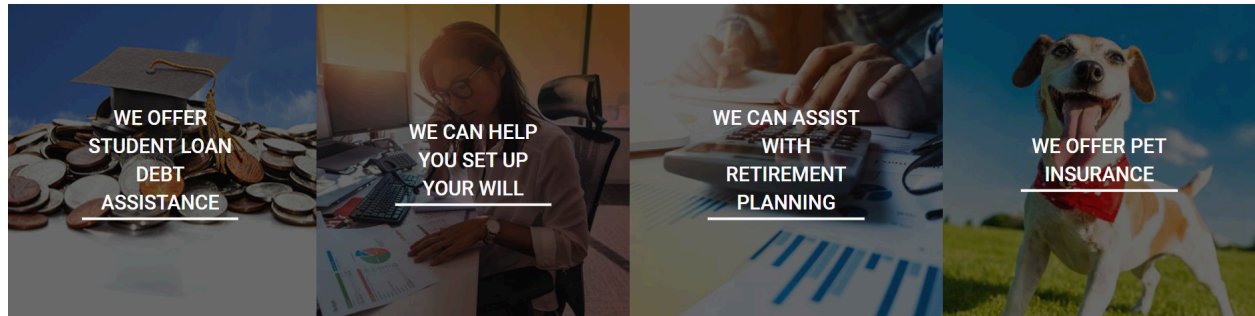
Cards Received:

A card from Kelly & Jill Decker thanking PJTA for the condolence card sent after the passing of Jill's mother.



NYSUT News:

NYSUT's strength as well as its pride is in the diversity of its membership. That is why the union is proud to offer a wide array of programs, services and information that address its members' unique interests and issues.



Member Programs, Services, and Information:

- Created in partnership with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care, this confidential helpline can provide answers, referrals, and empathetic support when you need it.
 - Check it out online: [Peer Support Line](#)
 - [PEER SUPPORT LINE](#) -- For more information or to speak with someone at the Peer Support Line, call toll-free 844-444-0152.
- [Legal Assistance](#)
- [Student Loan Counseling](#)
- [Certification](#)
- [MB Discount & Deals](#)
- [New Member Life Insurance](#)

NYSTRS Retirement Information:

Thinking About Retirement?

Retirement is a significant life event. Be sure to do the homework necessary to make informed decisions by reviewing publications, web pages, and videos early in the process.

- [NYSTRS Benefits Pt. 3: Calculation of a NYSTRS Benefit](#)
- [Pension Education Toolkit](#)
- [Retirement Planning](#)
- [Countdown to Retirement](#)
- [Retirement Countdown Video Series](#)
- [Retirement Planning FAQs](#)
- [NYSTRS Retirement Checklist](#)

If you are planning to retire at the end of this school year, you should schedule a benefits consultation now via [MyNYSTRS](#) or by calling (800) 348-7298, Ext. 6100. See the [Benefits Consultations](#) page at NYSTRS.org for more details.

You may also calculate your pension estimates with the MyNYSTRS Pension Estimator in your My Retirement tab in your MyNYSTRS account.

NYS office of Mental Health

Youth Suicide Prevention is Everyone's Business

Call or text 988 (Suicide & Crisis Lifeline) Or

Text "GOT5" to 741-741