### Parkland High School

## Parent Newsletter



#### August/ September 2018

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Counseling Office: 610-351-5610

Health Room: 610-351-5616

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Box Office: 610-351-5666

## WELCOME BACK Announcements

#### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of the 2018-2019 school year for ALL STUDENTS will be Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

#### **SCHEDULE**

School will start at **7:40 AM** and will end at **2:53 PM**. Please also note that the AM LCTI students will attend homeroom at Parkland High School prior to receiving a bus transfer to I CTI.

#### LATEX REMINDER

Please be reminded that we have several students at PHS with severe airborne Latex Allergies. To protect these students, PHS is a "Latex Free" Environment. Please do not send items containing latex (especially balloons) to school.

#### LATE ACTIVITY BUS REMINDER

Please be reminded the school district provides one late activity bus run. The activity bus will depart from the back of the D-Wing at 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. Only students engaged in school sponsored and supervised activities are eligible to use the activity bus. Any students staying at PHS for activities beyond 4:30 PM must arrange their own transportation home.

## PARENTS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

All Parkland High School parents are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, September 4, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Parkland High School Auditorium. The meeting will include a presentation of the policies and practices at Parkland High School. This meeting will be especially **helpful to parents new to the high school**, and will provide an excellent update for all returning parents. We look forward to meeting with all of you.

#### PARENTS NIGHT/OPEN HOUSE

Parkland High School will host its annual Parents Night/Open House on **Wednesday**, **September 12 beginning at 7:00 PM**. On this evening, you will have an opportunity to visit the entire school, hear from your son or daughter's teachers, and learn more about our programs and activities. We hope you plan to attend.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID PARENT WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 7:00 - 8:30 PM PHS AUDITORIUM Presenters:

Kate McNally, Director of Admissions at DeSales University

Margaret Sandherr, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at DeSales University

#### From the Principal's Desk

#### Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! The PHS staff and administration is excited for the start of school as our continued focus this year is "Academics, Arts, and Athletics...Educating the Whole Child." Parkland students have an incredible opportunity to excel in all facets of school life and we hope all students take advantage of every course, program, activity, or sport to maximize their educational experience.

The goal of this monthly newsletter is to keep parents and students informed of high school events and other critical information. The information in this newsletter is integral to your child's success so please read its contents regularly and review it with your student. The amount of information might be overwhelming at times, but should you have any questions please contact the high school so our staff can assist you.

As with every start to school, Parkland has some new staff members for the upcoming school year. Joining our professional staff will be: William Dreisbach (Director of Athletics), Julie Friedrich (Deaf/Hard of Hearing), Edward Keichel (Special Education), Jennifer Korman (Family & Consumer Sciences), Carly Lyon (English), Kelly Maner (Speech), Andrew Marth (Physics), Stephen Matulevicius (School Psychologist), Allison McPeek (Guidance Counselor), Timothy Moncman (Social Studies), Shelby Morgan (Special Education), Ali Nabavian (English), Jennifer Pammer (IU Classroom), Meghan Pribicko (German), Claudia Reyes (Spanish), and Jean Scialla (Biology). The administrative staff is very excited to have these highly qualified teachers join our staff. I am sure they will blend in well with Parkland High School's outstanding team of educators.

As the new year is almost upon us, the Parkland staff and administration is very excited for the implementation of our 1:1 Laptop Initiative. As with any implementation, this will be a gradual change in our instructional practices as our educators utilize the laptops as one of their "tools in the toolkit." We appreciate everyone picking up laptops over the summer to have them in students' hands for the first day of school. As noted in last June's newsletter, the school district is emphasizing the importance of school attendance as a key ingredient for consistency of learning and maximizing student achievement. A letter from Assistant Superintendent Dr. Rodney Troutman regarding student attendance is included in this newsletter as well. Since our last newsletter there has been a change to the Keystone Exam graduation requirements. With the passing of the last Pennsylvania State Budget, demonstrating Keystone Exam proficiency as a graduation requirement was pushed back one year and is now a requirement for the Class of 2021 and beyond. I'll continue to update everyone as the situation evolves.

I would like to remind everyone that we are holding a 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation on Tuesday, September 4 at 7 PM in the PHS Auditorium. Another important date to remember is PHS' Open House, which is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12 at 7 PM. Please contact my office if I can be of assistance to you. Have a great year!

Sincerely,

James E. Moniz II

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Principal

E-Mail: monizj@parklandsd.org

#### **Parent Forum Meeting**

The mission of the Parent Forum is "to facilitate open communication between school and home in a collaborative effort to enhance the high school experience of all students." This forum is open to all parents and/or legal guardians of Parkland High School students.

Please refer to your parent newsletter for any reminders or updates regarding the Parent Forum. The meeting dates and times for this school term are listed below.

Wed. Sept. 26, 2018 7:00 PM C200

Wed. Oct. 17, 2018 7:00 PM Fall Workshop

Wed. Nov. 14, 2018 7:00 PM C200 Wed. Jan. 16, 2019 6:00 PM C200

Wed. March 20, 2019 7:00 PM Spring Workshop

Wed. April 24, 2019 6:00 PM C200

#### **PHS Upcoming Events** 9/3 Happy Labor Day! Monday Tuesday 9/4 Welcome Back! All students report for first day of classes "B" Schedule Parent Orientation Meeting 7PM (Auditorium) Wednesday 9/5 "B" Schedule Garter Bowl Sign-ups Begin Fall SAT Prep Registration Begins 9/11 Last Day for Garter Bowl Sign-ups Tuesday Welcome 9th Grade Picture Day Back Wednesday 9/12 Parent Open House 7PM "B" Schedule 10th Grade Picture Day 9/13 Thursday 11th Grade Picture Day Friday 9/14 Student Involvement Fair Football vs. Bethlehem Catholic- Youth Night 7PM (OMS Stadium) 9/19 Wednesday School Closed, Professional Development Day Thursday 9/20 Last Day for Fall SAT Prep Registration Friday 9/21 Football vs. Liberty- Shirt off Your Back & PALS Night 7PM (OMS Stadium) Monday 9/24 Fall SAT Prep Class 3-5PM or 6:30-8:30 PM Homecoming Voting "B" Schedule Fall SAT Prep Class 3-5PM or 6:30-8:30 PM Wednesday 9/26 **ASVAB** Parent Forum C200 Thursday 9/27 Homecoming Voting "B" Schedule Financial Aid Night 7PM (Auditorium)



Gettysburg Yearbook Camp July 2018

Best in Show Best Verbal Best Section Design

#### **Congratulations!**

Cora Hochstetler, Emma Garchinsky, Anabel Stein, Eileen Jeon, Carlie Pollice, Amanda Diat, Bailey Allison, Brooke Walker, Vanessa Krempasky, and Chloe Krempasky

#### **Student Picture Days**

We are excited to once again be working with Christmas City Studios for underclassmen student portraits. They will photograph 9th graders on Tuesday, September 11, 10th graders on Wednesday, September 12 and 11th graders on Thursday, September 13. Students who are absent on their assigned day can have their photos taken on one of the other dates. There will be an additional make-up date announced at a later time.

#### College & Career Resource Room



The College and Career Resource Room will have extended hours every Wednesday from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM during the 2018/2019 school year to better meet the needs of students and their parents. Please contact Mr. Eric Roberts in the Guidance office for an appointment to discuss the college admission process, financial aid, scholarships, testing and so much more.



## Post Prom - The After Party

Post Prom 2019 is May 11-12, 2019

The Post Prom Party provides a safe, substance-free environment where our kids can continue the party after the prom. With over 900 students attending, an event of this size requires extensive planning, many donations and an army of volunteers.

#### Please join us in making the 2019 party a success!

#### Parkland High School Library Classroom at 7:00 PM

Mark you calendars and plan to attend!

No Meeting in September Tuesday, October 9, 2018 Tuesday, November 13, 2018 No Meeting in December Tuesday, January 8, 2019 Tuesday, February 5, 2019 Tuesday, March 12, 2019 Tuesday, April 9, 2019 Tuesday, May 7, 2019

June Wrap-up meeting: Tuesday, June 4, 2019

#### **Counseling Corner**

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! The Parkland High School Counseling staff is available to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your son or daughter's academic program for the upcoming school year.

Seniors must complete a transcript release form prior to submitting college applications to the Counseling Office. Students and parents (if the student is under 18 years of age) must sign this form giving Parkland High School permission to release official academic records to colleges/universities. Students indicate on the form whether SAT and ACT scores are to be removed from the high school transcript prior to processing college applications.

If a college is requesting a counselor recommendation, the student must complete a recommendation profile form highlighting individual achievements during the past four years. Seniors need to remember to contact teachers early in the school year if they wish to request a teacher recommendation. A copy of the recommendation profile can be helpful to teachers when preparing student recommendations.

Seniors need to remember **ten school days are required to process college applications.** Please pay close attention to application deadline dates. Submit your materials as early as possible to the Counseling Office. Seniors need to inform their counselor if they are processing an application online. Applications processed through online delivery systems (common app or coalition app) require official transcripts and secondary school information. In order to ensure timely processing of your online applications, communication with your counselor is vitally important!

Senior athletes who have not completed the NCAA Initial –Eligibility Clearinghouse form should do so as soon as possible if they are interested in participating in collegiate sports at the Division I or II levels. NCAA procedures for the college bound student athlete are available online at <a href="https://www.eligibilitycenter.org">www.eligibilitycenter.org</a>. Transcript requests should be made through the Parchment system.

Registration procedures for the 2018-2019 SAT Reasoning Test and SAT Subject Tests are posted online at the College Board website, <a href="https://www.sat.org/register">www.sat.org/register</a>. The College Board requires a student photo as part of the registration process and late registration options have changed. The above changes are all part of enhanced security regulations put in place by the College Board.

Juniors and sophomores are encouraged to take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) scheduled for Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Parkland High School. The College Board allows this test to be administered only once every school year. Please mark this date on your calendar for future reference. Registration will take place in the Main Rotunda outside of the Counseling Office beginning September 12 through September 21 for juniors and September 17 through September 21 for sophomores. Students registering late after September 21 will be charged a late fee. Students qualifying for free or reduced lunch may be eligible for a fee waiver.

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) will be offered at Parkland High School on Wednesday, September 26. The ASVAB is an excellent opportunity for juniors and seniors to complete a career aptitude test that examines different academic, mechanical and technical areas. Students interested in a military career must take this three hour exam. The exam is free of charge and administered by military testing personnel at the high school; however, there is no obligation to meet with military recruiters if a student completes the test. Registration for the ASVAB test will take place in the Counseling Office during the first few weeks of school.

Student schedules are currently being completed by the counseling staff and will be made available the first day of school. If a student is considering a schedule change, request forms will be available in the Counseling Office the first day of school. Schedule change policies and procedures can be referenced in the Parkland High School Registration Information and Course Descriptions Book.

If a student has moved over the summer to a new residence within the Parkland School District, proof of residency (2 forms) must be presented to the Counseling Office as soon as possible. Please call if you have any questions regarding this procedure.

The Counseling Office will be staffed every day throughout the month of August, please feel free to contact us at 610-351-5610 if you have any questions or concerns.

#### **College Admissions Testing Date**

October 6, SAT Test, Registration deadline is September 7. Parkland High School is NOT a test center for this test date

# Homecoming 2018 "Go Green"

#### PHS Annual Homecoming Events: Sponsored by Student Council

Parkland's 2018 Homecoming events will run from Monday, October 1st through Saturday, October 6th. This year's theme is "Go Green" in support of the Wildlands Conservancy. Students will be encouraged to participate in the Homecoming activities planned and organized by the school's Student Council led by student Co-Presidents: Michael Olenick and Divisha Singh. Among the highlights of the week's activities are Spirit Week, the Garter Bowl, the Homecoming Game with parade at half time, and the Homecoming Dance.

We encourage students, parents, staff, and the community to join in the many long-standing traditions that will be celebrated throughout the week!

Spirit Week: Students and staff are encouraged to show their school spirit each day of the week by wearing the following:

Monday 10/1/18 - Parkland Pride Day
Tuesday 10/2/18 - Twin Day/Dress Like Your Favorite Teacher
Wednesday 10/3/18 - Grade Color Day/Garter Bowl Shirts
(9<sup>th</sup>- White, 10<sup>th</sup>- Black, 11<sup>th</sup>- Grey, 12<sup>th</sup>- Red)
Thursday 10/4/18 - Team Sports Day
Friday 10/5/18 - Go Green Day

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Garter Bowl 2018:** The games will take place at OMS Stadium on Wednesday evening, October 3rd. In addition to a huge school spirit event, Garter Bowl is a girls' flag football event where the freshmen girls play the junior girls, the sophomores face the seniors, and then the winners of the two previous games face off in a championship game at 8 PM. Each year the PHS Student Council selects a charity to receive all of the proceeds from the event. This year's event will support the Wildlands Conservancy. Please mark this date on your calendar and join us. It is a great evening for all ages! Gates open at 5:30 PM, cost is \$5.00, and the game times are as follows:



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6:00 pm: Freshmen vs. Juniors 7:00 pm: Sophomores vs. Seniors 8:00 pm: Championship Game Rain date: Thursday, October 4th @ OMS Stadium



**Homecoming Game/Parade:** Friday evening, October 5th, the Parkland Trojans will take on the Whitehall Zephyrs for their annual Homecoming Game! The special Homecoming Parade at half-time features many student-made floats as well as the Homecoming Court. This year's floats will be based around the theme "Go Green". The judging of the floats will take place in the parking lot adjacent to the upper bus garages behind the stadium at 5:30 PM. The floats will remain available for viewing throughout the 1st quarter of the game. Please take the opportunity to see these amazing student-made creations!

**Homecoming Dance:** The Homecoming Dance is for the current Parkland students and will be held on Saturday, October 6 from 7:30-10:30 PM. The Homecoming King and Queen are announced at this annual dance. The Homecoming Dance is semi-formal. Appropriate dress and student ID are required. The cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets will be sold at all lunches from October 1 - 5 and the mornings of October 3-4 in the auditorium for LCTI students.

#### Visual and Performing Arts

The Summer of 2018 certainly was a hot and rainy one but it is quickly coming to a close and it feels as if we have just finished up last year's incredibly busy Visual and Performing Arts schedule. The A-wing is already hard at work as we prepare for another year of great fun and excellence.

#### PARKLAND THEATRE TICKETING GOES ONLINE!

Beginning on September 12, 2018, tickets for the Fall Season will be available solely online. This change will enable our patrons to choose their own seats and purchase the tickets without the hassle of filling out an order form and waiting for the mail. See the ad below for more information.

This year's fall productions offer something for everyone in the family. The season begins with a local premiere of **26 Pebbles**. This insightful work focuses on the lives of the citizens of Newtown, CT while they recover from the events that occurred on December 14, 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary School. On that day, the world of this small town was shattered by the unspeakable act of a lone intruder. Based on interviews between the author, Eric Ulloa, and the residents of Newtown, we learn how a community joins together to heal and move forward. Written in the style of *Our Town*, this conversation about people reaching out to help others is inspirational and moving. Performances will be Friday, October 12 at 7:30 PM, Saturday, October 13 at 3:00 PM and 7:30 PM, and Sunday, October 14 at 3:00 PM. **26 Pebbles** is recommended for audiences 14 years and older. Guest speakers are planned for after each performance to discuss this important subject. This production will be headed to a theater competition in December.

The 2018 Children's Show will be the classic Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins, Jr.* Follow Jane and Michael Banks on fantastical adventures with their new nanny as she helps the Banks family in more ways than one. Based on the books by P.L. Travers and the classic Walt Disney film, *Mary Poppins Jr.* includes a score filled with timeless classics as well as charming new songs written especially for this adaptation. "Supercalifragilistic," "A Spoonful of Sugar," and "Chim Chim Cher-ee" are among the many familiar songs that will be performed in this wonderful story that has brought joy to generations of people, young and old. Performances are Friday, November 9 at 7:00 PM, Saturday, November 10 at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM, and Sunday, November 11 at 3:00 PM.

AUDITIONS for *Mary Poppins, Jr.* will be held on Saturday, September 8 and continue on Sunday, September 9 in the auditorium. Audition packets are available on Mrs. Smith's webpage (<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/esmithliteraturetheatre/">https://sites.google.com/site/esmithliteraturetheatre/</a>) and in the box office. More information will be posted on Twitter at @PHS\_PAC.

As of this printing the Spring Musical choice is under negotiations and we hope to be able to announce the title very shortly. It will certainly be something special and tickets will go on sale at a later date. Check the district website for future information.

Practices and rehearsals for the upcoming school year's music and dance performances are already in progress. The Dance Team, the Strolling Strings, the Marching Band, and the Chorale all spent time in the building this summer making sure that they are ready for the upcoming year. Come out to the first home football game to support the team and the exciting Trojan Marching Band. Over 200 students and their directors are hard at work preparing their show for an fantastic season, with music by *Fall Out Boy* and *Panic! At The Disco*.

Don't miss this month's exhibit in the Trojan Art Gallery, "The Pen and Ink Drawings of Scott Armstrong."

It is never too early to mark your calendar for the 2019 Festival of the Arts, May 16-18. Please check out the website at www.parklandartsfestival.com. We are always looking for additional artists and volunteers.

	Trojan Art Gallery		http://psdweb.parklandsd.org/phsgallery		landsd.org/phsgallery
September	2018	SCOTT ARMSTRONG (Pen & Ink)	February	2019	PHS Art Students Painting Ceramics
October	2018	NINA BOODHANSINGH (Contemporary Painting)	March	2019	PHS Art Students Drawing, Crafts
November	2018	JOEL JACOBSON (Nod To The Past-Painting)	April	2019	PHS Art Students Port. Prep., AP Studio,
December	2018	HUB WILSON (Painting)	May	2019	Independent Studies PHS Art Students Gallery
January	2019	PHS Art Students Comp. Graphics Photography Jewelry/Metals1	May	2019	Senior Art Award Recipients 3-D Regional Scholastic

#### Student Assistance Program (SAP)

The SAP team has utilized the summer to plan a new batch of exciting in-school services to be offered at Parkland High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

The PHS SAP team's goal is to make our large school feel smaller to your child. Our mission statement is to ensure that your child feels that someone in the school cares about them and that they are not alone in dealing with day-to-day challenges. Therefore, we are offering SAP Services and services sponsored by SAP that do not require SAP participation (PHS In-School Services.)

#### SAP Services: (SAP Permission Required)

- 1. **Parent/Guardian Consultation and ongoing monitoring with a member of the SAP.** This includes referring your child to both in-school and out-of-school services as deemed appropriate by the team.
- 2. The Mentor Program A mentor is a caring and committed older individual in a young person's life. By spending some time sharing activities, listening, encouraging, challenging, and building skills and self-reliance, volunteer mentors can help children achieve school success. A mentor will periodically check in with your child and your child's team of school personnel (i.e., teachers, counselors, nurses, administrators) to assess progress and provide support throughout the school year. Your child's mentor may contact you with updates on your child's progress and provide support and strategies throughout the school year. This is not a confidential relationship. Staff referral is required.
- 3. **Educational Peer Support Groups** Life Happens Group, Chronic Medical Condition, LGBQT, and Loss, etc. are examples of educational peer support groups. This provides a space for students who are dealing with similar concerns to come together and support each other. Strategies are provided. Groups form as a result of student need. If a group is organized that may benefit your child, a member of the SAP team will contact you.
- 4. An Assessment through Mid-Atlantic Rehabilitation Services (MARS). This is a confidential screening conducted by a member of MARS during school hours at Parkland High School. These recommendations will be shared with the SAP team. It will allow the SAP team to make appropriate referrals and necessary linkages to in-school and out-of-school supports for your child. Parents have the right to request to review the screening tool that will be used with their child and to have access of all information gathered pertaining to their child.

#### PHS In-School Services Sponsored by SAP: (SAP permission not required)

- 1. **Educational Seminars** The goal of the Educational Seminar Program is to bring students together with similar concerns, educate them on these concerns, and provide strategies to address these concerns (i.e., final exam seminar, dating healthy, etc.)
- 2. **Mindfulness Training** Mindfulness will teach your child ways to stay in the present without reacting or being overwhelmed by what is going on around them. Mindfulness strategies are meant to ease anxiety, focus attention, calm anger, etc.
- 3. Check in for 3 for a New Me This is a check-in by a counselor to ensure that your child is equipped with a proper mindset and strategies so he/she is able to follow school policy and avoid suspension again. A reentry plan will be created listing the strategies that your child learned. He/she will discuss this plan with their assistant principal upon return to Parkland High School.
- 4. **In-School for 4 and No More** If students receive 4 or more days of in-school suspension, they will receive skills intervention by a staff member to prevent further in-school days. This could be 1-3 meetings. They will fill out a reflection to analyze their infraction.
- 5. **Conflict Resolution Squad** This is a staff run initiative that aids students in addressing conflicts with peers. Staff and/or parents may refer students. Additionally, students may refer him/herself with the person of conflict. Upon receiving a referral, parents will be contacted via phone call for permission. The parents of both students will need to respond to an email stating that the facilitators may move forward with the mediation. The other student's name will not be provided to the other parent. If necessary, administrators may be asked to sit in the mediation.

We are very excited for the 2018-2019 school year as we embark on these new services. Please feel free to contact the SAP team at 610-351-5600 if you have any questions or concerns.

#### Information from the School Nurse

As a new school year begins, the Health Room Staff would like to remind you if your child has any health condition updates, please contact the school nurse to inform her of this information.

All medication, prescription and nonprescription, must be brought to the school by a parent and/or guardian along with the accompanying forms from the physician at the start of each school year or as your child requires medication to be administered during school hours. Parents/Guardians will also need to make arrangements with the nursing department to pick up your child's medication at the completion of each school year.

<u>Emergency medications</u> (epinephrine auto injectors and asthma inhalers) may be carried by the student during the school day if the Physician indicates this on the Medication form. Carrying emergency medications at the High School level is encouraged because of the many activities the students are involved in.

All medications, prescription and nonprescription will continue to require a doctor's order and the completion of the Medication Administration Consent and Licensed Prescriber form to be administered during school hours.

Forms are available for download on the PHS website under the Health Services Link. Please see the medication policy on the website for complete information.

<u>All Eleventh grade students</u>, as mandated by the State, need to have a physical examination. This is best done by your family physician, but may be done by the school physician if you choose. A sport physical for a PIAA High School sport may be used to complete this requirement. The form for the school physical you receive in the mail is the preferable paperwork to be completed. However, copies of the physical forms used for the driver's permit are accepted for the student's school physical. Completed forms are to be returned to the Health Room only. Please notify the school nurse as to how you plan on completing this requirement.

The Health Room Staff would like to remind you of some guidelines to stay healthy and decrease the spread of illness during this school year. If your child, in the morning prior to school, is experiencing the following symptoms, please do not send him/her to school, even if they have a test or sporting event: Fever of 100 degrees or more, vomiting, diarrhea, severe head cold, persistent cough or severe sore throat. It is advised that a student should be fever free for twenty-four hours before returning to school.

If you have questions please contact your building school nurse. The contact information for the Health Room is located on the website.

#### **Library Lines**

What a summer! While our students were enjoying summer break, our facilities department was working hard to help us revision our library space. Most of the books are now located on the perimeter walls freeing up floor space for us to create a more functional use of our Library Media Center. The biggest change is the addition of a makerspace that allows students to freely create using technology or art, or hopefully both! Throughout the year we hope to build upon and use our students and staff to share their creative talents with others. Teaser: VR is just around the corner.

Another exciting addition we have acquired is the JSTOR database. This database is used in most universities and will give students a resource for higher level research. Password sheets will be available in the library at the start of the school year.

As always Mrs. Dickerson and Mrs. Brader are available as a resource to the students to help with all research, citation, computer help, information acquisition, and everything else that comes their way. The library is open from 7AM until 4:30 every day with a dedicated certified school librarian. Freshmen will visit with their English classes to get an overview of everything the Library Media Center has to offer. We will be open to study hall after the first six day cycle so that students can report to their study halls and be assigned a seat.

Any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Dickerson at dickersonc@parklandsd.org.

#### **Athletic News**



The Parkland Athletic Department is rolling into the fall season with a brand new Main Gym floor. Participation rates are again high with over 700 students playing fall sports and are looking forward to an exciting fall campaign. The 2018 spring sports season ended with our baseball, softball, boys' lacrosse and girls' lacrosse teams all reaching state play-offs. The softball team lost a heartbreaking game in the state finals and both lacrosse teams won their first state playoff games in their history. Parkland completed the 2017-18 school year with eight League and eight District XI Championships. An outstanding end to an outstanding year.

#### 2018 Spring Team Recognition

Morning Call Team of the Year - Boys Track Morning Call Team of the Year- Girls Lacrosse

Morning Call Team of the Year - Softball Morning Call Team of the Year- Boys Lacrosse

#### Individual Athlete Recognition

Our outstanding athletes are recognized for both athletic and academic accomplishments. Many of them have already received recognition in earlier issues of this correspondence. The following are those who may have been missed or received recognition after the end of last school year:

Adam Smith - Morning Call Pitcher of the Year, 1st Team All League Cullen Wadsworth - 1st Team All League and Morning Call 1st Team

#### <u>Softball</u>

Makenzie Wolfe - 1st team All League and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All State

Kelly Dulaney - PA Player of the Year

#### Track

Shelby Staib - District Champion Javelin Sam Morgan, Nathan Reimer, Jacob Ringer, Mustapha Salau - District Champion 4x800 relay

Habeeb Salau, Sebastian Suriel, Ese Duke, Julian Colon - District Champion 4x100

Sam Morgan – 2<sup>nd</sup> District 800 Meter Run – State Qualifier

Jacob Ringer - 4th District 800 Meter Run -State Qualifier

Franco Pereinotti - 2nd District Pole Vault -State Qualifier

#### Girls Lacrosse

Camryn Barnett - Morning Call and League Player of the Year Abby Pope – 1st Team All League and Morning Call

Katie Rawski - 1st Team All League and Morning Call

Brie Barraco - 1st Team All League and Morning Call

Jill Bushinsky - 1st Team All League

#### Boys Lacrosse

James Cipolla - Morning Call and League Player of the Year

Alex Albertson - 1st Team All League and Morning Call

Luke Summers - 1st Team Morning Call Andrew Albertson - 1st Team Morning Call James Mclaughlin - 1st Team Morning Call

#### **Athletic Award Recipients**

The following individuals and teams received recognition at the annual Parkland High School Athletic Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 30.

#### Scholar Athletes:

Jacob Ringer, Boys' Cross Country Erin Wood, Girls' Cross Country William Kroboth, Football Dawson Berger, Boys' Soccer Allie Bianco, Field Hockey Benjamin Tetzlaff, Golf Maanasi Gothoskar, Girls' Tennis Mia Jago, Girls' Volleyball & Girls' Track and Field

Keeley Coval, Girls' Basketball Zach Stendell Boys' Basketball Zachary Ortman, Wrestling Zoe Sheridan, Girls' Swimming Matthew Ceh, Boys' Swimming Madison Smith, Cheerleading Collin Duff, Baseball Makenzie Wolfe, Softball Habeeb Salau, Boys' Track and Field Seungkwon Son, Boys' Tennis Katrina Olewine, Girls' Soccer Robert Corba, Boys' Volleyball

Samuel Morgan, Boys' Lacrosse

Gabrielle Barraco, Girls' Lacrosse

#### Scholarship Recipients:

Brody Boyer, Trojan Alumni Club Art Haldeman Scholarship Award Katrina Olewine, Trojan Alumni Club Marlyn Burkhardt Scholarship Award

Michael Novak, Jared E. Haas Memorial Scholarship Award

Josh Kiser, Kyle Stang Memorial Scholarship Award

Michaela Cohick, Kyle Stang Memorial Scholarship Award

Allie Bianco, Patti Heffner Memorial

Scholarship Award

Justin Petrisko, Schnecksville Playground Association Sandy Reilly Memorial Bobby Carlson, Schnecksville Playground Association Sandy Reilly Memorial Alex Albertson, Schnecksville Playground

Association Sandy Reilly Memorial Noel Moyer, Parkland Area Soccer Club Charles D. Nace Memorial Scholarship Michaela Cohick, Parkland Area Soccer Club

Charles D. Nace Memorial Scholarship

#### Dale Zimmerman "Female Athlete of the Year" award recipient

Gabrielle Barraco

#### Dale Zimmerman "Male Athlete of the Year" award recipient

Samuel Morgan

#### Parkland High School Athletic Hall of Fame 2018 Inductees:

Gabrielle Barraco, All-State Field Hockey Player

Brooke Schutter, All-State Soccer Player Bryce Evans, All-State Soccer Player Jacob Varrato, All-State Soccer Player Mia Jago, All-State Volleyball Player Garrett Weigel, All-State Volleyball Player Jahan Worth, All-State Football Player Valerie Mihalik, Class of 2004, Female Alumni Recipient

Robert Brown, Class of 1993, Male Alumni Recipient

Jeffery Geisel, Athletic Director, Service Award Recipient

#### 2017-2018 Team Championships: **District XI Champions:**

Football

Boys' Soccer Girls' Volleyball

Girls' Soccer

Girls' Swimming

Girls' Lacrosse Boys' Lacrosse

Softball

#### Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Champions:

Football

Boys' Soccer

Girls' Soccer

Girls' Swimming

Boys' Track & Field

Boys' Lacrosse

Baseball

Softball

#### Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Skyline **Division Champions:**

Girls' Soccer

Boys' Soccer

Baseball

Girls' Lacrosse

Boys' Lacrosse

#### Eastern Pennsylvania Conference **Tournament Champions:**

Girls' Cross Country

Boys' Tennis

Boys' Track & Field

#### ASD Invitational Track & Field Meet Champions:

Boys' Track & Field Girls' Track & Field

#### **Athletic News**

#### **Alumni Recognition**

Photos in the trophy case-Parkland Athletic Department recognizes current NCAA Division I and II Parkland alumni by placing signed photographs of them in our cafeteria lobby trophy case. These pictures stay there until graduation from the students' respective colleges and are then permanently displayed on the walls of our ticket sales area at PHS. If you are a current college athlete or have a child who meets the criteria for recognition, please send us an **8" x 10" autographed**, glossy action photo from their college media guide or action shot from a game. The photo can be dropped off at PHS or mailed to us at: Parkland High School Athletic Office, 2700 North Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104

#### MARK YOUR SPORTS CALENDAR!

Winter 2018-2019 sports physicals are Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Parkland High School - Boys 8 - 10 AM, Girls 10 AM - noon. **They are free**. No student can participate in basketball, wrestling, or swimming without a full PIAA physical or recertification if they played a 2018 fall sport. The Parkland Athletic Department understands that it may not be convenient to come to our scheduled free physical event. However, those who miss must get a PIAA physical on their own prior to November 16, 2018. Paperwork for it is on the <a href="https://phs.parklandsd.org/">https://phs.parklandsd.org/</a> website under Departments - Athletics - Forms. All Parkland athletes must get an ImPACT test once during their 4 years at PHS and before participation. ImPACT tests will also be available during this time if the student athlete did not take one.

2018 Winter Sports Begin Friday, November 16!

#### Accessing Parkland Athletics Information

#### PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL MONTH-AT-A-GLANCE SCHEDULE

Click here for monthly athletic events/schedule at a glance:

http://schedules.schedulestar.com/Parkland-High-School-Allentown-PA/month/

#### **TEAM SCHEDULES**

Parkland athletic schedules for individual sports are available on Schedule Star at: <a href="http://schedules.schedulestar.com/Parkland-High-School-Allentown-PA/">http://schedules.schedulestar.com/Parkland-High-School-Allentown-PA/</a>. Scroll down to the "SCHEDULE VIEW" box. You will see a row of headers as follows: Day, 5 Day, Month, Season, Favorites. Click on "month" and then from the "Select Teams" pull down menu on the right, clear all of the sports that are listed on the right and only click on the team schedule that you are trying to view from the menu on the left. The information will filter only the team information that you are seeking in the monthly calendar blocks on the screen just underneath the row of header buttons.

Please note these schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances.

GO TROJANS!

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#### **Administration Center**

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**Assistant Superintendent** 610 351-5505 Email troutmanr@parklandsd.org FAX 610 351-5508

#### Dear Parent and Guardians:

As we close the 2017-2018 school year we have already started planning for the 2018-2019 school year! We have exciting plans and high expectations for your child's learning. I know that you also have many hopes and dreams for your child's success in school and beyond.

To make sure those hopes and dreams are realized, I want to ask for your commitment to making sure your child attends school every day possible. The evidence is clear: **children** with good attendance are more likely to be successful in school. High attendance rates are linked to high student achievement. This is true for every grade – elementary, middle, and high school students.

Every day counts. Every minute counts. Missing school even 10% of the time has a significant negative impact on reading and math achievement as children progress through school.

New Attendance Requirements for ALL Pennsylvania Schools for 2018/2019



As you plan your vacations for next year, please consider the School District calendar to minimize absences from school.

The 2018- 2019 school year has increased consequences for chronically absent students

















#### **FACTS RELATED TO ATTENDANCE**

- Good attendance starts early. Research has shown that the attendance habits
  established Kindergarten through Grade 2 have lasting effects on students throughout
  their education: children with high attendance in the early grades continue to have good
  attendance; and students with low attendance in the early grades are more likely to have
  low attendance—and lower academic performance—throughout their elementary and
  middle school years.
- Students with good attendance performed better in math and reading. Children who had
  good attendance in Kindergarten through Grade 2 were more than twice as likely to
  score proficient on state tests by the time they reached Grade 8 as their peers who
  missed more school.
- Students who are chronically absent do not perform on grade level. In fact, only 17% of chronically absent students in grades K and 1 read at grade level by Grade 3. Students who are not reading on grade level by Grade 3 are 13 times more likely to drop out of school.
- If a student misses 10% of each school year (or 18 days per year), by the end of 9th grade, the student will have missed the equivalent of one full school year of school.
- During the 2018-2019 school year the Federal Government's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Pennsylvania's Future Ready Index (FRI) will define 10% absence in a school year as "chronically absent." Beginning with next school year, all absences, including medical appointments, illness, and educational trips/vacations are all included toward your child's absences from school. All absences from school count for your child and count for us as a District. We are asking for you to review the 2018-2019 school calendar and plan for medical appointments and educational trips/vacations on days that are scheduled off from school on the calendar.

As your child's most influential teacher, I am asking for your support in helping your child get to school each day on time next year. Your child needs to be in school and engaged in learning to reach his or her full potential. Yet, we realize that every family faces challenges. Please let your child's teacher or your child's principal know if your family needs help dealing with a challenge to your child's good school attendance. We will do our best to help you and your family ensure that your child's school attendance stays on track.

Thank you for all you do to support your child's school success and well-being, as well as our School District. I look forward to working with you next year!

Educationally Yours,

Rodney R. Troutman, Ed.D. Assistant Superintendent



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#### Food Services Department Troxell Building

2219 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104 PHONE: 610-351-5670 FAX 610-351-5679 www.parklandsd.org Lori Seier

Director, Food Services

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August, 2018

#### Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Food Services Department of Parkland School District welcomes you and your child, and look forward to serving your child this school year. Breakfast and lunch are served each day in all buildings. Menus are available each month on the food services page of our District website, your building page of our District website, or from your building office. Breakfast is \$1.40 for elementary and \$1.60 for secondary students. Lunch is \$2.60 for elementary and \$2.85 for secondary students.

The Food Services Department operates all cashier functions through a point of sale software program called eTrition. Each student has an account established in the system, using their student identification number. This number and account will remain with your child throughout their years at Parkland. When your child purchases a meal or snack from us, the amount is automatically deducted from the balance in your child's account. To deposit money into your child's account, our cafeterias accept cash or checks made payable to "PSD Food Services". Deposits should be placed in an envelope clearly labeled with your student's name and teacher's name. Envelopes may be dropped off each morning in the cafeteria.

In addition to accepting cash or checks, the food services department also offers an online payment service to our families. This service, located at <a href="www.MySchoolBucks.com">www.MySchoolBucks.com</a>, offers parents simple and secure online transactions and features the ability to: (1) monitor account balances, (2) track and review purchase history, (3) create low balance alerts, and (4) for a service fee pay with your credit, debit, or electronic checks.

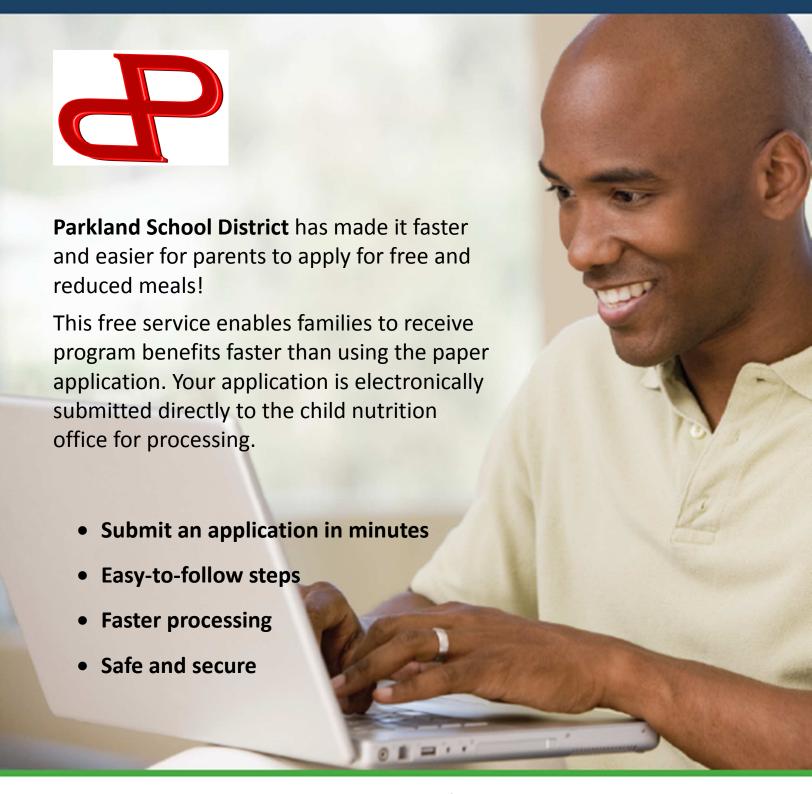
At any point during the school year, parents may place a restriction on their student's account. Parents wanting to place a restriction on their student's account may do so by notifying the cafeteria in writing. Once a restriction is placed on an account, it will remain on the account until we are again notified in writing to change it.

Again, welcome to Parkland! If you have any questions concerning food services, please feel free to contact us at 610-351-5670.

Sincerely,

Lori A. Seier Lori A. Seier Director, Food Services

## Free or Reduced Breakfast and Lunch Apply Online. Anytime. Anywhere.



To get started, visit:

<u>www.schoolcafe.com</u>, register, and select Parkland School District as your District.

#### Fall SAT Prep

Parkland High School will be offering a Fall SAT Prep class to prepare students for the SAT Exam on **Saturday**, **November 3**, **2018**.

This course will help students prepare for the verbal section of the SAT by providing practice, test taking strategies, and test simulation in the areas of critical reading, evidence based writing and contextual vocabulary.

This course will help students prepare for the math section of the SAT by providing practice, test taking strategies, and simulated test taking in the areas of algebra, geometry and trigonometry including problem solving; data analysis and practice in ratios, rates and proportional relationships.

#### Important Information about the class:

- This 10-class session course will begin on Monday, September 24, 2018 and continue until Wednesday, October 31, 2018.
- Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesdays. Students will have a choice of an after school session from 3:00 5:00pm or an evening session from 6:30-8:30pm.
- Students must provide own transportation home from the afternoon session at 5pm and transportation to and from the 6:30pm evening session.
- In the interest of scheduling, students must select one session and may not combine after school/evening sessions.
- The cost for the 10-class session course is \$100.00 to cover class materials; checks should be made payable to **Parkland School District**.
- Juniors will receive registration information in English class during the first week of school, beginning on September 4, 2018
- Course registration deadline is Thursday, September 20, 2018. Register early, as space is limited.

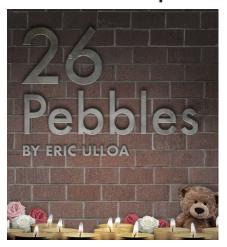
If you have any questions regarding these classes, please contact Mr. Jude Sandt at 610-351-5900 ext. 73505 or mailto:sandti@parklandsd.org.

#### PHS THEATRE • ON SALE SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> • ONLINE TICKET ORDERING!

Visit www.parklandsd.org/tickets to find the link to our new online ticketing provider. Choose your own seats!

#### **FALL PLAY**

October 12 • 7:30 p.m. October 13 • 3:00 & 7:30 p.m. October 14 • 3:00 p.m.



On December 12, 2014, the citizens of Newtown, Connecticut were handed a tragedy. 26 lives were taken at the Sandy Hook Elementary School. These 26 innocent deaths, like pebbles thrown into a pond, created ripples and vibrations that were felt far beyond the original rings. Based solely on actual interviews with members of the community, this "Our Town" style play explores a small town shaken by a horrific event.

Recommended for ages 14+.

#### **CHILDREN'S SHOW**

November 9 • 7:00 p.m. November 10 • 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. November 11 • 3:00 p.m.



Based on one of the most popular Disney movies of all time, *Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins* is capturing hearts in a whole new way: as a practically perfect Broadway Junior musical!

The jack-of-all trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again.

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#### FORKS BEGINNER TO ADVANCED **Two Choices for Adults and High School Students** HAND BUILT CERAMICS AT SMS Wed 7-9 pm, Rm A207 • 10/24/2018 - 2/20/2019 **PAINTING & DRAWING AT PHS**

Thur 7-9 pm, Rm A139 • 10/25/2018 - 3/7/2019

http://psdweb.parklandsd.org/phs gallery

Mail tuition checks only to: Springhouse MS, ARTWORKS, c/o Kerri Griffin, 1200 Springhouse Road, Allentown, PA 18104 PAINTING & DRAWING AT PHS: \$180 Adults \$100 HS Students Please make checks payable to **Parkland School District** due by the first night of class Mail tuition checks only to: Parkland HS, ARTWORKS, c/o Linda La Due, 2700 N. Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown, PA 18104 Name (please print) ¹ Address E-mail Phone (H)

CERAMICS AT SMS: \$ 180 per session, Please make tuition checks payable to Parkland School District
+ \$30 materials fee paid by CASH ONLY due the first night of class