



# PARKLAND NEWSLETTER

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## VETERANS MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TAKES SHAPE

*Despite record rainfall, the new school building remains on schedule and on-budget. Interior work will begin as the building is enclosed in January.*

Scheduled to open in the fall of 2020, the Veterans Memorial Elementary School is taking shape. In late November, Rob Avitabile, project manager for the school, gave the Parkland School Board an update on the new school which is being built at Twin Ponds Road between Schantz Road and Long Lane in Upper Macungie Township. Steel was put in place in September, concrete floor slabs were poured, and permanent stairs are in the building. The crew worked throughout December to finish the roof with the goal of full enclosure by late January. This winter, work will also be done to widen the road near the school and road signals, required by PennDOT, will be installed.

The school is being built to accommodate the growing population in the southwest pocket of the District where new residential construction continues to occur. When the building is finished in 2020, it is expected to house at least 500 elementary students in grades K-5 and will take pressure off the other southern schools in the District: Fred J. Jandl, Cetronia, Parkway Manor and Fogelsville. The school will also have additional students as new developments start construction in the near future.



**PHS Graduation**  
will be held on  
**June 11, 2019**  
at PPL Center  
in Allentown  
at 7 PM

*Employers Needed!*

## 2ND ANNUAL JOB FAIR

Parkland High School  
February 28, 2019

## PHS JOB FAIR - FEB. 28TH

*Do you have a business that is interested in hiring Parkland students? Or, perhaps you might like to speak to students during Career Seminar Weeks in the fall? Interested employers should contact Allison McPeek at [mcpeeka@parklandsd.org](mailto:mcpeeka@parklandsd.org).*

Approximately 1,600 11th and 12th graders are expected to attend Parkland High School's 2nd Annual Job Fair on February 28, 2019, when 70 employers will be on site to meet with students. The goal will be for juniors and seniors to land summer employment, internships, volunteer opportunities and job shadowing experiences for the summer. Students will come prepared to speak with employers, many with mini resumes on-hand and a list of potential employers they'd like to speak with.

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## EIGHT PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NAMED 2019 NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS



ALISON FANG



PRIYANKA HANUMAIHGARI



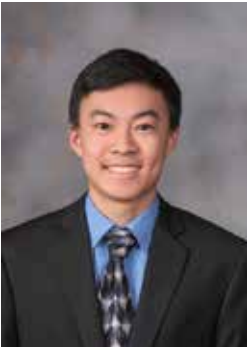
AANIKA KAPOOR



ADAM KLINGER



VALMIKI KOTHARE



CONRAD LEE



DANIEL WILCOX



MURONG YAO

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The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition that recognizes the 50,000 highest Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) scores in the nation out of approximately 1.5 million students who take the test each year. Of the 1.5 million entrants, approximately 50,000 with the highest PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores qualify for recognition in the National Merit® Scholarship Program as either Commended Students (about 34,000) or Semifinalists (highest 16,000).

The following eight Parkland High School students were selected as Semifinalists in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. These scholastically talented seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,600 Merit Scholarship awards worth \$33 million. They are pictured left to right from the top as follows:

**ALISON FANG** is the President of the Math League and the President of the French National Honor Society. She has participated in National History Day and is a member of the National Honor Society, the Math National Honor Society, the English Honor Society, and Pi Sigma Delta. She is an American Invitational Mathematics Examination Qualifier, on the American Mathematics Competition Honor Roll, and a National French Grand Concours Gold Medalist. She is also a member of the Lehigh Valley American Regions Math League Team.

**PRIYANKA HANUMAIHGARI** is the President of the Science Olympiad and Vice President of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). She is a member of the National, Spanish, Math, History and Science Honor Societies, Club Med, and the Science Fair. She is a Science Olympiad National Medalist, a two-time competitor at the National FBLA Leadership Conference, and a BioGENEius state competitor. Priyanka received 1st Place at the Delaware Valley Science Fair and was awarded a research grant from the Pennsylvania Academy of Science. She received awards from the American Microbiology Association and American Association for Cancer Research, and is a National AP Scholar with Distinction. She is the President and Founder of a nonprofit organization and volunteers for the American Association for Cancer Research, St. Luke's Hospital, and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She also performs as an Indian Classical Dancer. She plans on studying Biology after high school.

**AANIKA KAPOOR** is the Grassroots Environmental Organization Club Treasurer. She is also a member of the Key Club and the National, Spanish, Math, History and Science Honor Societies. She played on the PHS Field Hockey Team and was a member of the Parkland High School Band in ninth and tenth grades. At Parkland, she was named the PHS Field Hockey Scholar Athlete and received an AP Scholar with Honor Award. She plans on studying Biology at William and Mary College.

**ADAM KLINGER** is the German Club Vice President and Co-Captain of the PHS Varsity Basketball Team. He is also a member of the Welcome Pack, the LEO Club, and the Varsity Track and Field Team. He is a member of the National Honor Society and was named "The Student Athlete" by High School Tours. Adam plans to study Civil/Environmental Engineering.

**VALMIKI KOTHARE** is the Founder and President of the Aerial Technology Club, Secretary of the Engineering Club, and a LEO Club Officer. He has participated in Scholastic Scrimmage, UNICEF, FBLA, and the Science Fair. He was named an AP Scholar with Distinction and inducted into five National Honor Societies, as well as awarded a 2018-19 National Hispanic Scholar Title, a Gold Medal for the National Spanish Exam, was a 2018 FBLA finalist, took 4th Place in Physics at the Delaware Valley Science Fair and plays the piano. He plans on studying Electrical Engineering.

**CONRAD LEE** is the Concertmaster of the PHS Orchestra, President of the Chess Club, Captain of the Chess Team, and the Captain of the Varsity Tennis Team. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Strolling Strings. He received All-State, Northeast Region, and District 10 Orchestra Titles and Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Gold awards in Tennis and Chess. He is an Emergency Medical Responder and Founder of the Parkway Manor Chess Club. He is undecided as to his major.

**DANIEL WILCOX** is the German Club Treasurer and the Engineering Club Team Leader. He is a member of National, Math, and German Honor Societies, the Aerial Technology Club, the UNICEF Club, and the Track and Field Team. He plans on studying Aerospace Engineering.

**MURONG YAO** is the Captain of the PHS Varsity Tennis Team, Vice President of the Math Honor Society, Vice President of the French Club, and a member of the LEO Club. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Science Fair Club. She won 1st Place at Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) Regionals, 2nd & 3rd Place at the Delaware Science Fair, 2nd & 3rd Place on the National French Exam, and has received a National AP Scholar Award and Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Five-Year Perseverance Award. She plans on studying Economics after high school.

Seventeen Commended students were named for Outstanding Test Scores, but were not able to advance in the competition. They are Thwisha Anantasagar, Abigail Bartynski, John Blizzard, Sarah Clapham, Coltrane Conner, William Dacey, Nehali Gupta, Christine Hutchinson, Sahil Inaganti, Matthew Liu, Aditi Pallod, Rayhan Rahman, August Schwartz, Sriyaa Suresh, Shaili Vyas, James Wang, and Matthew Zager.



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## ATHLETIC UPDATE



### Fall Sports Results

At the conclusion of Parkland's 2018 fall athletic season, three Trojan squads claimed team championships.

The Boys' Cross Country Team won both the East Penn Conference Seasonal and Conference Meet Championships. At the District XI Championship, they placed 2nd and qualified for the PIAA State Meet. At the PIAA AAA Cross Country Championships in Hershey, the Trojans placed 14th.

The Girls' Soccer Team won the East Penn Skyline Division Championship, East Penn Conference Championship, and District XI AAAA Championship. They were excited to win the EPC League Title for the fifth straight year and the District XI Title for the 4th consecutive year. In the 31-year history of District XI Girls' Soccer, no school has ever won the District XI Championship four years in a row. In the PIAA AAAA Tournament, the girls were eliminated in the quarterfinal round losing in penalty kicks to the eventual State Runner-up.

In Girls' Volleyball, Parkland captured the District XI Championship and advanced to the PIAA AAAA semi-final match before being eliminated. Players Grace Steurer and Adriana Goetz-Morales were named All State. Congratulations to Coach Mike Krause who was one of 40 coaches in the nation to be recognized as Region Coach of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

## GIRLS' SOCCER GIVES BACK

The 2018 JV & Varsity Squads surpassed their goal and set a new record, collecting \$20,240.50. The Girls' Soccer program has raised \$59,101 in the past three years for charities.

This past month, the PHS Girls' Soccer Team met a child whose wish they fulfilled in partnership with the *Dream Come True* organization. Players made homemade cards and presented the child with a plaque with their EPC & District XI Championship medals attached (thank you to CJ Wagner Trophies for donating the plaque).

The team has sponsored two children in the *Dream Come True* program this year, one little girl who is getting a new bedroom and Chromebook, and another little girl who is going to Disney World. They also made a donation to a young girl in the Allentown School District who is fighting a very rare disease. Her family, instead of accepting the gift for their family, worked with Amazon and *Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)* to purchase Christmas toys for patients, helping 46 children who spent Christmas at *CHOP* this year. They also made a donation to the *Pediatric Cancer Foundation of Lehigh Valley*, another organization that assists families with children diagnosed with cancer.



Al Haddad, Girls' Soccer coach, stated, "This campaign over the past three years has truly empowered these young ladies to make a difference. They saw first-hand the difference they make in the lives of one, or many children. And I can tell you, they have gone on to college and have continued to give back."

## MUSIC PROGRAM SETS RECORDS AT DISTRICT 10 AUDITIONS

For the first time in history, Parkland has had the most students qualify for District Band, Chorus and Orchestra as compared to any other school in District 10. Students audition for the honor, and the best musicians are selected from schools in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, and Schuylkill Counties which comprise District 10. Congratulations and best of luck auditioning for Regionals!

**DISTRICT CHORUS** - Olivia Behr, Colin Bowers, Dylan Buckner, Coltrane Conner, Nate Cowling, Ava Del Rio, Jenny Delorimier, Noah Erlemann, Raphael Ettinger-Finley, Isabella Fedele, Brycen Geiger, Paige Herman, Abby Hill, Shanyin Kaiser, Akaash Kapoor, Christopher Kern, Justin Kuhlman, Julianne Lane, Mackenzie Lynch, Matthew Melchior, Robert Moore, Lauren Petrocelli, Jacob Roth, Carter Sachse, Aylor Scandola, Taylor Shortell, Natalie St. Hill, Daniel Stewart, and Michaiah Watkins. There were 200 students chosen in total for District 10 Chorus.

**DISTRICT ORCHESTRA** - Suchir Agarwal, Anam Ali, Ashleigh Budlong, Victor Cai, Jane Cho, Yechan Cho, Joshua Chou, Raphael Ettinger-Finley, Amanda Giltz, Christine Hutchinson, Seana Isaac, Olivia Latshaw, Jared Lazansky, Conrad Lee, Sophia Lee, Lucas Lee, Coby Lindenmuth, Hasun Noh, Ee-Ning Ooi, Anya Pant, Angelina Roccamo, Jacob Schultz, Megumi Takahashi, Alex Tang, Aija Tighe, Kevin Tong, Jessica Tseo, Serena Vrablik, Olivia Wilkinson, and Ella Wu. There were 111 students chosen in total for District 10 Orchestra.

**DISTRICT BAND** - Jordan Bucks, Maggie Gareca, Olivia Latshaw, Jared Lazansky, Coby Lindenmuth, Laura Ruoizzi, Brody Segan, Andrew Syslo, Megumi Takahashi, Alex Tang, Serena Vrablik, and Olivia Wilkinson. There were 146 students chosen in total for District 10 Band.

Graphic Design Internship is available for Summer 2019! Gain great experience by designing the full-color District Calendar and learn about designing for print. For more information, contact Nicole McGalla at [mcgallan@parklandsd.org](mailto:mcgallan@parklandsd.org).



**CONGRATULATIONS COLBY CARLSON AND DANIELLE COLAPIETRO**

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For more information, please contact Lisa Ervin at [ervinl@parklandsd.org](mailto:ervinl@parklandsd.org).

## PSD STAFF DONATES \$29,000 VIA PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS



The Parkland Education Foundation is pleased to announce that the Parkland School District's amazing staff pledged to contribute \$29,000 in payroll contributions during the 2018-19 school year. This incredible support, which grew 52% this year, tells us that we are making

an impact, and the employees feel good about the work we are doing to create great opportunities for staff, students and our community at large. All staff who contributed \$60 or more for the year were given a "Be the Difference" Parkland Staff T-shirt. And, those who contributed on their first day back to school after summer break were treated to Josh Early chocolates, generously donated by Class of 1969 alumnus Barry Dobil.

## WHAT IS A MAKERSPACE?



The Parkland Education Foundation strongly believes in investing in innovative technology to prepare students for a 21st century workforce. Over the past few years, we have invested more than \$97,000 in the District's Makerspace Program.

### What is a Makerspace, you may ask?

We provide robotics, coding, and building equipment to each school to allow them to build and create with modern tools. This experience fosters creativity and encourages a growth mindset. You will hear more and more about Makerspace Programs and their benefit to education in the years to come. It is programs like this that keep Parkland students at the top of their field and give them the advantage to compete in the modern workforce. Here are just a few examples of the advantages our Makerspaces have provided to every school this year:

- Digital storytelling and video production capabilities in all School Media Centers (iMac Stations, iPads, etc.)
- 3D printing in each of the School Media Centers
- Excitement for computer programming (computer coding events with Makerspace items)
- Taking the Makerspace mobile - every school now has the capability to sign out makerspace items from the Media Centers to use in their individual classrooms
- Project-based learning opportunities infused within the curriculum

The Parkland Education Foundation is proud to provide students with cutting-edge opportunities that support and complement the Parkland School District curriculum. To learn more about the Foundation and the exciting things we are doing, or to make a donation, please visit our website <https://www.parklandsd.org/foundation> or contact Lisa Ervin at [ervinl@parklandsd.org](mailto:ervinl@parklandsd.org) or 610-351-5572.

"To define a school makerspace by its purpose in the simplest of terms, it is a place where young people have an opportunity to explore their own interests; learn to use tools and materials, both physical and virtual; and develop creative projects."  
 - Fleming, 2015, p. 5

## NEW CORPORATE PARTNERS PROGRAM BRINGS MANY BENEFITS



The Parkland Education Foundation has many ways for community members to get involved and MAKE A DIFFERENCE right here in Parkland. For instance, the Corporate Partnership Committee has begun to acquire partnerships within the business community. We are looking for companies who believe in the power of education to enhance our great community. The partnership opportunities include exciting marketing benefits such as signage within the schools, on the school buses, and on the Parkland athletic fields. Plus, every partner will receive invitations to a new event that will launch in the fall - a Parkland Foundation Football Tailgate! We'll also get your business involved in the Fall Parkland Career Speaker Series and Spring Job Fair at Parkland High School. If you are interested in becoming a corporate partner, please contact Lisa Ervin, Executive Director of the Parkland Education Foundation, at [ervinl@parklandsd.org](mailto:ervinl@parklandsd.org) or 610-351-5572.

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### COMPUTER SCIENCE UPDATE

Computer Science Education Week  
< HOUR OF CODE >

code.org 3,367  
Tynker 579  
Hits by Parkland students

In December, Parkland participated in National Computer Science Education Week. The District tracked how many times students logged into *Code.org* and *Tynker*. It was pleased with almost 4,000 hits! These websites help teach computer coding skills and because they are web-based, students can work on them at home.

Both Parkland Middle Schools were proud to launch a *Girls Who Code* program last year and will continue the program in 2019. In September, the first lady of Pennsylvania, Frances Wolf, announced a partnership with *Girls Who Code*, which encourages girls to challenge themselves in computer science. She wants more girls to embrace careers in technology. Pennsylvania announced a \$20M investment in STEM education via the PA Smart Grant. This is the second highest investment in STEM education in the country by a state department of education.

Two 8th grade students, Reva Ghandi at OMS, and Uma Purani at SMS, led the *Girls Who Code* program last year, in addition to teacher advisors. Reva also made a webpage for all students to use as a resource about Chromebook devices that were issued to all students in grades 6-12 this year. She detailed ways to troubleshoot frequent issues and questions.

### PROCEDURE FOR DISMISSAL DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Administration makes every attempt to dismiss students before inclement weather affects the driving conditions of the roadways. Unfortunately, the weather can change after a decision has been made which makes transporting students home very challenging. When this happens, it is the School District's main responsibility to make sure every student arrives home safely. This often requires taking additional time when driving which may cause delays in the scheduled drop off times of the students.

During these events, we strive to keep the parents informed of any delays along the bus routes. Below are the steps we follow when dismissing students during inclement weather:

- The Transportation Department will monitor the progress of the buses and report any bus delays to the appropriate school.
- The schools' main offices should also monitor the buses through the bus radios located at each school.
- If a delay is greater than 10 minutes for any bus, school Administrative Assistants will send a School Messenger alert to the parents of the students riding that bus, informing them of the delay.
- The Administration, Transportation Department, and schools will communicate with each other and parents until all students arrive home, with the school taking on the primary responsibility of communicating with parents.

When school dismissal is disrupted by inclement weather, it is a very stressful time. The communication and cooperation of everyone involved is imperative for the safety of the students.

### BUS DRIVERS MAKE DONATION TO FLOODED EMMAUS HIGH



Seeing the devastating flood that occurred at Emmaus High School in November, and the hard work their staff had to do to get the building open for school, Parkland bus

drivers collected crackers, chips and drinks for the maintenance and clean-up staff to enjoy. They also sent pencils, notebooks, binders and school supplies to help the students whose lockers were flooded.

### NEW PHS COURSE OFFERINGS FOR 2019-2020

Parkland High School is pleased to offer the following new opportunities for the upcoming school year.

**Introduction to Strings**, grades 9 & 10

**Intermediate Strings**, grades 9 & 10

These new courses will allow students who have never played a string instrument to take lessons.

**Cybersecurity**, grades 11 & 12

This is a hot topic and is the capstone course to the *Project Lead the Way* Computer Science track.

**Game Development and Design**, grades 9-12

This course is a dual enrollment opportunity, which means that students taking the class will earn PHS credit as well as college credits. Students will work on all aspects of game design. By the end of the school year, students will be able create a game that includes many of the common features found in current video games.

## Mark Your Calendar

Parent Meetings on Course Selection



**Jan 3 @ 7 PM - Parents of current 9th, 10th and 11th graders**

**Jan 7 @ 7 PM - Parents of current 8th graders**

**Meetings take place in the PHS Auditorium**

Please mark your calendar for PHS Parent Meetings as we present the 2019-20 course selection catalogue and make time to answer your questions about choosing courses for your student. Each subject department head teacher will be on hand to answer your questions and present information about the various course offerings within their department. High School is a time to explore various career opportunities and our team will review some of our most popular tracks such as the Biomedical Science, Computer Science, Engineering, and Lehigh Career and Technical Institute offerings that all provide hands-on learning opportunities and expose students to careers in meaningful ways. We will also highlight the 160 electives that are offered to help you and your child make choices that help them tap into their passion or creative spark.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

For this edition of the Parkland Newsletter, I am pleased to share some updates with you regarding the construction of Veterans Memorial Elementary School, Parkland Budgetary Plans, an Overview of the new PA Future Ready Index, School Safety Grant, and introduction of our new Parkland School Board Officers.

### New Veterans Memorial Elementary School/Capital Projects

As reported on the cover of this newsletter, the Veterans Memorial Elementary School is being constructed and the total project cost remains on budget at approximately \$35M. The budget includes site work and road improvements that are required by PennDOT. The project will be financed by the issuance of general obligation bonds over a three-year period that began in early 2018 when the District borrowed \$10M. This month, the District plans to borrow \$30M, which will cover costs related to the new building and District technology, school bus and capital improvement projects. One large improvement project will be a renovation at Schnecksville Elementary School. The space that housed the Blake Shuttle for many years will be transformed into four classrooms that will serve a growing population stemming from a couple of new residential developments that are being constructed near the school. New classroom space will provide flexibility to relocate students during renovations at Schnecksville Elementary School that will take place over the next three years as we update this aging building. A bond refunding opportunity in early 2019 will provide some savings that will be applied to reduce future debt service payments. We are working with our team of financial consultants who are helping us to mitigate our debt service payments by making use of a capitalized interest program to manage our debt. This debt management plan will allow us to avoid spikes in our debt service payments as we continue to address our construction needs and capital improvement projects throughout the District.

### Financial Update

I am pleased to report that we plan on proposing a budget for 2019-20 that will be within the Act 1 Base Index that has been set forth by the State, which means any proposed tax increase cannot exceed 2.3%. Key dates in the budget planning process are listed in the box to the left, and the public is invited to contact me with concerns or attend any public meeting to learn about our budget and the planning process. The borrowing of funds to fund our planned capital improvement projects as well as the continuation of construction of the Veterans Memorial Elementary School and the hiring of necessary staff for the building is included in our 2019-20 commitment to keep the budget increase within 2.3%.

### PA Future Ready Index

In November 2018, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) launched the implementation of the Future Ready PA Index, a comprehensive, public-facing school progress report that increases transparency around school and student group performance. The website <http://futurereadypa.org> includes feature sets that make the tool both intuitive and informative. It provides details on student progress at our schools and assists us in our process of continuous improvement. Our data looked very good and Parkland was proud to have 3 of the 5 highest ranking elementary schools across the Lehigh Valley when comparing state standardized test scores. Fred J. Jaendl Elementary was the highest ranked elementary school as the report showed that 93.7% of its students are reading on grade level by third grade, a new On Track metric that is being used to calculate school ratings across the Commonwealth. The Future Ready PA Index website provides snapshot data for all Pennsylvania schools.

### \$25,000 Safe Schools Grant

I am pleased to announce that Parkland was the recipient of a \$25,000 Safe Schools grant which will allow us to post additional cameras in all of our facilities as well as outdoor night vision cameras at Parkland High School where delinquents have twice driven across the athletic fields, which have caused deep ruts in the grass that have been difficult and costly to repair.

### New Board President, Vice President

On December 4, 2018, the Parkland Board of School Directors held its annual organization meeting. Lisa Roth was elected Board President and David Hein will take her previous role as Vice President. We thank David Kennedy for serving as Board President for the last three years and thank Lisa and David for graciously accepting their nominations to serve as leaders of the School Board.

I wish you all a Happy New Year and many wonderful things for 2019.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Sniscak, Superintendent of Schools

Congratulations to School Board President Lisa Roth and School Board Vice President David Hein.



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### KEY DATES IN THE 2019-20 BUDGET TIMELINE

**JAN 22** - Adoption of Accelerated Budget Opt Out Resolution

**APRIL 26** - Budget Seminar - Day-long Board Meeting where budget is reviewed in fine detail with Administration and Board

**MAY 21** - Adoption of Proposed Final Budget

**JUNE 10** - District Newsletter mails out to all residents, includes Budget Overview

**JUNE 25** - Adoption of Final Budget by the School Board

### School District Millage Rank Comparison

School District	2018 Millage (Highest to Lowest)
Northern Lehigh	21.96
Allentown City	19.73
Catasauqua Area	18.97
Salisbury Township	18.90
East Penn	18.38
Bethlehem	18.37
Whitehall-Coplay	17.21
Northwestern Lehigh	16.24
Southern Lehigh	15.82
<b>***Parkland***</b>	<b>15.42</b>



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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: SRIYAA SURESH



Meet Sriyaa Suresh, a 12th grade student at Parkland High School, known for her science talents since middle school when she garnered 1 of 30 finalist titles selected from 2,500+ applicants nationwide for a Broadcom MASTERS Award as part of a national science competition for U.S. middle school students.

Last year, as a junior, she founded the *Young Scientist Science Fair (YSSF)*, a program that gives Parkland sixth graders an opportunity to learn science beyond the classroom through research. In its first year, 50 middle schoolers from both Springhouse and Orefield registered to participate. For months, she spent nearly 150 hours meticulously writing lesson plans and eagerly leading a team of high school volunteers to mentor the sixth graders with their projects. After months of interaction between mentors and students, the middle schoolers were ready to present their research to scientists and medical professionals who enthusiastically agreed to judge the students' presentations and grant awards. At the final awards ceremony, a parent said, "Wow, Sriyaa, you're such an inspiration! I didn't know my son could enjoy learning science so much." Sriyaa stated, "After the event that day, I was excited to work on extending such opportunities to kids from local underprivileged communities in the near future, and I'm so grateful that my love of science and learning will be shared with the young minds of tomorrow for years to come."

Sriyaa is no stranger to hard work. She received a perfect score on the Biology and Math 2 SAT subject tests and garnered 600 hours of community service on her resume. Sriyaa is proud of winning the Golden Shopping Cart Award from Meals on Wheels for 300+ hours of service. She won 1st place at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Fair in grades 7-11 and was a State Computer Fair award winner multiple times in the unique animation category. She competed nationally in the Future Business Leaders of America Competitions in 10th and 11th grade, and she is in the Science, Math, History, Spanish, English, and National Honor Societies. Sriyaa has conducted research at Muhlenberg College, Lafayette College, Cedar Crest College and shadowed physicians at Reading Hospital and Cloud Nine Neonatal Hospital in India. She also volunteers at Market on Wheels and Cedarbrook Nursing Home. She will attend the University of Pennsylvania and study Biology with the goal of becoming a Neonatologist.

## FOOD PANTRIES FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES TAKE SHAPE AT PHS & SMS



Parkland families whose incomes qualify their students for a free or reduced lunch price has reached 27%. With more than one in four students coming from homes that might be struggling to make ends meet, Parkland has seen a rise in hunger among the student body. The rise in poverty within our community mirrors a national trend. The implementation of food pantries is on the rise across the State on college campuses and now our school district is starting to fulfill a growing need.

Two new programs have been formed in Parkland. One is a food and clothing pantry at Springhouse Middle School (SMS) which serves SMS families. For the past few years, the *SMS Cares* program has provided holiday meals for families, gifts during the holidays and distributed snack packs to about 50 families per week. This year, struggling families will be invited to "shop" for food in the food pantry once per month. The SMS pantry could use some donations to fill their pantry, in particular, peanut butter, jelly, shelf stable milk and canned tuna or chicken.

New this year is the *Caring Closet* at Parkland High School. Students can get a pass from a teacher to drop by various "closets" within the building to request a free snack so they can perform better and work up to their potential. Personal items are also available to the students. They are collecting donations of party liners, tampons, sanitary napkins, juice boxes, pudding cups and microwavable macaroni and cheese.

All donations can be dropped off at the Parkland Foundation Office in the Administration Building at 1210 Springhouse Rd., Allentown, PA 18104 between 8 AM - 4 PM, Monday - Friday.

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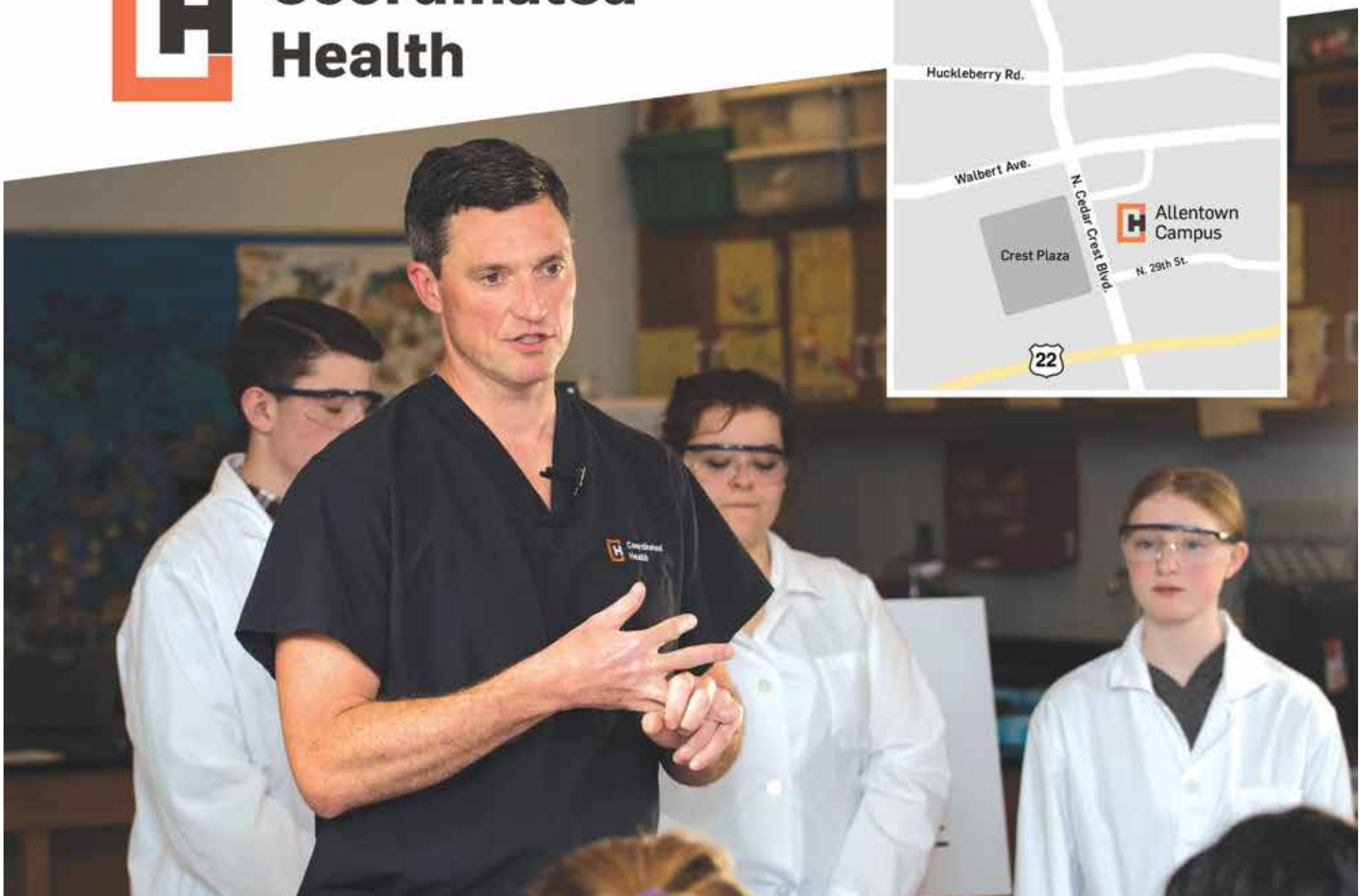
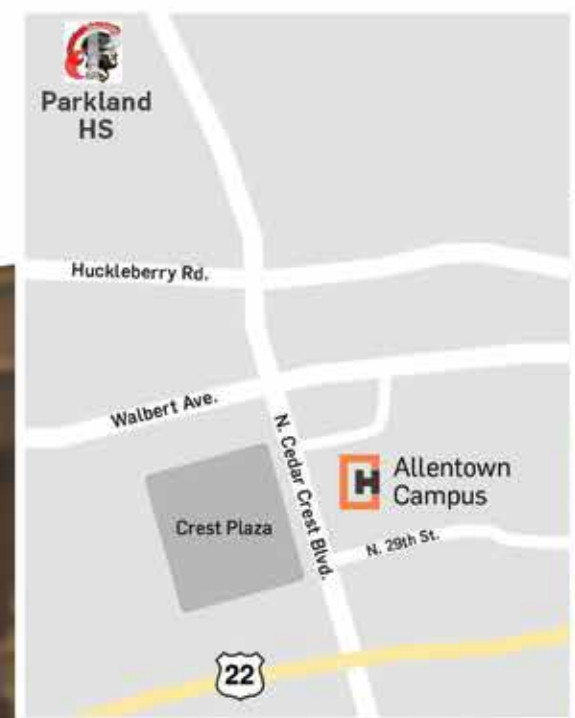
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[CoordinatedHealth.com/Slenker](https://CoordinatedHealth.com/Slenker)



Coordinated Health's Dr. Nick Slenker leads Parkland High School students in the dissection of a human knee cadaver.

## KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE REGISTRATION



**IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS TURNING 5 YEARS OLD PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2019, IT'S TIME TO PREPARE FOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION.** Similarly, if you have a child who is enrolled in a private Kindergarten program who you are planning to enroll for the first time in Parkland Schools for first grade, we invite you to attend the March Registration Events outlined below. The

following chart includes a list of the 8 elementary schools within Parkland School District and their respective registration dates. Parents are encouraged to call the appropriate elementary school for a specific appointment time. Calling in advance will ensure an equal distribution of registrants throughout the day so that we can serve you better. Plan to spend about an hour with us that day. We are excited to welcome your student to Parkland!

REGISTRATION DATE	SCHOOL	PHONE
Tuesday, March 5, 2019	Cetronia	610-351-5860
Wednesday, March 6, 2019	Ironton	610-351-5810
Thursday, March 7, 2019	Fogelsville	610-351-5800
Tuesday, March 12, 2019	Parkway Manor	610-351-5850
Wednesday, March 13, 2019	Kratzer	610-351-5820
Thursday, March 14, 2019	Kernsville	610-351-5840
Friday, March 15, 2019	Schnecksville	610-351-5830
Thursday, March 21, 2019	Fred J. Jandl	610-351-5880

School and community personnel will be at registration to review your child's immunization record and to provide descriptive information about your school as well as answer questions you may have. The following checklist of things to bring should help you prepare for registration:

- Record of your child's birth date (i.e. registration of birth or birth certificate).
- Written immunization records for properly spaced doses of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella (German measles), hepatitis B, and the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or proof that the child had the disease.
- Two (2) forms of verification that the child's legal parent(s)/legal guardian(s) reside(s) in the Parkland School District. These may include:
  - 1) a current real estate property tax bill for the residence
  - 2) a current lease agreement for residence
  - 3) a current utility bill showing the current address

Residents who are new to the Parkland School District shall provide the following as proof of residency in lieu of those previously mentioned: 1) a copy of a lease/building contract/sales agreement (and later a settlement agreement) for the place of residence, and 2) a copy of a utility bill. In the case of a student who is registered by someone other than his/her parent, documentation of guardianship must also be provided.

The Pennsylvania School Health Laws require that every child has a physical and dental examination upon entry to school. Forms for physical and dental examinations will be given at the time of registration.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health School Immunization Law requires that all students entering school for the first time at the kindergarten or first grade level be fully immunized as a condition of school attendance.

To register for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years of age or older, prior to September 1, 2019. There are no exceptions.

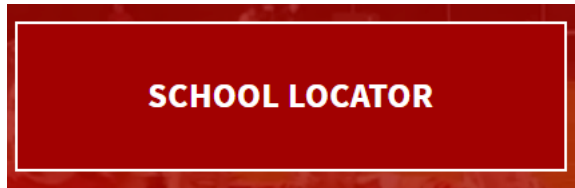
**WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND OUR NEW STUDENT!**

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### PARKLAND 2018 DEMOGRAPHICS

- 64% WHITE
- 15% HISPANIC
- 4% AFRICAN AMERICAN
- 13% ASIAN
- 4% ALL OTHERS

- 27% Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch
- 15% Receive Special Education Services
- 7% Receive Gifted Education Services
- 22 Students Labeled "Homeless"
- 310 English Language Learners

## ZUMBA GOLD FOR ADULTS 55+

THURSDAYS, JANUARY 3 – MARCH 21, 2019

Zumba Gold is a dance fitness class featuring routines set to Latin music, as well as some pop hits. Easy to follow, low impact moves, great rhythms, lots of FUN! Come join the party on Thursdays from 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the Parkway Manor Elementary School Gym (768 Parkway Rd., Allentown, PA 18104).



**Note: Class will move to 5:15 - 6:15 PM on March 14 and 21.**

The class is free of charge and no registration is required.  
**NOTE: NO CLASS WILL BE HELD WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.**

### Attention Business Owners

National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10, 2019.

We are seeking sponsors to provide lunch for all staff that week.

If you are interested, please contact Nicole at 610-351-5630 or [mcgallan@parklandsd.org](mailto:mcgallan@parklandsd.org).

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Jan 3 PHS Parent Meeting, Classes of 2020-2022, 7 PM  
Jan 7 PHS Parent Meeting, Class of 2023, 7 PM  
Jan 9 6th Grade Parent Meeting Night at SMS and OMS, 7 PM  
Jan 17 CAC Meeting on *Budget Review*, 7 PM, Administration Center  
Jan 21 SCHOOLS CLOSED - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Jan 25 Early Dismissal Day/PHS & Middle Schools dismiss at 1 PM, Elem Schools at 1:45 PM  
Feb 9 Mr. Parkland Contest, 7 PM, PHS Auditorium  
Feb 13 SMS/OMS 5th Grade Parent Meeting/Science Fair Project Night, 7-8:30 PM  
Feb 15-18 SCHOOLS CLOSED - Presidents' Day Weekend  
Feb 21 CAC Meeting on *Dual Enrollment/LCTI Options*, 7 PM, Administration Center  
Mar 7-10 OMS Spring Musical *Into the Woods, Jr.*, 7 PM Thurs. and Fri.; 2 PM Sat. and Sun.  
Mar 7-9 SMS Spring Musical *Bugsy Malone, Jr.*, 7 PM Thurs. and Fri.; 2 PM & 7 PM Sat.  
Mar 8 Early Dismissal Day/PHS & Middle Schools dismiss at 1 PM, Elem Schools at 1:45 PM  
Mar 21 CAC meeting on *School Safety/Resource Officer's Role*, 7 PM, Administration Center  
Apr 10-14 PHS Spring Musical, Curtains, 7:30 PM each day through Sat., and a Sun. matinee at 3 PM

#### REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS AT PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Registration for new students entering Parkland High School next fall is scheduled for Monday, February 25, and Tuesday, February 26, 2019. A snow make-up date is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2019. The evening registration is designated for those students currently residing in the Parkland School District, but not attending Parkland Schools. Parents who would like to make a registration appointment should call Parkland High School at 610-351-5610 Ext.73432 and ask for Mrs. Kris Chenworth or email chenworthk@parklandsd.org.

#### FAMILY SWIM, OPEN PLAY BASKETBALL, & OPEN GYM

South Whitehall Township Recreation will sponsor FAMILY SWIM on Sundays from 1-5 PM, Jan 6 - Mar 31 (excluding Jan 27, Feb 10, 17, & 24 and Mar 3) at the Parkland High School Pool. One lane will be roped off for lap swimmers. Children under 12 must be accompanied by adults. OPEN PLAY BASKETBALL and OPEN GYM will occur on Sundays from 1-5 PM from Jan 6 - Mar 31. OPEN PLAY BASKETBALL will be in the Parkland High School Main Gym for people ages 16 years and up (excluding Jan 6 & 27 and Feb 10 & 17). OPEN GYM will be in the Parkland High School Auxiliary Gym and is open to children ages 15 and under (excluding Jan 27, Feb 10 & 17 and Mar 10). These events are free and open to Parkland residents. Identification and proof of residence may be requested.

North Whitehall Township sponsors Men's Open-Play Basketball at Schnecksville Elementary School Gym on Thursday evenings, 6 PM, through March 28, 2019, for North Whitehall Township residents, age 30 and over. There is no charge to play. For more information, call Frank Kedi at 484-892-5181.

#### YOGA

Yoga, taught by Marie Brown, RYT, for all levels, is offered on Thursdays through March 21st (excluding Feb. 7), 8-9 PM at Schnecksville Elementary School. Bring your own yoga mat and a donation. For additional information, please call 610-360-9979 or email zonebrown649@gmail.com.

#### OPEN PLAY CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday Evenings from 7-9 PM, January 23 - March 27, at Cetronia Elementary School. High school age and older, must have league experience, no registration required and no fee to play.



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