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**From: Dr. Minotti**

## ***Welcome Back!***

Our Springhouse Staff is excited to kick off another school year! As always we have worked hard this summer preparing many educational opportunities for our students. In August, we had a successful locker night with a scavenger hunt for our sixth grade and new students to be able to familiarize themselves with our building. A special thanks to our student leaders, faculty and staff who took time out of their summer to make our back to school events a success. Best of luck to all Springhouse students for an outstanding 2019-2020 school year!

## **Important Dates:**

- Parents' Night will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 7:00 – 8:45 PM. We hope you can attend this event to learn more about your child's specific academic program.
- On Wednesday, September 18, 2018, Christmas City photographers will be at Springhouse for school photographs.
- Professional Development Dates: School will be closed on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, Monday, October 14, 2019, Monday, January 20, 2020, and Friday, March 13, 2020.
- Early Dismissal Days: Monday, September 30, 2019, Tuesday and Wednesday, Friday, January 24, 2020, Friday, April 24, 2020 and Friday, May 15, 2020.

## **PSSA Testing:**

- English/Language Arts (6th, 7th and 8th Grade) Monday, April 20, Tuesday, April 21 and Wednesday, April 22.
- Mathematics (6th, 7th and 8th Grade) Monday, April 27 and Tuesday, April 28.
- Science (8th Grade) Wednesday, April 29.

## **Keystone Algebra I Testing:**

- Winter Thursday, January 9 and Friday January 10.
- Spring Wednesday, May 13 and Thursday, May 14.

## ***Athletics:***

To avoid confusion with athletic event dates, times, postponements, and cancellations, we ask parents to check the following website –<http://schedules.schedulestar.com/Parkland-High-School-Allentown-PA/>. The Parkland School District uses this website to post and update athletic events for all schools in the district.

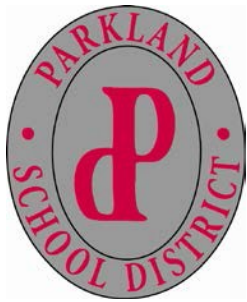
**From: Mr. Bartman and Mrs. Thompson**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish the students and staff a wonderful start to the school year. With the warm weather still upon us, questions may arise regarding our dress code. The dress code policy is located in the Parkland Middle Schools Student Handbook, located at

[http://www.parklandsd.org/wp-content/uploads/ms\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.parklandsd.org/wp-content/uploads/ms_handbook.pdf)

Student ID badges will be distributed on the first day of school. If you are planning on purchasing lunch in the cafeteria please use this Student ID for CafeTrac until you receive your new 2019-2020 ID. We wish you a successful school year!

**\*\* In addition, please utilize the absentee hotline when reporting a student absent. (610-351-5900 Ext. 66711)**



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Assistant Principal

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Assistant Principal

September 2019

Dear Parents,

The Springhouse Middle School staff invites you to visit our school and learn more about your child's school program. On Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m., please report to your child's homeroom. The program is an abbreviated version of your child's Day 2 schedule that you will receive in homeroom between 7:00 - 7:12 pm. If you arrive after 7:10 p.m., you will be met by a staff member in the main lobby and directed to the class in session.

The purpose of the evening is to provide an opportunity to meet teachers and to hear a brief description of the courses in which your child is enrolled. Time will not permit the discussion of individual concerns; however, individual conferences may be scheduled through the team leaders or guidance department any time the need arises.

### REMEMBER: BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

DATE –Thursday, September 12, 2019 TIME – 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

WHERE TO REPORT - to your child's homeroom

NOTE - Students are not to attend this program.

Sincerely,

Michelle Minotti, Ed.D.  
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Dear Parents:

In our efforts to keep you informed with important matters at Springhouse Middle School, we want you to be aware that there are some students in your child's class who have serious peanut/nut allergies. A child with a serious peanut allergy can suffer a reaction merely by touching a peanut-containing food. Therefore, we are putting the following safety guidelines into effect:

- Please do not send any peanuts, peanut butter, other nuts, or food containing peanuts, peanut butter, or other nuts to be eaten as snacks in the classroom. These items cannot be distributed in the classroom due to safety concerns. It is fine to send these products for lunch, which is eaten in the cafeteria.
- Please stay in accordance with the new Parkland School District Wellness Policy. We will try to keep the food at holiday celebrations to a minimum. As with birthday parties, we must be extremely careful about the ingredients in all of the food items. Please do not enclose candy or other food treats with holiday cards.
- If students are bringing food items into the classroom that they will be sharing with others, the food must be pre-packaged and contain a label with the contents and nutritional facts.

Middle school students typically have a better understanding of their allergies and the precautions that need to be taken. However, your assistance in maintaining a safe environment is appreciated. This is a learning process for all of us, but we trust that you understand how deeply important it is to respect and adhere to these guidelines. If throughout the course of the year you have any questions or concerns about food-allergy-related issues, please do not hesitate to contact us.

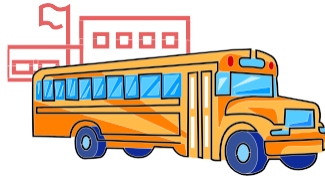
We wish you and your family a safe and healthy school year.

Sincerely,

Michelle Minotti, Ed.D.  
Principal

Sara Troutman

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School Nurse



# After School Bus Information for Springhouse

*The following information should be helpful for students using the after school shuttle buses and the late activity bus shuttle.*

## **Shuttle Buses to OMS and PHS**

1. If you are participating in an activity after school that is at Orefield Middle School or Parkland High School, you need to take the after school shuttle buses.
2. If you are going to OMS, it is your responsibility to let your teacher know that you need to be dismissed at 2:35 so you can catch the 2:40 shuttle bus to OMS. This bus is located at the end slot (#0) in the bus loading area and leaves promptly at 2:40.
3. If you are going to Parkland High School, you do not need to be dismissed early. The high school shuttle bus is also located in the end slot (#0) in the bus area and leaves at approximately 2:45 after the regular buses leave.

## **Late Activity Bus**

1. The Late Activity Bus Shuttle leaves Springhouse promptly at 4:20. This bus takes you to Parkland High School where you will board the appropriate Late Activity Bus, depending on your address. This bus leaves the high school at 4:35.
2. All you need to know is your regular bus stop. It is very important for you to give the correct bus stop information to the bus driver when entering the bus. The driver creates the bus route from the stops they receive from the students.
3. Please note that the Late Activity Bus Run is considered an “Express Run” and does not go to every stop in the district. The drivers do their best to get you as close to your regular stop as possible.
4. We cannot guarantee that you will be home at the same time every day due to the fact that these runs vary from day to day.

*Please Note: The shuttle buses cannot return to Springhouse for students who miss the bus. It is your responsibility to be on the bus at the appropriate time.*