

PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter

December 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents:

The holidays are always memorable for enjoying seasonal music and family gatherings. The high school winter concerts are very diverse and each provide a wonderful evening of music for fans of all ages. The Chorus Concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, with the Orchestra Concert on December 10. The school concert season concludes with the Band Concert on Thursday, December 19. All the concerts begin at 7 PM and offer a terrific jolt of holiday cheer! Also, the Chorale will be performing at Neff's UCC at 7 PM on Sunday, December 8.

Congratulations to the talented cast and crew of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.* for their memorable performances during their recent children's show performances on November 8-10. Every aspect of the show was outstanding and I'm looking forward to another great group of performers in the next three to four years. Special thanks to Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Miss Andrea Roposh, and Mrs. Kimberly Brown for their dedication in providing such a wonderful experience for cast, crew, and patrons alike.

On the athletic courts and fields Parkland once again enjoyed a very successful fall sports season. Girls Volleyball really jelled as the season progressed. Exceeding expectations, this young team spiked the competition in winning both EPC and District XI titles before succumbing to Bishop Shanahan in the semifinals. Football was rolling along, riding an 8th game winning streak. Unfortunately, their quest for another District XI title came to a sudden halt in an overtime loss to Nazareth. Field Hockey also enjoyed a very strong season (EPC runners-up) but ultimately lost in district playoffs. Girls Soccer once again won the EPC title before having a tough night in Districts. Boys Tennis had a tremendous season in winning the EPC and District XI titles with an outstanding 19-1 record. Overall, I want to congratulate and thank all our varsity programs for their commitment to excellence, selfless attitudes, and positive contributions to Parkland on the field, in the classroom and in the community.

For some of our students it is Keystone Exam time again at PHS. December brings another chance for our students to demonstrate proficiency on the Literature Keystone Exams. Tests will be administered in the library on December 4 and 5. Good luck to all our test takers!

The holiday season always moves quickly so I just want to remind everyone that January is the beginning of course registration. The 2020-2021 Course Selection Book will be available on the PHS website mid-December.

As anyone who drives on campus knows, Parkland High School experiences high volumes of traffic on a daily basis at arrival and dismissal times. The administration requests that all drivers adhere to speed limits, signs, and general rules of the road when on district property. This includes not being double parked or waiting in no parking zones. It is a good practice to remain courteous to other drivers as well as to drive defensively. We appreciate your support as we try to reduce the potential for traffic accidents.

Wishing you a healthy and happy holiday season,

James E. Moniz II Principal

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COUNSELING CORNER

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Seniors are reminded that January 1 college application deadlines must be reported to the Counseling Office no later than Friday, December 6. Ten working days are required to process all college and/or scholarship applications.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors interested in college scholarship opportunities should check out the college scholarship link on the Parkland High School website. New listings are posted weekly. Be sure to meet all deadline dates.

PSAT RESULTS

Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) results will be available online on **Wednesday, December 11**. If they have not already done so, students will need to create a College Board account to access their online score. After viewing their PSAT results, students are encouraged to connect their College Board and Khan Academy accounts to get free, personalized SAT study recommendations.

DECEMBER TESTING DATES

December 7, 2019

SAT I: Reasoning Test and SAT II: Subject Tests administration. Parkland High School is **not** a test center on this date.

December 14, 2019

ACT administration. Parkland High School is **not** a test center.

	PHS	UPCOMING EVENTS		
Monday	12/2	School Closed — Thanksgiving Holiday		
Wednesday	12/4	Winter Literature Keystones		
		Key Club Meeting 7 AM (C220)		
		Leo Club Meeting 7:15 AM (C200)		
Thursday	12/5	Winter Literature Keystones		
		Winter Chorus Concert 7 PM (Auditorium)		
Saturday	12/7	PMEA District 10 Band and Orchestra Auditions 8 AM		
Sunday	12/8	Chorale Concert at Neff's UCC 7 PM		
Tuesday	12/10	Winter Orchestra Concert 7 PM (Auditorium)		
Monday	12/16	Mr. Parkland Auditions 3 PM (B127)		
Tuesday	12/17	Mr. Parkland Auditions 3 PM (B127)		
		NEHS Meeting 3 PM (C200)		
Wednesday	12/18	Key Club Meeting 7 PM (C200)		
		Leo Club Meeting 7:15 AM (C200)		
		Mr. Parkland Auditions 3 PM (B127)		
Thursday	12/19	Winter Band Concert 7 PM (Auditorium)		
Friday	12/20	Winter In-School Concert Periods 1 and 2 (Auditorium)		
		Modified "B" Schedule		
Monday	12/23			
Wednesday		Winter Vacation School Closed		
Thursday	1/2	Happy 2020 and Welcome Back!		
		"B" Schedule		
		Class of '21, '22, '23 Parent Meeting 7PM (Auditorium)		

LOCAL CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITY

Click here to see December Career Exploration opportunities with the Minsi Trails Explore Now! Program: https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1574706749/parklandsdorg/oxtmfgpt9qsuoq4ihfhr/DecExploringPosts.pdf

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

As December and colder weather has others already thinking about our winter break, the A-wing is busy with concerts, gallery displays and rehearsals. As one activity comes to a close, there are others to take its place. There is never a dull moment in the Arts.

CHORUS CONCERT

The winter concert season is about to kick off, and this year it begins with the Chorus Concert on **Thursday, December 5 at 7 PM** in the Auditorium. This concert will feature the Mixed Chorus, the Concert Choir, the Women's Ensemble and the Chorale. More than 300 students will take the stage for this annual event. The groups are preparing for their upcoming trip to Walt Disney World where they will take part in the Candlelight Processional in Epcot.

CHORALE CONCERT

The Chorale will hold its yearly concert at Neffs UCC on **Sunday, December 8 at 7 PM**. This is the only opportunity throughout the year to hear this select choir sing a complete program of music. Always a crowd favorite, admission is free. Plan on arriving early as seating is limited. What a great way to celebrate the season.

ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The High School Orchestra is also traveling to Walt Disney World in December where they will perform at the Disney Springs Marketplace stage on Thursday, December 12 at 12:15 PM. Their winter concert will take place on **Tuesday**, **December 10 at 7 PM** in the Auditorium. Come out and hear all of the different ensembles as well as the sound of the full orchestra, complete with brass and woodwinds in addition to the strings. It is sure to be a program filled with surprises and is a great way to get into the seasonal mood.

BAND CONCERT

The high school winter concert season ends on **Thursday, December 19**. The PHS Band will take over the stage and the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and the Combined Ensemble will all perform. The concert begins **at 7 PM** and is free to the public.

TROJAN ART GALLERY

The Parkland Trojan Art Gallery will feature the pottery of **Mike Cho** and textiles of **Noriko Niizuka** during the month of December.

DANCE TEAM

On Tuesday, December 17, the Parkland Dance Team will visit a number of care facilities to perform for the residents through their holiday road-show. The Dance Team looks forward to holding its annual Hip-Hop Clinic on Saturday, January 18 in the Auxiliary Gym. Informational flyers will be handed out at all elementary winter music concerts.

SPRING MUSICAL

Parkland High School is proud to announce the Spring Musical for 2020. We will be bringing the classic story, *Tuck Everlasting*, to the main stage April 15—19.



What would you do if you had all eternity? Eleven-year-old Winnie Foster yearns for a life of adventure beyond her white picket fence, but not until she becomes unexpectedly entwined with the Tuck family does she get more than she could have imagined. When Winnie learns of the magic behind the Tuck's unending youth, she must fight to protect their secret from those who would do anything for a chance at eternal life. As her adventure unfolds, Winnie faces an extraordinary choice: return to her life, or continue with the Tucks on their infinite journey.

Based on the best-selling children's classic by Natalie Babbitt, and adapted for the stage by Claudia Shear and Tim Federle, *Tuck Everlasting* features a soaring score from Chris Miller and Nathan Tysen. Appropriate for ages 10 and up, this is a story the whole family can share. **Tickets for** *Tuck Everlasting go on sale online December 3 at noon*. All Parkland show tickets are available online at www.showtix4u.com. Prices are \$11 for adults; \$9 for students and senior citizens 65+.

ATHLETIC NEWS

FALL SPORTS: TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RECORDS

Football: 10-3, District XI Runner-Up Cross Country: Girls 15-2, Boys 16-1

Golf: 8-5

Volleyball: 19-6, EPC League and District XI Champions,

finished top 4 in the State

Boys Soccer: 15-6, EPC Division Champions

Girls Soccer: 20-1-1, EPC Division and overall League Champions

Field Hockey: 17-2-1, EPC League Runner-Up

Tennis: 19-1, EPC Regular Season and Tournament Champions, District XI Team Champions

FALL SPORTS: INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Volleyball: All District XI

1st Team — Leah Brunnabend, Brynn Dreisbach, Amber Resendez

2nd Team — Lauren Ceh

Honorable Mention — Jacqueline Malitzki

Coordinated Health Athletes of the Week — Lauren Ceh, Amber Resendez

Football: All EPC

 ${\bf 1}^{\rm st}\,{\rm Team}\,\,{\rm Offense}-{\bf Nicholas}\,\,{\bf Dawkins},\,{\bf Bryce}\,\,{\bf Boyer},\,{\bf Jared}\,\,{\bf Fenstermaker}$

1st Team Defense — Angel Ramos, Zion Johnson, Nicholas Johnston

1st Team Special Teams Player — Nicholas Johnston

Coordinated Health Athletes of the Week — Christopher Lessel, Ja-lon Perkins

Girls Soccer: 1st Team All State - Ava Schaller

WINTER SPORTS

The winter season begins the first week in December. **Girls Basketball** will participate in the Bristol tournament on December 6 and 7. **Boys Basketball** plays Emmaus on December 10. **Swimming** jumps in against Liberty on December 10 and **Wrestling** will wrestle Pleasant Valley December 11. Good luck to our winter athletes and teams.

MARK YOUR SPORTS CALENDAR!

College Media Day

College Media Day will be **Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 9:30 AM** in the Auditorium. We will recognize all senior athletes that will be continuing their athletic career at the collegiate level. This is for any senior athlete who participated here at Parkland in a PIAA sport during their senior year. Parents, family and friends are all welcome to attend.

Spring 2019-2020 sports physicals will be held Saturday, February 8, 2020 at PHS. Boys 8 — 9:30 AM, Girls 9:30 — 11:00 AM They are free.

No student can participate in a spring sport without a full PIAA physical. Recertification forms may be used for a spring sport if the athlete had a full physical for a fall or winter sport in 2019. 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 March 2, 2020. Paperwork for this is on the PHS website https://phs.parklandsd.org/ under Departments - Athletics - Forms. All Parkland athletes must get an ImPACT test once during their four years at PHS and before participation.

The first day of spring sports is Monday, March 2.

SOPHOMORES CLASS OF 2022

Please remember to pay your class dues of \$20. Send cash or check to Mrs. Sarah Yenser in Room C241. Make checks payable to Parkland High School and put "Class of 2022" in the memo space. Contact Mrs. Yenser with any questions.

JUNIORS CLASS OF 2021

The class of 2021 and the Parkland TV Studio are having a fundraiser with the **Philadelphia Flyers**. Everyone may purchase tickets to any games in our promotional feature. The proceeds will be shared by the Class of 2021 and the Parkland TV Studio.

https://groupmatics.events/s/other/ParklandSD



SENIORS CLASS OF 2020

Class of 2020 dues must be paid by **April 3, 2020**. Dues are a one-time payment of \$20. Cash or checks should be made payable to Parkland School District. Payments may be dropped off or mailed to Mrs. Greth in B118. If you have any questions please e-mail Mrs. Greth at gretha@parklandsd.org.

INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

The upcoming holiday season offers the opportunity for more social interaction and the opportunity to spread more than holiday cheer.

FLU SEASON GUIDELINES

The flu season continues to be in full swing through April. It is recommended that your student receive their flu vaccine at this time; please check with your doctor.

To help stay healthy and decrease the spread of illness in the school, we are encouraging all families to adhere to the same criteria the Health Room uses as a guideline when sending students home ill from school. Please keep your child home from school, despite scheduled tests or sporting events, if he or she is experiencing any of the following symptoms:

- fever of 100 degrees or more
- vomiting/diarrhea
- severe head cold
- persistent cough
- severe sore throat
- * Students should not return to school until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.

As always, if you have any questions for the Health Room do not hesitate to call 610-351-5616.

JUNIORS

11th GRADE PHYSICALS

All eleventh grade students should return their physical forms to the Health Room as soon as possible. Forms are available on the PHS website.

NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT

The Meningitis Vaccine is required on or after the student's 16th birthday. Students in the 11th grade will be required to have this immunization on the first day of their senior year. The 11th grade physical is a good time to be sure this immunization is completed. Forms are available on the PHS website.

LIBRARY LINES

CREATING, INNOVATING, ENGAGING,

Parkland High School Library has been in full swing and focusing on these topics through Makerspace events, new additions to the collection, and fun activities. December is sure to be a continuation of these efforts.

STUDENT TEACHER

The library has a student teacher who will be here until mid-December. She has had opportunity to learn about all the activities and resources available to our students.

NOVEMBER RECAP

In November, the library did a week long raffle with different events to encourage students to utilize the library and the materials offered. For each activity completed, such as writing a book review, creating something in the Makerspace or following the library on Instagram at **phs_library**, students received a raffle ticket to enter for a prize.

NEW IN THE LIBRARY



There will be various **Makerspace events** this month, so be sure to check out the calendar in the library to see when they are scheduled.

Collaboration Station

We recently added a collaboration station, available to students and teachers. A table is set up with five chairs and a computer at the end so that discussion can take place on presentations or assignments. The great thing about this new area is that it was cost-free because the library repurposed existing resources to create it.

New Books

There is a wide gamut of new books available for checkout, including romance, sports, horror, and graphic novel titles.



Reader's Advisory Poster A reader's

advisory poster has been added to assist students with selecting books. If one book was enjoyable for a student, there are other title recommendations in the collection that might be of interest.



REMINDER

Keep in mind that the library will be closed before school and during Literature Keystone Testing, **December 4 and 5**. Please plan accordingly.

As we bring 2019 to a close, make sure to stop in the library and engage with the resources available before the holiday break.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

WINTER DRIVING SAFETY

Talk to your child about winter driving safety. Here are some topics to help you start the conversation:

Fact: According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), from 2011 to 2015, Pennsylvania was considered one of the top five deadliest states for winter car accidents.

CAUSES OF WINTER ACCIDENTS:

Poor Visibility

During the winter months blizzards, hail, heavy snow, rain and fog can reduce visibility on the roads and increase the risk of an accident. In addition, snow pile up on the roads can make it more difficult for drivers to see traffic signs, pedestrians, vehicles and other objects along the road.

Slippery Roads

Sometimes the causes of car accidents on the road are also caused by things we *can't* see. When it rains and temperatures drop down, roads can become slippery with black ice. Black ice on the road forms from light freezing rain or snow that has melted and refrozen.

Car Condition

Steering through harsh weather is already tough enough, but having a vehicle that's not equipped to do so is detrimental. If your car has worn out or bald tires, your risk of getting in an accident from the road conditions are increased since your tires have poor traction. Broken headlights or taillights, defroster fans, and windshield wipers can all effect how you navigate through winter weather.

Excess Snow

That's right, snow itself can cause major winter accidents. Snow or ice left on vehicles can fly off and cause serious injuries or damage to you or others on the road. In fact, you can be fined up to \$1,000 in Pennsylvania if ice and snow projecting off of your car injures someone or causes damage.

BEHIND-THE-WHEEL PROGRAM

If your child has recently obtained their learner's permit and is interested in the Behind-the-Wheel program offered through Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21, register online at www.cliu.org/driversed. Call 610-769-4111 x1299 or e-mail driversed@cliu.org for answers to specific questions about the program.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SAP)

STUDENT SEMINARS

Seminar sign-ups are located in Schoology Class Course within "Helpful Student Seminar Folders"

Test Anxiety/Test Prep

Audience: 9th-12th grade students of PHS

Date: December 10 during student lunches (recommended to pack a lunch)

Location: B108

Register at this link: https://forms.gle/q5FnLcWF75UAZ1qp6

Mindfulness Practices to Calm the Anxious Mind

Audience: 9th-12th grade students of PHS

Date: December 17 during student lunches (recommended to pack a lunch)

Location: B108

Register at this link: https://forms.gle/ViyRfxQiAMgwmSGD6

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HAVE YOU SUFFERED A RECENT LOSS?

If you have suffered a recent loss, please contact <u>fitchl@parklandsd.org</u> if you would like to join a loss group. It will not be held during lunches and will have a staggered schedule over the course of a few weeks.

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PARKLAND TRUMPET NEWSPAPER AVAILABLE ONLINE: www.phstrumpet.org



The Trumpet is the high school's student-run newspaper and is responsible for covering the arts, athletics, and academics at Parkland High School, as well as local community events and world news. This website was created by students in the newspaper class. On this website, you will find announcements, student life, Trojan Corner, sports, news, entertainment and features like polls and breaking news, including weekly updates to the content. The website can be found on the Clever portal under links or you can download the SNS web app to your Android or iPhone. We are proud to cover the news and student events for the Parkland School District and hope you will see our staff page which features the 12 person staff of The Trumpet. If you have any questions, make sure to check out the Contact link on the website. In addition to the new website, we will still produce print editions of The Trumpet. Please look for the newspaper in the rotunda of the high school.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following members of the **Political Science Club** achieved success at the Princeton Model United Nations Conference (PMUNC) held November 14-17, 2019. One thousand students from all over the world attended this conference. Parkland High School alumnus, Aryaman Khandelwal, was the Director General of the General Assembly Committees for PMUNC.

- Best position paper in World Health Organization (WHO) Committee:
 Ga Young Lee and Punya Bhasin
- Best position paper in Economic and Financial (ECOFIN) Committee:
 Nina Hardt and Maya Parekh
- Verbal commendation in Disarmament and International Security (DISEC)
 Committee: Rahul Inaganti
- Best Delegate in Special Political and Decolonization (SPECPOL) Committee:
 Rishika Rohatgi and Thomas Broadhurst

AMAZON SKILL APP CREATED FOR PARKLAND TV & FILM

Mr. Brian Ding and Parkland junior **Lincoln McLoud** worked together to help develop a Parkland TV & Film Alexa flash briefing skill. You can catch up with the latest news and announcements by adding Parkland TV News to your Alexa app flash briefing.



Available instantly on your connected Alexa device.





The Pennsylvania Art Education Association (PAEA) is proud to recognize Parkland School District for their outstanding commitment to visual arts education with the endorsement *Outstanding Visual Arts Community* 2019.

PAR KEY'S 2020 YEARBOOK — GET YOURS TODAY!

TO ORDER: https://sites.google.com/a/parklandsd.net/par-key/
DEADLINES AND PRICING:

Now through December 27, 2019, the price is \$82** December 28, 2019 — April 25, 2020*, the price is \$85**

* This is the last day for advance orders.

** Prices do not include tax.

** Personalization offered online for \$7 extra until January 31, 2020.

DID YOU MISS OUT ON ORDERING PREVIOUS YEARS OF THE PAR KEY YEARBOOK?

2019 yearbooks will be sold for \$75 at the Cafeteria Par Key Table.

2019 supplement pages can be picked up at the Cafeteria Par Key Table if you did not receive yours in the mail.

2006—2018 yearbooks are also available for \$75 at the Cafeteria Par Key Table.

YEARBOOK INFORMATION FOR SENIORS — CLASS OF 2020

SENIOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS

The **last day to schedule an appointment** at the studio of Frank Mitman, the official school photographer, is **Friday, December 13, 2019**. Call 610-433-2110. (Yearbook only photographs are free.)

SENIOR DEDICATIONS

Senior dedications for the 2020 yearbook will be accepted until Friday, December 6, 2019.

The yearbook staff at PHS is once again offering dedication ads for parents and guardians to congratulate their graduating senior. These personal messages will appear in color in the 2020 yearbook, creating another opportunity to make this yearbook memorable for the Class of 2020. Return your ad copy and request either via e-mail or mail with payment and any pictures for the dedication by December 6. If e-mailed, please send the payment by mail to Parkland High School. Please do not attach pictures in word documents, all pictures must be in jpeg format.

Guidelines Make sure to include your child's name on the back of all photographs. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment so we can return photos. You may crop pictures before submitting them to include only the people that you would like in the photo. If you decide to crop your photos, please make sure the photo remains a rectangle. (Do not cut out the individual in the photo.) The yearbook staff will design your ad using your photo(s) and text. A variety of fonts and sizes will be used depending on the amount of text. We encourage using fewer words so we can create your message in a larger point size. We reserve the right to refuse any copy or photos we feel are inappropriate.

Sizes and Prices Select one of the following:

1/8 page ads - Approximately 4 1/4" x 2 1/2" \$55 This size ad may include one color photograph.

There is a 25-word maximum with a photo and a 50-word maximum without a photo. (Word count is approximate.)

1/4 page ads - Approximately 4 1/4" x 5" \$85 Quarter page dedications may include up to two color photographs.

Text with two photographs has an 80-word limit. One photograph has a 100-word limit. A dedication with no photographs will have a 120-word limit. (Word count is approximate.) A dedication with one photograph in this size ad will have a larger picture than the 1/8 page dedication.

1/2 page ads - Approximately 4 1/4" x 10" \$145 This size ad may include up to four color photographs.

There is a 50-word maximum with four photos, a 100-word maximum with three photos, a 150-word maximum with two photos and a 200-word maximum with one photo. (Word count is approximate.)

Additional photos- \$10 each If you wish to include more photos than the dedications allow, there is an additional charge.

Reprint Permission If you submit a photo of your senior that was professionally taken, we CANNOT use it unless we receive written permission, either in letter or electronic form, from the photographer. Please ask the photographer to e-mail Mrs. Abdelaal directly at abdelaala@parklandsd.org. You do not need to ask for permission if your child's photo was taken by Frank Mitman's studio, but if you did not purchase a package there will be a \$10 fee payable to Frank Mitman to use the photo in the dedication.

Submission Please submit all materials via e-mail to yearbook.parkland@gmail.com or in the mail with checks payable to Parkland High School to: Mrs. Abdelaal at Parkland High School, 2700 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104. Please contact Mrs. Abdelaal with any questions at abdelaala@parklandsd.org or 610-351-5600.

Please include the following with your submission:

Name of senior, your name and relationship to senior, address, phone number, e-mail address, size of ad, text, special instructions (if any), number of photos, Frank Mitman photos to be used (include number of images), other professional photos to be used (including photographer's permission), and payment (cash delivered to school or check mailed to school).

All yearbook information is available on the website at https://sites.google.com/a/parklandsd.net/par-key/

CLASS OF 2020 SENIOR SHIRTS ARE IN!!!

\$10 FOR BLACK SHORT SLEEVE AND \$15 FOR GRAY LONG SLEEVE



SHOW YOUR PANAMAND E.S. PRIDE!



Limited stock. Order while supplies last.

TROJANS / Sales benefit Parkland Latin Club

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