



PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Educating For Success, Inspiring Excellence.

Administration Center

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Hello Parkland Parents and Staff,

Here are some updates for the week:

Virtual Art Shows Celebrate 17th Annual Festival of the Arts

Today would have marked the 17th Annual Festival of the Arts at Parkland launch. To celebrate, we are inviting all students to submit works of art and post them on the [Parkland School District Facebook page](#) tonight between 7-8 PM. We can't wait to celebrate the creativity of our students! Tomorrow night at 7 PM, we will debut the Parkland High School Art Show that has been curated by each of Parkland High School's five art teachers and Middle School Scholastic Art Awards. You will be able to view the art show here:

<https://parklandsdorg.finalsite.com/departments/arts/festival-of-the-arts>

Senior Celebrations

Tonight, we are premiering one of our first senior celebration events on Parkland TV (Channel 65 for RCN Cable subscribers and Channel 264 or 102.9 for digital Service Electric subscribers) and on the [Parkland YouTube Channel](#). We'll be recognizing all 72 athletes who have decided to continue playing their sport at the college level. **Senior celebratory events that will be broadcasted on YouTube and Parkland TV include:**

May 14 - [College Athlete Recognition](#) - recognizing all athletes planning to play a sport in college, 7 PM

May 18 - Academic Awards/Scholarship Recognition Ceremony, 7 PM

May 27 - Athletic Awards, 7 PM

May 28 - Visual & Performing Arts Awards, 7 PM

June 9 - Virtual Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2020, 7 PM

Parkland Strong Merchandise

The Parkland Education Foundation launched a "Parkland Strong" merchandise collection. Every order goes to help the Foundation's efforts to support Parkland Staff through COVID 19 Emergency Relief funds and Celebrate Innovation Grants. Orders will ship via USPS for a flat \$5 fee and a contact-free delivery straight to your door by June 12th. Order here:

<http://www.parklandsd.org/parklandstrong>

Funniest Home Videos Premieres May 20th

The Parkland Education Foundation is producing a **Parkland's Funniest Home Videos** show with the help of the PHS TV Studio and it will air on May 20th at 7 PM! They had more than 125 submissions and can't wait to share the fun with you! Make sure to tune in on the [Parkland YouTube Channel](#) or Parkland TV to see who wins 1st, 2nd and 3rd place!

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Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer for Free and Reduced Eligible Students

The federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020 provides benefits, referred to as Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT), to families of school-aged children who would have otherwise received free or reduced-priced meals if it were not for school closures. A family will receive the benefit amount of \$5.70 for each school-aged child in their family for each day school has been closed since March 16, 2020, **IF** the student was eligible for free or reduced-price meals **PRIOR** to school closures. For purposes of P-EBT calculations, June 12, 2020, is being used as the last day of the school year.

The Department of Health and Human Services anticipates beginning to mail the EBT cards around June 5, 2020. All households will receive a separate mailing that describes P-EBT and provides households with contact information for any P-EBT-related questions. If you have questions regarding our school meal program, please call Mrs. Seier, Director of Food Services, at 610-351-5671 or seier1@parklandsd.org.

Staff Recognition Week

Thank you to everyone who helped make our staff feel appreciated last week with all of your messages and social media posts!

Sincerely,

Parkland School District