



# PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Parkland High School

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Dear Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

As you know, our lives have been drastically impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The 2019-2020 school year ended in a manner that none of us could have ever anticipated. While our community and the world around us works to discover a new normal, we remain optimistic about returning to school in the fall and are eager to provide students with continued, meaningful learning opportunities throughout the summer months.

For those of you with children who intend to take Honors and/or AP courses during the 2020-2021 school year, please know that some of these courses require completion of a summer assignment. These assignments are designed to help students enhance their reading and writings skills while also providing them with a springboard for new learning in the fall. However, because the COVID-19 Pandemic has restricted access to our school, which will continue through the summer months, some courses that typically have a required summer assignment will not for the Summer of 2020 only. Thus, please make note of the following:

1. **In English**- Honors English 9 will not have a required summer assignment this year. However, all students are encouraged to read at least one title from the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List, which is available:  
[https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1557322799/parklandsdorg/glw2fkaswrjg4katwrzf/9th\\_grade\\_summer\\_readlist.pdf](https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1557322799/parklandsdorg/glw2fkaswrjg4katwrzf/9th_grade_summer_readlist.pdf)
2. **In Math**- There are required summer assignments in the following courses: College Algebra Honors, Precalculus Honors, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, and Advanced Topics in Calculus.
3. **In Social Studies**- Your son/daughter will have a required assignment for American Studies 1 Honors. In addition if your child plans to take AP Human Geography, an elective course, this has a required summer assignment.
4. **In Science**- None of our 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Offerings (i.e.- Earth Science Honors, Biology Honors) require summer assignments for the Summer of 2020. In addition, for students who might be eligible to take AP Physics 1 in the coming school year, there is no summer assignment for this course.

All assignments are accessible through Schoology and will be available after June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. To access the assignments, your son/daughter must do the following:

1. Log into Schoology, <http://parkland.schoology.com>, using your Parkland ID # and Schoology password. (You may also access Schoology by going through the Clever portal using the "Quick Links" tool at the top of the PHS webpage.)
2. Once logged in, click on "Groups" at the top of the page.
3. Click "Join" at the bottom and enter this access code: B5XDR-S67D6
4. Follow instructions on the PHS Summer Assignments Group Page to access your summer assignment(s).

In addition, students do not need books or textbooks to complete summer assignments as all are designed to be accessed and completed on their Chromebooks.

For courses that have a required summer assignment as listed above, all students, including those currently registered and those who transfer into these courses after the start of the school year, must complete this work. This also applies to students who are participating in summer enrichment courses who plan to advance to the next honors/AP level course in the sequence next school year. There are no exceptions.

If you have a question about an assignment, please communicate with the teacher listed as the contact for the subject area assignment. Any Schoology questions should be directed to Mrs. Lauren Will, [will@parklandsd.org](mailto:will@parklandsd.org), and other questions should be directed to me at the high school, [bennickt@parklandsd.org](mailto:bennickt@parklandsd.org). Thank you for your cooperation, and we wish you and your child a healthy, safe, and productive summer.

Sincerely,

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