



April 2021

# PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL

## Parent Newsletter



*All information in this newsletter is subject to change.*

### From the principal's desk

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Well, it certainly was a long, arduous winter and I am sure we are all thankful for spring's arrival. In times like this, I think it is important to appreciate what we have and I would like to start by thanking and congratulating our **winter sports athletes** for inspiring and exciting seasons. Considering all the cancellations, adjustments, and limited practice time, it was great to see them continuously showing their 'Parkland Pride' by putting forth their best efforts in every situation. In the pool, on the courts, and on the mat, our students grew each day, achieving individual and team success in a whirlwind of an environment. Our spring sports season is well underway with many of our teams getting their first taste of competitive action. We know how much this spring means to them and we wish them tremendous personal and team success.

I also want to wish tremendous success to those involved with our musical program during their production of **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**. Due to COVID-19 protocols, this year's production will be filmed in the Parkland High School Auditorium and available to view online May 21 - 23. Information on how to view the performance will be announced May 3. The work and planning invested in this project is substantially different than anything the school has done before, and I want to commend our students, Mr. Anonia, and Mr. Stutz for their incredible passion and commitment to this production.

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# From the principal's desk

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The end of 3rd marking period is April 7 and report card grades will be accessible online roughly two weeks after that. As you know, students have completed the course registration process for the 2021-2022 school year. Student requests have been tabulated and Dr. Meehan and Mrs. Bennick will begin building next year's master schedule. I just want to reiterate that **parents will have the opportunity to update their child's intended learning modality (face-to-face or online) once again in the middle of April.** As things during the pandemic evolve, we know families' plans for next year may change as well. This verification period in mid-April will also give you the opportunity to review your child's course selections for next year. Please review these selections and report any problems to your child's guidance counselor. **Please note that course requests may be changed any time prior to June 1, 2021.**

One important note for **Seniors**, on Tuesday, May 25, Parkland High School will virtually hold its annual **Academic Scholarship Recognition Ceremony** to honor students who have received merit-based scholarships, totaling a minimum of 25% of the cost of tuition at the college/university that they will be attending. The scholarship awards have been rolling in, so thank you for sharing your child's success with us.

**Keystone Exams** will be given to students currently enrolled in Keystone subjects. Those exams will be given Tuesday, May 18 (Literature), Wednesday, May 19 (Algebra), and Thursday, May 20 (Biology). **Only students who are participating in Keystone Exams will report to PHS on these days. All remaining non-Keystone taking students will work remotely Tuesday – Thursday.**

I just want to reiterate how much your support and cooperation with pandemic guidelines means to our community. I know we all see a light at the end of the tunnel, but there are still a lot of hills to climb. This past week Lehigh County's positivity rate and number of cases per 100,000 increased significantly in the wrong direction. If we all commit to following protocols, the greater the likelihood of sending our Seniors off in style this spring. After all we have been through, that will mean a lot to everyone – especially the Class of 2021 and their families.

Sincerely,



James E. Moniz II  
Principal  
Parkland High School  
[monizj@parklandsd.org](mailto:monizj@parklandsd.org)

## E-Learning Wednesday's Bell Schedule (33 minute classes)

Period 1	9:15 — 9:47
Period 2	9:52 — 10:25
Period 3	10:30 — 11:03
Period 4	11:08 — 11:41
Period 5	11:46 — 12:29
Period 6	12:24 — 12:57
Period 8	1:40 — 2:12
Period 9	2:17 — 2:50



## April Hybrid Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>28</u>	29	30	31	1 Spring Break	2 Good Friday	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u>	5 Spring Break	6 Day 6 A-L	7 Day 1 A-L	8 Day 2 M-Z	9 Day 3 M-Z	<u>10</u>
11	12 Day 4 A-L	13 Day 5 A-L	14 Day 6 eLearn	15 Day 1 M-Z	16 Day 2 M-Z	<u>17</u>
<u>18</u>	19 Day 3 A-L	20 Day 4 A-L	21 Day 5 eLearn	22 Day 6 M-Z	23 Day 1 M-Z	<u>24</u>
25	26 Day 2 A-L	27 Day 3 A-L	28 Day 4 eLearn	29 Day 5 M-Z	30 Day 6 M-Z	<u>1</u>

Any changes to these schedules will be posted on the school website and communicated via Schoology and School Messenger.

## REGULAR BELL SCHEDULES

Period	A Schedule (Regular Day)	C Schedule (Early Dismissal)	D Schedule (2-Hour Delay)
	7:35 Warning Bell	7:35 Warning Bell	9:35 Warning Bell
1	7:40-8:24	7:40-8:12	9:40-10:06
2	8:30-9:09	8:18-8:48	10:12-10:36
3	9:15-9:54	8:54-9:24	10:42-11:06
4	10:00-10:39	9:30-10:00	11:12-11:42
5	10:45-11:24	10:06-10:36	11:48-12:18
6	11:30-12:09	10:42-11:12	12:24-12:54
7	12:15-12:54	11:18-11:48	1:00-1:30
8	1:00-1:44	11:54-12:24	1:36-2:00
9	1:50-2:30	12:30-1:00	2:06-2:30
5 Minute Warning Bell for Bus Departure	2:32 Buses Depart at 2:37	1:02 Buses Depart at 1:07	2:32 Buses Depart at 2:37

- Lunch periods will be assigned during periods: 4, 5, 6 or 7.
- PM LCTI will eat lunch period 4 or 5 and are dismissed at 11:20.
- AM LCTI will eat lunch at LCTI and return for class Period 6.
- ❖ Students approved for "early dismissal" must leave the school property immediately upon dismissal.
- ❖ Students approved for "late arrival" may not enter the school until 10 minutes before their first class.
- ❖ All students must leave the school property immediately upon dismissal, unless they are involved in a PHS-sponsored and supervised after-school activity.

# Counseling corner

## ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)

On **Tuesday, April 27** and **Thursday, April 29**, the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) will be administered to all students who have preregistered for the three-hour exam. The ASVAB is an excellent opportunity for students to complete a career aptitude test that examines ten different areas, including mathematics knowledge, mechanical comprehension, coding speed and general science, to name a few. Students interested in a military career must take the ASVAB for career training placement; however, all students can benefit from the information provided by this exam.

The exam is free of charge and administered by military testing personnel at the high school; however, there is no obligation to meet with military recruiters if a student participates in the testing. In fact, most students taking the ASVAB are solely interested in identifying their strengths and weaknesses in the skill areas named above. In addition, an excellent workbook highlighting personal traits and several hundred-career occupations is distributed to students, along with their test results. Results of the test are usually available within two to three weeks.

If your son or daughter is interested in taking the ASVAB, **registration will be held April 13 - April 22**, in the Parkland High School Counseling Office. Students can pick up an ASVAB booklet if they are interested in learning more about this valuable career aptitude test.

## College admissions testing SAT and ACT

Registration for the SAT I: Reasoning Test, SAT II: Subject Tests and the ACT are currently in progress. Remember, some universities require a junior set of SAT or ACT test scores. Only May and June test dates are still available for each exam this school year. Students interested in applying to selective private colleges and universities should check if the SAT II: Subject Tests are required for admission or placement purposes. The most up-to-date information can be found on the college or university website.

Students are encouraged to register for the SAT on the College Board's website located at [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register) or the ACT at [www.act.org/student](http://www.act.org/student).



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SPRING IS NATURE'S WAY  
OF SAYING, 'LET'S PARTY!'

Robin Williams

# Summer Enrichment 2021



Any student who is interested in taking a summer enrichment course (for advancement purposes) must complete a Summer Enrichment Application - Summer 2021. The information packet includes details about our summer enrichment program and also a detailed list of the math courses that we will be running at PHS this summer.

## Students in grades 9-11

Current PHS students in grades 9-11 should read the informational packet that can be accessed [here](#).

Current PHS students can complete the online application by going [here](#).

## Students in grade 8

Students currently in grade 8 at OMS and SMS can view the middle school informational packet at the following links:

**OMS students** - [here](#)

**SMS students** - [here](#)

Students currently in grade 8 can complete the online application by going [here](#).

## Deadline

The due date for completing the online summer enrichment application and remitting payment (for PHS math courses only) is **Friday, April 16, 2021**.

This due date applies to all students, both those in middle school and those who currently attend PHS.

## Speak to someone

To discuss if summer enrichment is right for your child, please speak with his/her middle school/high school guidance counselor OR with the assistant principals who oversee summer enrichment approvals:

**OMS** - Mr. Stoudt, [stoudt1@parklandsd.org](mailto:stoudt1@parklandsd.org) or 610-351-5750

**SMS** - Dr. Sandt, [sandtj@parklandsd.org](mailto:sandtj@parklandsd.org) or 610-351-5700

**PHS** - Mrs. Bennick, [bennickt@parklandsd.org](mailto:bennickt@parklandsd.org) or 610-351-5600



## Freshmen: Driver Education Theory course (summer 2021)

Please visit [this link](#) and click on "Driver Education Theory - Summer 2021- Information and Registration" to learn more about your available options, costs, dates and times, and how to sign up for the course. If you plan to take the PHS Driver Education Theory course, the Google form must be completed and payment received by **Friday, June 4, 2021**. If you plan to take the course through CLIU #21, be sure to complete the Google form by **Friday, June 25, 2021**. The Google form can be accessed [here](#).

If you have additional questions, please contact Mrs. Bennick, Assistant Principal, at [bennickt@parklandsd.org](mailto:bennickt@parklandsd.org) or 610-351-5600.



# APRIL

## Upcoming events

Thursday  
1

Spring holiday — school closed  
April Fools' Day

Friday  
2

Spring holiday — school closed

Monday  
5

Spring holiday — school closed

Wednesday  
7

Third marking period ends  
Spring SAT Prep class 3-5 PM or 6:30-8:30 PM (virtual)

Tuesday  
13

Post Prom Committee meeting 7 PM (virtual)

Wednesday  
14

Spring SAT Prep class 3-5 PM or 6:30-8:30 PM (virtual)

Monday  
19

Spring SAT Prep class 3-5 PM or 6:30-8:30 PM (virtual)

Wednesday  
21

Report cards available in HAC  
College Media Day 1:30 PM (auditorium)  
Spring SAT Prep class 3-5 PM or 6:30-8:30 PM (virtual)  
Parent Forum 7 PM (virtual)

Monday  
26

Spring SAT Prep class 3-5 PM or 6:30-8:30 PM (virtual)

Tuesday  
27

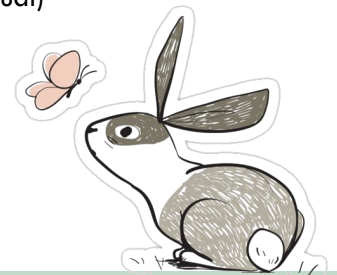
ASVAB testing

Wednesday  
28

Spring SAT Prep class 3-5 PM or 6:30-8:30 PM (virtual)

Thursday  
29

ASVAB testing





Tuesday

**May 18**

Literature Keystone Exam

Wednesday

**May 19**

Algebra Keystone Exam

Thursday

**May 20**

Biology Keystone Exam

Sophomores

Students who are currently in grade 10 English, Algebra 1 and Biology will be required to take the Keystone Exams.

All information about the upcoming spring Keystones will be posted on the District website under Parents >>> Keystone Test Information.

Updated Keystone Exam dates

Some old-fashioned things like  
fresh air and sunshine are hard  
to beat. - Laura Ingalls Wilder





# Jostens<sup>®</sup>

## Seniors

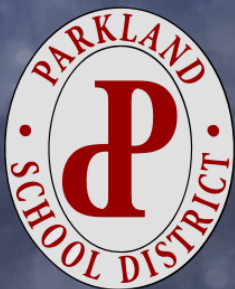
Remember to place your cap and gown order directly with Jostens if you wish to participate in the commencement ceremony on **June 8**.

Visit [www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com) to place your order online.

If you have questions, please call  
1-800-567-8367.

CLASS  
*of*  
2021





*Parkland  
High School*

*Class of 2021  
Prom*



*"A Night Under  
the Stars"*

*Saturday  
May 8, 2021*



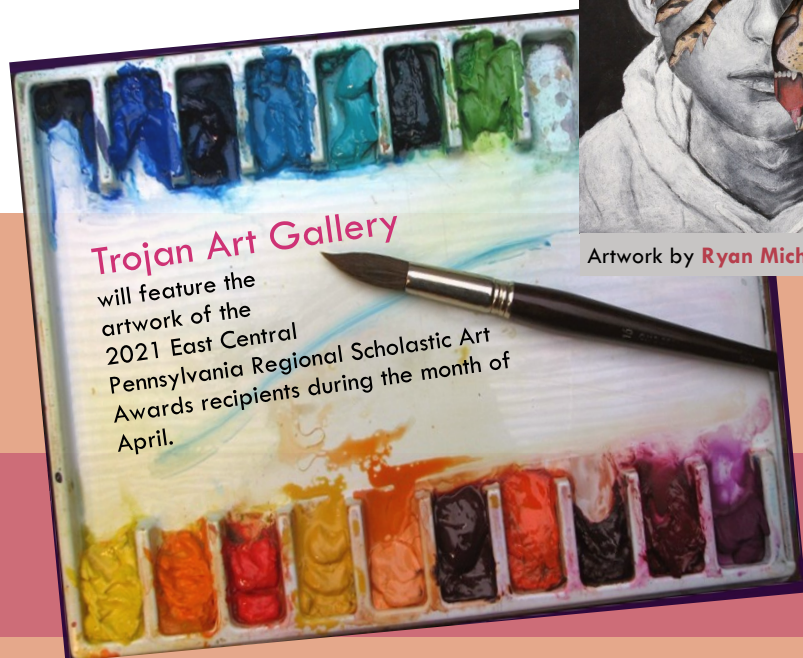
*at SteelStacks  
in Bethlehem*



*6 - 11 PM*

Further information will be provided  
the week of April 5.

# Visual and performing arts



Artwork by **Ryan Micheletti**, grade 12

April... already...or... finally!  
The winter weather has been a challenge to all of us, but the A-wing students are keeping themselves busy and preparing for a brighter spring season.

## Save the dates

**Festival of the Arts (virtual)**  
**Weekend of May 15**

*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*  
(virtual)

**Friday - Sunday**  
**May 21-23**

**Visual & Performing Arts**  
**Awards (virtual)**  
**Wednesday**  
**June 2**



## Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Parkland Band members for qualifying for the **PMEA All-State Festival**:

- All-State Band: **Jordan Bucks**, clarinet
- All-State Band: **Jared Lazansky**, euphonium
- All-State Jazz Ensemble: **Mitchell Roth**, trumpet

The All-State festivals will take place virtually April 14 -17, culminating with a virtual performance from participating members.



## Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

One of the highlights of spring at Parkland has always been the Musical, and this year will be no exception. We are excited to present ***Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Joseph)*** the weekend of May 21-23. The production will be filmed live and presented through our virtual ticketing partner, ShowTix4You.

**Tickets will go on sale May 3, 2021.**

More information will follow.

***Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*** is a musical comedy with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The story is based on the "coat of many colours" story of Joseph from the Bible's Book of Genesis. This was the first Lloyd Webber and Rice musical to be performed publicly. It is a family-friendly story.

Familiar themes and catchy music have resulted in numerous stagings. According to the owner of the copyright, more than 20,000 schools and amateur theatre groups have staged productions (including Parkland High School exactly 30 years ago.)

The production is being rehearsed and performed live on stage while still maintaining all of the necessary requirements to keep our students and staff safe. While there will be no live audience, you and your family will be able to enjoy this energetic new production together in the safety of your homes. Also, if you have out of town relatives who have always wanted to see their family members in a Parkland musical, this will be an opportune time for doing just that.

Check the May newsletter and the Parkland social media forums for further information.

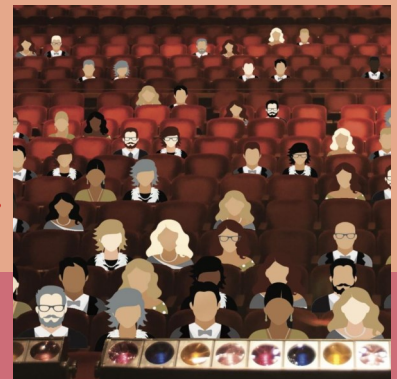
## Joseph Cardboard Cutout Audience Members

Parkland High School proudly presents their 2021 spring musical production of ***Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat***. Due to COVID-19 protocols, this year's production will be filmed in the Parkland High School Auditorium and available to view online **May 21 - 23**. Since live audience members will not be allowed in the auditorium during the production, we would like to continue to support the cast and crew 'in spirit' in the form of cardboard cutout audience members. Our goal is to fill the auditorium with cutouts just as we would a live audience. Cutouts will be displayed throughout the auditorium during all performances and we have arranged special camera hits so the at-home audience will be able to see our cardboard audience.

Parents, grandparents, faculty/staff members, area businesses, friends, family pets, aunts/uncles can all be on display for this year's production. If you are interested in supporting this year's production, please use [this form](#) to complete your information and submit your image(s).

\* Should you have any questions, please contact Frank Anonia at [annoniaf@parklandsd.org](mailto:annoniaf@parklandsd.org).

**All cutout requests must be received by April 8, 2021.**



# Athletic news



Winter sports

## Congratulations

**Ethan Radio** (Boys Diving)

EPC Lehigh County Champion, 4<sup>th</sup> in PIAA State Meet

**Girls Swimming**

EPC Lehigh County Champions, District XI Champions

**Boys Basketball**

EPC Lehigh County Champions, District XI Runner up

**Girls Basketball**

EPC Lehigh County Champions, District XI Runner up

## Congratulations

**Eastern Pennsylvania Conference  
1<sup>st</sup> Team All-County**

**Boys Basketball**

1<sup>st</sup> team - **Nicholas (Nick) Coval**

2<sup>nd</sup> team - **Elgadro (Trey) Rolle** and **William (Will) Meeker**

**Girls Basketball**

1<sup>st</sup> team - **Lindsay Berger**

2<sup>nd</sup> team - **Sonya Shivok** and **Talia Zurinskas**

## Congratulations

**EPC Lehigh County MVP's**

**Lindsey Berger** -Girls Basketball

**Nicholas (Nick) Coval** - Boys Basketball

**Kayla Johnson** - Girls Swimming

## District XI swim meet

### Boys Swimming

**John Fahrney**

- 500 free (1st place)
- 400 free relay (2nd place)

**Karl Schmidt**

- 200 free relay (2nd place)
- 200 medley relay (3rd place)

**Douglas Graham**

- 200 medley relay (3rd place)

**Luke Willard**

- 200 medley relay (3rd place)

**Matthew Greer**

- 400 free relay and 200 free relay (2nd place)
- 200 free (3rd place)

**Nicholas Zaffiro**

- 200 IM and 200 medley relay (3rd place)

**Shawn Kushner**

- 200 free, 400 free relay and 200 free relay (2nd place)

### Boys Diving

1<sup>st</sup> place

**Ethan Radio**

**Isaiah Moreef**

- 400 free relay, 200 free relay (2nd place)

2<sup>nd</sup> place

**Ryan Beltrame**

free = freestyle event

IM = individual medley

## Plan ahead for fall sports

Check out the May Parent Newsletter for a time and date for fall sports physicals. They will be here before you know it.

## District XI swim meet

### Girls Swimming

#### **Sophia Cerimele**

- 200 medley relay, 400 free relay (1st place)
- 100 fly (2nd place)

#### **Devon Corvaia**

- 200 medley relay, 200 free relay (1st place)
- 100 fly (3rd place)

#### **Gwendolyn (Wynne) Houser**

- 100 breaststroke (3rd place)

#### **Kayla Johnson**

- 200 free relay, 400 free relay, 50 free and 100 free (1st place) (*Swimmer of the Meet*)

#### **Simone Lin**

- 200 medley relay, 100 backstroke (1st place)

#### **Olivia Stevenson**

- 400 free relay, 200 free, 500 free (1st place)

#### **Madison Tewksbury**

- 200 medley relay, 200 free relay, 100 breaststroke (1st place)
- 200 IM (2nd place)

#### **Claire Weaver**

- 200 free relay, 400 free relay (1st place)

*Sports do not  
build character,  
they reveal it*

*John Wooden*

# Class of 2021<sup>nd</sup> NONE TO

## Seniors Get Your Class Shirt

Short Sleeve White \$5

Long Sleeve Black \$15

Both for \$10



Cash or checks (payable to Parkland High School) may be dropped off or mailed to Mr. Greth in C146. If you have any questions please e-mail Mr. Greth at [grethj@parklandsd.org](mailto:grethj@parklandsd.org).

Please include:

- |                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. name and ID number         | » deliver to classroom or |
| 2. shirt selections and sizes | pickup in school lobby.   |
| 3. delivery choice »          |                           |

# Information from the Health Room



## Help mitigate the spread of Coronavirus

Wear a mask, wash your hands, and keep social distance (even outside).

Complete the [Wellness Form](#) for each of your students every morning prior to coming to school.

Contact the Health Room if your child is going to be absent due to reasons involving the Coronavirus, including close contact, quarantine, travel, and being tested.

For information regarding COVID-19, please see the [district website](#).



## Return to school guidelines

Please keep your child home from school (even if they have a test or sporting event) if he/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.

\* These are the same criteria the Health Room uses as a guideline when sending students home ill from school.



## Juniors

All eleventh-grade students (hybrid and online) who have not turned in their grade 11 physical, must turn it into the Health Room no later than **May 3, 2021**.

### Immunization Requirement:

The meningitis vaccine is required on or after the day your student turns 16 years old. Students in grade 11 will be required to have this immunization on the first day of their senior year at Parkland High School. The grade 11 physical is a good time to make certain this immunization is completed.

Forms are available on the [PHS website](#).



Spring is in the air, but do not let your guard down.

## Allergy season is here

Spring has arrived and so has allergy season. This time of year is sometimes difficult and uncomfortable for students who have allergies.

Please be aware that the Health Room does not have allergy medicine.

If your student suffers from seasonal allergies and requires allergy medication during the school day, please be certain to administer their medication prior to the start of school.



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

# Driver's Education

## Prepare for spring driving conditions



Keep your eyes open and your hands on the wheel to handle springtime driving hazards.

- Maintain a safe distance.
- Approach intersections cautiously.
- Drive slowly when roads appear wet.

### Look for leftover sand and salt

- Many towns use sand and salt to combat icy roads, but once the snow is gone, sand and salt make traction difficult.
- Take care at intersections and give yourself a little extra braking time.

### Master driving in rain

- Turn your headlights on, drive slowly and give other vehicles more space. Remember, even just a little rain combined with oil on the road can create slippery conditions and twice the braking distance.

### Steer clear of hail

- To avoid hail damage, it's best not to drive. If you're already on the road, pull over and seek shelter to wait out the hail.

### Avoid flooded roads

- Frozen ground, melting snow and heavy rains are just the right recipe for flooding. If you're approaching a flooded road, turn around and find a safe route.
- Standing water is particularly dangerous because there can be strong undercurrents and it's difficult to tell if you're looking at just a puddle or deeper water.

## Behind-the-Wheel instruction

Behind the Wheel instruction is available through the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 (CLIU-21) to any Parkland student who has their PA Learner's Permit. For more information, or to register, go to [www.cliu.org/driversed](http://www.cliu.org/driversed) or call 610-760-4111 x1299.

# Library lines

## April is National School Library Month

Spring is emerging all around us. There are many things to celebrate this time of year, but here at the Parkland High School Library Media Center we proudly celebrate National School Library Month.

Although this year is atypical and we cannot host events in person, keep in mind the importance of the school library and its role in transforming learning.

Imagine if our students did not have access to scholarly research articles, citation information, e-books, audio books, a safe space to work, or certified school librarians to help them navigate the research process.

Luckily, you can find all of these features and more here at the Parkland High School Library Media Center.



## National Preservation Week



If celebrating National School Library Month isn't enough, April is also host to National Preservation Week. The library staff has actively been creating a digital archive to preserve our Parkland culture.

Speaking of preservation week . . .

8:00 p. m.

John Strobel  
John Silverberg  
Rich Irwin  
Jim Economy  
John Schenk  
Craig Brown  
Stephen Maynard  
Dave Posocco  
Walter Johnson  
John Jaisind  
Jeff Chapman  
Scott Gebhardtbauer  
Chuck Kumburg  
Joe Marzano  
Chip Pearson  
Scott Bateman  
Perry Janoski  
Mike Peters  
Nick White  
Phil DeLong  
Tim Mauser  
Barry Sandt  
Jeff Korber  
Jeff Johnson  
Bob Burns  
Randy Miller  
Frank Posocco  
Greg Spence

A black and white line drawing of a carousel horse. The horse is white with black outlines and shading. It has a flowing mane and tail. A red and white striped pole runs vertically through the center of the horse's body. The horse is facing right and has a red bridle. The background is plain white.

April 1971

# Student Assistance Program (SAP)

## The importance of sleep

As we continue to aid families in this difficult time, we are having many conversations about sleep problems with students. Many parents and guardians have shared that their children are getting minimal sleep, or, they are on an odd sleeping schedule. Sleep deprivation is a serious problem for teens.

Sleep is involved with many physiologic systems such as memory consolidation, control of inflammation, hormone regulation, cardiovascular regulation and many other important functions, therefore insufficient sleep duration and poor sleep quality will be associated with several significant adverse health outcomes. Reduced sleep duration has been shown to cause impairments in cognitive and executive function, while poor sleep has been associated with poor mental health.

The World Sleep Society recommends the following steps to achieve healthy sleep:

Source: *The World Sleep Society*



Fix a bedtime and an awakening time.

If you are in the habit of taking a nap, do not exceed 45 minutes of daytime sleep.

Avoid caffeine 6 hours before bedtime. This includes coffee, tea and many sodas, as well as chocolate.

Find a comfortable temperature setting for sleeping and keep the room well ventilated.

Block out all distracting noise and eliminate as much light as possible.

Reserve the bed for sleep. Don't use the bed as an office, workroom or recreation room.

Avoid heavy, spicy, or sugary foods 4 hours before bedtime. A light snack before bed is acceptable.

Exercise regularly, but not right before bed.

Use comfortable bedding.



Please do not hesitate to reach out to the SAP team for help with you child at 610-351-5672.

## *Congratulations* *Political Science Club*

Political Science Club students participated in the virtual mid-Atlantic region's **Delaware Model United Nations Conference**, sponsored by Salesianum School, on February 20.

Congratulations to the following students who placed at the event:

Honorable Mention  
**Allison Barilla**  
representing China in the Human Rights Council

Best Delegate  
**Grant Pinsley**  
representing United Kingdom in the World Bank

Outstanding Delegate  
**Veda Vundela**  
representing Russia in UNESCO



## *Congratulations* *National History Day*

Parkland High School had 19 students, who created 12 projects, participate in the virtual **National History Day regional competition** at Muhlenberg College on Saturday, March 20. There are 8 projects, created by 15 students, moving on to the state contest to be held virtually at the University of Scranton on May 7 - 10. Congratulations to these students who placed at regionals:

First Place - Individual Performance  
**Hope Broadhurst**

First place - Group Performance  
**Uma Purani** and **Ella Wu**

Second place - Group Performance  
**Sana Nauman**, **Oludemilade Olatilo** and **Rishika Rohatgi**

Second place - Individual Exhibit  
**Shannon Fratus**

First place - Individual Documentary  
**Thomas Gilchrist**

Third place - Individual Website  
**Mai Hukuoka**

First place - Group Website  
**Akshatha Manjunatha** and **Ankhitha Manjunatha**

Second place - Group Website  
**Shlok Dholakia**, **Vishruth Hanumaihgari**, **Daud Tariq**, and **Mary Zaher**



# Class dues



Class dues are a one-time-only payment of \$20 during your student's high school career. Cash or checks are acceptable forms of payment. Checks should be made payable to Parkland High School and should reference your student's graduating class in the memo line.

Class dues should be delivered to the attention of your student's class advisor. Please contact the class advisor with any questions.

- **Seniors: Class of 2021 dues must be paid by April 9 in order to avoid higher Prom ticket prices.**

CLASS  
of  
2021

Senior class advisor  
Mr. Jay Greth  
Room C146  
[grethj@parklandsd.org](mailto:grethj@parklandsd.org)

CLASS  
of  
2022

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Last call to order a 2021 *Par Key* yearbook

The price is \$85+ tax from now until  
**April 25\*.**

*\*Orders cannot be guaranteed after this date.*



Yearbook  
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is available  
on the PHS  
[website.](#)



# Congratulations — Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad is a nationwide competition. Students compete in 23 events that include earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. Science Olympiad is designed to increase a student's interest in STEM fields and provide recognition for outstanding achievement in team events.

The Parkland High School Science Olympiad "A team" participated virtually in four competitions this school year, placing third at the **North Pocono Invitational** in December and placing second at the **River Hill Invitational** held February 28 - March 6. The "A team" is comprised of the following students:

Anam Ali

Varsha Borkar

Meaghan Crites

Shlok Dholakia

Anshika Gupta

Mridul Gupta

Purva Gupta

Vishruth Hanumaihgari

Vedavyas Jampanaboyana

Vaishnavi Joshi

Riva Kaneria

Evan Lan

Imaan Saeed

Daud Tariq



Parkland Science Olympiad students will go on to compete at the Central Eastern Regional Science Olympiad Competition.



## Congratulations

Please join us in congratulating **Uma Purani**, a 2021 NCWIT Aspirations in Computing (AiC) award recipient from the National Center of Women in Info Tech.

# Congratulations

## Science Fair

Science Fair competitions were held virtually this year. Students created slideshow presentations of their background research, experimental methods, data, and conclusions.



### Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science

Congratulations to the following Parkland High School students who placed at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science competition on February 27. They will be moving on to the PJAS State Competition.:

First Place

**Varsha Borkar**  
**Vidhi Desai**  
**Shaiyan Feisal**  
**Reva Gandhi**  
**Vishruth Hanumaihgar**  
**Aarav Kakade**  
**Sana Nauman**  
**Shashwat Sharma**  
**Ronak Singh**  
**Veda Vundela**

Second place

**Siddhant Khandelwal**  
**Varun Pandian**  
**Aishwarya Suresh**



### Junior Science and Humanities Symposium Program

PHS Science Fair students competed mid-March at the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium Program (JSHS) science fair regional contest.

- **Victor Cai** placed first place in the Engineering and Technology category and was selected to compete at the National JSHS Science Fair.
- **Vishruth Hanumaihgar** took second place in the Medicine and Health category.
- **Varun Pandian** had one of the five Engineering/Technology projects selected to compete in the first round.



### Lehigh Valley Science and Engineering Research Fair

Last but not least, the following students achieved recognition at the Lehigh Valley Science and Engineering Research Fair held virtually on March 13. They will move on to the Delaware Valley Science Fair Competition.

First Place

**Victor Cai**  
**Vidhi Desai**  
**Shaiyan Feisal**  
**Purva Gupta**  
**Vishruth Hanumaihgar**  
**Lalitha Loka**  
**Sana Nauman**  
**Varun Pandian**  
**Shashwat Sharma**

Second place

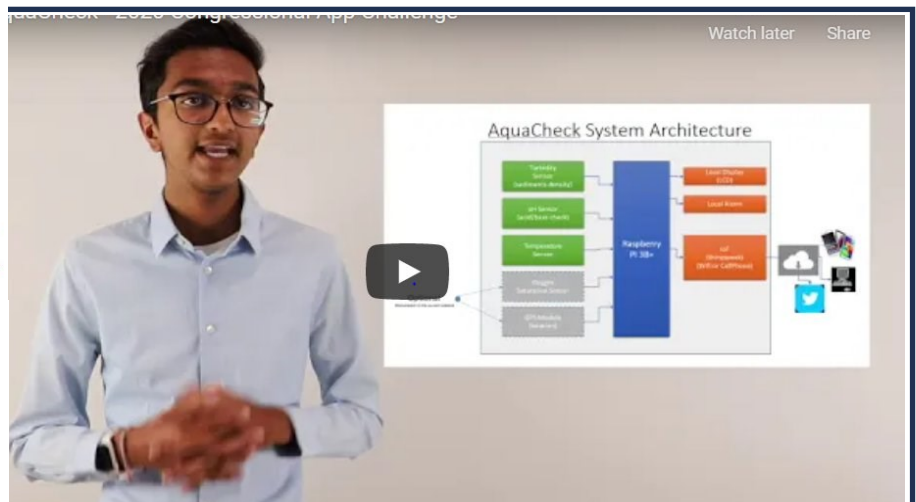
**Varsha Borkar**  
**Vaishnavi Joshi**  
**Aarav Kakade**  
**Dharshan Tharumia**  
**Sooraj Tharumia**

Third place

**Siddhant Khandelwal**  
**Aishwarya Suresh**  
**Veda Vundela**



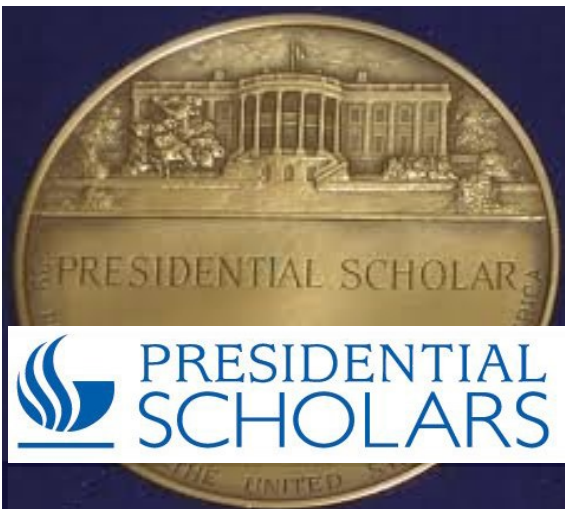
*Congratulations*



Representative Susan Wild named **Siddhant Khandelwal** from Parkland High School as the 2020 Congressional App Challenge (CAC) in (PA-07) with his AquaCheck app.

Over 6,500 students registered for the 2020 CAC. The students created and submitted 3,088 functioning apps. All told, 308 Members of Congress hosted CACs in their districts across 49 states, Puerto Rico, the Mariana Islands, and Washington, DC.

When asked what inspired the creation of AquaCheck, Siddhant stated, "Clean and safe water is essential to healthy living. I chose this topic as a means to bring about some change in the system after visiting India and witnessing the condition of water there."



*Congratulations*

Congratulations are extended to Parkland High School seniors named as candidates in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. They are:

**Prathysha Kothare**

**Ankhitha Manjunatha**

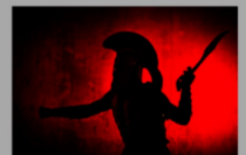
**Tanya Mehta**

**Dharshan Tharumia**

**Taran Anantasagar**

**'21 PA Media & Design  
Competition Results**

**1st Place Winners**



**CONGRATULATIONS**

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Aquacheck: An Affordable, Low-Maintenance, and Smart Water Quality Monitoring System

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Web Page Design

COVID-19 Statistics

**KRUSHIL AMRUTIYA  
MRIDUL GUPTA  
ANSHIKA GUPTA**

## Annual Parkland Education Foundation Distinguished Alumni Gala

The Ninth Annual Parkland Education Foundation Distinguished Alumni Gala will occur virtually on **April 14 at 7 PM**. Please consider supporting the event which is the Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year. Everyone who purchases a ticket will receive a box of homemade goodies from local businesses: Josh Early Candies, Baked Bakery & Cafe, Warm Sugar Bakery, Trixie's Treats, Sugar Mere and A-Treat. **Click on the 'Save the Date' on the right to make a gift or purchase a ticket.**



**4.14.2021**

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## 2021 Parkland Distinguished Alumni

**Peter Jonathan Denitz (deceased), 1972**  
Vice President and Senior Technical Principal, AICP, PP, WSP USA

**Vikas P. Joshi, 1990**  
Joshi Hotel Group, Founder/Owner

**The Honorable Anna-Eristie Merfifi Marks, 1998**  
Judge, Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas

**Lieutenant Colonel John Trombetta, 2000**  
Fighter Aircraft Experimental Test Pilot, US Air Force

**Captain Erin (Anthony) Williams, 2007**  
US Army, Instructor of Systems Engineering at West Point

Purchase your tickets online at [www.parklandsd.org/foundation](http://www.parklandsd.org/foundation)

## Congratulations to PHS Debate students who qualified to Nationals with the NCFL in May 2021!



**Reva Gandhi**

Placed 3rd in  
Declamation in the  
Allentown Diocese  
Forensic League



**Siddhant Khandelwal**

Placed 3rd in  
Original Oratory in the  
Allentown Diocese  
Forensic League



**Rishika Rohatgi**

Placed 1st in  
Extemporaneous  
Speaking in the  
Allentown Diocese  
Forensic League



## Entries now being accepted for Parkland's Funniest Home Videos II



Submit your  
video [here](#).



The Parkland Education Foundation designed this event for us to come together as a community and share some laughter.



The deadline to submit your 1-2 minute max length video is **May 1**.



Prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Funniest Videos.



Mark your calendar - the show will premiere on **May 20**.



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# Academic Scholarship Recognition

On Tuesday, May 25 at 3:30 PM, Parkland High School will hold an Academic Scholarship Recognition Ceremony (possibly virtual) to honor students who have received merit based scholarships. To participate in this event a student must be receiving a minimum of 25% of the cost of tuition at the college/university that he/she will be attending. If your son/daughter is eligible for Academic Scholarship Recognition, please fill out the remainder of this form and return it, along with the letter/email you received from your college/university verifying your merit based scholarship, to Principal Moniz's office no later than April 30, 2021. If you have any questions, please call 610-351-5600 extension 73501.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition/Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Scholarship?

(    ) 25% Minimum

**OR**

(    ) Full Scholarship

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