



May 2023

PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter



The information in this newsletter is subject to change.

From the principal's desk


Dear Parents and Guardians:

May is a very busy month for our students and school with standardized testing, Prom, and many other extracurricular activities. With regard to exams, **Advanced Placement Exams** will be administered from May 1 - 12, the **SAT exam** on May 6, and the **Keystone Exams** on May 15 - 23. We are implementing a modified Keystone Exam Schedule that is outlined on page 7 of this newsletter. Our **Senior Prom** will be held on Saturday, May 13 from 7 - 11 PM at SteelStacks in Bethlehem. I highly recommend students also attend **Parkland's Post Prom Party** at PHS immediately following the Prom. Traditionally, the seniors have enjoyed these events immensely.

Looking ahead to June, just a reminder that PHS will be administering **final exams** this school year. Final grades will be determined by averaging of the four marking period grades (20 percent each), midterm exam (10 percent), and final exam (10 percent). **The last day of scheduled classes for seniors** (including LCTI seniors) is Wednesday, May 31. The Class of **2023 Graduation** will be held at 7 PM on Tuesday, June 6 at the PPL Center. Graduation practice, which is mandatory for participating seniors, will be held at 8:30 AM at the PPL Center. See pages 10-13 for more information. **The last full day of classes** for LCTI underclassmen (half day, Academic Center, & CAP) is Tuesday, June 6. The last full day of school for all other underclassmen is Friday, June 9.

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From the principal's desk

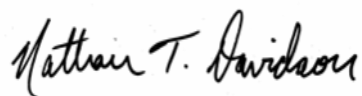
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I hope you were able to attend one of our theater program's stellar performances of *Oklahoma* in April. Seeing our students showcase their vocal, acting, comedic, musical, and dancing talents was truly a joy. Kudos to the cast, crew, pit, and staff for their outstanding show. We still have many exciting activities to look forward to this spring. We are excited to host the 20th annual Parkland *Festival of the Arts* from May 18 - 20.

Our *spring sports teams* are deep into their seasons and getting ready for EPC and District XI competitions. *Boys tennis* has already won the EPC title and we will see many Parkland sports teams continue into District XI playoffs. All of our student athletes and coaches have done a great job so far, and we wish them good luck the rest of the season.

I hope your PHS student and the rest of your family enjoy a safe and healthy end to the school year.

Sincerely,



Nathan T. Davidson
Principal - Parkland High School
davidsonn@parklandsd.net



**Attention
BREAKING
NEWS**
The Trumpet
Newspaper has a
new Facebook
Account!

The Parkland High School Newspaper,
The Trumpet, has a new
[Facebook page](#).

Go "like" the page so you can follow
along to see all the latest updates.





May 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5 Cinco de Mayo Day 6	6
7	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5 "B" Schedule	13
14 Mother's Day	15 Day 6 3-Hour Delay Schedule	16 Day 1 3-Hour Delay Schedule	17 Day 2 3-Hour Delay Schedule	18 Day 3 3-Hour Delay Schedule	19 Day 4 "C" Schedule	20
21	22 Day 5 3-Hour Delay Schedule	23 Day 6 3-Hour Delay Schedule	24 Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Day 3	27
28	29 Memorial Day SCHOOL CLOSED Holiday	30 Day 4	31 Day 5			

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

BELL SCHEDULES

PERIOD	A SCHEDULE (Regular Day)	B SCHEDULE (Homeroom)	C SCHEDULE (Early Dismissal)	D SCHEDULE (2-Hour Delay)
	7:35 Warning Bell	7:40-7:50	7:35 Warning Bell	9:35 Warning Bell
1	7:40-8:28	7:54-8:36	7:40-8:22	9:40-10:08
2	8:32-9:15	8:40-9:22	8:26-9:04	10:12-10:37
3	9:19-10:02	9:26-10:08	9:08-9:46	10:41-11:06
4	10:06-10:49	10:12-10:54	9:50-10:20	11:10-11:39
5	10:53-11:36	10:58-11:40	10:24-10:54	11:43-12:12
6	11:40-12:23	11:44-12:26	10:58-11:28	12:16-12:45
7	12:27-1:10	12:30-1:12	11:32-12:02	12:49-1:18
8	1:14-1:57	1:16-1:58	12:06-12:31	1:22-2:01
9	2:01-2:44	2:02-2:44	12:35-1:00	2:05-2:44
5 Minute Warning Bell for Bus Departure	2:47 Buses depart at 2:52	2:47 Buses depart at 2:52	1:03 Buses depart at 1:08	2:47 Buses depart at 2:52

- > Lunch periods are assigned during periods 4, 5, 6 or 7.
- > PM LCTI students will eat lunch period 4 or 5 and are dismissed at 11:25.
- > AM LCTI students will eat lunch at LCTI and return for class Period 6.

- ❖ Students who are approved for "early dismissal" must leave the school building and property immediately upon dismissal.
- ❖ Students who are approved for "late arrival" may not enter the school until 10 minutes before their first class.
- ❖ All students must leave the school building and property immediately upon dismissal unless they are involved in a PHS-sponsored and supervised, after-school activity.



Counseling corner

College Night May 11 at 7 PM

Parkland High School invites students and parents to attend College Night, where admissions representatives from Lehigh University, The Pennsylvania State University (PSU) and Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) will conduct informational sessions. An Educational Counselor for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), who conducts college interviews, will also be conducting an informational session.

PSU, Lehigh and LCCC will conduct two sessions each at 7 - 7:40 PM and from 7:45 - 8:25 PM.

We hope to see you at Parkland High School for this very informative evening.

COURSE CHANGE REQUESTS DEADLINE FOR 23 - 24 SCHOOL YEAR

PLEASE NOTE ALL REQUESTS FOR COURSE CHANGES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE BY **MAY 26, 2023**. NO REQUESTS FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS AFTER THE MAY 26TH DEADLINE. STUDENTS LOOKING TO REQUEST A SCHEDULE CHANGE AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE MAY DO SO DURING THE FIRST SIX DAYS OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.



MOVING OVER THE SUMMER?

Please contact the Counseling Office as soon as possible if your family will be moving within or outside of the Parkland School District.

Two documents are required to confirm a change of residence within the district. In order for new transportation information to be issued on time, the paperwork must be received in the Counseling Office **by the end of July**.

If moving outside of the district, please contact the Counseling Office to withdraw your child from school. At that time we will provide you with the academic and medical documents necessary to ensure a smooth transition to your new school district.



8th Grade Orientation

In May, all eighth-grade middle school students will tour the high school as part of the ninth-grade orientation program. We believe this will help our incoming freshmen ease the anxieties that normally exist with this type of transition.

Please contact the high school Counseling Office if you have any questions or concerns about your child entering Parkland High School next year.



Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors who Have Not Completed the Career Explorations Course:

Sophomores and NEW Juniors and Seniors:

Please try to complete the lessons in Xello before May 2023. The course will be added and graded for completion during the fourth quarter.

Juniors and Seniors Who Attended Parkland Last Year:

The course was added for you, however you received an unsatisfactory score if it was not completed.

You need to complete this course to graduate.

The Career Explorations program has replaced the Graduation Project requirement for students starting with the Class of 2017. The purpose of this course is to teach students how to match personal needs and expectations with satisfying career options.

In Career Explorations, students will learn:

- * Self-assessment skills
- * To research major and career alternatives
- * To make decisions based upon sound factual information
- * To utilize a variety of resources

Students will need to complete an online course and digital portfolio using tools in [Xello](#). They can access Xello through the Clever App. This work will mostly be done on the student's own time, however students will be introduced to Xello through their physical education classes. Students are free to complete the portfolio at any time on their own. Completion of this course will be determined when all online modules are complete. Upon completion, students will receive a 0.5 credit. Course completion does not factor into GPA or class work.

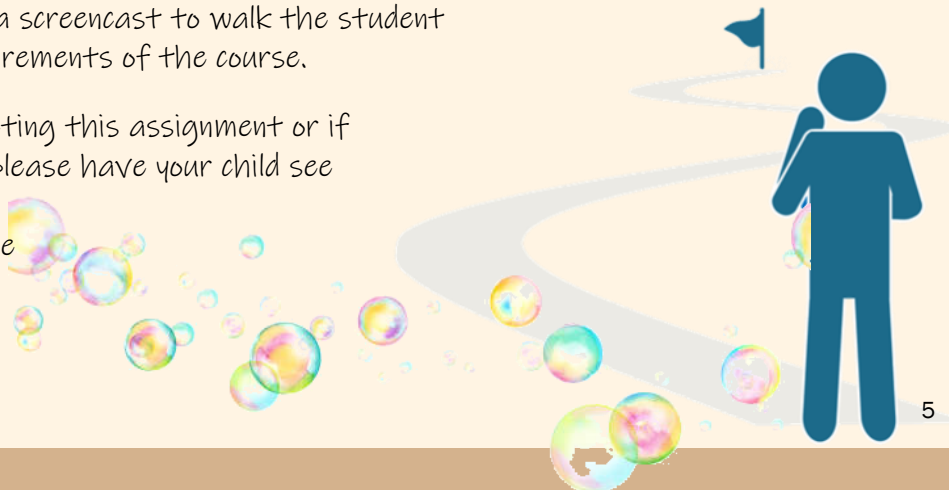
Students can access specifics about the expectations for Career Explorations on "Class of XXXX" course in Schoology. The Schoology page has a screencast to walk the student through the program and the requirements of the course.

If your child has any trouble completing this assignment or if he/she has any further questions, please have your child see their guidance counselor, or contact Mrs. McPeck in the Counseling Office at mcpeeka@parklandsd.net or Mr. Monahan in the PHS Library at monahanj@parklandsd.net.



SENIORS

Career Explorations is a Pennsylvania Department of Education requirement for graduation and must be completed by May 2023.



FINAL EXAMS

PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR FINAL EXAM INFO: 2022-2023



Final Exams are returning for the first time since before the COVID-19 Pandemic, and a few things have changed. Use this infographic to learn all you need to know about Senior Final Exams.

DATES: THURSDAY MAY, 25 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 31
FINAL EXAMS ARE ADMINISTERED IN SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, MATH, ENGLISH, AND WORLD LANGUAGES AND ARE FULL SCHOOL DAYS FOR SENIORS.

SCHEDULE

EXAM DAYS WILL BE FULL SCHOOL DAYS FOR SENIORS. SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES EXAMS WILL BE TAKEN IN CLASS ON THURSDAY, MAY 25TH AND FRIDAY, MAY 26TH. MATH, ENGLISH, AND WORLD LANGUAGE EXAMS WILL BE TAKEN IN CLASS ON TUESDAY, MAY 30 AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 31. MAKEUP EXAMS WILL BE ADMINISTERED ON THURSDAY, JUNE 1.

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PROJECT VS. TEST

Teachers will have the option of assigning a project-based assessment instead of a traditional test. If a **project** is assigned, it will be completed by all seniors before the exam date. If a **traditional test** is assigned, it will be administered on the exam dates. Teachers will communicate the format of the final exams to their students

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EXEMPTIONS

In instances where a class is using a **project for the final exam**, **exemptions will not apply** as all will complete the project. **Exemptions will only apply in instances where a traditional exam is administered.**

3

EXEMPTION NOTIFICATIONS

Students will be notified of exemptions from traditional testing on or by Tuesday, May 23 for Science and Social Studies Exams and by Thursday, May 25 for Math, English, and World Language Exams.

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ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Exam days are **FULL DAYS** for seniors.
- May 31st, the last day for final exams, is the last day for Seniors (except for those who have makeup exams to take on June 1st).
- If students are exempt from or do not have finals on scheduled exam days, families may report student absence(s) in accordance to our Attendance Policy.
- Questions about Final Exams? Contact Mrs. Bennick, Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, bennickt@parklandsd.net.

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PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL UNDERCLASSMEN (GRADES 9-11) FINAL EXAM INFORMATION 2022-2023



FINAL EXAMS ARE ADMINISTERED IN SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, MATH, ENGLISH, AND WORLD LANGUAGES

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

SCIENCE FINAL EXAMS WILL BE ADMINISTERED IN CLASS ON Friday 6-2 and Monday 6-5 (which are FULL DAYS OF SCHOOL). Students will then take their CORE EXAMS following their regularly assigned schedule as follows:



TIMES	Tuesday, June 6, 2023	Wednesday, June 7, 2023	Thursday, June 8, 2023
7:40 AM - 8:55 AM	PERIOD 1	PERIOD 4	PERIOD 7
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	PERIOD 2	PERIOD 5	PERIOD 8
10:20 AM - 11:35 AM	PERIOD 3	PERIOD 6	PERIOD 9
11:35 AM	DISMISSAL	DISMISSAL	DISMISSAL

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EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION

Students will be notified of exemptions from traditional exams on or by Thursday, June 1st for all classes.



ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Students are only required to attend the class period(s) in which they have a traditional exam (if not exempt) provided they have their own transportation.
- If no transportation, students attend their classes following the daily schedule.
- Students who are exempt and/or have projects to complete instead of traditional exams do not need to report on final exam days.
- Friday, June 9th is a makeup day. Students will only report if they have makeup exams to complete.
- Questions about Final Exams? Contact Mrs. Bennick, Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, bennickt@parklandsd.net.

INFORMATION



Literature Keystone

May 15
May 16

Algebra Keystone

May 17
May 18

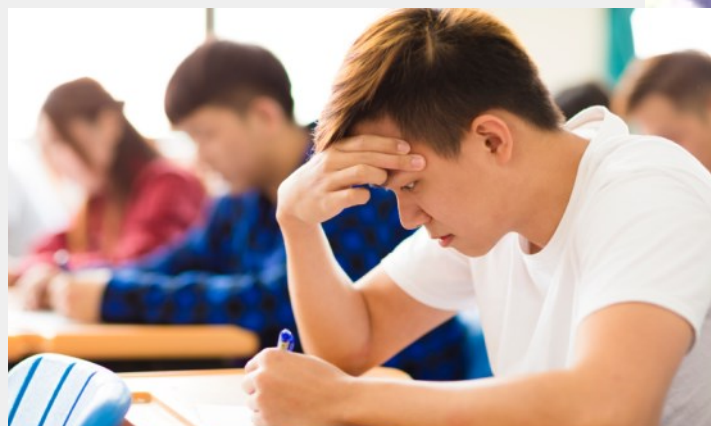
Biology Keystone

May 22
May 23

Three-Hour Delay

Parkland High School will follow a 3-hour delay schedule on Keystone testing days.

For your reference, the schedule is available at [this link](#).



Remediation Boot Camps

After-School Boot Camps for Spring Biology and Algebra keystones start in March.

Parkland High School students are eligible to participate in Boot Camps if they are:

- Students in grades 9 - 11 who have already taken the Keystone Exam and have not achieved proficiency.
(Must sign up at the link on the right)
- Students who are new to Parkland and have no record of taking the Keystone Exam or similar state test.
(Must sign up at the link on the right)
- Students currently taking Biology or Algebra.

Algebra I Boot Camp



Flyer

Sign Up



Biology Boot Camp



Flyer

Sign Up



Retesters Must Sign Up to Take the Spring Keystone

Please review the [Pathways to Graduation](#).

If you are a student in grades 9 - 11 who has already taken the Keystone Exam and have not yet achieved proficiency or if you are a student who is new to Parkland and have no record of taking the Keystone Exam or similar state test and intend to graduate on the Keystone Proficiency or Keystone Composite Pathways, then you must [Sign Up Here](#) to take the Spring Keystone.

Students currently in Biology, Algebra I and 10th grade English DO NOT need to sign up. You are automatically registered for the Keystone Exams.



may. Upcoming events



Monday
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SAT Prep Classes 3 - 5 PM (PHS) or 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Virtual)

Wednesday
3

SAT Prep Classes 3 - 5 PM (PHS) or 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Virtual)
Senior Citizen Dinner 5:30 PM (Cafeteria)
Spring Band Concert 7 PM (Auditorium)

Friday
5

Last Day Prom Tickets on Sale Periods 4 - 7 (Athletic Office Ticket Booth)
Fifth Grade District Band and Strings Concert 7 PM (Auditorium)

Saturday
6

SAT Testing 7:45 AM (PHS)

Tuesday
9

Josten's Cap and Gown Distribution Periods 4 - 7 (Cafeteria)
Post Prom Committee Meeting 7 PM (Library Classroom)

Wednesday
10

Josten's Cap and Gown Distribution Periods 4 - 7 (Cafeteria)
Senior Citizen Dinner 5:30 PM (Cafeteria)
Spring Orchestra Concert 7 PM (Auditorium)

Thursday
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College Night 7 PM

Friday
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"B" Schedule - Senior Photo

Saturday
13

Prom 7 - 11 PM (SteelStacks)
Post Prom 11:30 PM - 5 AM (PHS)

Monday
15

Literature Keystone Exams
3-Hour Delay Schedule

Tuesday
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Literature Keystone Exams
3-Hour Delay Schedule



Wednesday
17

Algebra Keystone Exams 3-Hour Delay Schedule



Thursday
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Algebra Keystone Exams 3-Hour Delay Schedule

FOTA: Student Art Show 6 - 8 PM

Spring Chorus Concerts 6:30 PM and 8 PM (Auditorium)

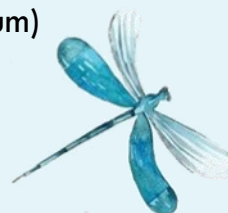
"C" Schedule - Early Dismissal at 1 PM

Friday
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Keystone Exam Make-Ups for Literature and Algebra

College Media Day 1:30 PM (Main Gym)

FOTA: Parkland's Got Talent 7 PM (Auditorium)



Saturday
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FOTA: Artists on the Quad 10 AM - 4 PM

Monday
22

Biology Keystone Exams 3-Hour Delay Schedule

Senior Chromebook/Charger Collection during English Classes

Academic Awards Ceremony 7 PM (Auditorium)

Tuesday
23

Biology Keystone Exams 3-Hour Delay Schedule

Senior Chromebook/Charger Collection during English Classes

Wednesday
24

Keystone Exam Make-Ups

Athletic/Hall of Fame Awards 5 PM and 6 PM (Auditorium)

Thursday
25

Keystone Exam Make-Ups

Senior Science and Social Studies Finals In Class

Friday
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Keystone Exam Make-Ups

Senior Science and Social Studies Finals In Class

Senior Yearbook Distribution Periods 4 - 7 (Cafeteria)

Monday
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Memorial Day

HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED



Tuesday
30

Senior Math/English/Language Finals In Class

Underclassmen Yearbook Distribution Periods 4 - 7 (Cafeteria)

Post Prom Wrap-Up Meeting 7 PM (Library Classroom)

Wednesday
31

Senior Math/English/Language Finals In Class

Last Day of Classes for Seniors

Underclassmen Yearbook Distribution Periods 4 - 7 (Cafeteria)

Visual & Performing Arts Awards 7 PM (Auditorium)

Please visit the
[PHS website](#)
[calendar](#)
for possible
updates
to these events.



Class of 2023

Graduation Tickets

Each senior will be given **6 tickets** for Graduation at Commencement Practice the morning of June 6.

You can request **up to 4 additional tickets** and/or handicap accessible tickets.

To request additional tickets, a note signed by a parent with the exact number of tickets requested must be brought to the Main Office between **May 8 - May 26**. These will be distributed at Commencement Practice.

Jostens®



Cap and Gown Distribution

Caps and gowns will be distributed during lunches

Tuesday, May 9

Wednesday, May 10

If necessary, students may purchase their cap and gown unit at this time for \$35.

A cap and gown unit, which includes a tassel, is required to participate in the Commencement ceremony.

Full day LCTI students and Cyber students can pick up their caps and gowns either before school or after school starting on **May 11**.

Please contact Mark Judy at Jostens with any questions.

Phone: 610-357-5271 or
Email: mark.judy@jostens.com



Important Dates for Seniors

May 8 - Last Day to order a Graduation Lawn Sign

May 9 and 10 - Caps and Gowns and other Jostens' merchandise will be distributed during lunches at PHS. If a student still needs one, they will have an opportunity to purchase one during lunch.

May 12 - Senior Group Photo 8 AM Turf Field

May 13 - 14 - Senior Prom and Post Prom Party

May 19 - College Media Day 1:30 PM in the Main Gym. This event recognizes all senior student athletes going on to play their sport in college. Students should fill out the form given to them by their coach to be included or contact the Athletic Office with this information at 610-351-5600.

May 22 - Academic Awards 7 PM Auditorium

May 22 and 23 - Senior Chromebook/Charger Collection during English Class

May 23 - Notifications given to Seniors for Final Exam Exceptions

May 24 - Athletic Awards 5 PM Hall of Fame 6 PM Auditorium

May 25 and 26 - Senior Final Exams for Science and Social Studies during Class
(View information and schedule [HERE](#)).

May 26 - Senior Yearbook Distribution Periods 4 - 7 Cafeteria

May 30 and 31 - Senior Final Exams for Math, English and World Language during Class
(View information and schedule [HERE](#)).

May 31 - Last Day for Seniors (including LCTI) unless a makeup final exam is needed

May 31 - Visual and Performing Arts Awards 7 PM Auditorium

June 1 - Senior Makeup Final Exams

June 1 - Senior Cabaret 7 PM Auditorium

June 5 - Senior Slide Show 12 PM Auditorium

June 5 - Senior Class Dues Deadline in Order to Receive Diploma at Commencement

June 6 (morning) - Graduation Practice at PPL Center 7:45 AM Bus Pickup and then practice will run from approximately 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. It takes approximately 3-4 hours to practice. Students are permitted to drive to PPL Center OR bus transportation will be provided from PHS. Students who drive should leave early to allow for any traffic concerns. School buses will depart the high school no later than 7:45 AM. **Students who wish to ride the bus must sign up in the Main Office by May 26.**

June 6 (evening) - Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony 7 PM at the PPL Center (also available via Livestream). *Grad Images* will take photos as graduates accept their diplomas and as they leave the stage. The company will send proofs via your student's school email account. All orders and correspondence must be made directly to the *Grad Images* company. Email Mrs. George, Assistant Principal, with any additional Graduation questions at georgec@parklandsd.org.

June 7 - Life Skills Graduation 10 AM Auditorium





PARKLAND HIGH SHOOOL CLASS OF 2023 COMMENCEMENT

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023
7 PM
PPL CENTER

Premium Seating



2023 Suite Rental Packages

Parkland High School Graduation— Tuesday, June 6 2023 @ 7:00pm



Suite Amenities Includes:

- Group Privacy within the Suite
- Tickets to the Ceremony
- Handicap Accessible

For more information on availability and pricing for the ceremony, contact Zachary Werner at
zwerner@phantomshockey.com or call 484-273-4561

BEAUTIFUL BOUQUETS

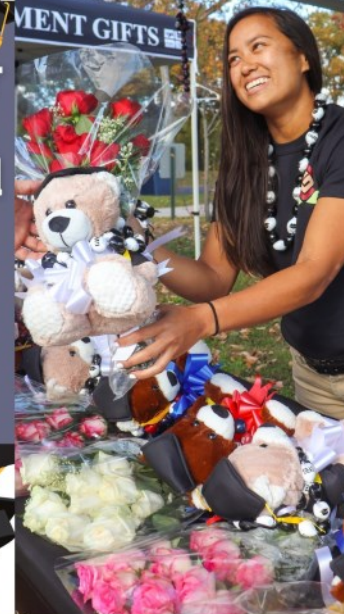
Available for
purchase at
the Parkland
High School
Graduation!

PRE-ORDER BELOW &
PICK UP YOUR ORDER
ON GRADUATION DAY!



SCAN ME

[HTTPS://WWW.THECOMMENTGROUP.COM/PARKLANDHS/](https://www.thecommentgroup.com/parklandhs/)



2023 grad

GRADUATION LAWN SIGN SALE



ATTENTION PARENTS OF PARKLAND SENIORS

The Foundation is pleased to announce its GRADUATION LAWN SIGN SALE. Each sign is customized with the senior's name and is available for pick up at PHS mid-May.

DEADLINE TO ORDER is May 8th.

Visit our website to order and pay for your \$25 sign online at www.parklandsd.org/foundation



Downtown Allentown City Center Welcomes PHS Graduates and Families

A Digital Billboard congratulating Parkland graduates will be on display on the corner of 7th and Hamilton Streets, and City Center buildings will be lit up to match Parkland colors on the evening of June 6.

City Center is offering a 15% discount for families of PHS seniors to use at the Renaissance Allentown Hotel, and select Downtown Allentown restaurants will offer exclusive discounts on the evening of June 6, including the [Downtown Allentown Market](#).

If you are interested in taking advantage of this offer, please contact Jill Meyers at City Center via email [HERE](#).



Class of 2023

Visit our website or scan the QR code to find a list of deals & discounts for your graduation celebration!

DOWNTOWNALLENTOWN.COM





CLASS OF 2023 SENIOR PROM “HOLLYWOOD”

SATURDAY, MAY 13
STEELSTACKS

101 Founders Way, Bethlehem, PA

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Shuttle Service from PHS to SteelStacks

6:15 PM

Check in Process Begins at SteelStacks ***

6:15 - 7 PM

Guests can Access 2nd floor of SteelStacks for Photo Booths,
Professional Photos and Selfie Stations

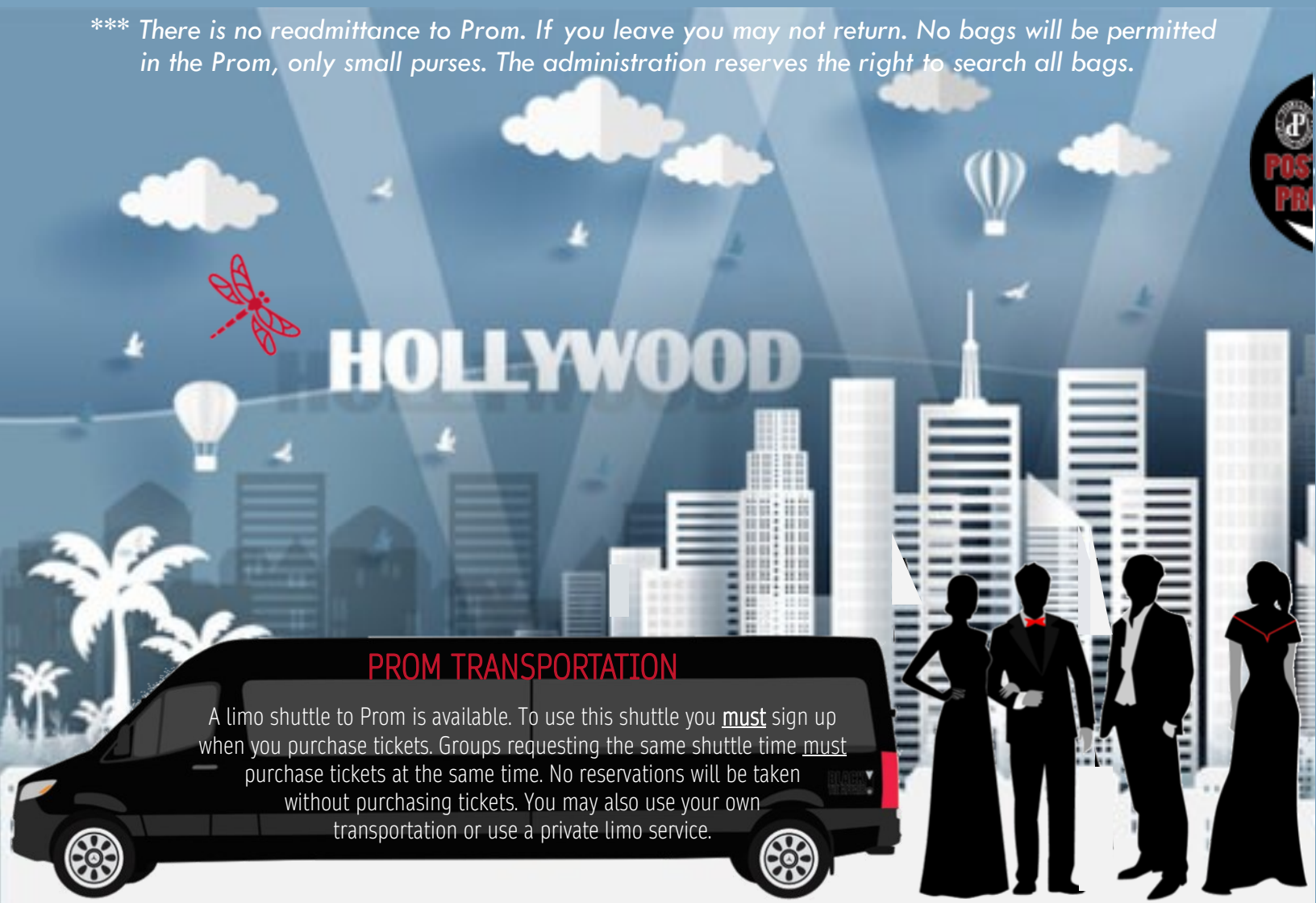
7 - 11 PM

Prom on 3rd and 4th floors with Hors d'oeuvres, DJ and Dancing

10 - 11:30 PM

Parkland Shuttle Service begins Back to PHS

*** There is no readmittance to Prom. If you leave you may not return. No bags will be permitted in the Prom, only small purses. The administration reserves the right to search all bags.



PROM TRANSPORTATION

A limo shuttle to Prom is available. To use this shuttle you must sign up when you purchase tickets. Groups requesting the same shuttle time must purchase tickets at the same time. No reservations will be taken without purchasing tickets. You may also use your own transportation or use a private limo service.

CLASS OF 2023 POST PROM PARTY

SATURDAY, MAY 13 at 11 PM -
SUNDAY, MAY 14 at 5 AM
at Parkland High School
@postprom 23



UPON ARRIVAL

- All students and guests must arrive with proper ID.
- All guests must be UNDER 21 years of age and MUST arrive with a Parkland senior or they will be denied entry.

POST PROM TICKETS

- \$15 at the door for each senior who has paid class dues.
- \$35 for each senior who has NOT paid class dues. This price only applies to the senior's ticket if they did not buy a Prom ticket previously. Guest ticket is \$15 at the door.



Spring Concert Season

May is filled with the sights and sounds of events in the A-wing. A year's worth of rehearsals, practices and studio work culminate in a whirlwind of activity for the talented students here at Parkland High School.

PARKLAND ART

visual & performing arts



Parkland High School Band Concert

Parkland High School's Bands, under the direction of Jason Lerew and Allison Figueroa, will be taking the stage on **Wednesday, May 3** at 7 PM. Come out for a night filled with exciting music that will feature our Concert Band and Symphonic Band.

Allentown Side by Side Concert

Ten Parkland Band members have been selected to perform in the Allentown Band's Side by Side program. Students will be seated along side Allentown Band members, where they will rehearse and perform under the direction of Allentown Band conductor Ronald Demkee and guest conductor Major Ryan J. Nowlin, Assistant Conductor of the United States Marine Band. The concert will be held at 2 PM on **Sunday, May 7** at Miller Symphony Hall in Allentown. Parkland High School students **Benjamin Aloupis, Katelyn Attieh, Joseph Block, Steven DeSmedt, Kaida Heinzelman, Ryan Khalil, Mitchell Roth, Meredith Schmoyer, Alexander Schoch,** and **Eden Sendef** will represent Parkland High School at this event.

Parkland High School Orchestra Concert

On **May 10**, the Parkland High School Orchestra takes the stage for their annual Spring concert. The event, which begins at 7 PM, includes performances by the 9th and 10th grade String Orchestra, the 11th and 12th grade Philharmonic Orchestra, the Honors Orchestra, and our combined full Symphonic Orchestra. The Orchestras are under the direction of Brian Mishler. The concert will feature *Carnival of the Animals*, featuring **Lucas Lee** and **Eric Zhang** on piano, and music from *Scherezade* and *Aladdin*.

Parkland High School Chorus Concerts

The Parkland High School Choirs will each have one final concert for the school year on **Thursday, May 18**. The 6:30 PM concert will feature Beginning Chorus and Mixed Chorus; the 8 PM concert will feature Concert Choir and Vera Voce, including pieces conducted by our senior student leaders, **Emily Bachl** (Concert Choir) and **Jessica Price** (Vera Voce). The Parkland Chorale will also be performing at both concerts. All concerts will take place in the PHS Auditorium and are free and open to the public. Come celebrate the kick-off of Festival of the Arts weekend with some choral singing. As a special treat, the **Udder Bar Ice Cream Truck** will be available outside the Auditorium for guests to enjoy following both concerts.



Indoor Color Guard

The Parkland Indoor Color Guard had another successful season competing in the regional Tournament Indoor Association circuit, bringing home multiple first place wins with their 2023 show, *Battle Within*. The dedicated team of 13 members has worked diligently since November to grow their skills and perfect their performance, and their season concludes the first weekend in May with Atlantic Coast Championships in Wildwood, NJ. You can come and see their show coming up during FOTA.





MAY 18 - MAY 20

Thursday, May 18th

PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS CONCERTS

6:30pm & 8:00pm

PHS Auditorium

Free - all are welcome to enjoy an evening of choral music!

PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ART SHOW

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Trojan Art Gallery;

Senior Art Award Recipients

Gallery Showcase:

2023 East Central Pennsylvania Regional Scholastic Art Awards

Art Studios:

Parkland Student Art Show

Friday, May 19th

PARKLAND'S GOT TALENT

\$5 GENERAL ADMISSION

7:00 pm

Parkland is excited to announce the 9th annual Parkland's Got Talent, open to residents of all ages and talents.

Do you have a flair for dance or a juggling prowess?

Does your canine companion do extraordinary tricks?

We want you!

Complete contest rules can be found at: www.parklandsd.org/got-talent

Saturday, May 20th

ARTISTS ON THE QUAD

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

- Kids Crafts
- Arts and Crafts Marketplace
- Elementary, Middle & HS Art Exhibit
- Character Parade & Meet and Greet
- Art & Basket Raffle
- Festival Food
- Instrument Exploration
- Indoor Percussion & Colorguard
- Dance Showcases
- Performances by PSD Music Ensembles

Festival of the Arts (FOTA)

The 20th annual Parkland Festival of the Arts begins on Thursday, May 18 with the **High School Art Show** from 6 - 8 PM in the Art Galleries and Studios. Plan on coming early to view the artwork and stay for one or both Chorus concerts. It is a perfect way to start the weekend.

The Festival continues on Friday night, May 19 at 7 PM with the popular "**Parkland's Got Talent**" competition on the high school stage. Admission for this event is \$5 at the door. Bring the family and enjoy the talents of the Parkland community.

Saturday morning, May 20, the **Artists on the Quad** event will begin at 10 AM when the Parkland High School Jazz Band kicks off a day filled with art, food, and entertainment. Enter the auditorium and watch free performances by local dance schools. Peruse the fine artwork for sale by local crafters. There will be live music outside all day and little gems of music inside the rotunda when you go in to enjoy the artwork adorning the school's hallways. It is always a beautiful day, no matter what the weather brings, and the event goes on rain or shine.

You are encouraged to bring your younger children to the Artists on the Quad event on Saturday as well. There will be a multitude of different crafts they can make throughout the festival. An instrument exploration station will be set up in the cafeteria where they can learn about different musical instruments. There will also be opportunities to have their picture taken with a favorite cartoon princess or hero, so be sure to bring your camera. A costumed character parade will stroll around the front of the High School at 2:30 PM, led by the Parkland High School Indoor Percussion Ensemble.

Each year FOTA awards at least one \$1000 scholarship to a graduating senior pursuing a career in the Arts. The Art and Basket Raffle supports this effort. Artwork and baskets are donated by local artists, PTOs and friends of FOTA. For more Festival information and schedules please visit www.parklandsd.org/fota.



National Art Honor Society's field trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Magic Gardens.



PARKLAND
ART
visual & performing arts

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May 18
Strolling Strings Performs
at Folino Estate in Kutztown

May 30 at 7:30 PM
Orchestra Senior Concerto Concert
First Presbyterian Church in Allentown

Featuring: **Joshua Chou, Rachele Grigoli, Erin Joo, Evan Lan, Lucas Lee** and **Rita Yip** on violin; **Sydney Lehman** on viola; **Daniel Chen, Pengyu "Robert" Chen, Jacob Madeira** and **Taehyuk Yang** on cello; **Daniel Lawler** on bass; and **Evelyn Montone** on vocals



AUDITION

Parkland Chorale
Tuesday, May 30 - Monday, June 5
2:50 PM - 5:30 PM

Interested students can sign up for a specific audition call-time. Audition information and sign-ups will be sent out to all choral students in early May. The Parkland Chorale is an auditioned, advanced chamber choir that rehearses after school on Mondays and Thursdays from 3 - 5:15 PM. Students in Chorale participate in their grade-level choruses during the school day and receive graded honors credit for their participation in the ensemble.



VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Parkland High School named a Premier Community for Theatre Education

Parkland High School received the honored distinction of being named a Premier Community for Theatre Education and for its outstanding commitment in the field.

PHS was one of only 25 schools that qualified in the entire country and the only school that qualified in Pennsylvania. The Educational Theatre Association recognizes individual schools that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide theatre access and education to all students.

West Chester Theatre Competition

On Wednesday, April 19, Parkland High School thespians attended a theatre competition at West Chester University. The following students were awarded:

Outstanding Ensemble

The Insanity of Mary Girard

Gabriela Baran, Matthew Haupt, Savannah Leon, Anna Lorenzo, Kaitlin McCloud, Nathan Metcalf and Addison Treat

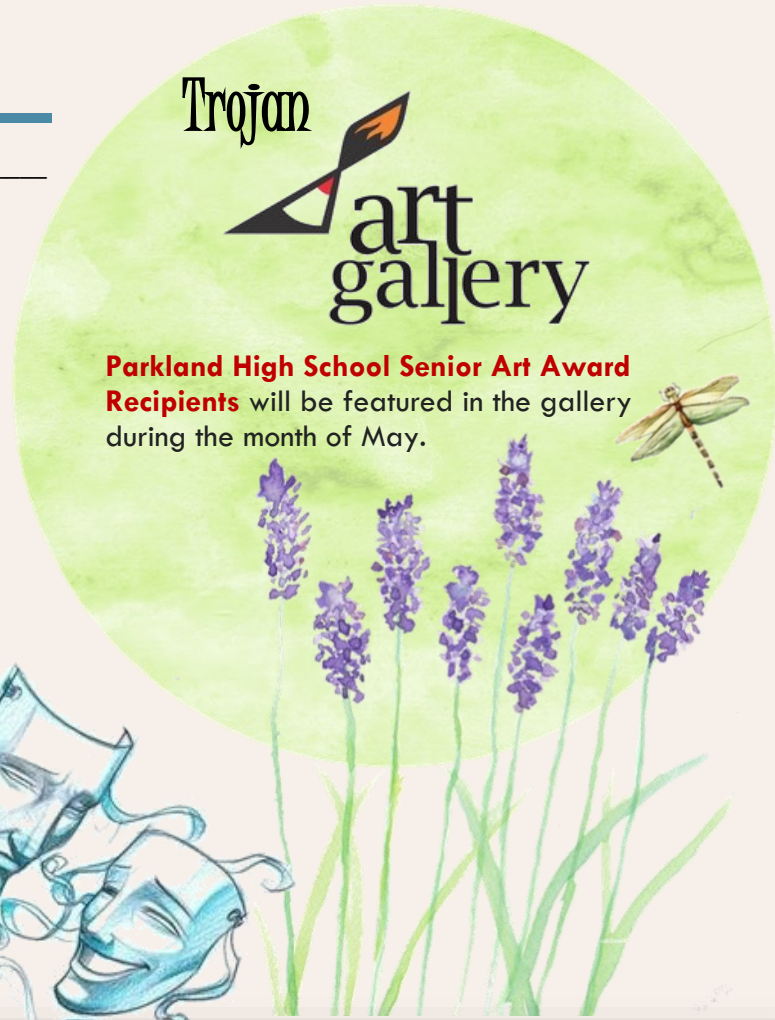
Stage Manager - **Quinten Berryman**

Outstanding Shakespearean Scene

Genevieve "Evie" Appnel and Sara Holland

Outstanding Shakespearean Monologue

Gabriella Gavirati and Agidio Poloni



2023-2024 Parkland Dance Team Auditions
May 11 and May 12
4 - 6 PM at the Troxell Building Gym

**DANCE TEAM
AUDITIONS**

Audition packets are available in the
Office of Visual & Performing Arts
located in the Auditorium Lobby.





CONGRATULATIONS!
MORNING CALL ATHLETE
OF THE WEEK

Hannah Car
Lacrosse



#ParklandPride



Athletic news

Fall 2023 Free Sports Physicals

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Parkland High School

5 PM – 8 PM

By Appointment Only

Further information will be available on
the Parkland website under
Athletics in mid-May.

No student can participate in a fall
sport without a full PIAA Physical
dated after **June 1, 2023**.

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 **August 4, 2023**.
Paperwork for the physical is on the
[PHS website](#).

All Parkland athletes must get an
ImPACT test once during their four
years at PHS and before
participation.

The first day of fall sports is
Monday, August 14, 2023.



PHS BOYS TENNIS EPC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS!



Congratulations to
Parkland High School's
Powerlifting team that won
the National High School
Powerlifting Championship
in early April.

College Media Day

Friday, May 19, 2023

Parkland High School Main Gym
1:30 PM

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.

CONGRATULATIONS! MORNING CALL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Owen DeLong
Baseball



#ParklandPride



Congratulations



**WORKFORCE
BOARD**
LEHIGH VALLEY

Parkland High School senior **Noah Oxfeld** participated as a Student Representative this year for the Workforce Board Lehigh Valley. Noah was able to engage with students from 17 school districts, go on tours of local employers, create a resume, star in a billboard campaign, learn about high demand occupations in the Lehigh Valley, and more.



Math League Takes First Place

The Parkland High School Math League team placed first out of 17 high schools and 113 students statewide at the 50th Annual John Steiner Gold Mathematical Competition at Bucknell University on March 15.

Special commendations were granted to **Brandon Cai**, **Ryan Wu** and **Eric Zhang** for their individual performances.



National History Day State Competition Results

Parkland High School regional National History Day winners traveled to the University of Scranton for the state competition in April and placed as follows. The first place winners will represent PHS and the state of Pennsylvania at the national competition at the University of Maryland June 11 - 15.

Vidhi Desai - First Place Paper

On the Prophylactic Frontier with the World's First Synthetically Derived Antibacterial Sulfonamides, the Enemy of Bacteria

Aum Purani - First Place Individual Performance

John Wesley Powell and the Journey Westward

Leon Chen, Eshaan Patel, Joseph Peng, Ryan Wu and **Rishab Yanala**

Third Place Group Documentary

Athlete Activism: A New Frontier for Black Activism and Social Reform


Andreana Kedyulych and **Inara Niaz** - Fifth Place Group Exhibit

The Frontier of Freedom

Tushar Mehta - Fifth Place Individual Website

Frontier in History: Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the Nation





Information from the Health Room

End-of-School Year Reminders

Students Who Have Medication in the Health Room

All medication needs to be picked up by a parent or guardian before the last day of school. Arrangements can be made with a school nurse. Any medication remaining at the end of the school day on the last day of school will be discarded in an appropriate manner.

New Paperwork Required Each School Year for Medication Administration In School

If a student had medication in the Health Room this past school year, paperwork will be emailed to you at the end of the school year.



We are in the homestretch of the school year and **allergy season** is in full swing. 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 coming to school.

For the 2023-2024 School Year

Rising Juniors

All students who will be in grade 11 in the 2023-2024 school year will need a physical exam. This is a Pennsylvania State requirement. Forms were mailed home in February. Forms are also available on the [PHS website](#). Please return these forms to the Health Room.

Rising Seniors

All students who will be in grade 12 in the 2023-2024 school year must have a **SECOND DOSE** of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV). This vaccine must be given at age 16 or older and prior to the first day of school on **August 28**.



SUMMER 2023 DRIVERS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Summer Drivers Education For Freshmen or Sophomores and Juniors Who Need to Fulfill this Graduation Requirement

The Summer Driver Education Theory Course Information and Registration Packet is now available. **The deadline to register is Wednesday, June 14, 2023.**

- ◇ The PHS course will run online starting **Monday, June 19 - Thursday, June 29.**
- ◇ The course will have a required daily class meeting in Room D133 from 8 AM - 12 PM.
- ◇ The cost is \$175 for the course at PHS.

For more information, including registration instructions, please click [here](#).

Driver's Education

After Your Teenager Receives His or Her Driver's License

This is a stage where your role is just as , if not more, critical as when you were teaching your child to drive.

- **Contract** - Establish a Parent/Teen Driving Contract. Feel free to use [this one](#) or personalize it as needed.
- **Curfew** - Enforce a curfew. Limit driving at dawn, dusk and at night until your teen gathers more experience. Gradually increase the amount of time and distance you allow your teen to drive.
- **Food** - Do not allow your teen to eat or drink while driving.
- **Phone** - Do not allow your teen to use a cellphone while driving.
- **Rules** - Enforce observance of speed limits and other rules of the road.
- **Drinking and Driving** - Do not allow your teen to drink and drive. Drinking under the age of 21 is illegal.
- **Monitor** - Ride with your teen occasionally to monitor his or her driving skills.

Behind-the-Wheel Program

The CLIU-21 offers a Behind-the-Wheel program for all students who have their learner's permit and have completed the theory course.

For complete information, go to www.cliu.org and scroll down to the Driver's Ed key.

Call 610-769-4111 x 1299 or email driversed@cliu.org with any questions.



Library Lines



PRESERVATION WEEK

APRIL 30-MAY 6, 2023

The first week of May is Library Preservation Week. At Parkland High School, the Library staff have been curating and preserving Parkland artifacts for the past few years.



RETURNS

As we start to wind down the school year, please make sure all Library materials are returned promptly. If you have a lost book, please see Mrs. Dickerson in the Library to settle your account.



Many teachers embraced creative projects this year using the makerspace; and a record number of students used the makerspace during study halls. We hope your student was able to as well.

MAKER space

Come to the Library to try our Career Link Kiosk



Test Prep Books!!!

The Library has many AP and SAT test prep books. Come in and "check them out."



Regional PA Media and Design Competition

On Friday, April 14, the following students competed and placed in the Regional PA Media Design Competition at the CLIU-21. All first place students are eligible for the State Competition in May.

Animation: "iPhone Animation"
First Place

Qasim Mirrani, Shashwat Sharma
and **Sooraj Tharumia**

Digital Movie: "The 1973 Oil Crisis: How Oil Became a Political Weapon"
Third Place

Shashwat Sharma and
Sooraj Tharumia

Digital Movie: "Project L.E.A.F."
First Place
Ethan Silver

Programming: "Digital Eyes: A Computer Vision-Assisted Probing Cane for the Visually Impaired"
First Place
Sooraj Tharumia

Web Page Design: "Apprenable"
First Place
Aarav Kakade, Shashwat Sharma
and **Antony Tomy**

Logo and Graphic Design: "PA Media Design 2024"
First Place
Jakob Barnett

3D Design: "3D Design of Math 24 for the Visually Impaired"
First Place
Anish Pallod

Student Assistance Program (SAP)

SAP In-School Services End on May 15

We have enjoyed serving you and your child throughout this school year. The relationships built have been wonderful. However, all good things must come to an end for the school year. We will be ending in-school services on May 15. We will continue to offer MARS evaluations until the last day of school. If you sign up in June, the MARS assessors will reach out to schedule a time and location with you.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Lori Fitch at fitchl@parklandsd.net or call the school and request extension 72108.

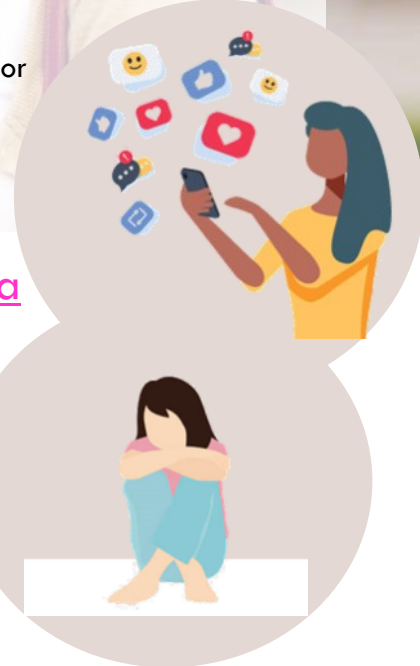
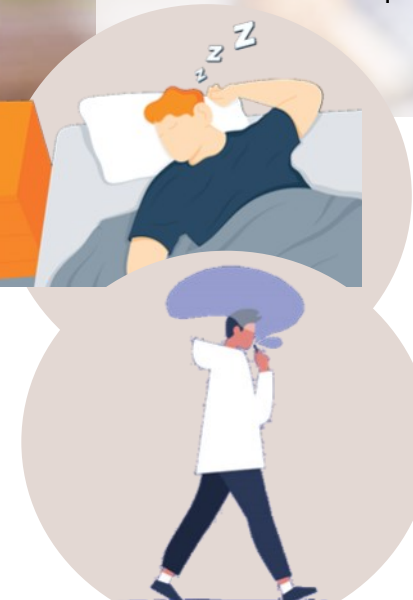
Valuable Resources for Parents:

[How to Keep Teens Safe on Social Media](#)

[Encouraging Good Sleeping Habits](#)

[Understanding ACES](#)

[Vaping Can Lead to Lifelong Addiction](#)



Delaware Valley Science Fair

Congratulations!

Parkland High School students competed with other high school students from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware at the Delaware Valley Science Fair on April 5. Parkland students placed as follows:

Brandon Cai - 2nd place, 10th grade Engineering
Katherine Gilchrist - 1st place, 9th grade Physics
Aryan Kapoor - 3rd place, 9th grade Engineering
Vedant Malik - 1st place, 9th grade Medicine and Health
Tushar Mehta - 2nd place, 9th grade Computer Science
Anish Pallod - Gold Medalist, 9th grade Medicine and Health (pictured)
Clarke (CJ) Ray - 2nd place, 9th grade Chemistry
Shashwat Sharma - 2nd place, 11th grade Earth and Space Science
Sooraj Tharumia - 3rd place, 11th grade Engineering
Jerry Wang - Silver Medalist, 9th grade Earth and Space Science (pictured)



Yearbook

Join the Waitlist

Pre-sale orders have closed, so please join our waitlist by using the QR code on the right and looking for the link where you can join the waitlist.

We cannot guarantee any copies will be available for sale, but you will be contacted if extra books become available.



Yearbook Distribution

SENIORS

FRIDAY, MAY 26

PERIODS 4 - 7 IN THE CAFETERIA

UNDERCLASSMEN

TUESDAY, MAY 30 and WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

PERIODS 4 - 7 IN THE CAFETERIA

Unclaimed Yearbooks Sold

Any yearbooks not picked up by August 31, 2023 will be put back into stock to be sold to those on the waitlist. No refunds will be issued for abandoned yearbooks.



Keystone Student Journalism Coalition Summit

Parkland High School teacher, Mrs. Destiny Beck, co-organized the first Keystone Student Journalism Coalition Summit at Kutztown University on April 12.

More than 200 middle school and high school students participated in the event to learn from journalism professionals, including Wendy Davis from WFMZ, Jane Babian of NBC 10, Keith Groller of *The Morning Call*, and Emily Kress of WNEP. Conversations about basic media law and developing strong interviewing skills were also introduced and allowed for students to rotate throughout breakout sessions facilitated by professionals in the field.

Thank you to the Parkland Education Foundation for making a grant to kick-start the funding for this idea.



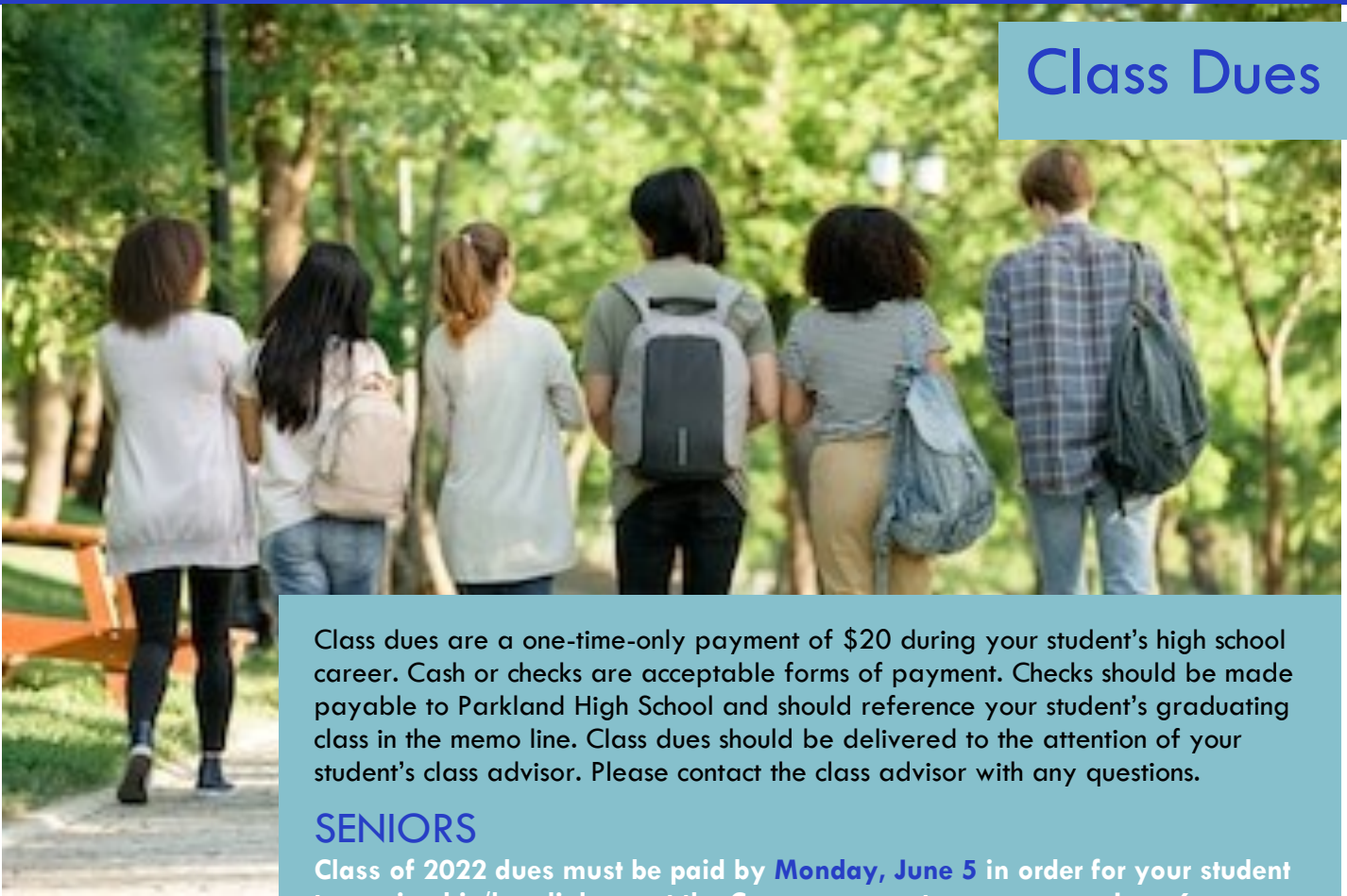
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MEMORIAL DAY
— REMEMBER AND HONOR —



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 2022 dues must be paid by **Monday, June 5** in order for your student to receive his/her diploma at the Commencement ceremony on June 6. Anyone who has purchased a Prom ticket at the \$100 price will have satisfied their class dues obligation.

Class of
2023

Senior class advisor
Mrs. Deborah Andreoli
Room D133
andreolid@parklandsd.net

Class of
2024

Junior class advisor
Mrs. Kim McHenry
mchenryk@parklandsd.net

Class of
2025

Sophomore class advisor
Mrs. Lori McClure
mcclurel@parklandsd.net

Class of
2026

Freshmen class advisor
Mrs. Sarah Yenser
Room C241
yensers@parklandsd.net

CONGRATULATIONS to the PHS FCS Department

Congratulations to the Parkland High School's Family and Consumer Sciences Department. Teachers Nancy Bogart, Kristen LaBella, Bethany Pepe, Kathryne Romanie and Andrea Ruch have been named a PAFCS 2023 Standards for Excellence-High School award winning FCS department. This award goes to programs that have outstanding educational programs, methods, techniques and activities integrated into the curriculum that provide the stimulus for, and give visibility to Family and Consumer Sciences education.






SUMMER Graphic Design Internship

10 HOURS PER WEEK
MORE INFO:
www.parklandsd.org/intern



**May 6, 2023
at 11 AM**
Covered Bridge Park
(you do not need to be present to win)

First Place Duck: \$1000
Second Place Duck: \$250
Third Place Duck: \$100
Last Duck to Cross the Finish: \$50

**Buy a duck to support
Sami Jo Eckhart and Family**
Sami Jo Eckhart is a PHS teacher whose husband Bryan was recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS. The goal of the PHS Leo Club is to raise funds to help her cover costs while her husband continues to fight this disease.

Cost: \$10/Duck
See a Leo Club member, stop by D101 or D127, mail in [this form](#), or e-mail Mrs. Keating at keatingc@parklandsd.net to buy a duck.




**PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI
CELEBRATION**
MAY 4, 2023

For tickets visit www.parklandsd.org/foundation

**SAVE THE DATE
MAY 4, 2023**

Distinguished Alumni Ceremony at
Parkland High School **4-5 PM (FREE)**
Celebration at Lehigh
Country Club **6-8 PM (TICKETED EVENT)**

2023 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI WALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES:

				
DR. KIMBERLY LEGG CORBA (1985) Direct Primary Care Family Physician, Owner Green Hills Direct Family Care	DR. JAMIE GIAQUINTO (1990) Principal Catronia Elementary School	DOUG PATT (1962) Real Estate Broker, President Patt White Company, Realtors	JESSICA HOLTZ STEINBERG (2003) Co-Head of Professional Basketball at CAA Sports	ANDRE WILLIAMS (2010) Entrepreneur, Motivational Speaker, former Professional Football Player



BIOMEDICAL SYMPOSIUM

On Wednesday, April 12, Parkland High School BioMed students had an amazing day of unique experiences and hands-on learning. Medical personnel from St. Luke's University Health Network were on the PHS campus to provide instruction and demonstrate cadaver dissection, suture and injection practice, CPR, physical therapy, occupational therapy, Medivac helicopter services, simulations, surgical procedures, SIM truck services, ambulance services, an opioid crisis station in action and more.

This was the first year that students could also visit a Career Station to learn about careers in biomedical engineering, administration, trauma unit care and many others in the field of biomedicine.



Congratulations

Scholastic Scrimmage

Congratulations to the PHS Scholastic Scrimmage team who placed 1st in a nationwide online tournament called 3-2-1 involving 180 questions about art, music, history, science, government, economics and math. The students rotated as a group for nearly two hours to take the gold against 100 schools from across the country.

Parkland High School's Spring 2023 3-2-1 Competition winners are as follows:

Max Averbach
Sammit Bal
Nikhil Chitluru
Evan Frye
Shravan Ganta
Thomas Gilchrist
Andrew Graves
Zain Jasim
Fudayl Niaz
Varun Pandian
Joseph Peng
Giovanni Poloni
Tim Prestosh
Samith Rohatgi
Mitchell Roth
Alexander Saccone
Brynn Suhocki
Daud Tariq
Major Zangari



Pennsylvania Governor's STEM Competition

Congratulations to Parkland High School students **Maelina Hontz**, **Evan Newhard**, and **Blayne Yocum** who presented their Root Rescuer Project for the Pennsylvania Governor's STEM Competition on April 19 and took home second

place out of 75 schools in the original competition. The competition asked students to create a device that will benefit and improve the lives of Pennsylvanians. Their focus this year was on the root structure of corn crops since farming

relationships with people in the community; and the students interviewed and consulted with two experts in the use of BioChar, which is broken-down charcoal that holds water longer and allows roots to grow stronger when they attach to it. The team created a project that would simulate farming equipment planting the seeds. The device uses a seed-dropping mechanism that was 3D printed and coded using VEX robotics to drop one seed at a time, a tube of Biochar that was also coded to drop a small amount, and a pneumatic press that planted the corn and Biochar into the ground.



is a large part of our state's economy. Pennsylvania primarily has rocky and shallow soil and the state experiences high winds, occasional drought, and flooding due to large rain storms. Part of the competition involved making

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ROBOTICS

