



June 2023

# PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL

## Parent Newsletter



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

### From the principal's desk

Dear Parents and Guardians:

And just like that, another year in the books. I want to take a moment to thank the Parkland community, parents, staff, and students for allowing me the opportunity to lead this amazing school. It has been an honor and a privilege.

**Class of 2023**, I am very proud of each and every one of you. You have shown great leadership, determination, and grit throughout this year. You have accomplished so much academically, athletically, and artistically; you should be proud! On behalf of the entire staff at Parkland High School, we wish you nothing but the best on your journey. I look forward to hearing about all of your future accomplishments.

**The Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2023** will be held at the PPL Center on Tuesday, June 6, at 7 PM. Seniors should arrive at the PPL Center by 5:45 PM and enter at the loading dock on Linden Street between 7th and 8th Streets. Parents will not be permitted to enter at this gate. Parents should utilize the WFMZ gate (7th and Hamilton), LVHN gate (8th and Hamilton), or Northwest gate (8th and Linden). Attendees can find available parking for \$6 at several locations: Allentown Transportation Deck (N. 6th and Linden), Community Deck (13 South 6th), Government Deck (4th and Hamilton), The Spiral Deck (800 Block of W. Linden), 9th and Walnut Deck (9th and Walnut), and the Strata Deck (39 N. 6th).

At **Commencement Practice**, each graduate will be provided with six tickets for guests and any extra tickets that were previously requested. If your student has not ordered a **cap and gown** for graduation, please call Mrs. Schutter, Main Office Administrative Assistant at 610-351-5600, x73664. You must have a cap and gown to participate in Commencement.

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# From the principal's desk

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All seniors intending on participating in our Commencement Ceremony MUST be at **Commencement Practice** on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 8:30 AM at the PPL Center. Students are permitted to use their own means of **transportation** to Commencement Practice but will need to pay for parking. If utilizing their own transportation, please have seniors arrive promptly and enter at the loading dock. Shuttle buses will be provided for students needing transportation to Commencement Practice. The shuttle buses will depart from Parkland High School's front circle at 7:55 AM. Shuttle buses will return students to the high school after practice, but students must have their own transportation home.

All graduation requirements must be fulfilled to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. **National Honor Society stoles** will also be handed out at Commencement Practice to those students fulfilling all NHS requirements. Commencement Practice is expected to last until approximately 12 PM.

**Commencement** is a formal ceremony and the Parkland School District will be treating this evening with the respect and dignity it deserves. This is the final moment of your student's high school education, so we want each student to dress their best. **Appropriate attire** for this event could include: dress slacks, a dress shirt and tie, dresses, skirts, and appropriate footwear. Sunglasses or decorated caps and gowns will not be permitted. If you are not dressed appropriately as noted above, you will not participate in Commencement. PPL did share a list of **banned items** for the event which includes the following: balloons, aerosol cans, noise making devices, and beach balls.

In preparation for the evening of graduation, we are sharing a list of restaurants and cafes in Downtown Allentown. PPL concessions will be open but we know it will be crowded so we are advertising some local options. Keep in mind you want to arrive downtown early. Several restaurants have deals and discounts available for graduation participants so if you are planning on enjoying dinner before the event, remember to beat the crowds. For more information, please reference page 12 of the newsletter or visit this [link](#).

For **non-seniors** there is still work to be done. Preparing for the end of the fourth marking period and finals should be your number one priority. These two grades make up 30 percent of your final grade. Stay focused and finish the year on a high note. **For a link to the finals schedule click [here](#).**

On behalf of the entire Parkland High School Staff we hope that you have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing our returning students and their families in late August.

Sincerely,

Nathan T. Davidson  
Principal - Parkland High School  
[davidsonn@parklandsd.net](mailto:davidsonn@parklandsd.net)





# June 2023

Students only  
report on June 9 if  
they have to make-up  
a final exam



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Day 6	2 Day 1	3
4	5 Day 2	6 Day 3 Dismiss 11:35 AM	7 Day 4 Dismiss 11:35 AM	8 Day 5 Dismiss 11:35 AM	9 Day 6 Dismiss 9:20AM	10
11	12	13	14 FLAG DAY JUNE 14	15	16	17
18 Happy FATHER'S DAY!	19 Juneteenth	20	21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

## 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.

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





## Counseling corner

### NO SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER MONTHS

The schedule change deadline was May 26. Students interested in making a change to their schedule may pick up the request form in the Counseling Office during the first six days of the 2023 - 2024 school year. Students may also access this form online.



Summer school information will be forwarded to eligible students shortly after final grades are received. Please contact your child's school counselor if you have any questions about your son or daughter's academic standing.



Online registration for the 2023 - 2024 SAT tests will be available throughout the summer months at [www.sat.org/register](https://www.sat.org/register). **August 26** and **October 7** are the first two testing dates of the school year.

## PSAT

### SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

The PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) will be administered next fall to sophomores and juniors on **Saturday, October 14, 2023** at Parkland High School. The College Board allows for this test to be administered only once every school year. Please mark this date on your calendar for future reference. Information about the PSAT can be found on [www.collegeboard.com/psat](https://www.collegeboard.com/psat). Registration for the PSAT will take place at the start of the 2023 - 2024 school year. Fee waivers are available to students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Please contact Mrs. McGarr in the Counseling Office at [mcgarrm@parklandsd.net](mailto:mcgarrm@parklandsd.net) with any questions regarding the PSAT.



Please contact the Counseling Office this summer if your family will be moving within the Parkland School District or outside of the district. Two documents are required to confirm a change of residence within the district by the end of July, in order for new transportation information to be issued on time.

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





# JUNE IS THE GATEWAY TO SUMMER...



## Students in the Class of 2025

If you have not completed the lessons in Xello, you received an *Unsatisfactory* for the Career Explorations course. You need to complete this course to graduate. Please spend time over the summer to complete the course.

## Career Explorations Course

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 or through [this link](#). Both the Schoology page and the link have 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](mailto:mcpeeka@parklandsd.net)

or

Mr. Monahan in the PHS Library  
at [monahanja@parklandsd.net](mailto:monahanja@parklandsd.net).

*Career Exploration*  
SEMESTER COURSE





# MY SCHOOL BUCKS

## Balance Transfer

Balances in students' meal accounts will carry over to next school year. Parents of graduating seniors or students withdrawing from Parkland School District have the option of transferring balances to a sibling, donating to another student, or requesting a refund. ALL requests must be in writing to the food services by emailing Casey Troutman at [troutmanc@parklandsd.net](mailto:troutmanc@parklandsd.net).



## Important Notice

*for the 2023-2024 School Year*

EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR, PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL NO LONGER BE PERMITTED TO USE THEIR PERSONALLY-OWNED DEVICES SUCH AS LAPTOPS, TABLETS, AND CELL PHONES DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIMES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. IN PLACE OF PERSONAL DEVICES, STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE THEIR PARKLAND-ASSIGNED CHROMEBOOKS OR WORKSTATION WHICH HAVE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO SUPPORT ACADEMIC NEEDS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT. PARKLAND DEVICES CONTAIN WEB CONTENT FILTERING AND CYBERSECURITY PROTECTION AND THEREFORE PROVIDE A SAFER DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE, REDUCING THE RISK OF UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS OR CYBER THREATS.

# FINAL EXAMS

## 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

### 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 students 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.



### 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.

### 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](mailto:bennickt@parklandsd.net).



# Parkland High School

8:30 AM

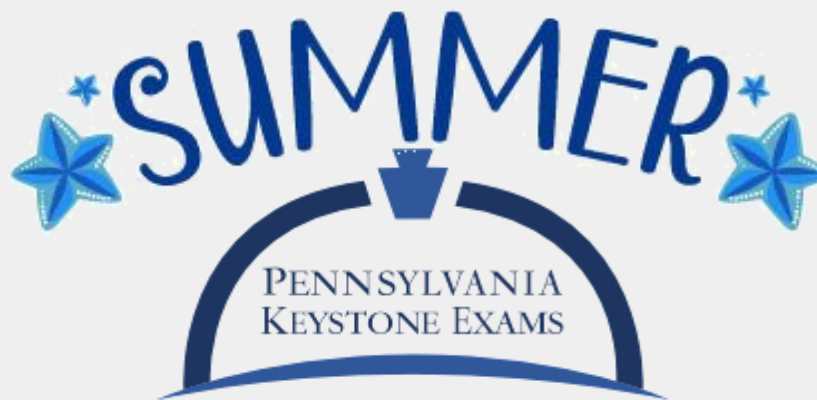
Students will  
take both  
modules with a  
break in  
between.

There is no  
time limit for  
the test.

Literature  
Keystone  
July 24

Algebra  
Keystone  
July 25

Biology  
Keystone  
July 26



## Who Should Take the Summer Keystones

Summer Keystones are offered for any first time test takers from Spring 2023, re-testers or transfer students who have taken Algebra 1, Biology or 10th grade English. The Keystones are typically taken after you have completed these courses. If you have taken any of these courses in a school that does not do state testing (i.e. private, Catholic, etc), you are required to take each Keystone unless you are an incoming 12th grade student. Keystone testing is also offered during the school year in December/January and in May, however if you would like to get it out of the way over the summer, please sign up below.

## Students Coming to Parkland from Out of State

If you have taken a state test equivalent to Algebra, Biology or Literature in another state and have reached proficiency, please check that the PHS Counseling Office has this paperwork. If we have the documentation, you will not have to take the Keystone.



## Keystone Remediation and Testing

Remediation before the exam can be done through Study Island. This can be accessed through the Clever portal.

## If You Are Interested

If interested, please sign up to receive further information closer to the summer Keystone:

<https://forms.gle/c4gBJ8WEPyMPjHs39>

Or scan the QR Code on the right:





## Upcoming events



Thursday  
1

Senior Final Exam Make Ups  
Senior Cabaret **7 PM** (Auditorium)

Friday  
2

Underclassmen Science Final Exams During Class  
Last Day for Late Activity Buses After School

Saturday  
3

SAT Testing **7:45 AM** (PHS)

Monday  
5

Last Day for LCTI Underclassmen  
Underclassmen Science Final Exams During Class  
Senior Slide Show **12 PM** (Auditorium)

Tuesday  
6

**Early Dismissal 11:35 AM** - Underclassmen Final Exams  
Commencement Practice **8:30 AM** (PPL Center) with Bus Pick Up at **7:55 AM**  
Commencement Ceremony **7 PM** (PPL Center)

Wednesday  
7

**Early Dismissal 11:35 AM** - Underclassmen Final Exams  
Life Skills Graduation **10 AM** (Auditorium)  
Fall Sports Physicals **5 - 8 PM** (by Appointment Only)  
Fourth Marking Period Ends

Thursday  
8

**Early Dismissal 11:35 AM**  
Underclassmen Final Exams

Friday  
9

**Students Only Report if Making Up Final Exams**  
**Early Dismissal 9:20 AM**  
Underclassmen Final Exams Make Ups

Monday  
12

Summer School Registration Begins **8 AM - 3 PM**

Monday  
19

Summer Enrichment Classes Begin  
Summer Driver Ed Theory Course Begins  
**8 AM - 12 PM** (Room D133)





Friday  
23

Summer School Registration Ends

Monday  
26

Summer School Starts

Friday  
30

Report Cards Available in Home Access Center



# July



# August

Monday  
24

Summer Literature Keystone  
Exam 8:30 AM

Thursday  
3

Summer School Ends

Tuesday  
25

Summer Algebra Keystone  
Exam 8:30 AM

Monday  
7

First Day of Football  
Practice

Wednesday  
26

Summer Biology Keystone  
Exam 8:30 AM

Thursday  
10

Summer Enrichment Classes  
Ends

Monday  
14

First Day of Fall Sports  
Practice

Saturday  
19

New Student Gathering  
10 - 11:30 AM

Wednesday  
23

9th Grade and  
New Student Orientation

Monday  
28

First Day of the 2023-2024  
School Year





# Class of 2023

## COMMENCEMENT



TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023

7 PM at the PPL Center

701 Hamilton Street in Allentown

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The event will be live streamed for those who wish to view from home.

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See 'From the Principal's Desk' on pages 1 and 2 of this Parent Newsletter for specific instructions regarding dress, arrival times, parking, live stream link and more.



## COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023

8:30 AM – approximately 12:30 PM at the PPL Center

7:55 AM – Bus Pick Up

See 'From the Principal's Desk' on pages 1 and 2 of this Parent Newsletter for information about requirements and transportation.

Tickets will be distributed at the practice.  
Each graduate will be provided 6 tickets for guests.



## Important Dates for Seniors

**June 1 - Senior Final Exam Make Ups**

**June 1 - Senior Cabaret 7 PM Auditorium**

**June 5 - Senior Slide Show 12 PM Auditorium**

**June 6 (morning) - Commencement Practice at PPL Center 7:55 AM Bus Pickup at PHS**  
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. If you are taking your own transportation, you will have to pay for parking. Please enter through the loading dock on Linden Street between 7th and 8th Streets.
- \* School buses will depart from the front circle of the high school no later than 8 AM for students who signed up in advance. Shuttle buses will return students to the high school after practice, but students must have their own transportation home.
- \* Each senior will receive 6 tickets at graduation practice and any extra tickets that were previously requested.
- \* Any senior who does not have a cap and gown will not be permitted to participate in the evening Commencement Ceremony.
- \* Cap and gown units will be available for purchase at the Commencement Practice for \$35 cash only.

**June 6 (evening) - Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony 7 PM at the PPL Center**  
**STUDENTS MUST REPORT BY 5:45 PM**

Also available via live stream. See page 2 for the live stream link.

- \* Students should use the loading dock entrance.
- \* Decorations of any kind are not allowed to be attached to caps/gowns in any way. The only exception to this rule are students who wear honor cords they earned from school-based honor societies. Administration reserves the right to confiscate any decorative items.
- \* Tassels are required and if lost/forgotten, the replacement cost is \$10. Tassels will be available for purchase.
- \* Recommended appropriate student attire is as follows: dress shirt/tie/dress pants, pants/dress/skirt/blouse and appropriate shoes.
- \* Grad Images will take photos as graduates accept their diplomas and as they leave the stage. The company will send proofs to your student's school email account, which expires **June 30**. 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.net](mailto:georgec@parklandsd.net).

**June 7 - Life Skills Graduation 10 AM Auditorium**



Click on the starfish to view the Class of 2023 webpage for more information

**CHROMEBOOK  
RETURN**

**Senior Chromebooks and Chargers must be turned in to the Library or Replacement Costs must be Paid ASAP.**

**REPLACEMENT COSTS**  
**Entire Chromebook - \$75**  
**Charger - \$25**

*\*Pay with cash or make checks payable to Parkland School District.*



**THE  
MARKET**  
— DOWNTOWN ALLENTOWN —

**R**  
RENAISSANCE®  
ALLENTOWN HOTEL

## 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 these [Downtown Allentown Market Deals & Discounts](#).

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



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

[DOWNTOWNALLENTOWN.COM](http://DOWNTOWNALLENTOWN.COM)



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/)

Premium Seating



2023 Suite Rental Packages

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



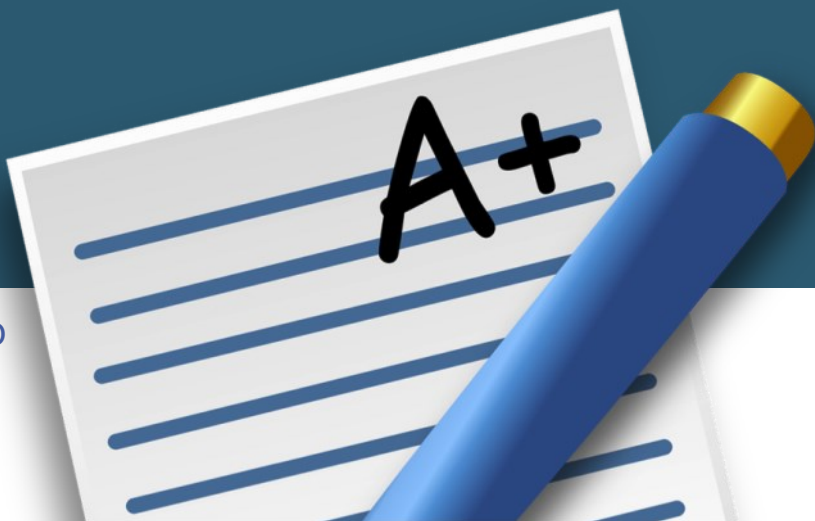
Suite Amenities Includes:

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](mailto:zwerner@phantomshockey.com) or call 484-273-4561



# Congratulations



The following is a list of seniors who achieved a GPA of 4.0 or above for seven consecutive semesters at Parkland High School.

Mariam Abdalla  
Brianna Andersen  
Mia Aponte  
Amanda Ash  
Emily Bachl  
Sammit Bal  
William Barrett  
Benjamin Bauman  
Ajla Becirovic  
Kara Benfield  
Gabriel Blikshteyn  
Shayna Blikshteyn  
Jarod Bloch  
Varsha Borkar  
Justin Bower  
Isabella Brans  
Nikola Cao  
Hannan Car  
Cody Child  
Nikhil Chitluru  
Mae Cook  
Catherine Crampton  
Anshul Dadayyapally  
Gavin Danner  
Bella Dauberman  
Jack Delaney  
Iywren DeLeon  
Allison Emanuel  
Isabella Esteban  
Farishta Faruk  
Austin Fasnacht

Jacquelyn Fekula  
Daniela Fernandez  
Christian Fragassi  
Carla Franco Nikfard  
Reva Gandhi  
Emma Gane  
Shravan Ganta  
Natasha Goldman  
Jolene Greenawalt  
Anshika Gupta  
Catherine Hahn  
Angelina Hallal  
Erin Halpin  
Vishruth Hanumaihgari  
Andrew Hill  
Sierra Hohenshilt  
Mai Hukuoka  
Kali Hurst  
Scarlett Jago  
Zain Jasim  
Riva Kaneria  
Rowen Keister  
Kylie Knafo  
Sanika Kothari  
David Krause, Jr.  
Colin Krum  
Olivia Kunz  
Chase Kusko  
Owen Lambinus  
Evan Lan  
Farah Latefa

Cassandra Lee  
Lucas Lee  
Keira Leiby  
Savannah Leon  
Chris Li  
Harshini Mallipedhi  
Abigail Mann  
Rebecca Mann  
Natalie McEvoy  
Liam McGuigan  
Katilin McLoud  
Kayla McNevin  
Dominic Medlar  
Kurt Meehan  
Abigail Meyers  
Taha Mirrani  
Fudayl Niaz  
Noah Oxfeld  
Claire Park  
Aesha Patel  
Davanshi Patel  
Forum Patel  
Prem Patel  
Vihita Patel  
Lucas Porto  
Elena Pursell  
Sathvika Rajkumar  
Matthew Ray  
Abigail Reichling  
Angela Renion  
Olivia Rice

Mitchell Roth  
Imaan Saeed  
Naeema Salau  
Hailey Sammarco  
Emma Schilling  
Tre Seibel  
Benjamin Shoemaker  
Ian Shoudt  
Aditya Singhvi  
Laci Skidmore  
Ty Sosik  
Rachel Stahley  
Katie Staib  
Aishwarya Suresh  
Daud Tariq  
Sreepriya Tekumalla  
Samuel Tomko  
Isaac Uthuppan  
Olivia Van Dien  
Hannah Vrablik  
Emily Walsh  
Brian Warren  
Elena Wenger  
Hunter Wise  
Homare Yamashita  
Taehyuk Yang  
Joshua Yoon  
Kiera Yozviak

To view a full list of academic award recipients, visit [this link](#).



Not all stars belong to the sky

# Congratulations

Parkland Theatre  
Department!

2023 Freddy Awards  
Winners from  
Parkland High School  
Production of  
*Oklahoma!*

Freddy  
Awards

- ★ Outstanding Use of Costumes
- ★ Outstanding Use of Choreography and Musical Staging
- ★ Outstanding Performance by a Female Ensemble Member  
**Addison Treat**
- ★ Outstanding Performance by a Featured Dancer  
**Gabriela Baran**

PARKLAND  
**ART**  
visual & performing arts

## Parkland High School Freddy Nominations for *Oklahoma!*

- \* Outstanding Performance by an Orchestra
- \* Outstanding Use of Scenery
- \* Outstanding Use of Costumes
- \* Outstanding Performance by a Female Ensemble Member - **Addison Treat** as Aunt Eller
- \* Outstanding Use of Lighting
- \* Outstanding Small Ensemble Performance - **Emily Bachl, Addison Treat, Eric Wood** in "The Surrey With The Fringe on Top"
- \* Outstanding Use of Choreography and Musical Staging
- \* Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role - **Anna Lorenzo** as Ado Annie Carnes
- \* Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role - **Vasilis Motsenigos** as Will Parker
- \* Outstanding Performance by a Featured Dancer - **Gabriela Baran** as Dream Laurey
- \* Outstanding Ensemble
- \* Outstanding Production Number - "The Farmer and the Cowman"
- \* Outstanding Stage Crew
- \* Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role - **Emily Bachl** as Laurey
- \* Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role - **Eric Wood** as Curly

The State Theatre Center for the Arts  
**Freddy**  
Awards



# Fall Play Announcement

## PETER AND THE STARCATCHER

AUDITIONS JUNE 4TH @ 6:30PM  
AUDITIONS/CALLBACKS JUNE 7TH & 8TH @ 6:00PM  
— BE READY —

SHOW DATES: OCTOBER 6, 7, & 8, 2023

AUDITION PACKETS AVAILABLE IN A107 OR BOX OFFICE







Parkland's Got Talent Winners

Senior Division

**Tariq Shahid** and  
**Belgin 'Dora' Ozcan**

Grade 10

Junior Division

**Vijay Sadagopan Senthikumar**  
Grade 5



*congratulations*



## PA Media and Design Competition

Congratulations to these Parkland High School finalists who attended the PA Media Design State Competition at Dickinson College last month:

**Sooraj Tharumia** - 1st Place Programming

**Ethan Silver** - 3rd Place Digital Movie



*Congratulations!*

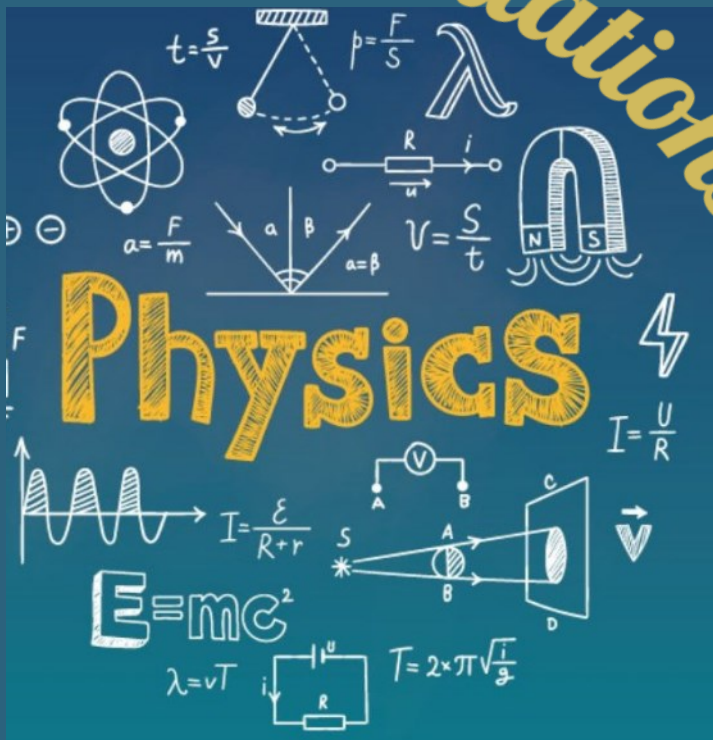
## U.S. Physics Bowl

The following Parkland High School students competed in the U.S. Physics Bowl last month. Parkland finished in 2nd place in our region in Division 1 and in 1st place in Division II.

**Evan Amadio**  
**Neha Atchyuthuni**  
**Amogh Bhati**  
**Jarod Bloch**  
**Varsha Borkar**  
**Brandon Cai \***  
**Leon Chen**  
**Rujula Deshmukh**

**Thomas Gilchrist**  
**Joseph Peng**  
**Sooraj Tharumia**  
**Antony Tomy**  
**Jerry Wang \***  
**Ryan Wu**  
**Major Zangari**

A special congratulations to **Jerry Wang** (Division 1) and **Brandon Cai** (Division II) who finished with the second highest regional score on their individual tests in their divisions.



**U.S.**  
**Physics Team**

*well done*

## U.S. Physics Olympiad

Congratulations to Parkland High School sophomore **Brandon Cai** for earning a National Bronze medal in the 2023 U.S. Physics Olympiad. After two rounds of intense testing, Brandon finished within the top 180 students nationwide.





# Athletic news



BOYS VOLLEYBALL  
BOYS TENNIS  
GIRLS TRACK  
BOYS TRACK



# CHAMPIONS





congratulations



## ALL★STARS

### Tennis

**Joshua Thomas** - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Singles  
**Lucas Lee** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Singles  
**Rithik Raghuraman** and **Taehyuk Yang**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Team Doubles  
**Thomas Gilchrist** and **Noah Oxfeld**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Team Doubles

### Baseball

**Owen DeLong** - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Pitcher  
**Bo Barthol** - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Outfielder  
**Matthew Razzis** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Catcher  
**William Dobil** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Infielder

### Softball

**Evelyn Montone** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Outfielder

### Boys Lacrosse

**James Hohenshilt** - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defense  
**Chase Kusko** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Attack  
**Drew Filipovits** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Attack  
**Jacob Parker** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Midfielder  
**Michael Chimics** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defense  
**Jacob Beidleman** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defense  
**Andrew Matulevicius** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Goalie

### Boys Volleyball

**Chase Robbins** - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Outside Hitter  
**Luke Smith** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Midd  
**Joshua Nation** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Outside Hitter  
**William Stiles** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Setter  
**Ahmad Jaffer** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Libero

### Girls Lacrosse

**Gabrielle Leonzi** - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Low Attack  
**Morgan Dobil** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Low Defense



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE PHS ATHLETIC AWARD  
WINNERS AND INDUCTEES TO THE HALL OF FAME.

TO SEE A LIST OF THE WINNERS, PLEASE VISIT THIS

LINK: <https://trst.in/pd9UCR>

## SCHOLAR ATHLETES

**CORRINE BIGLEY** - SOFTBALL  
**ALEXIS BRADER** - GIRLS BASKETBALL  
**HANNAH CAR** - GIRLS LACROSSE  
**CATHERINE CRAMPTON** - GIRLS TRACK  
**ANSHUL DADAYYPALLY** - BOYS SWIMMING  
**ADRIAN GACEK** - WRESTLING  
**NATASHA GOLDMAN** - GIRLS SWIMMING  
**ANDREW HILL** - BOYS TRACK  
**CHASE KUSKO** - BOYS LACROSSE  
**LUCAS LEE** - BOYS TENNIS \*\*\* OVERALL EPC WINNER  
**DOMINIC MEDLAR** - BASEBALL  
**MATTHEW RAY** - BOYS BASKETBALL  
**SAMANTHA SANCHEZ** - CHEER  
**ISAAC UTHUPPAN** - BOYS VOLLEYBALL





# Athletic news



## CONGRATULATIONS

*to these Parkland High School Athletes  
Who Participated in a PIAA Sport During their Senior Year and  
will Continue Their Athletic Career at the Collegiate Level*

### Baseball

**Bo Barthol** - Kutztown University  
**Owen DeLong** - Eastern University  
**Jaiden Wanamaker** - King's College

### Field Hockey

**Courtney Gibbons** - Cedar Crest College  
**Lily Kyvelos** - Shenandoah University

### Football

**Kaleb Beers** - King's College  
**Nakhi Bullock** - Millersville University  
**Jack Harrison** - Franklin & Marshall College  
**Nathan Kemmerer** - Wilkes University  
**Gryffin Mitstifer** - Millersville University  
**Victor Pagan** - Muhlenberg College

### Gymnastics

**Ryli McGorry** - Utica University  
**Lianna Schultz** - West Chester University

### Lacrosse

**Christopher Andersen** - Hartwick College  
**Michael Chimics** - Muhlenberg College  
**Drew Filipovits** - Hampden-Sydney College  
**Jeffrey Gerdes** - Ursinus College  
**James Hohenshilt** - West Chester University  
**Chase Kusko** - Muhlenberg College  
**Anthony Schultz** - Roanoke College  
**Jack Urso** - Moravian University

### Soccer

**Reagan Bleiler** - Moravian University  
**Gabriel Blikshteyn** - Muhlenberg College  
**Catherine Crampton** - DeSales University  
**Ivy Dias** - Muhlenberg College  
**Lucas Heberling** - DeSales University  
**Matthew Link** - Monmouth University  
**Kayla McNevin** - Immaculata University  
**Sejal Wellington** - University of Lynchburg  
**Sean Wood** - The College of New Jersey

### Softball

**Evelyn Montone** - Grove City College

### Swimming and Diving

**Ryan Beltrame** - King's College  
**Blaine Christ** - Misericordia University  
**Natasha Goldman** - Moravian University  
**Simone Lin** - University of Rochester  
**Marcus Moreef** - Widener University  
**Sydney Platt** - Bloomsburg University  
**Ashley Settle** - Stevens Institute of Technology

### Track and Field

**Catherine Crampton** - DeSales University  
**Bella Dauberman** - Susquehanna University  
**Rachele Grigoli** - Moravian University  
**Brady Hoffman** - Slippery Rock University  
**Ava Lundy** - Muhlenberg College  
**Dylan Simon** - East Stroudsburg University  
**Praveen Sureshkumar** - Case Western Reserve University

### Volleyball

**Scarlett Jago** - Trinity College  
**Chase Robbins** - Juniata College

### Wrestling

**Adrian Gacek** - Clarion University





## Mark Your Sports Calendar

Fall Sports begin August 7 for high school football and golf.

First day of practice for all other PIAA sports is August 14.

No student can participate or try out in a fall sport without a full PIAA Physical dated after **May 31, 2023**.

The Parkland Athletic Department understands that it may not be convenient to come to our scheduled free physical event. 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.**



PUTTING THE SPOTLIGHT ON

## Parkland Students



### LCTI Students of the Month for March

**Ahmad Almawas** - Advertising Design/Commercial Art  
**Jaxon 'Riley' Bender** - Painting and Design  
**Owen Dimler** - Academic Center  
**Grace Friedman** - Academic Center  
**Alexis Granberg** - Teacher Education  
**Jake Lauer** - Emerging Digital Media & Social Communications  
**Lucas Longenbach** - Emerging Digital Media & Social Communications  
**Landon Louks** - Emerging Digital Media & Social Communications  
**Brianna Mink** - Advertising Design/Commercial Art  
**Asher Pijut** - Cabinetmaking & Millwork  
**Jennet Rahman** - Health & Medical Sciences  
**Jahrelle Rodriques** - Health & Medical Sciences  
**Seth Rohrbach** - SOC Supply Chain Management & Logistics Technology  
**Jayden Sanchez** - Supply Chain Management & Logistics Technology



SkillsUSA  
 Pennsylvania  
 Leadership & Skills  
 Conference Results

**Peyton Knowles**  
 1st place  
 Plumbing and Heating  
 \* Peyton will be moving on to the national competition in Atlanta this month

**Jaden Barasch**  
 3rd place  
 Electrical  
 Construction Wiring

# Information from the Health Room



Congratulations to all the graduating seniors.  
Best wishes for your future endeavors!

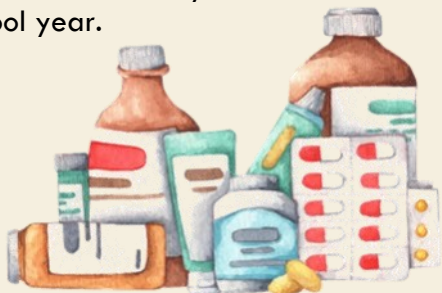
## End-of-School Year Reminders

### 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.



### Forms

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



### Contact the Health Room

Phone: 610 - 351- 5616

Fax: 610 - 351- 5987

Email: [seremulad@parklandsd.net](mailto:seremulad@parklandsd.net)  
[zolotskyj@parklandsd.net](mailto:zolotskyj@parklandsd.net)  
[applebym@parklandsd.net](mailto:applebym@parklandsd.net)

## 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**.





# Driver's Education

## Behind the Wheel Program

The CLIU-21 Behind-the-Wheel program is available 7 days a week during summer break. All Parkland students are eligible to register when they obtain their learner's permit.

For complete information, go to [www.cliu.org](http://www.cliu.org), scroll down and select the Driver's Ed key icon.

If you have any questions, call 610-769-4111 x 1299 or email [HERE](#).



## Make Your Car a Classroom for Your New Driver This Summer

For many of us, summertime usually means vacations and summer road trips. When possible, make your car a classroom for your new driver. We all know practice and experience are the best ways to master a skill; sit in the passenger seat and create opportunities for supervised driving--even *after* your child receives their license. Quiz them on the meaning of road signs and pavement markings when at stop lights, ask questions like, "what did that driver do wrong?" and continue to give tips on defensive driving practices including safe following distances, scanning four seconds ahead, safe merging and exiting procedures. Now is also a good time to review these summer driving safety tips. A little planning and some safety checks might spare you from dealing with the consequences of a breakdown - or worse, a highway crash. Have your new driver perform the checks with you "Before You Go".

### Stock Your Vehicle

Even a well-maintained vehicle can break down, so it is advisable to put together an emergency roadside kit to carry with you. Recommended emergency roadside kit contents include:

- cell phone/charger
- first aid kit
- flashlight
- flares and a white flag
- jumper cables
- tire pressure gauge
- jack and ground mat for changing a tire
- work gloves and a change of clothes
- emergency blankets, towels and coats
- maps
- basic repair tools and duct tape (for temporarily repairing a hose leak)
- water and paper towels for cleaning up
- nonperishable food, drinking water, and medicines
- extra windshield washer fluid



### Plan Your Route

Before heading out, make sure to check the weather, road conditions, and traffic. Do not rush through your trip; allow plenty of time to get to your destination safely. Always familiarize yourself with directions and maps before you go, even if you use a GPS. It is also a good idea to let others know your route and anticipated arrival time.



# Library Lines

## LIBRARY SUMMER Hours

Please call 610-351-5642 before your visit to ensure Mrs. DiCarlo is available to assist you at the Library desk.

8 AM –  
12 PM



### Sora Reopens Mid-July

Sora will roll over during the summer, but will be open again sometime mid-July and students will be able to access the library resources at that time.



### YALSA Reading Lists Available

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a branch of the American Library Association, publishes multiple summer reading lists to suit young readers. Click on [this link](#) to access the book lists.



### Parkland Community Library

Do not forget about the Parkland Community Library over the summer.

Click [here](#) to get information on hours and teen events.



### 2023 National French Exam Results

#### Level 4

- Gold - **Nathaly Orduna**  
**Ethan Vandecasteele**
- Silver - **Isabella Carnero**
- Bronze - **Rishika Bhati**  
**Chloe Chase**  
**Harry Dimopoulos**

#### Level 3

- Silver - **Rebecca Ninan**  
**Alex Xu**



### 2023 National Spanish Exam Results

#### Level 5

- Bronze - **Jarod Bloch**


#### Level 4

- Gold - **Jenna Sorgi**
- Silver - **Leon Chen**
- Bronze - **Elaina Fragassi**  
**Sophia Gonzalez**  
**Theresa Kollar**  
**Erin Laury**

#### Level 3

- Gold - **Alyssa Schiavone**
- Silver - **Swarna Suresh**
- Bronze - **Evan Amadio**  
**Jayaditya Kothari**





# Student Assistance Program (SAP)

As the year comes to an end, we would like to thank all of the parents, guardians and students who we had the pleasure of working with this year. You will be able to request MARS evaluations throughout the summer. Please email Mrs. Fitch at [fitchl@parklandsd.net](mailto:fitchl@parklandsd.net) to submit a request for a MARS evaluation.

## Summer Resources for Parents

[Resource Finder](#)

[Guides and Resources for Teens](#)

**Confidence and Self Esteem**

[Kids Who Are Too Hard on  
Themselves](#)

[Raising Confident, Independent  
Children](#)

[Helping Kids Make Decisions](#)

[Dealing with Embarrassment](#)

**Social Media**

[Healthy Limits on Video Games](#)

**Mental Health**

[Resources For Parents of  
Adolescents and Young Adults](#)

[Mind](#)

[Mental Health Literacy](#)

[The Youth Mental Health Project](#)

**Social Media**

[Media Guidelines for Kids](#)

[Is Internet Addiction Real?](#)

[Selfies and Self-Esteem](#)

[Managing Social Media Stress](#)

[How Social Media Affects Teens](#)

[Social Media and Self-Doubt](#)

**LGBTQ+**

[Quick Guide to Gender Dysphoria](#)

[How to Support Kids Who Are  
Questioning](#)

[Supporting Trans and Nonbinary  
Kids at School](#)

[Mental Health Challenges of  
LGBTQ+ Kids](#)

**Summer Activities/ Camps**

[Camp Guide](#)

[Find and Go Seek](#)

[Lehigh Valley](#)

[Camelot For Children](#)

**Arts/ Musical Camps**

[Civic Theatre Camps/Workshops](#)

[JCC Summer Camps](#)

[Banana Factory Summer Camps](#)

[The Baum School of Art Summer Art  
Camps and The Fashion Academy](#)

[Fun with the Arts Day Camp](#)

**Sports Camps**

[McHoops Basketball Camps](#)

[DeSales University Camp Listings](#)

[Muhlenberg College Summer  
Camps](#)

**Therapeutic Summer Camps**

[Camp Fowler - Valley Youth House](#)

[Camp Sequoia](#)

[Camp Ramapo \(located in NY\)](#)

[Helping Hands Summer Camp and  
Shore Program for Disabled Adults](#)

[Camp Victory](#)

**Workshops**

[Parent and Grandparent \*\*FREE,\*\*  
\*\*ONLINE\*\* Workshops](#)

[Parent Webinars](#)

**Blogs for Parents**

[Scary Mommy](#)

[Family Focus Blog](#)

[Fatherly](#)

[The Check-In Project Summer Edition](#)

**Parent Mental Health Resources**

[Mental Health Resources for Parents](#)

[Mental Health Resources from  
Mental Health First Aid](#)

[People Seeking Help](#)

[Mental Health.gov](#)





# YEARBOOK PICKUP!

If you still need to pick up your yearbook,  
please visit Mrs. Beck in Room D131.



## senior photo session RISING SENIORS

Your Senior Portrait Session has been scheduled by Frank Mitman. See the Senior Portrait Schedule posted by Mrs. Beck in Schoology for your session date or refer to the appointment card that was mailed to your home. If you need to reschedule, please call Frank Mitman's studio at 610-433-2110. Frank Mitman will also be offering in-school portrait sessions in November 2023 if you are unable to get to his studio. **Yearbook portraits are free for students.** All senior portrait sessions must be completed by **December 1, 2023**. This date is earlier than in previous years.



## 2023 SPRING SUPPLEMENTS

Spring Supplements for those who purchased the 2023 yearbook will be mailed home in August. The supplement will include Prom, Graduation and spring events/athletics. If your address has changed during the school year, contact Mrs. Beck at [beckd@parklandsd.net](mailto:beckd@parklandsd.net) so she can update your information.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported our student-led program by purchasing a yearbook.

*Congratulations*



## PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

Congratulations to senior **Reva Gandhi** on being named a 2023 US Presidential Scholar. She is one of 628 semifinalists out of over 5,000 candidates and it is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Reva will be studying environmental studies and economics at Dartmouth College in the fall.

Let July be July.  
Let August be August.  
And let yourself  
Just be  
even in  
the uncertainty.  
You don't have to fix  
everything.  
You don't have to solve  
everything.  
And you can still  
find peace  
and grow  
in the wild  
of changing things.





# 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 2023 dues must be paid by Monday, June 5. 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](mailto:andreolid@parklandsd.net)

Class of  
2024

Junior class advisor  
Mrs. Kim McHenry  
[mchenryk@parklandsd.net](mailto:mchenryk@parklandsd.net)

Class of  
2025

Sophomore class advisor  
Mrs. Lori McClure  
[mcclurel@parklandsd.net](mailto:mcclurel@parklandsd.net)

Class of  
2026

Freshmen class advisor  
Mrs. Sarah Yenser  
Room C241  
[yensers@parklandsd.net](mailto:yensers@parklandsd.net)



## June 21 is Parkland Day at Dorney Park

Reconnect with Parkland families and enjoy free parking, \$33 tickets, and a \$15 Picnic-style Dinner Buffet from 6 - 7 PM that will include some special Parkland student performances. Plus, the first 150 people who enter the park wearing Parkland spirit-wear will receive a free Parkland gift.

Order your tickets by June 9 at [this link](#).  
This offer is available online only.





2023 Prom  
King and Queen  
Josiah Day and  
Harshini Mallipedhi



# HOLLYWOOD

## PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL PROM 2023

The Parkland High School Class of 2023 Senior Prom took place  
Saturday, May 13 at SteelStacks in Bethlehem.  
The event theme was "Hollywood."

Photos by Frank Mitman and Par Key Yearbook staff members







POST PROM 2023





# breathe

... and enjoy your summer!

The following Parkland FBLA students competed at the State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA on April 17 and 18. National Qualifiers(\*) will go on to compete at the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, GA in June.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) inspires and prepares students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences.



**Willoh Economou Olson** (LCTI)  
Cyber Security  
1st place\*

**Aditya Singhvi**  
Health Care Administration  
1st place\*

**Aishwarya Suresh**  
Data Analysis  
1st place\*

**Rishib Yanala**  
Business Financial Plan  
1st place\*

**Alexander Saccone** and **Antony Tomy**  
Coding and Programming  
2nd place\*

**Grant Pinsley**  
Political Science  
2nd place  
ozcan Mobile Application

Development  
2nd place\*

**Reva Gandhi**  
Business Communication  
3rd place\*

**Ainish Dassarma**  
Future Business Leader  
3rd place\*

**Luke Melicharek** and **Julian Wiewiora** (LCTI)  
Publication Design  
4th place\*

**Imaan Saeed**  
Personal Finance  
4th place\*

**Prem Patel**  
Economics  
4th place\*

**Jerry Wang**  
Introduction to Financial Math  
4th place\*

**Sanika Kothari**  
Electronic Career Portfolio  
6th place

**Riva Kaneria**  
Agribusiness  
7th place

**Alyssa Avila** and **Shiv Rajak**  
Digital Animation  
8th place

**Belgin 'Dora' Ozcan**  
Local Chapter Business Report  
8th place

**Nikhil Chitluru, Shravan Ganta** and **Zain Jasim**  
Sports and Entertainment Management  
8th place

**Jayaditya Kothari**  
Business Plan  
9th place

**Nikola Cao, Vishruth Hanumaihgari** and **Noah Oxfeld**  
Business Management  
9th place

**Aderinmolu 'Derin' Olatilo, Jake Sheinberg** and **Daniel Yang**  
Introduction to Social Media Strategy  
10th place

**Aum Purani**  
Introduction to Marketing Concepts  
10th place

