



August / September 2023

# PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL

## Parent Newsletter



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

## Welcome back announcements

### First Day of School

The first day of the 2023-2024 school year for ALL STUDENTS will be **Monday, August 28, 2023**. LCTI will be open that day, and all LCTI students will report to homeroom at Parkland before taking transportation to LCTI or reporting to their classes.

### Daily Schedule

School will start at **7:40 AM** and will end at **2:44 PM**. Students will be able to enter the building at **7:20 AM**. Morning LCTI students will attend homeroom at Parkland High School (PHS) prior to receiving a bus transfer to LCTI.

### Late Activity Bus

The school district provides one late activity bus run each school day. The activity bus will depart from the back of the D-wing at **4:30 PM Monday - Friday** on the days students are in school. Only students engaged in school sponsored and supervised activities are eligible to use the activity bus. Students staying at PHS for activities beyond 4:30 PM must arrange for transportation home.

### First Week of School Web Portal

Please take some time this week to visit the First Week of School Web Portal [HERE](#). From this webpage, you will be able to log in and update your information in Home Access Center, as well as familiarize yourself with the PHS Student Handbook, including District policies, procedures, rules, and regulations. This site also includes important forms and other helpful information.

### New Student/Parent Orientation and Open House

All PHS parents and new students are invited to a presentation on **Thursday, September 7** at **6 PM** in the PHS Auditorium that will include information regarding school policies and practices. This will be especially helpful to parents new to the high school. At **7 PM** the same evening, PHS will hold its annual Open House. Parents will have opportunity to hear from their student's teachers, and learn more about school programs and activities. We hope you plan to join us. If you have questions or concerns about a particular course following the teacher presentations, please contact your child's teacher.

**JOIN US**





# From the principal's desk



Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer with family and friends. I also hope that everyone has had the chance to vacation and spend some quality time together without the stress of school. Our administrative team and the teaching staff are very excited to begin the 2023-2024 school year. Our students and staff accomplished so many great things last year. We look forward to continuing to build upon our longstanding tradition of excellence in the Arts, Academics and Athletics this school year. As we begin a new school year, I would like to give you an update on all of the work we have done throughout the summer to achieve our mission of *Educating the Whole Child*.

## **Academic Achievement**

We continue to focus our preparation and efforts on student growth and achievement. Our administrative team was busy this summer updating our course offerings, student schedules, and academic programs. At PHS, we take pride in fostering a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment that empowers our students to excel academically, socially, and emotionally. Our staff is committed to providing the highest quality education and support to ensure each student reaches their full potential.

As a reminder, if your child wishes to make any changes to their schedule, they must secure a Schedule Change Request Form in the Counseling Office. **All course change requests must be submitted to the Counseling Office during the first six days of school. Note that course change requests are not available prior to the start of the school year.** Should you have any additional questions or concerns about our academic programming, please contact our Counseling Office at 610-351-5600 or by connecting with your child's counselor through [our website](#).

## **Student Safety**

The safety of our students is first and foremost in our minds as we begin the new school year. Every year, our school district reviews our safety protocols, participates in drills and works to make our campus a safe place for our students and staff. This year was no different. On August 9, our administrative team participated in a district-wide safety drill and we were able to practice our Family Reunification plan that would be enacted if we ever had to evacuate a building for any reason. While we hope to never have to enact this protocol, it was great that we had the chance to practice the process as it remains critically important that our staff is prepared for emergency situations. This school year our staff will continue to engage in PA Safe Schools Act drills and continue to work with our local police and state officials to ensure we are implementing best practices with regard to safety protocols.

**Our students also play an important role in maintaining a safe building.** In addition to reporting concerning behaviors to teachers and administration in real time, students can also make anonymous reports using the [Safe2Say Something website](#). Please encourage your student(s) to be vigilant about reporting anyone intending to harm themselves or others.

## **School Culture, Climate, and Structure**

Developing a positive student-centered environment is of the utmost importance to our administrative and teaching staff. With that in mind, we have begun plans for the upcoming school year that allow our students to have positive experiences during the school day and after school activities. We are proud of our tradition of excellence in the arts and athletics. Our **sports teams** won 2 East Penn Conference Championships, 10 EPC Championships, 9 District XI Championships, and our Boys Volleyball team won the PIAA State Championship right after school ended this past spring. Our fall sports teams are already preparing for their upcoming seasons.

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The mission of the Parent Forum is "to facilitate open communication between school and home in a collaborative effort to enhance the high school experience of all students." This forum is open to all parents and/or legal guardians of Parkland High School students.

The meeting dates for this school term are as follows on  
**Wednesdays at 7 PM**  
in PHS Room C200:

**October 25, 2023**  
**Fall Workshop**

**January 24, 2024**


**March 20, 2024**

**April 24, 2024**  
**Spring Workshop**

Please look for possible updates to this schedule in future issues of the Parent Newsletter.



# August/September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28 <b>Day 1 "B" Schedule</b>	29 <b>Day 2 "B" Schedule</b>	30 <b>Day 3</b>	31 <b>Day 4</b>	1 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED Holiday</b>	2
3	4 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED Holiday</b>	5 <b>Day 5</b>	6 <b>Day 6</b>	7 <b>Day 1</b>	8 <b>Day 2</b>	9
10	11 <b>Day 3</b>	12 <b>Day 4</b>	13 <b>Day 5</b>	14 <b>Day 6</b>	15 <b>Day 1</b>	16
17	18 <b>Day 2</b>	19 <b>Day 3</b>	20 <b>Day 4</b>	21 <b>Day 5</b>	22 <b>Day 6 "B" Schedule</b>	23 
24	25 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED Professional Development</b>	26 <b>Day 1</b>	27 <b>Day 2</b>	28 <b>Day 3</b>	29 <b>Day 4</b>	30

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

## BELL SCHEDULES

New C  
Schedule

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	7:40-8:20	9:40-10:08
2	8:32-9:15	8:40-9:22	8:24-9:00	10:12-10:37
3	9:19-10:02	9:26-10:08	9:04-9:40	10:41-11:06
4	10:06-10:49	10:12-10:54	---	11:10-11:39
5	10:53-11:36	10:58-11:40	---	11:43-12:12
6	11:40-12:23	11:44-12:26	---	12:16-12:45
7	12:27-1:10	12:30-1:12	---	12:49-1:18
8	1:14-1:57	1:16-1:58	9:44-10:20	1:22-2:01
9	2:01-2:44	2:02-2:44	10:24-11:00	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	11:03 Buses depart at 11:08	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.
- ❖ On "C" Schedule Days – AM LCTI students attend LCTI and return to PHS for 9:44 AM class.
- ❖ On "C" Schedule Days – PM LCTI students attend PHS classes and dismiss at 9:40 AM or wait at school for regular dismissal.

"EDUCATION IS NOT THE  
FILLING OF A PAIL, BUT THE  
LIGHTING OF A FIRE."

WILLIAM BUTLER YATES



# From the principal's desk



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Our **students in the arts** always excel at local, state and national competitions and perform wonderful shows on the PHS stage; and we expect a stellar year ahead. The cast and crew of our Spring Musical, *Oklahoma*, won 4 Freddy Awards last spring. Looking ahead, the arts department is already rehearsing for the fall play, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, and shortly after that they will perform the Family Show, *Disney's Frozen JR.*, on the PHS stage this fall.

For new students, we encourage everyone to find something in which to get involved. On Friday, September 15, all 9th graders and new students will walk through a **Student Activity Fair** designed to highlight and encourage participating in more than 80 activities and clubs that are available at our school. We truly believe that students who are participating and engaged in these activities will not only build better relationships with their peers, but experience a stronger sense of belonging, perform better in school, and develop skills and passions that might lead to interest in future careers.

Of course, all of this can only be accomplished in an environment where school rules are respected and enforced. As the school year begins, our student code of conduct will be reviewed with our students to ensure that **behavioral expectations** are clear. Expectations for dress code, cell phones, school-appropriate behavior, as well as consequences for violations of policies will be discussed. The code of conduct, as well as a complete list of policies and practices at PHS can be accessed by using [this link](#). Parents are important partners in stressing the importance of following school rules with their children and every student and parent is expected to read our Student Policies at the start of the school year.

## New Staff

As with every start to school, Parkland has some new faculty members who I would like to introduce. Joining our teaching staff will be: **Jason Fox** (Social Studies), **Tiffany Krasley** (ESL), **Meghan Smith** (FCS), **Michael Turrell** (Guidance) and **Brian Weldner** (Social Studies). We would also like to welcome **Dan Lewis** (Special Education), **Steve Ott** (Driver's Education), and **Laura Wummer** (Speech), who are transferring buildings to join us from Troxell, Orefield Middle School, and Fogelsville Elementary respectively. In addition, we would like to congratulate **Andy Stephens** who is leaving his PHS social studies classroom and basketball coaching duties behind to become our new Athletic Director. I am excited about the talents of these professionals and know they will quickly become an asset to Parkland High School's outstanding team of educators.

## Important Dates

Friday, **August 18** - Bus Assignments - Available in HAC (5 PM)  
Wednesday, **August 23** - Freshmen Orientation  
Monday, **August 28** - First Day of School  
Friday, **September 1** and Monday, **September 4** - No School  
Thursday, **September 7** - New Parent Orientation (6 PM) and Open House (7 - 9 PM)

The goal of this monthly newsletter is to keep parents, guardians, and students informed of high school events and other critical information. The content is integral to your child's success, so please read it regularly and review it with your student. If you have any questions, please contact anyone on our PHS staff. I look forward to partnering with our parents and community to make the 2023-2024 school year a huge success.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you. Have a great year.

Sincerely,

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



## Picture Day

We are excited to once again work with Christmas City Studio for underclassmen student portraits. Ordering information will be sent home with students during the first week of school. They will photograph students as follows:

**11th grade**  
**Tuesday, September 12**

**10th grade**  
**Wednesday,**  
**September 13**

**9th grade**  
**Thursday, September 14**



**Thursday, October 19**

**3 - 4:30 PM**

**in the Auditorium Lobby**







# Key Items for the Return to School

## Cafeteria Payment Procedures

Students should always have their School ID with them when they come to school. The PHS Cafeteria is cashless, and the student's School ID will be used for payments. Parents/Guardians should deposit money in their student's [MySchoolBucks.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com) account, or mail a check (payable to PSD Cafeteria) to Parkland Food Services, Troxell Building, 2219 N. Cedar Crest Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18104. Please allow time for delivery if using the U.S. Postal Service.



## New Personal Device Policy

Students are not permitted to use their personally-owned devices such as laptops, tablets, and cell phones during instructional times during the school day. Instead, 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 environment for everyone, reducing the risk of unauthorized access or cyber threats. Open-Campus Wifi will no longer be generally available for students on personally-owned devices, including cell phones.



## Find these forms online



### Student Leave of Absence Form and Attendance Information

This form is required for students who need to leave school to go to an appointment, funeral, vacation or other family event. Find detailed information, instructions, and the online form [here](#).



### Parking Permit Application

This form is for students who plan to drive to school and park a vehicle at PHS during the school year. Find the form online [here](#) and follow the instructions.



### Late Start/Early Dismissal Request form

This form is for students with study halls scheduled at the start or end of their school day who wish to start late or leave early and can provide their own transportation. Find the form online [here](#) and follow the instructions.



### Working Papers

This form is for students under the age of 18 who want to apply for a job. Find the form online [here](#) and follow the instructions.



If you have questions about any of these forms, please call the Main Office at 610-351-5600.



## Counseling corner

# Welcome

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. The Parkland High School Counseling staff are available to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your son or daughter's academic program for the upcoming school year.

## STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student schedules were completed by Counseling staff and made available on Friday, August 11. If a student is considering a schedule change, request forms will be available in the Counseling Office the first day of school. Schedule change policies and procedures can be referenced in the Parkland High School Registration Information and Course Descriptions Book. Schedule changes will not be made prior to the first day of school.

### Did You Move Over the Summer?

If a student has moved over the summer to a new residence within the Parkland School District, proof of residency (2 forms) must be presented to the Counseling Office as soon as possible. Please call if you have any questions regarding this procedure.



### Complete Transcript Release Form

Seniors must complete a transcript release form prior to submitting college applications to the Counseling Office. Students and parents (if the student is under 18 years of age) must sign this form giving Parkland High School permission to release official academic records to colleges/universities. Students indicate on the form whether SAT or ACT scores are to be removed from the high school transcript prior to processing college applications.



### Complete Recommendation Profile

If a college is requesting a counselor recommendation, the student must complete a recommendation profile form highlighting individual achievements during the past four years. Seniors need to remember to contact teachers early in the school year if they wish to request a teacher recommendation. A copy of the recommendation profile can be helpful to teachers when preparing student recommendations.



### Pay Close Attention to Application Deadlines

Seniors need to remember ten school days are required to process college applications. Please pay close attention to application deadline dates. Submit your materials as early as possible to the Counseling Office. Seniors need to inform their counselor if they are processing an application online. Applications processed through online delivery systems (Common App or Coalition App) require official transcripts and secondary school information. In order to ensure timely processing of your online applications, communication with your counselor is vitally important.



### SENIOR ATHLETES

Senior athletes who have not completed the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse form should do so as soon as possible if they are interested in participating in collegiate sports at the Division I or II levels. NCAA procedures for the college-bound student athlete are available online at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). Transcript requests should be made through [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com).



## Register for the SAT Reasoning Test

Registration procedures for the 2023-2024 SAT Reasoning Test are posted online at the College Board website, [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register). The College Board requires a student photo as part of the registration process and late registration options have changed. The above changes are all part of enhanced security regulations put in place by the College Board.

*\* See page 9 of this Newsletter for information about Parkland High School's Fall SAT Prep Course that is designed to help your student better prepare for the SAT Reasoning Test on November 4.*

## Juniors and Sophomores

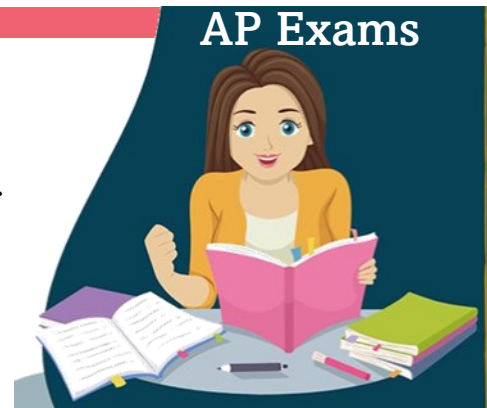
### PSAT Scheduled for Saturday, October 14

Juniors and sophomores are encouraged to take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) scheduled for **Saturday, October 14, 2023** at Parkland High School. The College Board allows this test to be administered only once every school year. Please mark this date on your calendar for future reference. Registration will take place in the Main Rotunda outside of the Counseling Office in early to mid-September. Students qualifying for free or reduced lunch may be eligible for a fee waiver.

## AP Exams

### Attention Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Takers

Sign-ups will take place **September 11, 2023 - November 1, 2023**. You must sign up during this period to avoid late fees. The cost is \$97 per exam. To register, please submit a check, payable to Parkland High School, in the correct amount. On the check, please include the student's name, ID number and name(s) of the AP Exam(s) scheduled to be ordered. If you receive free or reduced lunch, please reach out to Mr. Jeremy Gordon in the Counseling Office. Please see Mr. Gordon with any questions.



## Juniors and Seniors

### ASVAB Testing on September 20

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) will be offered at Parkland High School on **Wednesday, September 20**. The ASVAB is an excellent opportunity for juniors and seniors to complete a career aptitude test that examines different academic, mechanical and technical areas. Students interested in a military career must take this three-hour exam. The exam is free of charge and administered by military testing personnel at the high school; however, there is no obligation to meet with military recruiters if a student completes the test. **Registration for the ASVAB test will take place the first two weeks of September via a Google form in Schoology.**



## 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 and student ID# 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.



Class of  
2024

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

Class of  
2025

Junior class advisor  
Mrs. Lori McClure  
[mclurel@parklandsd.net](mailto:mclurel@parklandsd.net)

Class of  
2026

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

Class of  
2027

Freshmen class advisors  
Lauren Irizarry and Kylee Lobb  
[irizarryl@parklandsd.net](mailto:irizarryl@parklandsd.net)  
[lobbk@parklandsd.net](mailto:lobbk@parklandsd.net)



FIND YOUR *spark*,  
LIGHT A *fire* &  
USE IT TO *burn away*  
THE SELF-DOUBT.



Parkland High School will offer an SAT Prep Course this fall to help students prepare for the SAT Exam that will be administered on **Saturday, November 4, 2023.**

Students who participate in this course will receive preparation for both the verbal and math portions of the SAT exam. The **verbal** classes will help students prepare for the verbal section of the SAT by providing practice, test taking strategies, and test simulation in the areas of critical reading, evidence-based writing, and contextual vocabulary. The **math** classes will help students prepare for the math section of the SAT by providing practice, test taking strategies, and simulated test taking in the areas of algebra, geometry and trigonometry including problem solving, data analysis, and practice in ratios, rates and proportional relationships.



AFTER-SCHOOL SESSION **3 - 5 PM** AT PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
OR VIRTUAL EVENING SESSION **6:30 - 8:30 PM**

The course will consist of 10 two-hour sessions, five for each of the verbal and math components of the SAT exam. Students may register for one SAT prep session: either an after-school session (3 - 5 PM) at PHS or a virtual evening session (6:30 - 8:30 PM).

#### Important information about the course:

- ◇ The 10-class session course will begin on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 and continue through Wednesday, November 1, 2023.
- ◇ Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays.
- ◇ Students will have a choice of an after-school session from 3 - 5 PM **or** a virtual evening session from 6:30 - 8:30 PM as seen in the schedule on the right. In the interest of scheduling, students may **only** select one session, after-school or evening, and may not combine after-school and evening sessions.
- ◇ **The cost for the 10-class session is \$90** to cover class materials. Checks should be made payable to Parkland School District. Please mail the check to Parkland High School, attention Mrs. McLeod or drop off your payment in the designated wall-mounted drop box in the lobby near the Main Office.
- ◇ Course registration opens **Wednesday, August 30, 2023.** Registration closes **Friday, September 15, 2023 at 3PM.** **Registration is on a first-to-sign-up, first-to-pay basis only, so register early as space is limited.**
- ◇ The course textbook will be available for students who have completed the online registration AND whose payment has been received. The book is theirs to keep. Fully registered students will receive confirmation of their registration and information about textbook distribution via e-mail.
- ◇ Once a student receives their SAT Prep Book, the \$90 fee is non-refundable.

**Click Here to Register!**

#### Fall SAT Prep Course Schedule

	Last Names A - L	Last Names M - Z
Wednesday, 9/20	Verbal	Math
Wednesday, 9/27	Math	Verbal
Monday, 10/2	Verbal	Math
Wednesday, 10/4	Math	Verbal
Monday, 10/16	Verbal	Math
Wednesday, 10/18	Math	Verbal
Monday, 10/23	Verbal	Math
Wednesday, 10/25	Math	Verbal
Monday, 10/30	Verbal	Math
Wednesday, 11/1	Math	Verbal

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. McLeod at 610-351-5615 or e-mail [mcleodj@parklandsd.net](mailto:mcleodj@parklandsd.net).



# AUGUST SEPTEMBER

## Upcoming events

Saturday  
August  
19

New Student Gathering 10 - 11:30 AM (Cafeteria)

Wednesday  
August  
23

9th Grade and New Student Orientation 7:40 - 11 AM (start in Auditorium)

Friday  
25

Football vs. Pocono Mountain West - Youth Night 7 PM (Orefield Stadium)

Monday  
August  
28

First Day of School

"B" Schedule

Garter Bowl Sign Ups Begin during Lunches (Cafeteria)

Tuesday  
August  
29

"B" Schedule

ID Day for New Students

Wednesday  
30

Fall SAT Prep Course Registration Begins

Friday  
1

**SCHOOL CLOSED - Holiday**

Monday  
4

Labor Day

**SCHOOL CLOSED - Holiday**

Thursday  
7

"B" Schedule

New Student/Parent Orientation 6 PM (Auditorium)

Open House 7 - 9 PM

Tuesday  
12

11th Grade Pictures (Auditorium)





# BACK <sup>to</sup> SCHOOL



Wednesday  
13

10th Grade Pictures (Auditorium)

Thursday  
14

9th Grade Pictures (Auditorium)

Friday  
15

Student Involvement Fair (Main Gym)  
Fall SAT Prep Registration Ends **3 PM**  
Football vs. Nazareth **7 PM** (Orefield Stadium)

Saturday  
16

Girls Volleyball Invitational

Wednesday  
20

ASVAB Testing **7:30 - 10:30 AM**  
SAT Prep Classes **3 - 5 PM** (PHS) and **6:30 - 8:30 PM** (Virtual)

Friday  
22

"B" Schedule  
Senior Photo

Monday  
25

**SCHOOL CLOSED - Professional Development Day**

Wednesday  
27

SAT Prep Classes **3 - 5 PM** (PHS) and  
**6:30 - 8:30 PM** (Virtual)

Friday  
29

Football vs. Whitehall  
Shirt Off Your Back Night  
**7 PM** (Orefield Stadium)





## ADVERTISE ON THE PARKLAND ATHLETIC FIELDS



CONTACT MRS. NICOLE MCGALLA  
AT [MCGALLAN@PARKLANDSD.NET](mailto:MCGALLAN@PARKLANDSD.NET)  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING.

**SOCCER FIELD: \$500**

**FOOTBALL FIELD: \$2,000**





# SAVE THE DATE

## FRIDAY 10.6.23

### BROOKSIDE COUNTRY CLUB



Parkland School District  
**Education Foundation**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER ONLINE, VISIT [WWW.PARKLANDSD.ORG/FOUNDATION](http://WWW.PARKLANDSD.ORG/FOUNDATION)



# HOMECOMING

Homecoming 2023 will run the week of October 8. School is closed that Monday, so we will have four Spirit Days that will be announced after school starts.

Adventure  
★ Awaits ★

## GARTER BOWL

Sign-ups for girls in all grades will take place the first week of school.



Garther Bowl sign-ups will take place **August 28 - September 8** during lunches. LCTI students may sign up during their morning homeroom period in the Auditorium lobby.

The cost for each girl to play is \$15. This price includes a personalized t-shirt and a mouthpiece. All required paperwork and money must be paid in order to sign up.

There is a mandatory "Meet The Coaches" meeting on **Monday, September 11 at 3 PM** in the Cafeteria.

Girls who are interested in playing in the Garther Bowl on **Wednesday, October 11 at 6 PM** (rain date October 12) should mark their calendars now. Practices will be set by the individual coaches for each team.



## FOOTBALL GAME and FLOAT PARADE

Float building and the Homecoming Football Game with the Float Parade are set for Friday, **October 13**.

## HOMECOMING DANCE

The Homecoming Dance will take place **Saturday, October 14**. Tickets will be sold in the Cafeteria during lunches **October 5 - 13**. LCTI students may purchase tickets before school in the Auditorium lobby that same week. Only PHS students are invited to attend the dance and appropriate school-approved attire is required at the event.



CURIOSITY  
IS THE SPARK  
BEHIND THE  
SPARK  
OF EVERY GREAT IDEA.  
THE FUTURE BELONGS TO  
THE CURIOUS.

Look for more information to come in the  
October Parent Newsletter.

# Trojan Art Gallery

**Creativity throughout Parkland** will be showcased throughout the month of September, featuring an overview of K-12 artworks created by Parkland School District students.



Drawing (above) by  
2016 Parkland graduate,  
Kasandra Brittenburg.

Please email Christopher Barrett if you are a community artist and interested in having your artwork featured in the Trojan Art Gallery.



## social media

The Department of Visual & Performing Arts now has their own social media pages to promote the amazing activities and achievements in music, art, theatre, and dance throughout the Parkland School District. Please 'like' our pages to stay up to date on the latest information from our department.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ParklandArts/>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/parkland.arts/>

# PARKLAND ART

visual & performing arts



## A-Wing Summer Activities

Practices and rehearsals for the 2023-2024 academic year for our music and dance programs are already in progress. The Dance Team, Strolling Strings, Marching Band, Color Guard, Chorale, Fall Play, and Stage Crew all spent time in the building this summer getting ready for the upcoming year. We are excited for these groups to perform for our community throughout the next year.

## 2023 Trojan Marching Band

Make sure to come cheer on the Trojan Marching Band under the lights at halftime this season. This year's show features the music of *Earth, Wind & Fire*, *American R&B* and disco band: *'Let's Groove Tonight'* and *'In the Stone.'* Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member, *Earth, Wind & Fire* has won six Grammy Awards and four American Music Awards. Come out to the first home football game on Friday, August 25 to support the football team, cheerleaders, and our Trojan Marching Band. These students and their directors are hard at work preparing for an exciting season.

## Festival of the Arts May 16 - 18

It is never too early to mark your calendar for the 2024 Festival of the Arts: May 16 - 18.

We are always looking for additional artists, sponsors and volunteers.

Please contact the office of Visual and Performing Arts for more information.

Mark your  
calendar!





TICKETS  
GO ON SALE  
SEPTEMBER 11  
AT NOON

# PETER AND THE ST★ CATCHER

Peter and the Starcatcher  
OCTOBER 6 - 8, 2023

## Fall Play

*Peter and the Starcatcher* upends the century-old story of how a miserable orphan boy becomes the legendary Peter Pan. From marauding pirates and jungle tyrants to unwilling comrades and unlikely heroes, *Peter and the Starcatcher* playfully explores the depths of greed and despair . . . and the bonds of friendship, duty and love. A young orphan and his mates are shipped off from Victorian England to a distant island ruled by the evil King Zarboff. They know nothing of the mysterious trunk in the captain's cabin, which contains a precious, otherworldly cargo. At sea, the boys are discovered by a precocious young girl named Molly, a Starcatcher-in-training who realizes that the trunk's precious cargo is starstuff, a celestial substance so powerful that it must never fall into the wrong hands. When the ship is taken over by pirates - led by the fearsome Black Stache, a villain determined to claim the trunk and its treasure for his own - the journey quickly becomes a thrilling adventure.

Admission prices are \$10 for students and seniors (65+); \$12 for adults. Tickets will go on sale on **Monday, September 11** at noon. They are only available through our ticketing partner, [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com).





Fall 2023

## Artworks Adult Classes

- ♦ *Introduction to Oil Painting*
- ♦ *Explorations In A New Ceramic Medium:  
Porcelain Paper Clay*

Please visit

<https://www.parklandsd.org/departments/arts/artworks>  
for more information and to  
register for a class.

Registration deadline is  
Friday, September 15, 2023.



## Family Show

*Disney's Frozen JR.*

November 17 - 19, 2023

The enchanting modern classic from Disney is ready for the Parkland stage. *Frozen JR.* is based on the 2018 Broadway musical, and brings Elsa, Anna, and the magical land of Arendelle to life, onstage.

The show features all the memorable songs from the animated film, with music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, plus five new songs written for the Broadway production.

A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, *Frozen JR.* expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princess Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor, *Frozen JR.* is sure to thaw even the coldest heart.

Audition packets for *Frozen Jr.* will be available online and from the office of Visual & Performing Arts starting **Wednesday, August 23.**

Any student in 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> Grade (not in Parkland Chorale) is invited to audition for *Frozen Jr.*

**AUDITION  
PACKETS  
AVAILABLE  
STARTING  
AUGUST 23**





Sunday, September 10

## PARENTS

You're invited to

Join Us

*as volunteers for the*

***Post Prom Party 2024***

***Saturday, May 4 ~ Sunday, May 5  
11:30 PM ~ 5 AM***



Please join the planning sessions for  
this year's event on the following  
**Tuesdays at 7 PM**  
**in the PHS Library Classroom**

### No Meeting in September

October 10, 2023

November 14, 2023

### No Meeting in December

January 9, 2024

February 13, 2024

March 12, 2024

April 9, 2024

April 30, 2024

May 14, 2024  
(Wrap-Up Meeting)



The Post Prom Party provides a safe environment where  
students can continue the party after the Prom.



# Athletic news



## NEW IMPACT TEST REQUIREMENTS FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

St. Luke's is implementing new ImPACT standards starting this school year, 2023-2024.

All athletes in grade 11 and grade 12 are now required to take another ImPACT test to update their test results, even if they took the ImPACT test when they were in grade 9.

If your child is in grade 11 or grade 12, they should have taken a new ImPACT test before August 7.

All athletes entering grade 9 or who are new to the district or district sports must have an ImPACT test completed as well.

If you have any questions, please email Mr. Irizarry at [irizarryj@parklandsd.net](mailto:irizarryj@parklandsd.net)



**PARKLAND  
STUDENTS  
ADMITTED  
FREE  
TO REGULAR  
SEASON  
GAMES WITH  
STUDENT ID**

for  
Soccer  
Field Hockey  
Basketball  
Wrestling  
Lacrosse

COURTESY OF THE  
PARKLAND EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION







CONGRATULATIONS



The 2022 – 2023 year was another year to remember. Parkland won 10 EPC and 9 District XI Championships. Our Boys Volleyball team capped off the year with a State Championship in June at State College against Pittsburgh's Shaler Area High School.

### Fall 2023-2024 Season

Our teams are now rolling into the fall season with great sense of anticipation and excitement. Participation rates are again high with over 750 students signed for fall sports and we are looking forward to an exciting 2023 - 2024 athletic campaign. The first official practice date for football and golf was August 7. All other sports began practice on August 14.





# Information from the Health Room



The 2023-2024 school year is upon us. The goal of our nurses and Health Room staff is to maintain the health, safety and wellness of every student and ensure success in the classroom.



## Important Reminders

### Health Condition Updates

If your child has any health condition updates, please contact the Health Room to inform us of these changes.

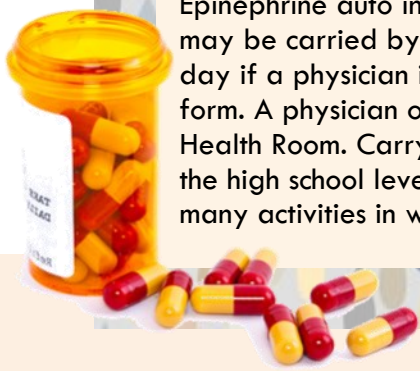
### Alert about All Medication

All prescription and nonprescription medication must be brought to the school by a parent or guardian and require the following to be administered during school hours:

- ♦ a doctor's order
- ♦ completed Medication Administration Consent and Licensed Prescriber form (Find it [here](#).)

### Emergency Medications

Epinephrine auto injectors and asthma inhalers may be carried by the student during the school day if a physician indicates this on the medication form. A physician order needs to be on file in the Health Room. Carrying emergency medications at the high school level is encouraged due to the many activities in which students are involved.



## Juniors

### Mandatory Physical

As mandated by the state of Pennsylvania, all students in grade 11 need to have a physical examination. This is best done by your family physician but may be done by the School Physician if you choose. The form for the school physical you received via email from the Health Room is the preferable paperwork to be completed. However, a PIAA High School Sport Physical or a copy of the Driver's Permit physical form may be used to complete this requirement.



Completed forms should be placed in an envelope marked "Health Room" and turned in at the Main Office or can be emailed to the Health Room [here](#). Please notify the Health Room as to how to you plan to complete this requirement.





## Seniors

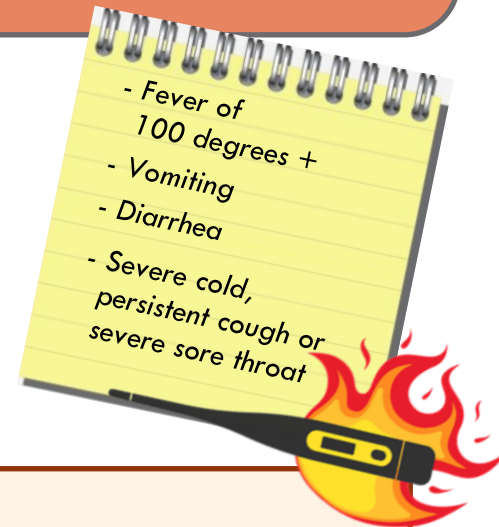
Required Immunization Deadline is **September 6, 2023**

The required immunization deadline for a second dose of meningococcal vaccine (MCV) for students in grade 12 at age 16 or older is September 6. Students need to show proof of this immunization to a school nurse on or before this date or risk exclusion.

## Guidelines for Staying Healthy this School Year

If your child is experiencing the symptoms shown on the right in the morning before school, please do not send him or her to school (even if they have a test or sporting event).

It is advised that a student should be fever free for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications, before returning to school.



### Latex Reminder

Several students at PHS have severe airborne Latex allergies.

To protect these students, PHS is a "Latex Free" environment.

Please do not send items containing Latex (like balloons) to the school.



### Forms

Forms are available for download on the [PHSwebsite](#).



### Contact the Health Room

If you have questions, please contact your PHS school nurse. The contact information for the Health Room is located on the school website and can be seen below:



Students with the last name:

A - G email Jackie Zolotsky, RN, CSN at [zolotskyj@parklandsd.net](mailto:zolotskyj@parklandsd.net)

H - P email Melissa Appleby, RN, CSN at [applebym@parklandsd.net](mailto:applebym@parklandsd.net)

Q - Z email Diane Seremula, RN, CSN at [seremulad@parklandsd.net](mailto:seremulad@parklandsd.net)

## Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Offers a Behind-the-Wheel Training Program

The CLIU-21 offers a Behind-the-Wheel program for high school students. If completed, students can take their PA Driver's License test at Parkland High School and save a trip to the DMV. For complete information and registration, go to [www.cliu.org](http://www.cliu.org). Click on Driver Education. Questions should be referred to 610-769-4111 x1299 or [driversed@cliu.org](mailto:driversed@cliu.org).





# Library Lines

**Welcome to our new freshmen and welcome back to all of our students. We are excited to start a new year in the Library.**

## **Hours**

- ♦ **Open at 7:20 AM before school**
- ♦ **Open for Study Halls during the school day**
- ♦ **Open after school until 4:30 PM**

**There is always a certified librarian available to help students with research projects.**



## **Makerspace**

The makerspace is open to students during study hall if there is not a class using the space. It is also open after school. The Library will be planning a lot of maker events during the school year that will be posted on Schoology.

## **Books**

Students have access to the PHS Library collection of fiction and non-fiction print books, e-books, audio books, and databases.

## **Freshmen and New Students**

Mrs. Dickerson and Mrs. Brader will meet with all incoming freshmen to review Library procedures. New students to the school are welcome to stop by and get an overview from our staff. We go out of our way to make the Library a safe space where students feel welcome and part of our school community. Please stop by and “check us out.”



A spark is a little  
thing, yet it may  
Kindle the world.

Mary Farquar Tupper







# Student Assistance Program (SAP)

We hope that you and your child had a wonderful summer.  
We look forward to helping your child have a smooth transition for the 2023-2024 school year.

## Services Available

We are excited to announce the SAP services that we are offering this year.  
Please see [this link](#) to our brochure that provides more information.

## Mid-Atlantic Rehabilitation Services (MARS)

Please see [this link](#) to an interview with Jeff Marchese from the Mid-Atlantic Rehabilitation Services so you have an understanding of how MARS can help you find outside services for your child. We can submit referrals for the remainder of the summer.

## Contact the SAP Team

As always, we are here to serve you. Consider addressing concerns early with your child in order to minimize negative effects throughout the school year. We are here to support you. Please give us a call at 610-351-5600 and ask for the SAP team or email Mrs. Lori Fitch at [fitchl@parklandsd.net](mailto:fitchl@parklandsd.net).



Happy Labor Day everyone!  
Thank you for your tireless work.





## YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE

# LOWEST PRICE OF THE YEAR

## ORDER NOW

**PRICE IS ONLY \$90 when you order your *Par Key* yearbook from September 1 - September 23, 2023**

- Price does not include tax. -

### SPRING SUPPLEMENT PAGES

2023 Yearbook supplement pages can be picked up in Room D131 if you did not receive your pages in the mail over the summer.

## SENIOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS



To have a senior portrait featured in the yearbook, please schedule an appointment with Frank Mitman, the official yearbook photographer, by calling 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 Friday, **December 1, 2023.** This date is earlier than in previous years.

## SENIOR BABY PICTURES

You may submit a baby photo of your senior for \$5. All photos must be submitted digitally using the Google form link [HERE](#) that opens on August 18. The deadline for submission is 2:44 PM on Friday, **November 10, 2023.**

Payments will be CASH ONLY and may be dropped off in an envelope with a note including the senior's name and ID# to Room D131 or to the Main Office c/o Mrs. Beck.

## SENIOR DEDICATIONS

Dedication ads can be placed by parents and guardians to congratulate their graduating seniors. These personal messages will appear in color in the yearbook, creating another opportunity to make this yearbook memorable for the Class of 2024. These paid dedications start at \$55. The deadline is midnight on Friday, **December 1, 2023.**

### NEW THIS YEAR

All dedications must be submitted digitally through the Jostens site where yearbooks are purchased. Beginning on August 18, you can go to the Jostens site to submit your ad. You should be prepared with your message and photo(s). If you did not purchase a photo package from Frank Mitman, there will be a \$10 fee to have a photo sent from his studio. More details can be found on the *Par Key* website. Payment for ads will be processed through the Jostens site along with your yearbook purchase.



Par Key's 2024  
Yearbook Information  
is available [HERE](#).



# yearbook

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our *Par Key* Yearbook editors and staff who won first place at the Jostens Gettysburg Yearbook Camp over the summer. They were recognized for 'Best in Show' and 'Best Visual.'

**The hero and the coward both feel exactly the same fear, only the hero confronts his fear and converts it into fire.**





*happy fall*



*Welcome*



PARENTS

Let's work together  
to spark a love  
of learning.

