

## Serving Parma, Parma Heights, & Seven Hills

### January 2025



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## DISTRICT NEWS FROM PARMA CITY SCHOOLS

## Happy 2025! Supporting Our Students Together

Happy New Year! We hope that 2025 has started in a positive manner for your family. We look forward to creating many positive experiences for our students in the coming 12 months!

Our Board of Education voted last week to place a 6.9 mill emergency operating levy on this May's ballot. Actualization of this plan will require a second vote, currently scheduled for February 3. 6.9 mills translates to an increase in property taxes of \$20.13 per month per \$100,000 of home value. Passage of the issue would help us to continue to provide our current level of curricular and extracurricular opportunities for students. Failure of the issue would force us to consider reductions of staffing and programming.

We cannot use district funds to campaign; however, we can use spaces such as these to share information about our district, including our financial state. We also invite you to email me at [smialekc@parmacityschools.org](mailto:smialekc@parmacityschools.org) if you have any questions about the content we distribute.

We consider the following to be important considerations as our residents consider the value of a Parma City Schools education:

- The Department of Education and Workforce recognized us in 2024 as one of the fastest improving districts in the state of Ohio.
- Our Career Technical Education programs received a perfect rating of *Five Stars* on the 2024 report card.
- 66% of our eleventh and twelfth grade students participate in Career Technical Education, earning free business credentials and college credits.
- We have carefully managed our budget and strategically utilized every funding source we can find to maintain a positive operating fund despite not passing a "new money" levy since 2011. Since 2018, we have reduced by \$1.9 million salaries paid to central office employees.

## Important Dates

**Jan 27 2025**

**PCSD: High School Information Night**

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Normandy & Valley Forge Auditorium

**Jan 28 2025**

**PCSD Kindergarten Launch Preview Night (Virtual)**

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Virtual

**Jan 30 2025**

**PCSD: Honors, AP, and CCP Night**

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Valley Forge High School Media Center

**Feb 4 2025**

**PCSD: Middle School Music Night**

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Valley Forge High School

**Feb 6 2025**

**PAGE: Clue Me In: A PAGE Mystery Event**

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Parma Park Elementary

**Feb 11 2025**

**Superintendent Town Hall**

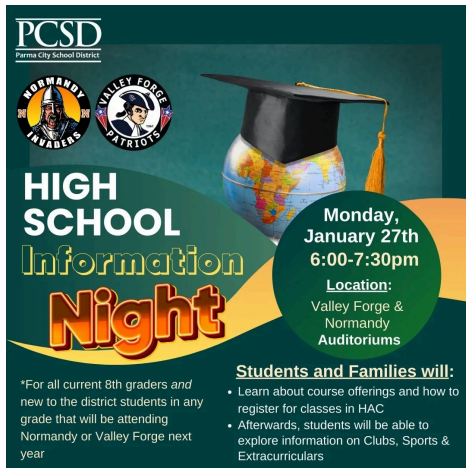
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Normandy Media Center

We will continue to share information as we progress through this spring. We appreciate your interest in and support for our students!

Thanks,

Charlie  
Superintendent



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**HIGH SCHOOL Information Night**

Monday, January 27th  
6:00-7:30pm  
Location: Valley Forge & Normandy Auditoriums

**Students and Families will:**

- Learn about course offerings and how to register for classes in HAC
- Afterwards, students will be able to explore information on Clubs, Sports & Extracurriculars

\*For all current 8th graders and new to the district students in any grade that will be attending Normandy or Valley Forge next year



**PARMA CITY SCHOOLS**  
**KINDERGARTEN LAUNCH ACADEMY**

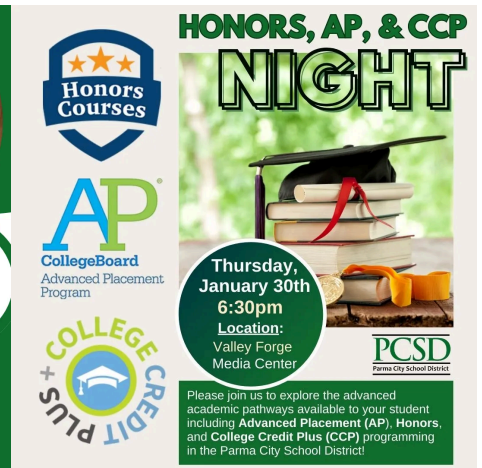
Designed as a foundational year before standard Kindergarten for students considered young compared to their classmates with a late spring or summer birthday between May 1 & September 30.

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL PROGRAM PREVIEW SESSION!  
**JANUARY 28TH 6:00PM**

**WHY ATTEND?**

- ✓ Learn about KLA program goals, components and commitment
- ✓ Hear highlights of daily teaching and learning instruction in KLA
- ✓ Understand the application process
- ✓ Ask questions as you consider if KLA is right for your student

**REGISTER TO ATTEND!**



**HONORS, AP, & CCP NIGHT**

**Honors Courses**  
**AP**  
CollegeBoard Advanced Placement Program  
**COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS**

Thursday, January 30th  
6:30pm  
Location: Valley Forge Media Center

Please join us to explore the advanced academic pathways available to your student including **Advanced Placement (AP)**, **Honors**, and **College Credit Plus (CCP)** programming in the Parma City School District!



**PCSD**  
**Middle School Music Nights**

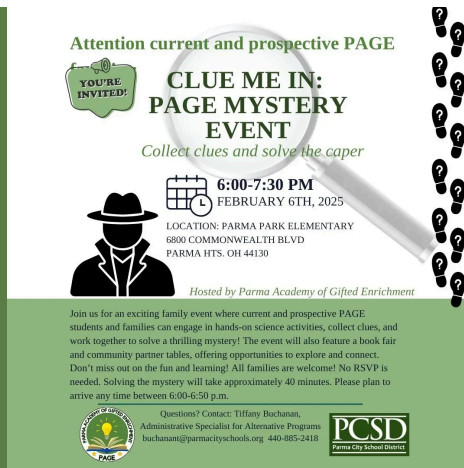
All incoming 5th graders are invited to learn about middle school band, choir, and orchestra. You will meet the middle school teachers, and get a chance to try out some music instruments as well!

**Dates: (please only attend one night)**  
Tuesday February 4th, 2025  
Wednesday February 12th, 2025

**Time:** 6-8PM

**Location:**  
VFHS Auditorium  
9999 Independence Dr.  
Parma Heights, OH 44130  
(Park in the lot off of York/Independence)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
Talk to your current music teacher or contact:  
Mrs. Teresa Tarkenton (VF Choir) at [ttarkenton@parmacityschools.org](mailto:ttarkenton@parmacityschools.org)



**Attention current and prospective PAGE**

**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
**CLUE ME IN: PAGE MYSTERY EVENT**  
Collect clues and solve the caper

**6:00-7:30 PM**  
FEBRUARY 6TH, 2025

**LOCATION:** PARMA PARK ELEMENTARY  
6800 COMMONWEALTH BLVD  
PARMA HTS. OH 44130

Hosted by Parma Academy of Gifted Enrichment

Join us for an exciting family event where current and prospective PAGE students and families can engage in hands-on science activities, collect clues, and work together to solve a thrilling mystery! The event will also feature a book fair and community partner tables, offering opportunities to explore and connect. Don't miss out on the fun and learning! All families are welcome! No RSVP is needed. Solving the mystery will take approximately 40 minutes. Please plan to arrive any time between 6:00-6:50 p.m.

Questions? Contact: Tiffany Buchanan,  
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**SUPERINTENDENT TOWN HALL**

**February 11, 2025**

Superintendent Dr. Charles Smialek will share district updates and answer community questions.

The PCSD Curriculum and Instruction Department will be sharing updates with the attending departments, including Curriculum, Alternative Programs, Career Tech, Community & Family Connections, and Exceptional Students. These updates will provide valuable insights into the ongoing initiatives across these areas.

To submit a question email [cooneym@parmacityschools.org](mailto:cooneym@parmacityschools.org) or text 440-902-1021.

**START TIME: 6:15PM**  
**NORMANDY HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

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