



MAY

PARKLAND

HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT NEWSLETTER



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ISSUE:

Graduation
Information

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



*All Information
in this Newsletter
is subject to
change.*



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we welcome the spring (finally), I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support of our school community. Our students are embracing their fourth marking period challenges and working diligently to finish the year on a high note. From academic achievements to extracurricular successes, it has been a joy to see their hard work and dedication shine. As we head into the final stretch of the school year, we look forward to finishing strong together and celebrating all that our students have accomplished.

Academics:

As the fourth marking period gets underway it is very important for our students to remain focused on their academic success. Please encourage them to continue to do their best and finish off the year on a high note. Please feel free to contact your students' teachers, counselors, or administrators if your student is struggling in any academic area.

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Spring is also testing season at Parkland High School. The SAT exam will be administered on May 2, the Advanced Placement Exams will be administered from May 4-15, and the Keystone Exams will be administered on May 11-19. **We are implementing a modified Keystone Exam Schedule that is outlined on page 7 of this newsletter.**

Arts:

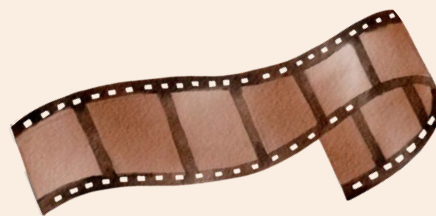
The **23rd annual Parkland Festival of the Arts** will take place on May 14-16. Please consider visiting the High School to support our fantastic Arts programming and students. Mark your calendars for the FOTA kick off on May 14 with the PHS Art show from 6 - 8 PM and Chorus concert starting at 7 PM. Then join us for the 2nd annual Family Dance Night on Friday May 15 at 5 PM. Bring your friends and family to the high school auditorium to learn a dance and have fun. Then, on Saturday during FOTA you will have two opportunities to join our flash mob and perform the dance along with all the other fun events happening that day from 10 AM - 4 PM.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our **spring musical** performances that occurred in April. Congratulations to the cast, crew, and pit who entertained us with their performance of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying!* I truly hope you were able to attend one of the performances. Seeing our students showcase their vocal, acting, comedic, musical, and dancing talents was truly a joy.

Athletics:

Our spring sports teams are deep into their seasons and are getting ready for EPC and District XI competitions. Congratulations to our **Boys Tennis** team for capturing the EPC Tournament Championship. In addition, congratulations to **Derek Yao** who won the District XI Singles Championship.

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One day my kids will look through my camera roll and laugh at how many photos I took of them doing absolutely nothing. But maybe then they'll understand - nothing about them ever felt ordinary to me.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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Athletics continued:

Our **Boys and Girls Track and Field** teams finished their seasons as undefeated EPC regular season champions.

All of our student athletes and coaches have done a great job so far this spring and we wish them good luck for the remainder of the season. Underclassmen should mark their calendars for our fall sports physicals which will occur on June 4 from 5 - 8:30 PM in the High School Auxiliary Gym.



Seniors:

Please keep note of the following dates as the school year begins to wind down.

- **Senior Prom** will be held on Saturday, May 2, from 7 - 11 PM at SteelStacks in Bethlehem.
- I highly recommend students also attend **Parkland's Post Prom Party** at PHS immediately following the Prom.
- The **last day of scheduled classes** for all seniors is Friday, May 22.
- **Finals for seniors** will occur on May 21-June 2.

The **Class of 2026 Graduation** will be held at 7 PM on Wednesday, June 3 at the PPL Center. **Graduation practice**, which is mandatory for participating seniors, will be held at 8:30 AM at the PPL Center. See pages 19-22 for more information.

Underclassmen:

The last full day of school for underclassmen is June 3. Finals for underclassmen will occur on June 2-9.

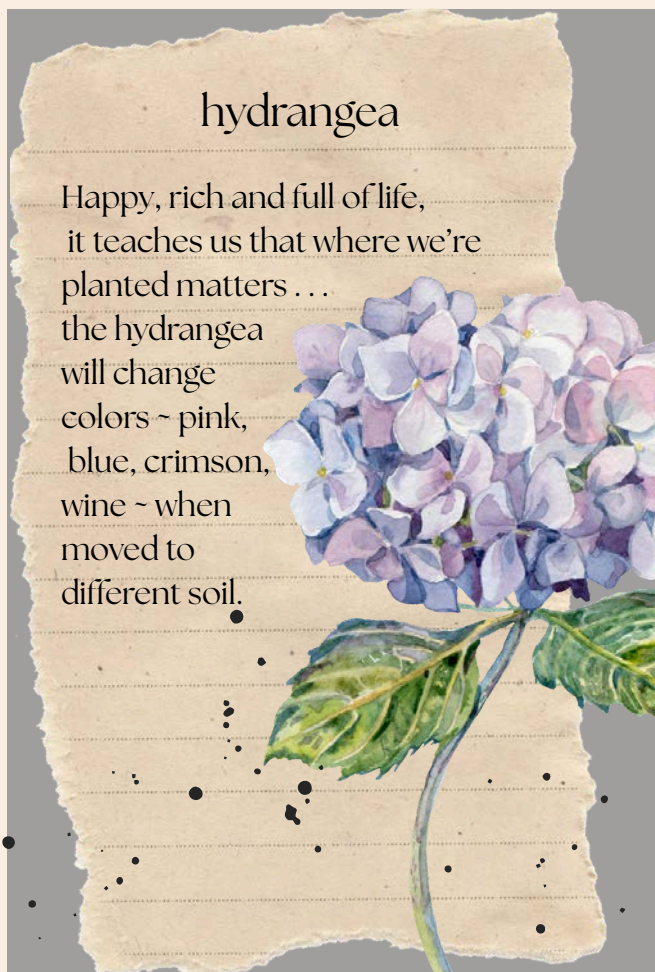
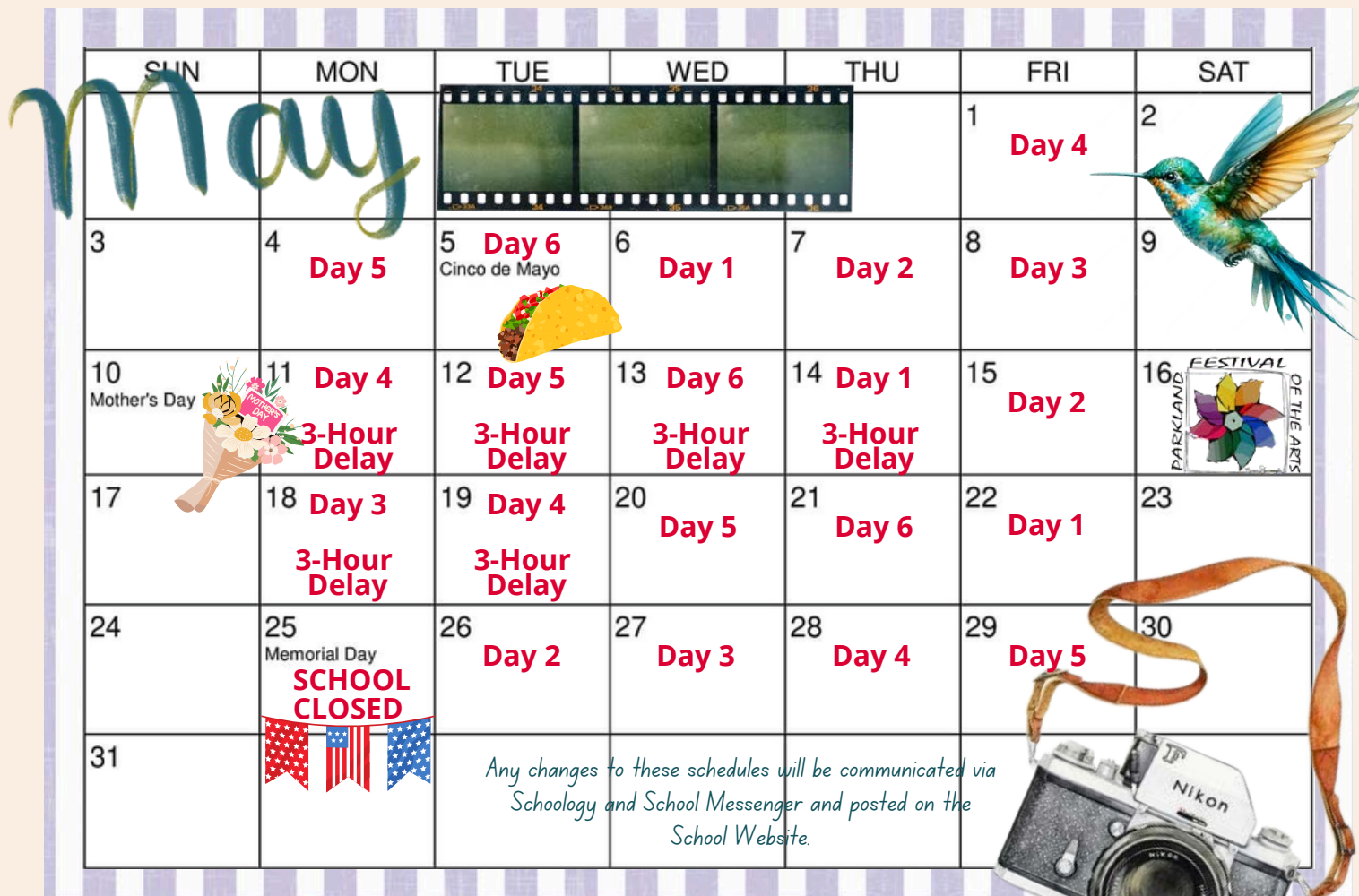
I hope your student and family enjoy a safe and healthy end to the school year.

Sincerely,

Nathan T. Davidson

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





BELL SCHEDULES

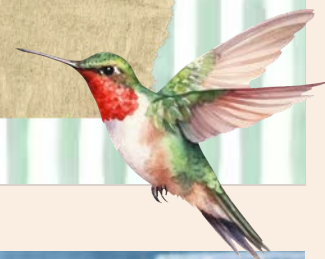
PERIOD	A SCHEDULE (Regular Day)	B SCHEDULE (Homeroom)	C SCHEDULE (Early Dismissal)	D SCHEDULE (2-Hour Delay)
	7:35 Warning Bell	7:40-7:50	7:35 Warning Bell	9:35 Warning Bell
1	7:40-8:29	7:54-8:37	7:40-8:20	9:40-10:09
2	8:33-9:17	8:41-9:24	8:24-9:00	10:13-10:39
3	9:21-10:05	9:28-10:11	9:04-9:40	10:43-11:09
4	10:09-10:53	10:15-10:58	---	11:13-11:43
5	10:57-11:41	11:02-11:45	---	11:47-12:17
6	11:45-12:29	11:49-12:32	---	12:21-12:51
7	12:33-1:17	12:36-1:19	---	12:55-1:25
8	1:21-2:05	1:23-2:06	9:44-10:20	1:29-2:09
9	2:09-2:53	2:10-2:53	10:24-11:00	2:13-2:53

> 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 leave" must leave the school building and property immediately upon dismissal.
- ❖ Students who are approved for "late start" 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.



COUNSELING CORNER



COURSE CHANGE DEADLINE IS **MAY 29**

All requests for course changes for the 2026-2027 school year must be submitted to the Counseling Office no later than **Friday, May 29.**

Students looking to request a schedule change after the deadline date may do so during the first six days of the new school year.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING MAY 4 - MAY 15 **AP**

Advanced Placement Testing takes place for two weeks at Parkland High School, May 4 through May 15.

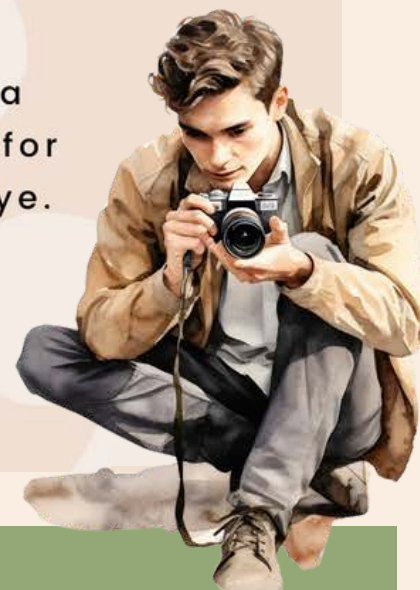
Parents and students should be aware that afternoon AP exams may not be completed before regular dismissal time. Afternoon testing must begin at noon, and several tests require four hours to complete, therefore, an alternate form of transportation home may be required.



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A camera is a
SAVE button for
the mind's eye.

— ROGER KINGSTON



ARE YOU MOVING OVER THE SUMMER?

If your family will be moving within the Parkland School District, please use the link below to upload two documents as proof of change of residency. Questions should be directed to the Parkland School District Central Registration Office at 610-351-5870 (press 1).

CLICK HERE 

If you are moving outside of the district, please contact the Parkland High School Counseling Office at 610-351-5610 to withdraw your child from school. At that time, we will provide the academic and medical documents necessary to ensure a smooth transition to your new school district.



PHS Students JOBS BOARD



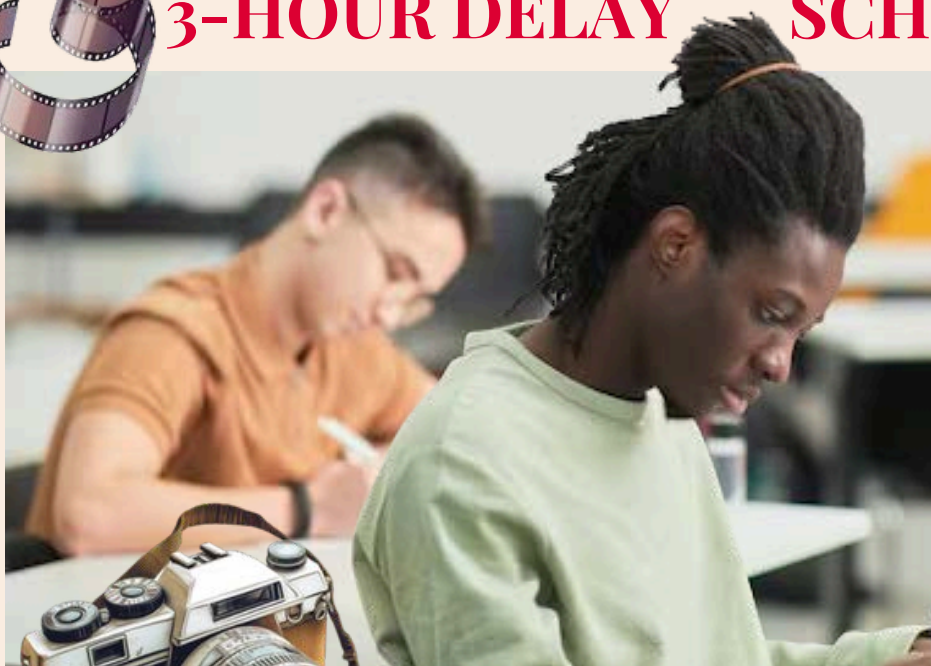
Virtual Jobs
Volunteer Jobs

Internships
JOB

- New postings added regularly.
- Great resource for current PHS students.



SPRING KEYSTONE EXAMS 3-HOUR DELAY SCHEDULE



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

Please review the Pathways to Graduation **HERE**.

If you are a student in grades 9 - 11 who has already taken the Keystone Exam and have not yet achieved proficiency or if you are new to Parkland and have no record of taking the Keystone Exam or similar state test and intend to graduate on the Keystone Proficiency or Keystone Composite Pathways, then you must sign up for Spring Keystone Exams.

**SIGN UP
HERE**



WE WILL FOLLOW A 3-HOUR DELAY SCHEDULE ON KEYSTONE TESTING DAYS.

Click on the lens below to see the schedule.



LITERATURE

May 11 - 12

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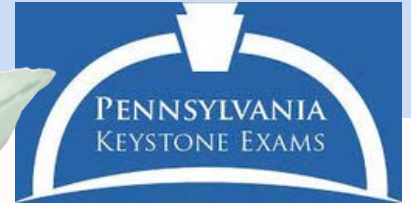
May 13 - 14

BIOLOGY

May 18 - 19

Spring Keystone Remediation Bootcamps

After School Bootcamps for Spring Biology and Algebra keystones start this month.



[Algebra I Bootcamp Flyer](#)

[Algebra I Bootcamp Sign Up](#)

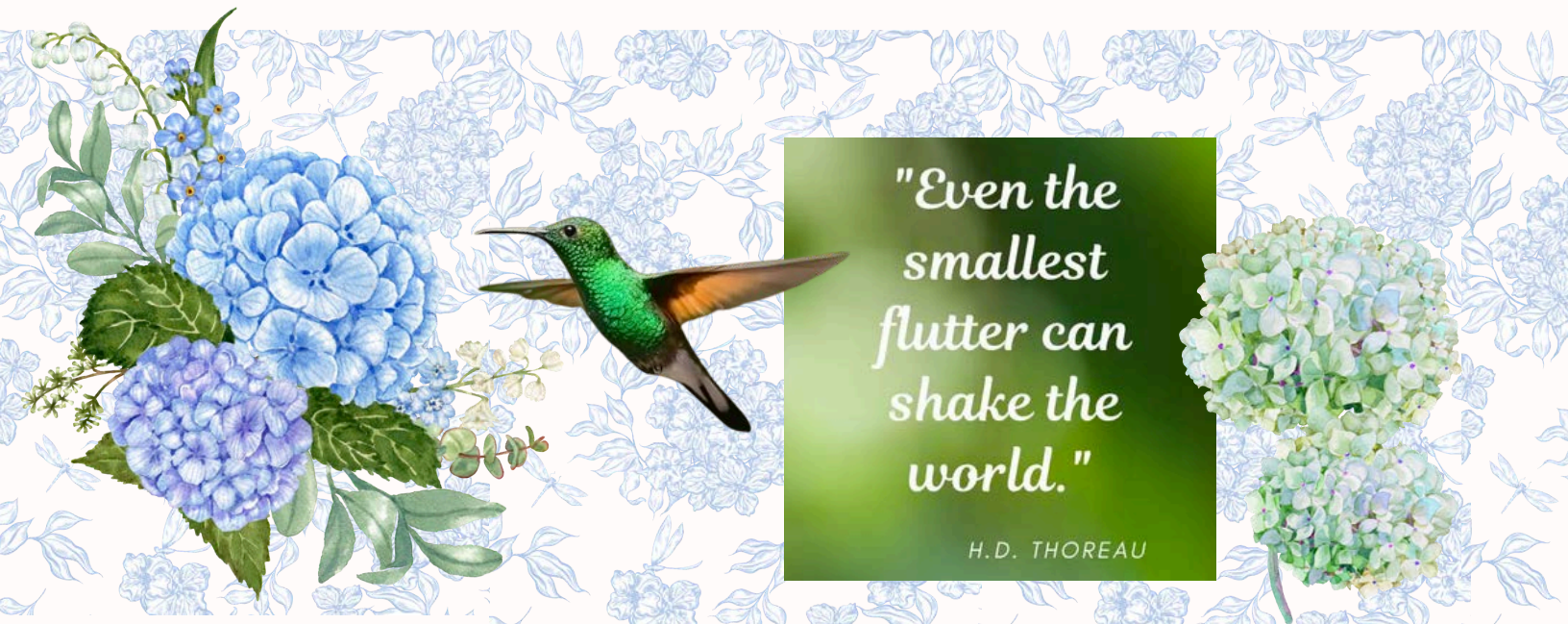
[Biology Bootcamp Flyer](#)

[Biology Bootcamp Sign Up](#)



Parkland High School Students Eligible to Participate in Boot Camps:

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



Career Explorations Course



Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

If you have not yet completed the Career Explorations course -- this is for you.

- If you had physical education this semester, you had an introduction in August. Students who have physical education in the second semester will get an introduction at that time.
- Sophomores and NEW Juniors/Seniors, the course will be added during the 4th quarter of your sophomore year; however, you should complete the course before May 2026.
- Juniors and Seniors who attended Parkland last year had the course added; however, you received an unsatisfactory score if it was not completed. You need to complete this course to graduate.

About the Career Explorations Program

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.

Students will learn:

- **Self-assessment skills**
- **To research major and career alternatives**
- **To make decisions based on 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 0.5 credit. Course completion does not factor into GPA or class work.



Click on the documents below for information about what needs to be completed for each grade level:

[Grade 9](#)

[Grade 10](#)

[Grade 11](#)

[Grade 12](#)

Seniors

Career Explorations is a Pennsylvania Department of Education requirement for graduation and must be completed by May 2026.

Students can access specifics about the expectations for Career Explorations on "Class of XXXX" course in Schoology. The Schoology page has a screencast to walk the students through the program and the course requirements. If your child has any trouble completing this assignment or if he/she has any further questions, please have your child see their guidance counselor, or contact Mrs. McPeck in the Counseling Office at mcpeeka@parklandsd.net or Mr. Monahan in the PHS Library at monahanj@parklandsd.net.



PARKLAND STUDENTS GET FIRST-HAND EDUCATION

More than 50 Parkland High School sophomore and junior English and Social Studies CEW students are placed around the Lehigh Valley in job shadowing opportunities at the following companies this spring:

- Albright's Hardware & Garden Center
- Allentown Municipal Golf Course
- Art's Service Center
- Atlas Machining & Welding
- Barry Isett & Associates
- Brey & Krause Manufacturing Co.
- Cetronia Ambulance Corps
- City of Allentown (Garage)
- Comfort Generation HVAC
- Cravings by Dorcaris
- Dalla's Machine
- Dorneyville Dental
- Dreisbach's Automotive
- Dynalene, Inc.
- EF Laudenslager
- Enter.Net
- Fenon Plumbing & Remodeling
- Hill Metal Co.
- Image Hair Salon
- Infradapt
- J & B Auto
- Jerdon Construction
- La Dolce Vita Italian Bakery
- LCTI Public Relations
- Lehigh County Dispatch
- Lesavoy Pediatric Dentistry

- Long's EcoWater Systems
- Lutron Electronics Co.
- Morgan's Local Flavor
- Nacci Printing, Inc.
- Parkland SD Facilities & Operations Department
- Parkland SD Community Relations Department
- Precision Roll Grinders
- Reliable Auto Body
- RL Reppert
- Schearer's Sales & Service
- Simply Smooth Catering
- Sorensen Construction

- St. Luke's Volunteer Program
- Tease Salon
- The Hive
- The Salon
- Tighe Orthodontics
- Tim Beil Plumbing
- Trendz Salon
- Veterans Elementary
- Wagner & Sons Machine Shop
- Walbert Avenue Auto Center
- World of Imagination at LCTI
- Zellner Welding



SPRING 2026

OUR PHS CEW JOB-SHADOW PROGRAM IS OFF TO A GREAT START!



WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT



THANK YOU FOR YOUR 10+ YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO OUR PROGRAM AND FOR BEING WONDERFUL MENTORS TO OUR PRE-ENGINEERING AND DRAFTING /CAD STUDENTS!

CAREER AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Jennifer Goodwin

Victaulic Company

Senior Counsel



A strong work ethic and critical thinking skills are key. The majority of my career has been spent advising business colleagues about entering into a contract or pursuing a new business relationship. It is important to listen to what they want to accomplish, think through potential scenarios, and provide helpful feedback that allows the business to evaluate their options.

Trust your instincts and have confidence in yourself. Don't be afraid to speak up in a meeting if you have an idea, but if you do, speak with conviction and believe in what you are saying.

I will make sure to block my work calendar for times I know I have something personal so no one schedules a meeting.



Brad Maier

Brad Maier State Farm

Insurance Agent / Owner



Build a strong network of personal and professional individuals. It allows you to learn from others and grow as a person and into the professional career that gives you satisfaction.

You don't have to be the best public speaker or the smartest person, but you need to know how to interact with different types of people. They will have different work ethics and values, but this is why people skills are so important . . . because you still need to achieve the same goals together.

The US work culture is characterized by a strong emphasis on productivity and a relentless work ethic. . . .this was a big part of my decision to open my own business. Yes, you want to provide for your family, but if it means that not being around that wasn't worth it to me.

ARTISTIC

CONVENTIONAL

Enterprising

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE FOR SENIORS

Final Exams are administered in Science, Social Studies, Math, English, and World Languages & ARE FULL SCHOOL DAYS FOR SENIORS.



DATES

Thursday, May 21 – Tuesday June 2, 2026

Thursday, May 21 "A" Schedule	SCIENCE FINAL EXAM DURING SCIENCE CLASS(ES) FULL DAY OF SCHOOL
Friday, May 22 "A" Schedule	SCIENCE FINAL EXAM DURING SCIENCE CLASS(ES) <i>LAST FULL DAY OF SCHOOL FOR SENIORS</i>
Monday, May 25	MEMORIAL DAY- NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, May 26	Periods 1 & 2 (7:40 AM – 9:17 AM) ENGLISH FINAL EXAM Periods 3 & 4 (9:21 AM – 10:53 AM) SOCIAL STUDIES FINAL EXAM
Wednesday, May 27	Periods 1 & 2 (7:40 AM – 9:17 AM) MATH FINAL EXAM Periods 3 & 4 (9:21 AM – 10:53 AM) WORLD LANGUAGE FINAL EXAM
Thursday, May 28	Periods 1 – 3 (7:40 AM – 10:05 AM) MAKEUP FINAL EXAMS DOUBLED-UP SUBJECT EXAMS ROOM C200
Friday, May 29	Periods 1 – 3 (7:40 AM – 10:05 AM) MAKEUP FINAL EXAMS DOUBLED-UP SUBJECT EXAMS ROOM C200
Monday, June 1	Periods 1 – 3 (7:40 AM – 10:05 AM) MAKEUP FINAL EXAMS DOUBLED-UP SUBJECT EXAMS ROOM C200
Tuesday, June 2	Periods 1 – 3 (7:40 AM – 10:05 AM) MAKEUP FINAL EXAMS DOUBLED-UP SUBJECT EXAMS ROOM C200

Exemption Notifications

- **Tuesday, May 19 OR Wednesday, May 20**
Notification of exemption status given in Science
- **Friday, May 22**
Notification of exemption status given in English, Social Studies, Math, and World Language

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.

Final Project vs. Final Exam

If a final project is assigned, it will be completed by all seniors on or by the final exam date. If a final exam is assigned, seniors must report to school to take the exam during the designated time. Teachers will communicate the exam format to their students.

Additional Notes

- Exam periods follow bell schedules.
- **Thursday, May 28, Friday, May 29, Monday, June 1 & Tuesday, June 2 are for makeup exams only.** Seniors do not report if they have completed all exams and/or projects.

- Course specific questions should be directed to students' teacher(s).
- For attendance-related questions, please contact the PHS Attendance Office at 610-351-5655.
- All other questions can be directed to Assistant Principal, Mrs. Terri Plattner, at plattnert@parklandsd.net.



**** Seniors ONLY** report to the exam periods if they have a final exam on May 26 and May 27. Classroom locations will be shared prior to exams. If there is a required project or student is exempt, they do not attend the exam period. If a makeup exam is needed, students must report on one of the makeup days listed.

Underclassmen Final Exam Schedule

TUESDAY, JUNE 2 - TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Final Exams are administered in Science, Social Studies, Math, English, and World Languages.

SCIENCE FINAL EXAMS

will be administered in class on

Tuesday, June 2 and **Wednesday, June 3.**

These are full days of school.

Students then take their core exams following their regularly assigned schedule as follows, with Tuesday, June 9 designated for makeup exams.

NOTE: Students who have completed all exams and/or projects do not report on June 9.

Projects vs. Test

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

Exemptions

Exemption notifications will be given to all students by **Monday, June 1**. In instances where a class is using a project for the final exam, exemptions will not apply. Exemptions only apply where a traditional exam is administered.

Students who are exempt and/or have projects to complete instead of traditional exams do NOT need to report on final exam days.

Underclassmen Final Exam Schedule 2026			
TIMES	Thursday, 6/4 Day 3	Friday, 6/5 Day 4	Monday, 6/8 Day 5
7:40 - 8:44 AM	PERIOD 1	PERIOD 4	PERIOD 7
8:48 - 9:52 AM	PERIOD 2	PERIOD 5	PERIOD 8
9:56 - 11 AM	PERIOD 3	PERIOD 6	PERIOD 9
11 AM	DISMISSAL	DISMISSAL	DISMISSAL

Exam periods will be 64 minutes.



PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

PLTW



Technology and Engineering End of Course Assessment

Wednesday, May 20

Thursday, May 21

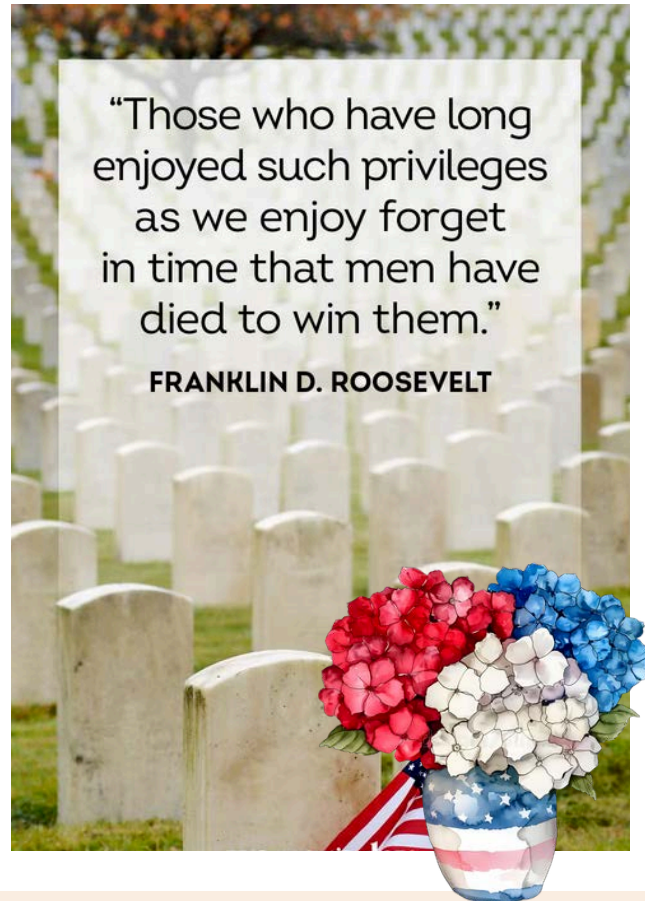
Biomedical Science End of Course National Exams

Seniors: May 21 and May 22

Underclassmen: May 28 and May 29



HONORING OUR NATION'S HEROES THIS **MEMORIAL DAY**



"Those who have long
enjoyed such privileges
as we enjoy forget
in time that men have
died to win them."

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Summer Driver Education Theory Course



Option 1

Face-to-Face Course at PHS

Deadline to Register:

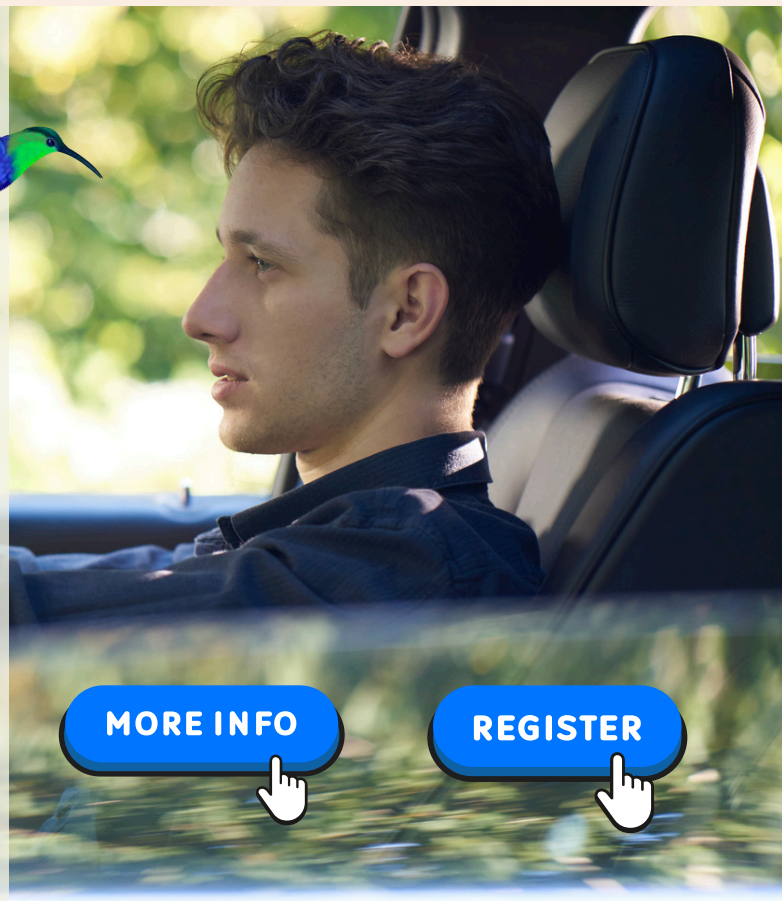
Friday, June 5, 2026

Option 2

Online Course through the CLIU

Deadline to Register:

Tuesday, June 30, 2026



MORE INFO



REGISTER



MAY

UPCOMING EVENTS



2 - 3
Saturday
Sunday

SAT Testing **7:45 AM Saturday**
Prom **7 - 11 PM Saturday** (SteelStacks)
Post Prom **11:30 PM - 5 AM** (PHS)

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Monday

Advanced Placement Testing Begins

6
Wednesday

Senior Citizen Dinner **5:30 PM** (Cafe)
Orchestra Spring Concert **7 PM**
(Auditorium)

Photography is the only
language that can be
understood anywhere in
the world

Bruno Barbey



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Monday

Literature Keystone Exams
3-Hour Delay Schedule
Springhouse 8th grade Visit **9 - 10:30 AM**

12
Tuesday

Literature Keystone Exams
3-Hour Delay Schedule
Springhouse 8th grade Visit **9 - 10:30 AM**
Post Prom Committee Wrap-Up
Meeting **7 PM** (Library Classroom)

13
Wednesday

Algebra Keystone Exams
3-Hour Delay Schedule

14
Thursday

Algebra Keystone Exams
3-Hour Delay Schedule
FOTA: Student Art Show **6 - 8 PM** (PHS)
Chorus Spring Concerts
6:30 PM & 8 PM (Auditorium)

CONTINUED...

MAY UPCOMING EVENTS

CONTINUED...

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Friday

FOTA: Family Dance Night **5 PM**
(Auditorium)

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Saturday

FOTA: Artists on the Quad
10 AM - 4 PM

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Monday

Biology Keystone Exams
3-Hour Delay Schedule

Springhouse 8th grade Visit **9 - 10:30 AM**

Academic Awards Ceremony **7 PM**
(Auditorium)

Biology Keystone Exams
3-Hour Delay Schedule

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Tuesday

Springhouse 8th grade Visit **9 - 10:30 AM**

Senior Speaker Tryouts (Main Office)

Senior Yearbook and Cap & Gown
Distribution at Lunches

Keystone Exam Makeups

Senior Chromebook/Charger Collection

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Wednesday

Senior Yearbook and Cap & Gown
Distribution at Lunches

Senior Speaker Tryouts (Main Office)

Athletic Awards Ceremony **5 PM**
(Auditorium)

Keystone Exam Makeups

Senior Chromebook/Charger Collection

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Thursday

Senior Science Final Exams in Class

FACS Nursery School Closing Program
10 AM (Auditorium)

Underclassmen Yearbook Distribution
at Lunches

Last Day of Classes for Seniors
(including Senior LCTI Students)

Senior Science Final Exams in Class

Underclassmen Yearbook Distribution
at Lunches

22

Friday

Keystone Exam Makeups

Senior Chromebook/Charger Collection

Senior Send-Off **3 PM** (Turf Field)



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Monday

SCHOOL CLOSED - HOLIDAY
Memorial Day

26

Tuesday

Senior Final Exams
(English - Periods 1 & 2)
(Social Studies - Periods 3 & 4)

Senior Concerto Concert **7:30 PM**
(Christ Lutheran Church)

27

Wednesday

Senior Final Exams in Class
(Math - Periods 1 & 2)
(Language - Periods 3 & 4)

Senior Makeup Final Exams
Periods 1 - 3 (Room C200)

28

Thursday

LCTI Senior Recognition Night
6:30 PM (PPL Center)

Senior Cabaret **6:30 PM** (Auditorium)

29

Friday

Senior Makeup Final Exams
Periods 1 - 3 (Room C200)

Last Day for Underclassmen to
Request Course Changes for 26-27

"A dead hydrangea is as intricate
and lovely as one in bloom."
— *Toni Morrison*



CLASS OF 2026 SENIOR PROM "STARRY NIGHT"



SATURDAY, MAY 2 AT STEELSTACKS
101 FOUNDERS WAY, BETHLEHEM, PA



5:30 - 6:30 PM

Parkland Shuttle Service from PHS to SteelStacks

6:15 PM

Check-in process begins at SteelStacks

6:15 - 7 PM

Guests can access the 2nd floor of SteelStacks for
photo booths and professional photos.

7 - 11 PM

Prom on the 3rd and 4th floors with
hors d'oeuvres, DJ and dancing

10 - 11:30 PM

Parkland Shuttle Service begins back to PHS

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

PROM TRANSPORTATION

- A Parkland Shuttle Service to Prom is available for students who signed up when they purchased their tickets.
- You may also use your own transportation or use a private limo service.



ALL PARKLAND PARENT VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AND NEEDED FOR SET UP ON THE AFTERNOONS OF MAY 1-2, TO DONATE BAKED GOODS, DRINKS AND PRIZES & HELP CHAPERONE ON THE NIGHT OF THE POST PROM PARTY!



POST PROM

PARENTS:

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN NEXT YEAR'S POST PROM?

PLEASE ATTEND THE POST PROM COMMITTEE WRAP UP MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026 AT 7 PM IN THE PHS LIBRARY CLASSROOM.

CLASS OF 2026 POST PROM PARTY
SATURDAY, MAY 2 at 11:30 PM - SUNDAY, MAY 3 at 5 AM

Parkland High School

@pp-phs26

UPON ARRIVAL

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

POST PROM TICKETS

- \$20 at the door for each senior who has not already purchased a ticket.
- Guest tickets purchased at the door are \$20.

Proudly Sponsored by:



Parkland High School
Class of 2025



CLASS OF 2026

SENIORS



GRADUATION TICKETS

Each senior will be given **6 tickets** at Commencement Practice.

You may request up to **4 additional** tickets by having your student access the Google form on Schoology. These tickets will be distributed at Commencement Practice.

Sections 104, 105, 110, 111, 209 and 210 are **handicapped accessible** for wheelchairs. Typically, every top-most row has ADA accessible seating. Signage is posted to direct guests that require accommodations.

All seating is first come, first served. Arrive at the venue early if you or someone in your party needs seating accommodations.

CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION

Jostens will be distributing pre-ordered caps and gowns during lunches

Tuesday, May 19 and Wednesday, May 20.

If students did not order their cap and gown unit, they may purchase it directly from Jostens at the time of distribution (\$50, cash only).

Full day LCTI students and Cyber students may pick up their caps and gowns in the Main Office either before school or after school starting on **Thursday, May 21.**

Online orders are now closed.

Please contact Mark Judy at Jostens with any questions.

Phone: 610-357-5271

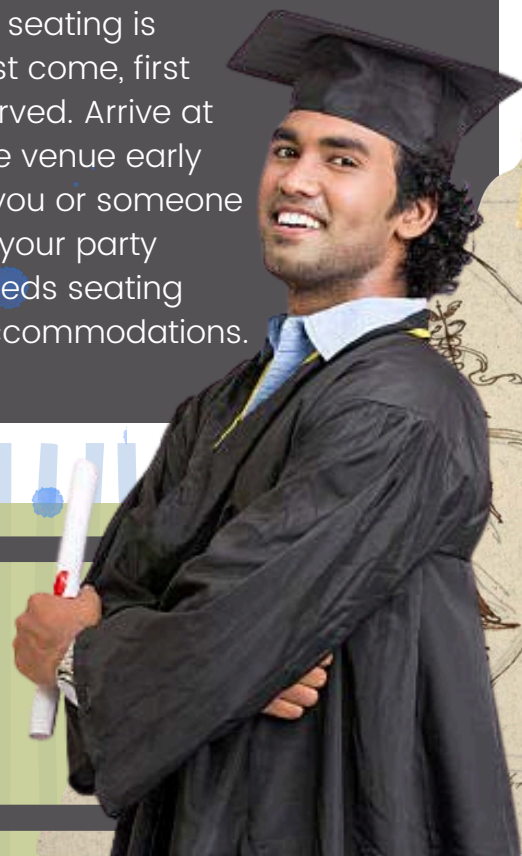
Email: judyoffice@jostens.com

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



COMMENCEMENT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026
7 PM
PPL CENTER





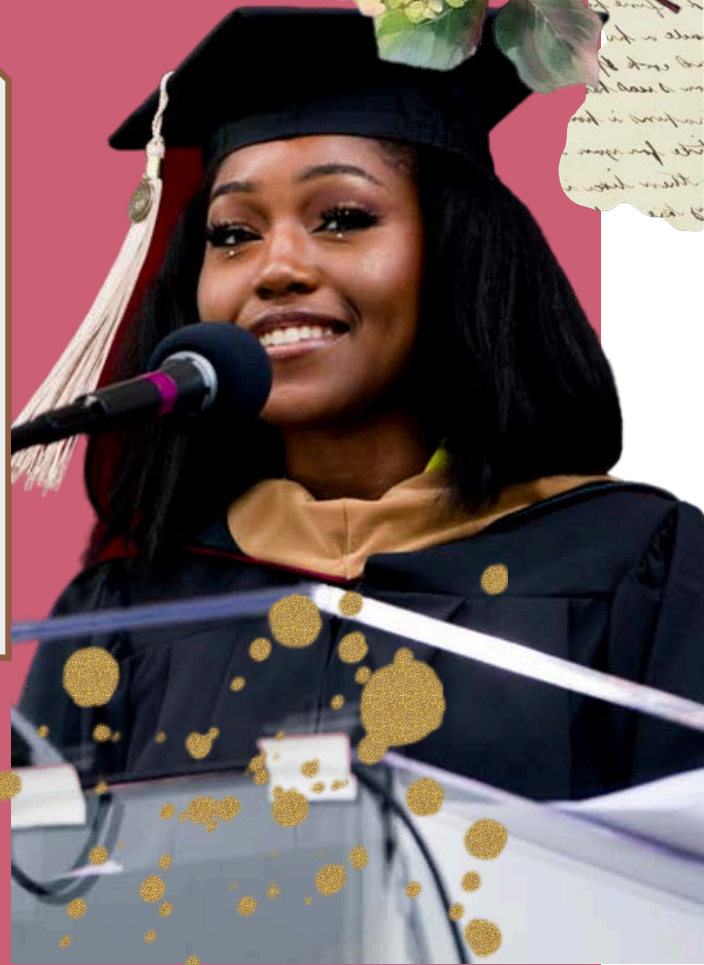
CLASS OF 2026

SENIORS



SENIOR SPEAKER TRYOUTS

- If your student wants to try out to be the Senior Speaker at the Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony, please sign up at <https://forms.gle/ws4dVAHcNM5LEjSRA>.
- The no-exception deadline to sign up is **Wednesday, May 6 at 11:59 PM**.
- Electronic copies of your 3-5 minute tryout speech is due to Mrs. George by **Friday, May 8**.
- Tryouts will be held from 7:45 - 10:30 AM in the Main Office Conference Room:
 - **Tuesday, May 19**
 - **Wednesday, May 20**
- Students should check Schoology for additional information.



GRADUATION LAWN SIGN SALE!
(Order your sign by May 8th)

ORDER ONLINE:
[PHS Graduation Lawn Sign Order Link](#)



CAFETERIA ACCOUNT BALANCES

- Please remember to turn off your autopay on your Cafeteria Account at <https://www.schoolcafe.com/ParklandSD>.
- Check your email for options to clear out your account balance.
- Contact Jessica Beller at bellerj@parklandsd.net with questions.

VISIT THE CLASS OF 2026 WEBPAGE
CLICK HERE TO STAY ON TOP OF IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION AS GRADUATION APPROACHES.

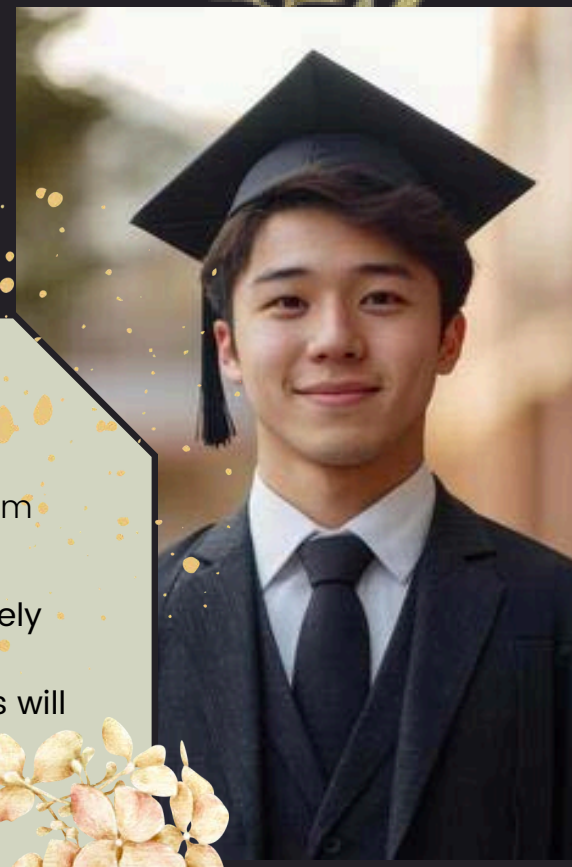


CLASS OF 2026

SENIORS

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIORS

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- MAY 2 and 3** – Senior Prom and Post Prom Party
 - MAY 8** – Last Day to Order a Graduation Lawn Sign
 - MAY 18** – Academic Awards Ceremony 7 PM Auditorium
 - MAY 19 & 20** – Senior Speaker Tryouts 7:45 – 10:30 AM Main Office
 - MAY 19 & 20** – Yearbook Distribution during Lunches
 - MAY 19 & 20** – Caps, Gowns & Jostens' Merchandise Distributed during Lunches (Cafeteria)
 - MAY 20** – Athletic Awards Ceremony 5 PM Auditorium
 - MAY 20 – 22** – Chromebook/Charger Collection
 - MAY 21 & 22** – Senior Science Final Exams in Class
 - MAY 22** – Last Day of Classes for Seniors (including LCTI), unless a Final Exam is Needed.
 - MAY 26** – Senior Final Exams in Class (English – Periods 1 & 2) (Social Studies – Periods 3 & 4)

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- MAY 27** – Senior Final Exams in Class (Math – Periods 1 & 2) (Language – Periods 3 & 4)
 - MAY 28** – Senior Cabaret 7 PM Auditorium
 - JUNE 1** – Visual and Performing Arts Awards 7 PM Auditorium

MORNING OF JUNE 3 – COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE

Commencement Practice at PPL Center runs approximately 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

- Bus transportation is provided from PHS. School buses will depart from the high school no later than 7:45 AM.
 - Students are permitted to drive to PPL Center. Students who drive should leave early to allow for traffic concerns and must pay for parking.
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EVENING OF JUNE 3 – CLASS OF 2026 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY 7 PM at PPL Center (Also available via Livestream). Grad Images will take photos as graduates accept their diplomas and as they leave the stage. Grad Images will send proofs via your student's school email account. All orders and correspondence must be made directly to the Grad Images company. Email Mrs. George, Assistant Principal, with any additional graduation questions at georgec@parklandsd.net.

CLASS OF 2026

SENIORS

SENIOR CHROMEBOOK & CHARGER COLLECTION

- Will take place during English classes on **Wednesday, May 20 – Friday, May 22.**
 - Stickers must be removed from Chromebooks.
 - Students will receive a bill if any items are missing or damaged:
 - Chromebook Replacement: \$150*
 - Charger Replacement: \$25*
- * Make checks out to Parkland School District.

Your cooperation in reminding seniors of these requirements is greatly appreciated.

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Parkland High School Graduation– Wednesday June, 3rd 2026



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 Eric Williams at ewilliams@phantomshockey.com or call 484-273-4561



COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

PLEASE LOOK FOR DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING
APPROPRIATE ATTIRE, ARRIVAL TIMES, PPL CENTER GUIDELINES
AND DIRECTIONS FOR PARKING
IN NEXT MONTH'S PARENT NEWSLETTER.

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BUILDING THE FUTURE.**



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- ✓ Staying Connected
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- ✓ Community

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Our Website

www.parklandsd.org/foundation



Life is like a
camera.



Just focus on
what's important.
Capture the good times
DEVELOP FROM the NEGATIVES
& if things don't work out...
just take another shot

LCTI SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT

Thursday, May 28, 2026
6:30 PM
PPL Center

LCTI's seniors do not need tickets to attend the ceremony. However, their guests must have tickets to be seated at PPL Center. Each senior will automatically receive six tickets. Student's career and technical education teachers at LCTI distributed tickets to their seniors during the month of April.

MAY 14 - 16

Thursday, May 14

PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS CONCERTS

6:30 PM & 8 PM

PHS Auditorium

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

PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ART SHOW

6 PM - 8 PM

Trojan Art Gallery

Senior Art Award Recipients

Gallery Showcase

2026 East Central Pennsylvania

Regional Scholastic Art Awards

Art Studios:

Parkland Student Art Show

Friday, May 15

FAMILY DANCE NIGHT

FREE EVENT

5 - 6 PM

Bring the family out to learn a dance for a fun flash mob experience that will be showcased during the Festival on Saturday, May 16.

This FREE event will take place in the Parkland High School Auditorium.

Please RSVP your attendance by clicking on the link below:

CLICK HERE

RSVP

Saturday, May 16

ARTISTS ON THE QUAD

10 AM - 4 PM

- Kids Crafts
- Arts & Crafts Marketplace
- Elementary, Middle & High School Art Exhibit
- Character Parade & Meet and Greet
- Art & Basket Raffle
- Festival Food
- Instrument Exploration
- Folk & Popular Dance Circle
- Indoor Cologuard
- Dance Showcases
- Performances by Parkland School District Music Ensembles



FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The 23rd annual Parkland Festival of the Arts begins on Thursday, May 14 with the Parkland High School **Student Art Show** from 6 - 8 PM in the Art Galleries and Studios. Plan on coming early to view the artwork and stay for one or both Chorus concerts. It is a perfect way to start the weekend.

The whole family is invited to join us for **Family Dance Night** at 5pm on Friday, May 15. This FREE event will take place in the PHS Auditorium. Learn a fun flash mob dance that will be showcased during the Festival on Saturday, May 16. Please RSVP for this event:

CLICK HERE

RSVP

Saturday morning, May 16, the **Artists on the Quad** event will begin at 10 AM when the Parkland High School Jazz Band kicks off a day filled with art, food, and entertainment. There will be live music outside all day and little gems of music inside the rotunda when you go in to enjoy the artwork adorning the school's hallways. It is always a beautiful day, no matter what the weather brings, and the event goes on rain or shine. Peruse the fine artwork for sale by local crafters.

You are encouraged to bring younger children to the Artists on the Quad event on Saturday as well. There will be a multitude of different crafts they can make throughout the festival. An instrument exploration station will be set up in the cafeteria where they can learn about different musical instruments.

The Elementary Vocal Music Teachers will be leading folk and popular dance circles. There will also be opportunities to have their picture taken with a favorite princess or superhero, so be sure to have your camera ready. A costumed character parade will stroll around the front of the High School at 2:20 PM.

Each year FOTA awards at least one \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior pursuing a career in the Arts. The Festival Basket Raffle supports this effort. Artwork and baskets are donated by local artists, PTOs and friends of FOTA. For more Festival information and schedules please visit www.parklandsd.org/fota.





AT PHS IN THE AUDITORIUM

FAMILY DANCE NIGHT

Festival of the Arts

5 PM - 6 PM



FRIDAY, MAY 15 IN THE PHS AUDITORIUM

FEATURING: A FLASH MOB ON SATURDAY, MAY 16

SIGN UP HERE!

NO
EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY

BE READY TO
HAVE FUN

- Bring your friends & family to join us in learning a fun high energy dance with Dr. Mosser, the FOTA students & Dance Team. This dance is for all ages. If you are able, there will be two Flash Mob performances which you are welcome to join on Saturday at **11:10 AM** and **2:20 PM** to **showcase your dancing skills. Keep on Dancing!**

Questions? Contact Dr. Mosser at mosserr@parklandsd.net



"It takes an athlete
to dance, but
an artist to be
a dancer"

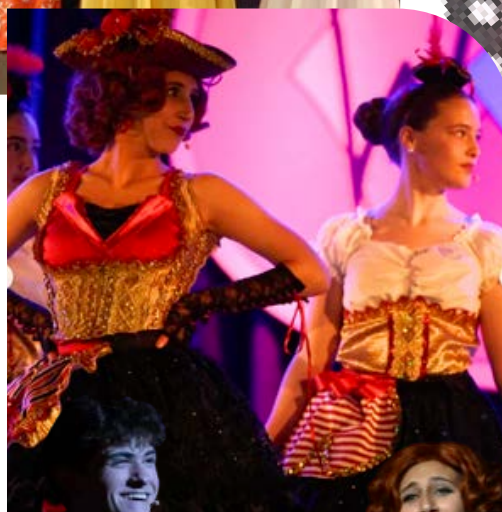
- Shanna Lofley





SPRING MUSICAL

CONGRATULATIONS to
the Cast and Crew and
Pit Orchestra of
*How to Succeed in
Business Without Really
Trying!* on five fun and
exciting performances!



PARKLAND
ART
visual & performing arts



CHORUS

2026 PMEA ALL-STATE FESTIVAL CHORUS

Congratulations to the seven Parkland High School Choir students who earned a place in this year's PMEA All-State Chorus:

- **Daniel Collier** - Piano
- **Rae DeWein** - Alto 2
- **Luke Hauck** - Bass 1
- **Liam Oravetz** - Bass 1
- **Tristan Walsh** - Tenor 1

★ **Madelynn Wascura** -
Soprano 2, 1st Chair

★ **Angelina Zaiter** - Alto 2,
2nd Chair



Congratulations as well to **Daniel Collier** for being chosen as one of the All-State pianists after his successful Region Chorus audition; he will be playing with this year's Wind Ensemble.

VERA VOCE AT THE ROXBURY CHOIR INVITATIONAL 2026

Congratulations to members of Vera Voce on a successful first appearance at the 34th Annual Roxbury Choir Invitational. Singers in Vera traveled to Roxbury High School in New Jersey, where they performed and competed against talented choirs from the tri-state area. Their performance set earned them a gold rating, and they received wonderful feedback from the judges for their "unapologetic performance" and "locked in" intonation! Congratulations, Vera Voce!



THE 34TH ANNUAL
ROXBURY INVITATIONAL





ORCHESTRA

2026 PMEA ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA

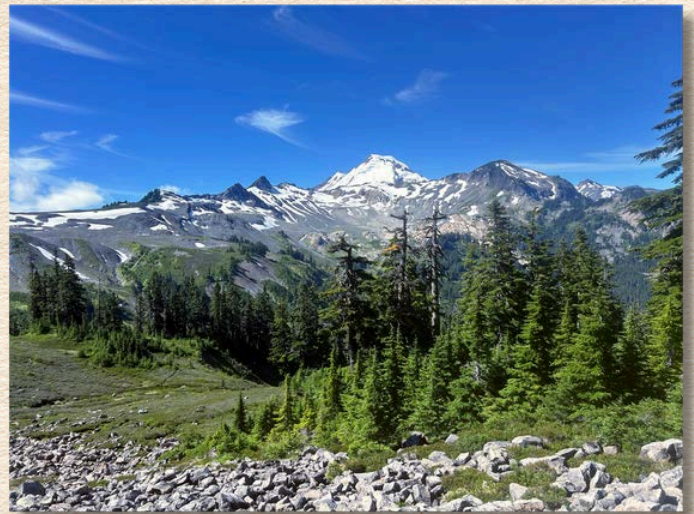
The following students qualified for PMEA All State Orchestra:

- ★ Jayden Yao - Violin I
- ★ Brian Diven - Violin II, 2nd Chair
- Eddy Zhang - Violin I
- Ivan Ly - Viola
- Anna Ruozzi - Viola
- Genevieve Vasquez - Cello
- Daniel Schiffert - Bassoon



TROJAN ART GALLERY

Artwork from a number of *Outstanding Senior Artists* will be featured in the gallery during the month of May.



The photograph (above) was taken by **Kelsey McPeck** and the painting (left) was created by **Zoe Keeler**.



Congratulations

PMEA ALL-STATE CONCERT BAND



Griffin Donham



Kaustubh Kashalkar



Clarke Ray

PMEA ALL-STATE WIND ENSEMBLE



Daniel Collier



Andrew Diven



 *1st Chair, Trumpet*

BAND

2026 PMEA ALL-STATE CONCERT BAND & WIND ENSEMBLE

Congratulations to the five Parkland High School instrumentalists who earned a place in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All-State Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. The festival was held from April 23-25 at the Pocono Kalahari Resort.

PARKLAND JAZZ ENSEMBLE RECEIVES MULTIPLE AWARDS

The Parkland Jazz Ensemble performed at the Easton Area High School Jazz Festival on April 18, receiving a top rating of *Superior* and the awards for *Best Trombone Section* and *Best Trumpet Section*.

Kaustubh Kashalkar was  awarded "*Best Trumpet Soloist*."



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the 12 new inductees
to the International Thespian Society
at Parkland High School!



ITS Inductees 2026



Watch the hummingbird and be
reminded that life moves quickly,
but beauty remains.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



BAUM SCHOOL OF ART AN ARTISTIC DISCOVERY CONGRESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ART COMPETITION WINNER

Tenth grader **Ella Chen** was awarded first place in the 2026 An Artistic Discovery Congressional High School Art Competition and Exhibition at The Baum School of Art. Ella's charcoal artwork, titled *Sweet Dreams*, was selected by Congressman Ryan Mackenzie and will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC for the next year.

This is an extraordinary honor and national recognition of her talent. Even more exciting, this is the second year in a row that a PHS student has earned this distinction! Last year's winner, **Niva Sullivan** (now in grade 12), currently has her work on display in Washington, D.C., and it will soon be replaced by Ella's piece.





ATHLETIC NEWS



BOYS TENNIS

Regular Season Champions (18-0)
EPC Tournament Champions



Juniors **Manav Patel** and **Jacky Zhang** went on to win the District XI 3A District Championship in Boys Tennis Doubles.

The most important thing you learn as a sports photographer is anticipation - not where the action is taking place, but where it's going to take place. Not where the subject is now, but where they're going to be.

— Lawrence Schiller —





ATHLETIC NEWS

GIRLS WRESTLING COACH NAMED THE MORNING CALL'S ALL-AREA GIRLS WRESTLING COACH OF THE YEAR

Parkland High School girls wrestling coach **Fran Volpe** was named *The Morning Call's* 2026 All-Area Girls Wrestling Coach of the Year. In his first season (2025-2026), he led the Parkland Trojans to a dominant season, including winning the 2026 EPC Girls Wrestling Championship title.



photo by Mike Haines, courtesy of Lehigh Valley Press

2026 MORNING CALL ALL-AREA GIRLS WRESTLING TEAM OF THE YEAR

The Trojans dominated the 2026 season, winning the EPC Girls Wrestling Tournament title and continuing their success as District 11 champions.





ATHLETIC NEWS

BOYS VOLLEYBALL COACH HITS A PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL MILESTONE OF 400 WINS

400



Parkland High School's Boys Volleyball team has won 574 matches since the program's start in 1988. **Coach Scott Trumbauer** has guided the Trojans to nearly 70% of those triumphs. Trumbauer reached the 400-win milestone on April 21 in a 25-20, 25-14, 25-12 sweep of visiting team Pocono Mountain West.

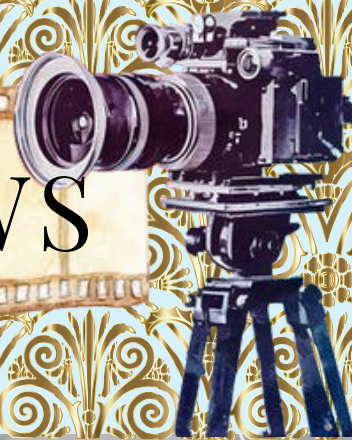


MORNING CALL ALL-AREA BOYS
BASKETBALL TEAM OF THE YEAR





ATHLETIC NEWS



**NOW
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FALL 2026

**FREE ONLINE SPORTS
PHYSICALS**

- BY APPOINTMENT ONLY -

JUNE 4, 2026

5 - 8:30 PM

PHS AUXILIARY GYM

To find the SignUpGenius
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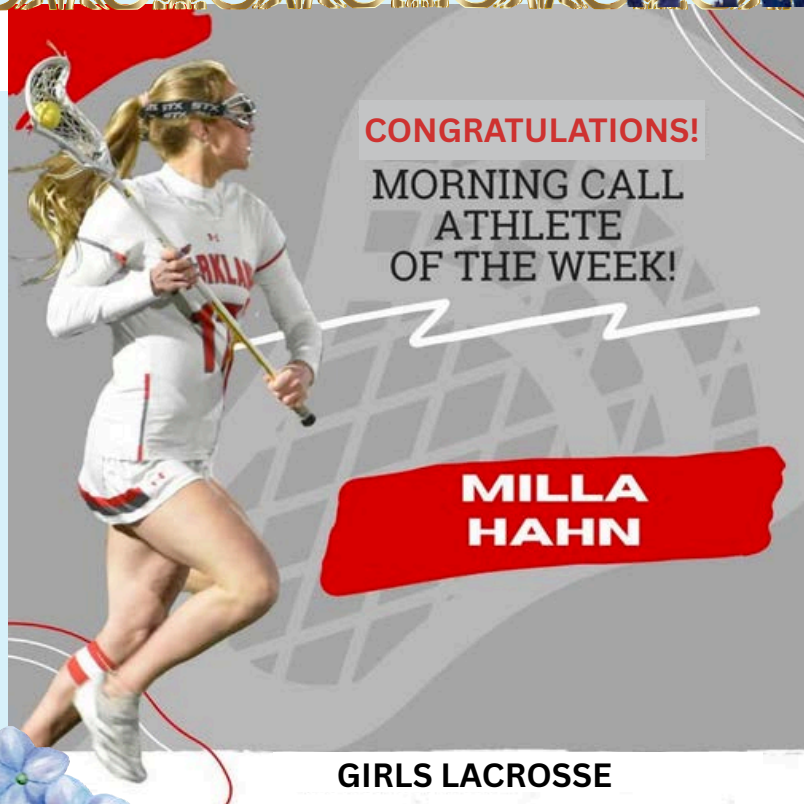
No student can participate in a fall sport without a full PIAA Physical dated by the physician after June 1, 2026. The Parkland Athletic Department understands that it may not be convenient to come to our scheduled event. However, those who miss must get a PIAA Physical on their own prior to August 1, 2026.

To access the paperwork for the Physical

CLICK HERE



All athletes entering 9th and 11th grade or new to the district or sports must also complete an ImPACT test.



FIRST DAY OF GOLF & FOOTBALL PRACTICE

August 10, 2026

FIRST DAY OF FALL SPORTS PRACTICE

August 17, 2026



Information from the Health Room

Allergy season is in full swing. This time of year is sometimes difficult and uncomfortable for students who have allergies. Please be aware that the Health Room does not have allergy medicine. If your student suffers from seasonal allergies and requires allergy medication during the school day, please be certain to administer their medication prior to the start of school.

We are in the homestretch of the school year . . . here are some reminders:



End of School Year

Medication Must be Picked Up

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



Paperwork for Medication

New paperwork is required each school year for medication administration in school. If you had medication in the Health Room during the 25-26 school year, new paperwork will be required for the 26-27 academic year. The 2026-2027 Medication Administration Form will be e-mailed to you at the end of this school year. If you do not receive a form, they are also available on the PHS website under Departments under Health Room - then scroll down to School Health Forms. **These forms need to be dated on or after July 1, 2026.**

26-27 School Year

Rising Juniors

All students who will be in 11th grade in the 2026-27 school year will need a physical exam. This is a state requirement. Forms were e-mailed home this past winter. Forms are also available on the PHS website under Health Services. Please return these forms to the Health Room.

[Access Form Here](#)



Rising Seniors

All students who will be in grade 12 in the 26-27 school year must have a second dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (Meningitis ACWY). This must be given at age 16 or older and prior to the first day of school in August.

IF YOU HAVE
ANY
QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CALL
THE HEALTH
ROOM.

As we head into May, we are excited to share a few important updates from the Library!



LIBRARY LINES



Lunch and Learn

Our May *Lunch and Learn* will feature a “Crafter’s Choice” theme. Participants will have the opportunity to work on a craft of their choice, making it a fun and creative way to close out our *Lunch and Learn* series for the year.

The final *Lunch and Learn* session will take place on the third Friday in May, so students should be sure to join us for this last gathering.



Schedule Changes

Please note that the Library will have schedule changes due to Keystone testing. Students should be sure to check Schoology for Library updates outlining the specific dates we will be closed.





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Marc Riboud



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 School District 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.

CLASS OF
2026

Senior Class Advisor
Mrs. Sarah Yenser
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CLASS OF
2028

Sophomore Class Advisor
Mrs. Andrea Greth
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CLASS OF
2027

Junior Class Advisors
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Ms. Kylee Lobb
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CLASS OF
2029

Freshmen Class Advisor
Ms. Kim McHenry
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YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION



SENIORS

Tuesday, May 19

Wednesday, May 20

at the Concession Booth in the Cafeteria
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Thursday, May 21

Friday, May 22

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The Parkland Yearbook staff has again selected Digital Photographic Imaging, Frank Mitman Photographer, as the official yearbook photographer for the class of 2027 Par Key yearbook for the 26th year. We will be photographing Parkland seniors at our studio beginning in May and going through November 2026 in order to meet the yearbook staff's initial deadline of December 1st, 2026.

- An appointment card will be mailed in the coming weeks, along with a flyer outling the sitting level options.
- If you would like to pick your own date and time, please contact the studio as soon as possible to schedule or to take advantage of the early sitting discount.
- Go directly to our website at: www.frankmitman.com to see sitting level information, print and digital package pricing, and Senior Portrait Proofs from the previous graduating class.
- Professional attire is requested such as long sleeved tops/photographer's wrap/suit jacket & tie.
- Our studio has the PHS Cap & Gown, some suit jackets & ties, and the photographer's wrap.
- This years background is a mottled light grey color.

Official Photographer for Parkland High School seniors

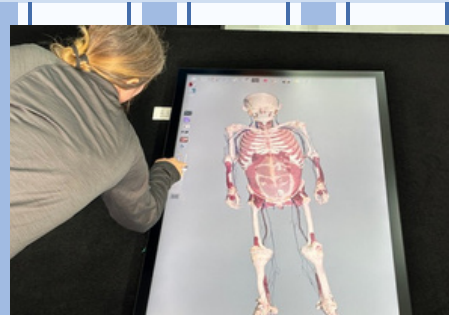


BioMedical Symposium



On Wednesday, April 22, over 200 *Project Lead the Way* Biomedical Science students participated in a medical field immersive learning opportunity in coordination with St. Luke's University Health Network professionals. Over 70 healthcare workers came to Parkland High School to give our first year Principles of Biomedical Science and second year Human Body Systems a unique one of a kind experience. A select number of senior students also got the opportunity to be surgeon sidekicks, working closely with Dr. Heckman to prepare the knee specimen for dissection and to help instruct our HBS students.

This year's Symposium included a Simulation Truck, Anatomy Truck, Ambulance, CPR/AED, Anaphylaxis Training, Athletic Trainer Dislocations, Injections, Splinting, PT, Suturing, IV training, OR Sterilization, Knee Cadaver Dissection with Dr. Heckman and an Arthroscopic Surgical Demonstration by Arthrex with a second knee cadaver.



Kutztown University Early College Academy

Congratulations to **Juliana Verano**.

Juliana is this year's Parkland graduate from the Early College Academy. Sixty-eight seniors from 24 school districts earned 12-18 tuition-free college credits during their final year of high school by participating in an on-campus, dual-credit program that focused on education and general studies. Juliana will be continuing her education at Kutztown University to pursue her dream of becoming a teacher.



Key Club's Mini-THON raises over \$3,000 for Pediatric Cancer Research

Held on Friday, April 24, the Mini-THON at Parkland High School was the culmination of a year-long fundraising effort modeled after Penn State's THON. Parkland students came together and were on their feet dancing to raise money and awareness for the Four Diamonds Fund, helping to support children and families fighting cancer. The energy was contagious!



NATIONAL SPANISH EXAM

Bilingual - Level 4

Valeria Gonzalez - Silver

Gianna Pineda - Silver

Classroom Experience - Level 4

Shri Desai - Gold

Kaavya Rao - Gold

Coltyn Unger - Gold

Soumyadeep Das - Silver

Om Javia - Silver

Harshita Keerthi - Silver

Aditya Nagar - Silver

Jonathan Win - Silver

Sarah Avila - Bronze

Charles Crerand - Bronze

Vanshika Garikapati - Bronze

Khai Huynh - Bronze

Maheen Jan - Bronze

Outside Experience - Level 3

Olivia Defrancisco - Gold

Brian Diven - Silver

Classroom Experience - Level 3

Yihan Li - Gold

Caroline Block - Silver

Katelyn Brinton - Silver

Adrian Lee - Silver

Kevin Lu - Silver

Clara Collins - Bronze

Bennett Cook - Bronze

Naina Dey - Bronze

Joshua Eduful - Bronze

Greeshma Konda - Bronze

Jarrett Tyler - Bronze

Kenny Zheng - Bronze



Congratulations!



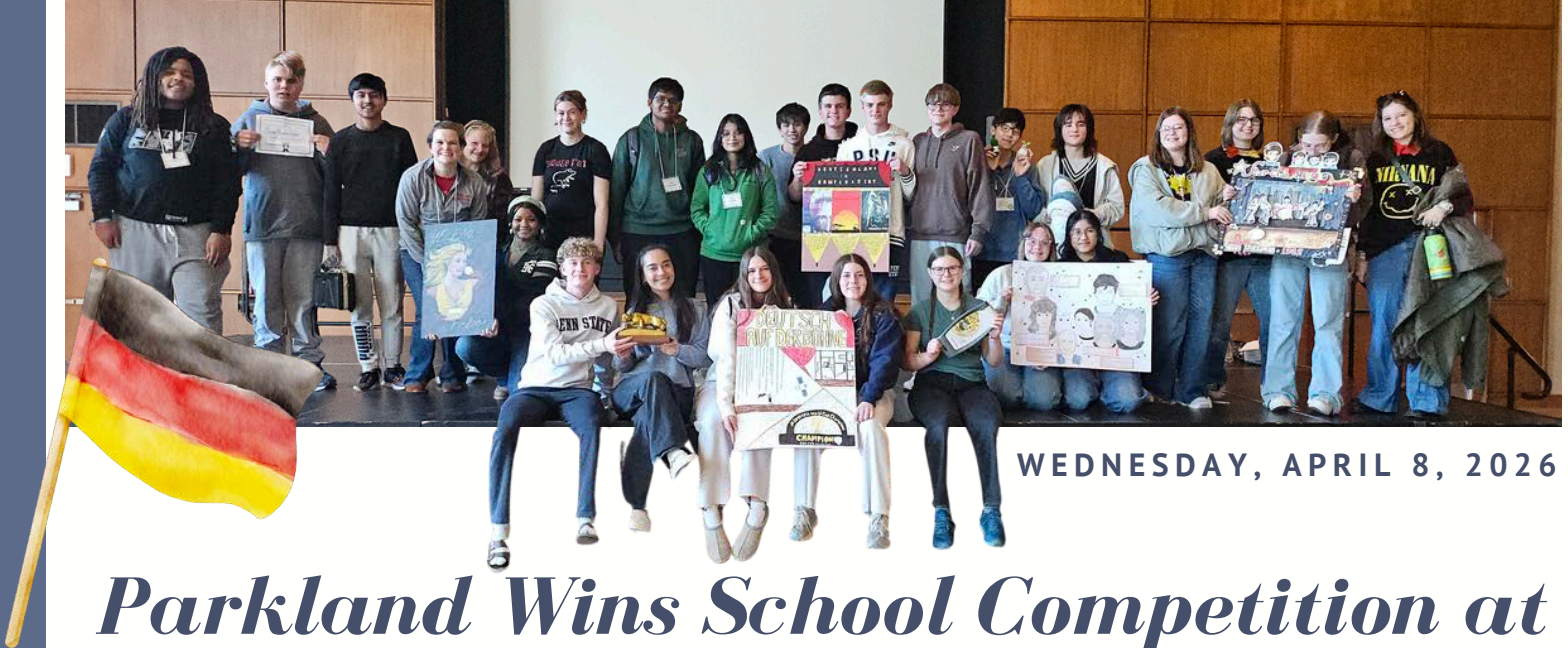
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¡TODOS A UNA! • TODOS POR UMI!

**National Spanish
Examinations**



5 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE HUMMINGBIRD

- 1 Hummingbirds are the only bird able to fly backwards.
- 2 A hummingbird's egg is about the size of a jellybean!
- 3 Some hummingbirds can fly at speeds greater than 33 miles per hour.
- 4 A hummingbird weighs less than a nickel
- 5 Hummingbirds tend to return to the area where they were hatched.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

Parkland Wins School Competition at Penn State German Day

Twenty-eight Parkland German students participated in a state-wide competition at Penn State University last month. There were 480 students in attendance (the largest competition to date), and Parkland won the school competition for the first time.

Parkland students also attended classes on culture and language, toured the campus, made a pit stop at the Berkey Creamery and explored the Paterno Library.

Every student contributed to Parkland's first-ever win, securing our golden Nittany Lion trophy, through points earned in their individual competitions. Some of our students placed in the top 3 in their level and/or category:

Level 1 Spelling
3rd place - **Wesley Luo**

Level 2 Spelling
3rd place - **Benjamin Mangano**

Level 3 Spelling
1st place - **Aditi Malik**
2nd place - **Daniel Xu**

Level 2 Poetry Recitation

1st place - **Eleanor Sommerfield**

2nd place - **Aditya Ghalsasi**

Video Reels

2nd place: **Elise Riggle** and **Claire Manicke**

Totebag Design

2nd place - **Lucas Yang**

Trivia Team - 3rd place

Wesley Luo, Guhan Sureshkumar, Aditi Malik, Max Harrison, Mia Hellwig, Aditya Ghalsasi, Zoey Kellogg, Liam Champagnie-Ellington, Marie Oswald and Dahlia Michaud



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PARKLAND TV AND THE BROADCAST NOW! TEAM WIN PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS AWARDS



- ***"OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM" FOR THE FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW***
- ***"OUTSTANDING CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENT" FOR COLLABORATION WITH CUMULUS MEDIA***

Congratulations to Parkland TV and the Broadcast Now team for being recognized as an Outstanding High School Program by the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters for the fourth year in a row. In addition to this recognition they were awarded Outstanding Creative Achievement for their submission to the Broadcast Now video contest sponsored by the PAB.

The PTV studio was invited to receive their awards at the yearly Excellence in Broadcasting Awards Luncheon in Hershey last month.

PTV was paired with Cumulus Media and the students had the opportunity to tour their studios and interview members of the Cumulus team about broadcasting. Through those interviews and tours the PTV students created a video that was submitted and earned the Outstanding Creative Achievement Award.

Members of the PTV - Broadcast Now team: **Elena Roca** (team leader), **Molly Phares, Jack Ruch, Emme Silsbee, Thomas Jay, Jaiden Zabler, Likhitha Koganti** and **Greeshma Konda**.





PENNSYLVANIA FBLA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



BUILDING BRIDGES TO END HUNGER

APRIL 12-15, 2026
HERSHEY



Parkland FBLA competed at the Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference on April 13-14 at Hershey Lodge and The Hotel Hershey in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Parkland had 98 students qualify to attend the conference, and the following students placed in the top four in their respective competitions and will have an opportunity to compete at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas from June 29 - July 2.

1st Place

Lucas Yang - Data Science and AI
Aum Purani - Entrepreneurship
Kevin Lu - Introduction to Business Procedures

2nd Place

Kelly Wang - Business Communication
Anthony Wang - Coding and Programming

3rd Place

Marcel Bauza - Banking and Financial Systems
Derek Yao - Business Communication
Matt Britto - Economics
Saharsha Konda - Introduction to Information Technology
Vikram Alturu - Networking Infrastructures

4th Place

Vanshika Garikapati - Accounting
Parth Parikh - Introduction to FBLA
Rishi Ponda - Introduction to Marketing Concepts
Christopher Tsarouhis - Securities and Investments



Horticulturally,
the month
of May
is opening
night,
Homecoming,
and
Graduation day
all rolled
into one.

Tam Mossman



congratulations

State Journalism Champion

Parkland High School's yearbook and newspaper staffers competed in the PSPA State Finals in March at Penn State Main Campus and senior

Katie Sammarco placed 1st in the State of Pennsylvania for her photography portfolio. This is the first time a Parkland student has won 1st place in a photography category for PSPA!

Katie was scored in several categories: Unique Lighting, Framing, Unique Angle, Anything Outdoors, and Best in Show. She also had to write compelling captions and interesting headlines for each submission. Click on the camera at the bottom of the page to view her outstanding portfolio.



State History Day Competition



The state National History Day competition was held on April 25–26 at the University of Scranton. Parkland High School had the most winners for the senior division for the first time.

The following students ranked first and second in their categories, and will go on to represent Parkland at the National competition at the University of Maryland in College Park from June 14 – 16.

- **Julide Ozcan**
1st place, Individual Website
“Conquering Pain, Stirring Reaction, and Catalyzing Modern Medicine”
- **Areasha Mariyam**
1st place, Individual Performance
“An Unjust Reaction to the Bolshevik Revolution: The Palmer Raids”
- **Maryam Syamsuddin**
2nd place, Individual Performance
“A Voice in the Coalfields: Fannie Sellins and Labor Reforms”
- **Rahini Chauhan**
2nd place, Individual Documentary
“Rewiring the Mind: How Neuroplasticity Sparked a Revolution”
- **Abhinav Thadepalli, Saharsha Konda and Rishi Ponda** – 2nd place, Group Website
“The Watergate Scandal: Forging Transparency in American Governance”





Lehigh Career & Technical Institute



STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

Marking Period 3

Darian Alleyne - SOC Indoor/Outdoor Maintenance

Talise Belgrave - Advertising Design/Commercial Art

Austin Davis - Diesel Medium & Heavy Truck Technology

Andrew Franklin - Electrical Technology

Joshua Knoblach - Welding Technology

Congratulations

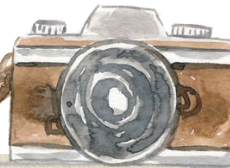
PARKLAND LCTI STUDENT QUALIFIES TO COMPETE AT WELDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Parkland LCTI Senior **Michael Evans** (center) is pictured with Tucker Jayne from Southern Lehigh after both students qualified to compete at Project MFG Welding League National Championships to be held later this month.



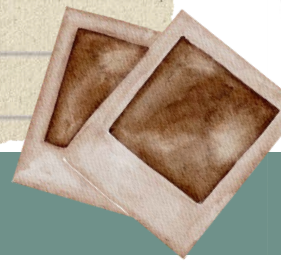
Make visible what, without you, might perhaps never have been seen.

ROBERT BRESSON



KEYSTONE TECHNOLOGY INNOVATOR

Congratulations to this year's Parkland High School Keystone Technology Innovator, Earth Science teacher, **Mr. Rob Robitaille**. Mr. Robitaille was recognized as an outstanding educator who is leading the way by integrating innovative technology into his classroom.



CONGRATULATIONS

DELAWARE VALLEY SCIENCE FAIR

The Delaware Valley Science Fair was held at The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks from March 31 - April 2. Parkland High School is proud to congratulate the following students who earned first place designations for their sophisticated research projects that focused on STEM topics:

1st Place Physics - **Saharsha Konda**, grade 9

1st Place Medicine and Health - **Adwik Banerjee**, grade 10

1st Place Environmental Science - **Guhan Sathish**, grade 10

1st Place Chemistry - **Aaditri Suresh**, grade 10

Saharsha Konda also received an award as the 9th Grade Bronze Medalist. He was chosen as 1 of 12 high school students who will be flown to the Regeneron International Science Fair in Phoenix from May 9 - 15.





Honoring the Heroes in Your Heart



May 21-25, 2026 | Parkland High School

The Rotary Club of Allentown West is proud to present the 2nd Annual Flags for Unity event, where community members can honor those in the military, veterans, first responders or a loved one with a commemorative American flag that will be on display Memorial Day Weekend on the lawn outside of Parkland High School. The event includes an opening and closing ceremony and daily performances of a “Taps” bugle call.



Mom was always there.
Maybe not always in the photos,
but always behind the lens,
holding the memories,
framing the love,
capturing every precious moment.

Happy Mother's Day

To all the
wonderful moms
out there . . .
the world is
beautiful because
of you.

