



AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2026

PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter



WELCOME BACK ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Day of School

The first day of the 2026-2027 school year for ALL STUDENTS will be **Monday, August 24, 2026**. School will start at 7:40 AM and end at 2:53 PM. Morning LCTI students will attend homeroom at Parkland High School before receiving a bus transfer to LCTI.

First Week of School Web Portal

Take some time this week to visit the webpage below. From there you will be able to log in and update your information in Home Access Center (HAC), 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.



[First Week of School Web Portal](#)

New Student/Parent Orientation and Open House

All PHS parents and new students are invited to a presentation on **Wednesday, September 2** 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 an 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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



CLASS DUES

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer with family and friends! Our administrative team and the teaching staff are very excited to begin the 2026-2027 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. We look forward to the challenges that lie ahead and we will continue to build upon our longstanding tradition of excellence in Arts, Academics, and Athletics this school year.

Academic Achievement

In preparing for the new school year, we will continue to focus our 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.

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. During this school year you will notice upgrades in our visitor management system and our classroom doors and locking mechanisms.

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.

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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 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.

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CLICK HERE TO ACCESS
THE SAFE2SAY
SOMETHING WEBSITE



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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School Culture and Climate

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 also in after school activities.

For new students, we encourage everyone to find something to get involved in during their time here. On **Friday, September 18**, all 9th graders and new students will walk through a **Student Activity Fair** designed to highlight and encourage participation 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 at the start of the school year. The code of conduct, as well as a complete list of policies and practices at PHS can be accessed by using the link below. 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.

[Student Policies](#)



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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:

GRADE 11

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

GRADE 10

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

GRADE 9

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

OCTOBER 21, 2026

2 - 4:20 PM

AUDITORIUM Lobby



CHRISTMAS CITY STUDIO

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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Schedules

Student schedules will be available in **Home Access Center** at the link below. 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 (*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 Counseling Office website at the link below.



[Counseling Office](#)

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: Ms. Jill Norbert-Bushinsky (Social Studies) and Ms. Lauren Konieczka (School Psychologist). 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.

PHS Building Project

As you already know, Parkland High School will be under construction this school year. Throughout the project, we will make every effort to maintain a safe, secure, and vibrant school setting. The PHS administration will share regular updates to keep students, parents, and the community informed about our progress, as well as any temporary adjustments that may affect daily routines. When completed in December of 2027, the expansion will provide additional classrooms and learning spaces, ensuring we can continue to offer our students the highest-quality educational environment.

For more information, please visit the Vision 2030 link below.

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VISION
2030



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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Important Dates:

- **Saturday, August 15, 2026** - New Student Gathering 10 AM
(PHS Cafeteria)
- **Monday, August 17, 2026** - Bus Assignments Available in HAC at 5 PM
- **Thursday, August 20, 2026** - Freshman and New Student Orientation 7:40 AM
- **Monday, August 24, 2026** - First Day of School
- **Wednesday, September 2, 2026** - New Parent Orientation
6 PM (PHS Auditorium)
- **Wednesday, September 2, 2026** - Open House 7 - 9 PM (PHS)
- **Friday, September 4, 2026** - No School
- **Monday, September 7, 2026** - No School

As we begin this new school year, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support. I look forward to a wonderful year ahead filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences. Please consider joining us on September 2 as we welcome back both our new and veteran parents for our annual Open House. I look forward to partnering with our parents and community to make the 2026-2027 school year a huge success.

Go Trojans!

Nathan T. Davidson

Nathan T. Davidson
Principal - Parkland High School
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ONLINE FORMS



Student Leave of Absence Form and Attendance Policies

This form is required for students who need to leave school to go to an appointment, funeral, college visit, vacation or other family event. Find the form below, as well as detailed information and instructions for reporting illness-related absences.

[Find the Absence Permit Form Here](#)



Working Papers

This form is for students under the age of 18 who want to apply for a job. Find the form online below and follow the instructions.

[Find the Working Permit Application 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 below and follow the instructions.

[Find the Student Parking Application Here](#)



Late Start / Early Leave Dismissal Request

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. Students' schedules will reflect these changes, which will be in effect for the entire semester. Find the form below and follow the instructions.

[Find the Late Start / Early Leave Form Here](#)

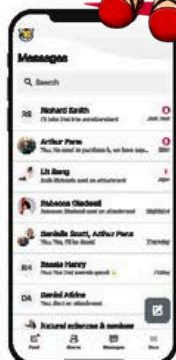
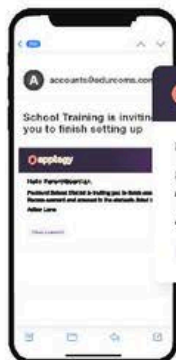
If you have any questions about any of these forms, please call the Main Office at 610-351-5600.

GET CONNECTED TO PHS

apptegy The new Parkland App

Received a Guardian Invite via email? Here are your next steps:

- 1 Check your inbox for an email from Parkland School District. **Click** on the link and sign in with your guardian email or phone number we have on file for you.
- 2 Next, **finish your registration** by creating a password unique to Apptegy or receive a text code to your mobile phone to log in.
You'll use the same email address and password to log in to the Parkland app.
- 3 **Download the Parkland School District app** in the App Store or Play Store.
In the app, you'll find district and school news, updates, and access to your classes — all in one place. **Just log in to get started!**



Home Access Center

HAC is a secure web-based opportunity to track your student's attendance and academic performance. HAC is the sole method by which your student's transportation, homeroom and schedule will be communicated.

Click here for more information on HAC



Social Media



schoolcafe



SchoolCafe is our Cafeteria payment processor for the 2026-2027 school year. SchoolCafe offers a low transaction fee for families and is a convenient way to make payments for your child's meal account with a credit or debit card. Please visit SchoolCafe to process all school meal payments.



[VISIT SCHOOL CAFE HERE](#)



Students should always have their School ID with them when they come to school. The PHS Cafeteria is cashless, and the students' School IDs are used for payments.

August September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23	24 <i>First day of School</i> Day 1 "B" Schedule	25 Day 2 "B" Schedule	26 Day 3	27 Day 4	28 Day 5	29
30	31 Day 6	1 Day 1	2 Day 2 "B" Schedule	3 Day 3	4 SCHOOL CLOSED <i>Holiday</i>	5
6	7 SCHOOL CLOSED <i>Holiday</i> LABOR DAY	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 6	11 Day 1	12
13 HAPPY GRAND PARENTS DAY	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18 Day 6	19
20	21 SCHOOL CLOSED <i>Professional Development</i>	22 Day 1 <i>hello fall</i>	23 Day 2	24 Day 3	25 Day 4 "B" Schedule	26
27	28 Day 5	29 Day 6	30 Day 1			



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 periods 4, 5, 6, or 7.
- PM LCTI students eat lunch period 4 or 5 and are dismissed at 11:25 AM
- AM LCTI students eat lunch at LCTI and return for period 6.
- Students approved for "early leave" must leave PHS property immediately upon dismissal.
- Students approved for "late start" may not enter the school until 10 minutes before their first class.
- All students must leave school 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



STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student schedules were made available in Home Access Center on August 10. If a student is considering a schedule change, request forms will be available in the Counseling Office on the first day of school.

Schedule change policies and procedures can be referenced in the Parkland High School Registration information and Course Description Book.

Schedule changes will not be made prior to the first day of school.



ASVAB TESTING IS ON **SEPTEMBER 23**

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 23. Students must pre-register for the three-hour exam. The ASVAB is an excellent opportunity for students to complete a career aptitude test that examines ten different areas including mathematics knowledge, mechanical comprehension, coding speed and general science, to name a few. Students interested in a military career must take the ASVAB for career training placement; however, all students can benefit from the information provided by this 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 participates in the testing. In fact, most students taking the ASVAB are solely interested in identifying their strengths and weaknesses in the skill areas named above. In addition, an excellent workbook highlighting personal traits and several hundred-career occupations is distributed to students along with their test results. Results of the test are usually available within two to three weeks. If your son or daughter is interested in taking the ASVAB, registration information will be made available via Schoology in the form of a Google document in early September.

COLLEGE BOUND SENIORS



COLLEGE 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!

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. Recommendation profile forms are available in the counseling office.



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:

**CLICK
HERE**



Transcript requests should be made through the Parchment system.





Sophomores + Juniors: PSAT scheduled for October 17

As a reminder, The PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2026 at Parkland High School. Registration information will be made available in late August/early September.

Attention AP Exam Test Takers

Sign-ups will take place through early November. You must sign up during this period to avoid late fees. Sign up information will be given in September by the AP teachers.

Registration for the 2026-2027 SAT

Registration procedures for the 2026/2027 SAT Reasoning Test are posted online at the College Board website. 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.



DUAL CREDIT + EARLY COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that Parkland High School students have the opportunity to earn college credit while completing their high school coursework? Through partnerships with colleges and universities, students can take select dual credit courses that provide a head start on their college education while meeting graduation requirements.

To learn more about available courses, participating institutions, tuition information, and how dual credit works, visit the **Dual Credit/Early College** section of the Parkland High School website.



**EARN COLLEGE CREDIT WHILE AT
PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL**

CHECK IT OUT

SAT PREP

FALL 2026

for Juniors and Seniors

- AFTER-SCHOOL SESSION
 - 3 – 5 PM (at PHS)
- EVENING SESSION
 - 6:30 – 8:30 PM (Virtual)

Register
HERE

Fall Class Schedules

Last Names Last Names

A – L

M – Z

Monday, 9/28

Verbal

Math

Wednesday, 9/30

Math

Verbal

Monday, 10/5

Verbal

Math

Wednesday, 10/14

Math

Verbal

Monday, 10/19

Verbal

Math

Wednesday, 10/21

Math

Verbal

Monday, 10/26

Verbal

Math

Wednesday, 10/28

Math

Verbal

Monday, 11/2

Verbal

Math

Wednesday, 11/4

Math

Verbal

REGISTRATION ENDS

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026
AT 3 PM**

Parkland High School's SAT Prep Course is designed to help students prepare for the SAT exam that will be administered at Parkland High School on **Saturday, November 7, 2026.**

Students must register separately with College Board in order to take the SAT exam.



CollegeBoard

The course will consist of ten 2-hour sessions, five for each of the verbal and math components of the SAT.

The **verbal classes** will help students 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 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.

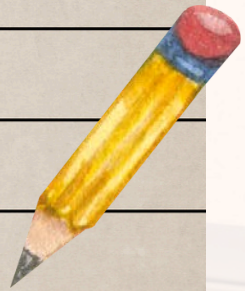
- **Students may register for one SAT Prep session only. Sessions may not be combined.**
- The cost is \$90 to cover class materials.
- Cash or checks are accepted.
Checks should be made out to Parkland School District.
- Please mail checks to Parkland High School, Attn: Mrs. McLeod at 2700 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104 or students may drop off their payment in the designated drop box outside the Main Office.
- Registration is on a first-to-sign-up, first-to-pay basis.
- The course textbook will be for students to keep.
- Students will receive confirmation of registration and information about textbook distribution via email once payment is received and registration is complete.
- Once a student receives their textbook, the registration fee is non-refundable.
- Transportation must be provided for students participating in the afternoon session.

Contact Mrs. McLeod with any questions.
Phone: 610-351-5615
Email: mcleodj@parklandsd.net



August

UPCOMING Events



15

SATURDAY

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

17

MONDAY

Fall Sport Begin
Bus Assignments
Available in HAC
by 5 PM

20

THURSDAY

9th Grade and New
Student Orientation
7:40 - 11 AM

24

MONDAY

First Day of School
"B" Schedule

25

TUESDAY

I.D. Photo Day for
New Students
(Auditorium Lobby)

"B" Schedule

31

MONDAY

Fall SAT Prep
Course Registration
Opens



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

02

WEDNESDAY

"B" Schedule

New Student +
Parent Orientation
6 PM (Auditorium)

Open House 7 - 9
PM

04

FRIDAY

SCHOOL CLOSED
Holiday

07

MONDAY

SCHOOL CLOSED
Holiday

14

MONDAY

Fall SAT Prep
Registration Ends
3 PM

15

TUESDAY

11th Grade Pictures
(Auditorium)

16

WEDNESDAY

10th Grade Pictures
(Auditorium)

17

THURSDAY

9th Grade Pictures
(Auditorium)

Football vs. Stroudsburg
- Youth Night 7 PM
(Orefield Stadium)

18

FRIDAY

Student
Involvement Fair
7:40 AM - 2:30 PM
(Main Gym)

19

SATURDAY

Girls Volleyball
Invitational 9 AM
(Main Gym)

21

MONDAY

SCHOOL CLOSED
Professional
Development

23

WEDNESDAY

ASVAB Testing
7:30 - 10:30 AM

25

FRIDAY

"B" Schedule
Senior Photo

HOCO Dance tickets
go on sale at
lunches & before +
after school

28

MONDAY

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

30

WEDNESDAY

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



HOMECOMING 2026

*Homecoming Spirit Week 2026 will take place the week of October 5 - 9.
See the next page for details.*

Gridiron Bowl

Gridiron Bowl sign-ups for girls in all grades will take place **August 26 - September 8** online. QR codes will be posted in the hallways in order for students to access the Google form.

There is a mandatory meeting in the Cafeteria on Thursday, September 10 from 3 - 4 PM. Girls should bring their completed forms and payment in order to participate. Gridiron Bowl practices will run from September 14 - October 8 after school with practice dates and times set by each coach.

The Gridiron Bowl will take place on Wednesday, October 7 at 6 PM at Orefield Stadium (Rain date October 8).

Football Game & Float Parade

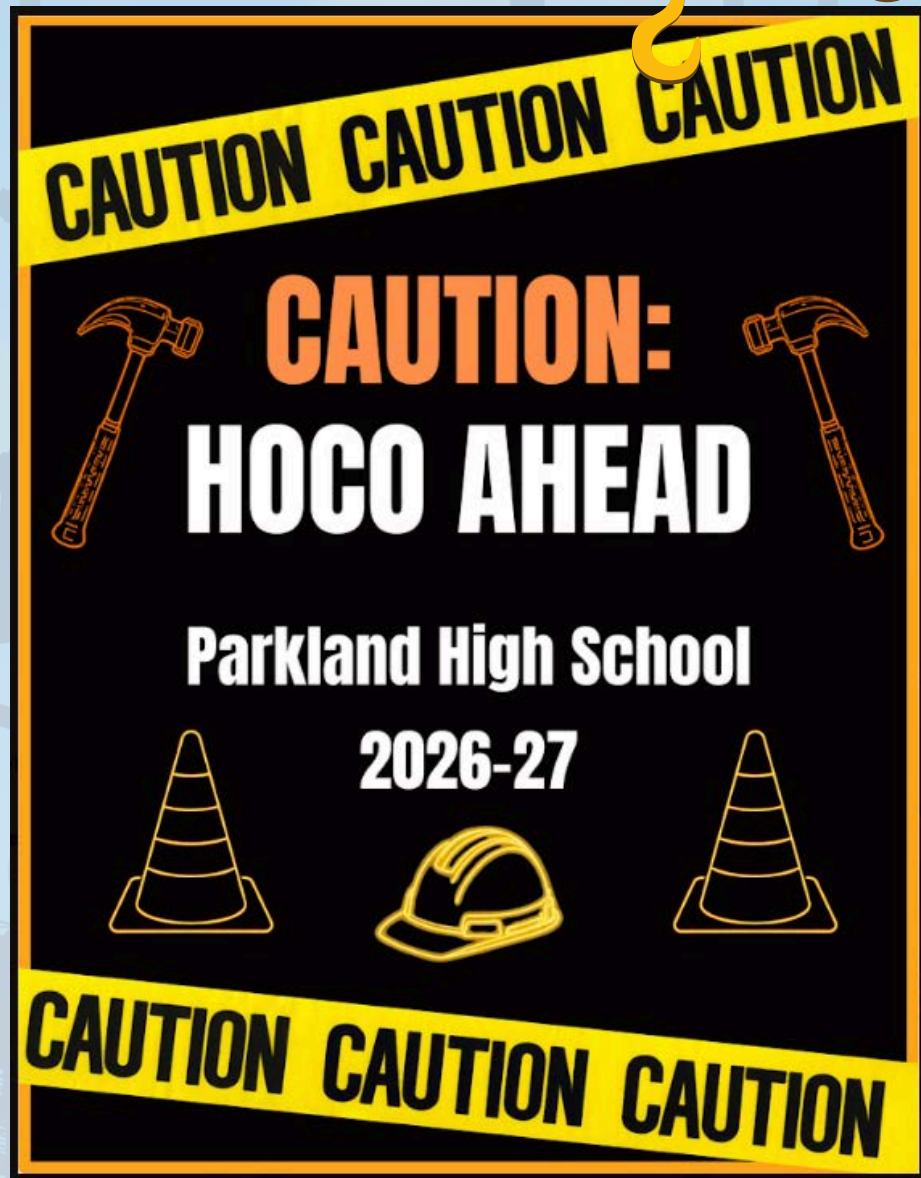
Float building will take place all day Friday, October 9 during the school day. The Homecoming Football Game vs. Dieruff High School (including the Float Parade at halftime) is set for **Friday, October 9 at 7 PM.**

Homecoming Dance

The Homecoming Dance will take place **Saturday, October 10 from 7 - 10 PM** in the Cafeteria.

Tickets will be sold before school, after school, and during lunches **September 28 - October 8.** Tickets purchased in advance cost \$10. Tickets purchased at the door cost \$15. Only Cash or checks made out to Parkland School District with "Homecoming 2026" in the memo line accepted.

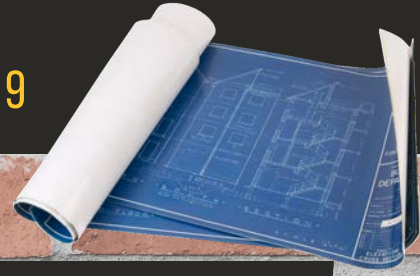
School dress code will be enforced at this semi-formal event.



HOMECOMING 2026

SPIRIT WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9



MONDAY

CAUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION:

WEAR CONSTRUCTION CLOTHING OR ORANGE, BLACK AND YELLOW

Tuesday

BLUEPRINT DAY:

WEAR **BLUE** FROM HEAD TO TOE



WEDNESDAY

COLOR CREW DAY:

WEAR **RED** FOR SENIORS

WEAR **GRAY** FOR JUNIORS

WEAR **BLACK** FOR SOPHOMORES

WEAR **WHITE** FOR FRESHMEN

THURSDAY

GLOWZONE DAY:

WEAR **NEON** COLORS

Friday

BUILD THE SPIRIT DAY:

WEAR YOUR PARKLAND GEAR





YEARBOOKS
ARE ON SALE
**LOWEST
PRICE
OF THE YEAR**

SENIOR PORTRAITS AND 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 **November 23, 24 and 25, 2026 from 9 -11 AM** in the A-wing lobby (no appointment needed). Yearbook portraits are free for students. All senior portrait sessions must be completed by **Thursday, December 31, 2026**.



ORDER NOW

SENIOR BABY PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

You may submit a baby photo of your senior for \$5. All photos must be submitted digitally using the Google form link [HERE](#). The deadline for submission is **Sunday, November 1, 2026**. 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 DEDICATION/RECOGNITION ADS

Dedication ads can be placed by parents and guardians [HERE](#) 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 2027. Dedications start at \$55. The deadline is **Tuesday, December 1, 2026**. Visit 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. Payment for ads and yearbook purchases will be processed through the Jostens site.



Jostens

PRICE IS ONLY **\$90 + tax**
when you order your
Par Key yearbook from
August 24 - 28, 2026.



SPRING SUPPLEMENT PAGES

2026 Yearbook supplement pages can be picked up in Room D131 if you did not receive your pages in the mail over the summer.

PARENTS



YOU ARE INVITED
TO JOIN US BY VOLUNTEERING FOR
THE 2027 POST PROM PARTY

SATURDAY, MAY 1 - SUNDAY, MAY 2
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 13, 2026

November 10, 2026

No Meeting in December

No Meeting in January

February 9, 2026

March 2, 2026

April 6, 2026

April 27, 2026

May 11, 2026

(Wrap-Up Meeting)



THE POST PROM PARTY PROVIDES A SAFE
ENVIRONMENT WHERE STUDENTS CAN
CONTINUE THE PARTY AFTER THE PROM.



HAPPY
Grandparents
DAY





Shakespeare is Love

THE PLAY

HIGH SCHOOL EDITION

GET
TICKETS
HERE!



Fall

Play

Friday, October 16 at 7 PM
Saturday, October 17 at 7 PM
Sunday, October 18 at 3 PM

Tickets go on sale September 2
at noon!

Students and Seniors \$10
Adults \$12

Young Will Shakespeare has writer's block.

The deadline for his new play is fast approaching, but he's in desperate need of inspiration. That is, until he finds his muse... the feisty, brilliant and beautiful Viola. This crafty young woman is Will's greatest admirer and will stop at nothing (including breaking the law) to appear in his next play. Against a bustling background of mistaken identity, ruthless scheming and backstage theatrics, Will's love for Viola quickly blossoms, inspiring him to write his greatest romantic masterpiece.

Parkland Trojan Marching Band

Come out and enjoy the Marching Band's new Fall Field Show during halftime at all Parkland High School football games.

This year's spectacular performance will be
The Greatest Showman!

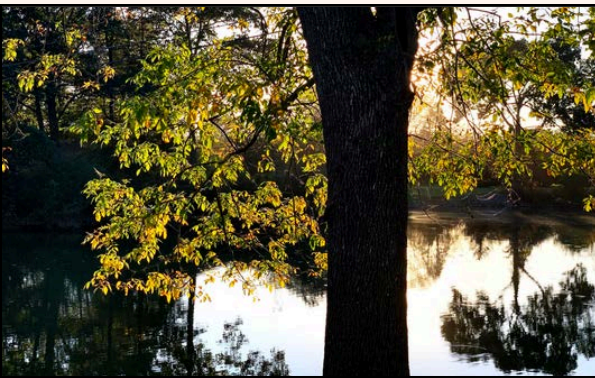




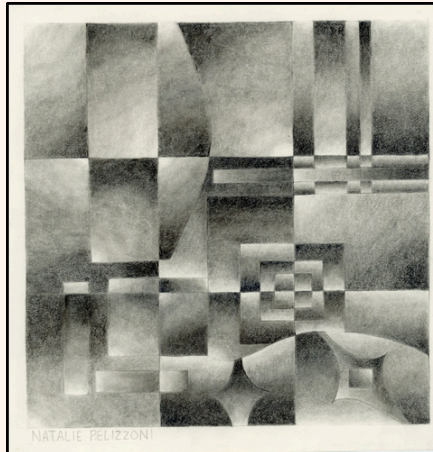
Trojan Art Gallery



SELECTED K-12 PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT ARTWORK will be on display in the Gallery near the A-wing during the first month and a half of the school year.



by Ana de Brito



by Natalie Pelizzoni



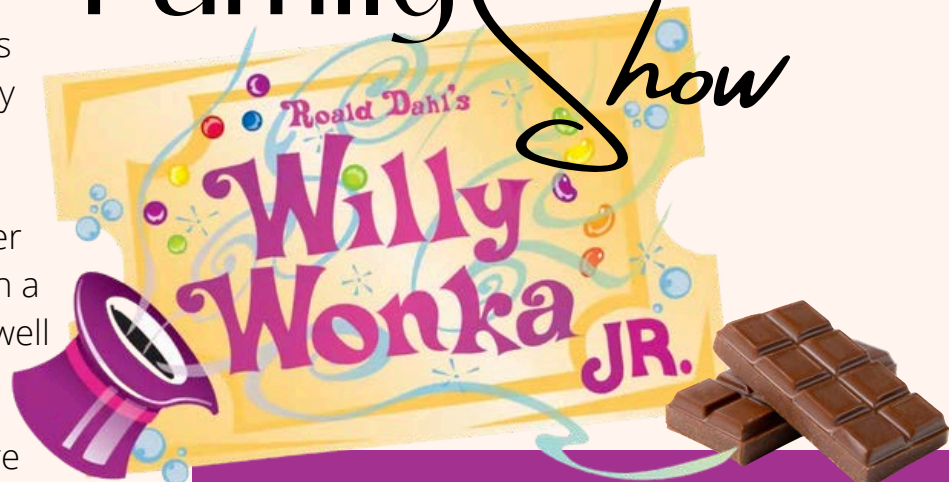
by Samantha Diaz



Family Show

Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka JR. follows enigmatic candy manufacturer Willy Wonka as he stages a contest by hiding golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars. Whomever comes up with these tickets will win a free tour of the Wonka factory, as well as a lifetime supply of candy.

Four of the five winning children are insufferable brats, but the fifth is a likeable young lad named Charlie Bucket, who takes the tour in the company of his equally amiable grandfather. The children must learn to follow Mr. Wonka's rules in the factory — or suffer the consequences.



Show Dates: November 20 - 22

Auditions take place September 12 and 15.

Callback auditions held September 17.

Additional information on Schoology.

Use code: R6MR-DQCB-D47HR

Please contact Miss Sniezek with any questions at sniezeks@parklandsd.net.

Parkland

Chorale



PARKLAND CHORALE: 2026 AMERICAN PRIZE FINALISTS

Congratulations to the Parkland Chorale on being named a finalist for the 2026 American Prize in Choral Performance (High School Division)!

The American Prize National Nonprofit Competitions in the Performing Arts is the nation's most comprehensive series of contests in the classical arts. The American Prize is designed to evaluate, recognize, and reward the best performers, ensembles, composers, directors, and conductors in the United States, with finalists selected based on submitted performance recordings.

We are thrilled to receive this national recognition, an incredible honor! We could not be more #ParklandProud of our student musicians, as this is truly a testament to all their dedication and hard work!

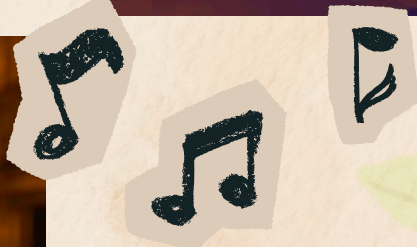
CONGRATULATIONS, PARKLAND CHORALE!



NATIONAL FINALIST

*in Choral Performance
(High School Division)*

The 2026 American Prize





Spring Musical



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Guys! Parkland
High School's
2027 Spring
Musical is
Legally Blonde.
Performances
will run from
April 7 - 11.
Audition and
ticket
information to
come!**

PHS SPRING MUSICAL
ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Musical™





WELCOME to Trojan Country



PARKLAND FOOTBALL THEMES 2026-27

PHILLIPSBURG	8/28	GREY OUT 🖤🖤🖤
FREEDOM	9/4	STEEZ/FRAT 📺📺📺
EASTON	9/11	BLACK OUT 🖤🖤🖤
STROUDSBURG	9/17	HAWAIIAN 🌺🌺🌺
NORTHAMPTON	9/25	JERSEY 🏈🏈🏈
WILLIAM ALLEN	10/1	USA 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸
DIERUFF	10/9	PINK OUT 💖💖💖
A. CENTRAL CATHOLIC	10/16	COSTUMES 🎭🎭🎭
WHITEHALL	10/23	RED OUT 🔴🔴🔴
EMMAUS	10/30	WHITE OUT ⚪⚪⚪

HOME 🔴 AWAY ⚫



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ATHLETIC NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS

ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the 2025 school year, Parkland athletic teams captured championships in 16 different sports. Here's a recap of their outstanding accomplishments:

Six EPC Division Championships:

**Football
Baseball
Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Boys Track
Girls Track**

Four EPC Tournament Championships:

**Girls Tennis
Boys Cross Country
Boys Tennis
Boys Track**

Ten EPC Championships:

**Girls Tennis
Boys Cross Country
Girls Soccer
Football
Girls Wrestling
Boys Swimming
Girls Swimming
Boys Tennis
Boys Volleyball
Boys Track**

Seven District XI Championships:

**Girls Tennis
Girls Volleyball
Boys Soccer
Girls Wrestling
Girls Swimming
Boys Basketball
Boys Lacrosse**



FIRST DAY OF FALL SPORTS

August 10 - Football + Golf

August 17 - All other fall sports



ATHLETIC NEWS



APPTegy IS NOW REQUIRED FOR ALL PARENT, STUDENT, AND SPORTS COMMUNICATIONS

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, please remember that Apptegy is the required platform for all parent, student, and sports-related communications. This ensures consistent, secure, and effective communication with students and families.

All team announcements, updates, schedules, reminders, and other athletic communications should be shared through Apptegy.



ARBITER

Parkland School District is moving to Arbiter Registration for all athletic programs.

NEW FOR
2026!

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**PARKLAND
SPORTS PHYSICAL**

All student-athletes and families must:

- Create a family account.
- Complete the student-athlete registration on the new Arbiter portal.

IMPORTANT PHYSICAL PAPERWORK:

- Student-athletes must bring a completed PIAA CIPPE Form – [Section 5](#) to their physical appointment.
- PIAA CIPPE [Section 6](#) will be completed by the physician at the appointment

The 2026-2027 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 to ensure success in the classroom.

INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

HEALTH UPDATES + MEDICATIONS

- Notify the school nurse of any changes to your child's health conditions.
- Students may carry emergency medications (This includes Epinephrine auto-injectors, asthma inhalers, and diabetic supplies) during the school day, provided the *Medication Authorization Form* has been filled out by both the parent/guardian and doctor.
- All other prescription and nonprescription medications require a *physician's order* and the completed *Medication Authorization Form*.



Medication Authorization Form



SENIORS: IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT



- All 12th-grade students must provide proof of a dose of the meningococcal ACWY vaccine (Also known as Menactra) received at age 16 or older. This is usually the second dose. Students who do not provide proof by the deadline may be excluded from school.
- **Deadline: August 31, 2026.**





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JUNIORS: PHYSICAL EXAM REQUIREMENT

- All 11th-grade students must have a physical examination.
- Acceptable documentation may include:
 - A family physician's physical.
 - A school physician's physical.
 - A PIAA sports physical.
 - A driver's permit physical form.
- Completed forms should be submitted to the Health Room (via envelope marked "Health Room" or by email).
- Families should notify the school nurse about how they plan to meet this requirement.

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR STUDENT HOME

Do not send your child to school if they have:

- A fever of 100°F or higher.
- Vomiting.
- Diarrhea.
- A severe head cold.
- A persistent cough.
- A severe sore throat.

Students should be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before returning to school.



[Access Health Forms Here](#)



WELCOME BACK

TO ALL OUR STUDENTS!

The Library is open before school starting at 7:20 AM, for study halls during the day, and after school until 4:20 PM. There is always a certified school librarian in the Library to help students with any of their research projects.



How to Visit During Study Hall

Students who wish to come to the Library during their study hall periods must obtain a pass from one of their core teachers, then report directly to the Library with the pass and their student ID.

What You Will Find Here

We offer students access to our collection of fiction and non-fiction print books, e-books, audio books, and databases. Mrs. Dickerson and Mrs. Brader will meet with all incoming freshmen to review Library procedures. New students are also 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 a part of our school community. Students are welcome to stop in and “check us out!”



STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



PEER SUPPORT



The Student Assistance Program (SAP) would like to welcome you and your child back for the 2026-2027 school year.

We are excited to continue to serve our high school students.

The SAP team will be offering the following in-school programs for the 2026-2027 school year:

Additionally, the SAP team offers a mental health and/or drug and alcohol assessment through the MidAtlantic Rehabilitation Services. An assessor sees your child during the school day in a private area to complete the evaluation. Recommendations are provided. This service eliminates the need for you to hunt for a therapist for your child that takes your insurance.



**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD
TO A GREAT YEAR!**

If you have questions about the Student Assistance Program, please email Mrs. McPeck at mcpeeka@parklandsd.net.



Driver EDUCATION

Thank You

Special thanks to Stephanie Fernandez for taking time out of her summer to help educate our summer class about driving safely around school buses!



WHY IS DRIVER'S EDUCATION IMPORTANT?

Unfortunately, car crashes are the primary cause of fatalities among drivers and their passengers between the ages of 16 and 21. In Pennsylvania, about 20 percent of the auto accidents in the state were directly caused by a young adult between these ages. Teens and young adults tend to have a feeling of invincibility -- a car accident will never happen to them. In reality, about 33 percent of teens have texted while driving and drivers under the age of 20 make up the largest percentage of distracted drivers nationwide.



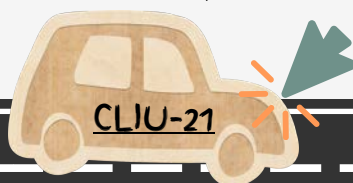
SOPHOMORES

Welcome to the 2026-27 school year. Coach Ott is looking forward to meeting each of you. All sophomores are required to take Driver's Education and should have it on their schedule for either the first or the second semester unless you have completed the summer session. Any student who has completed the Online Theory Course through the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 (CLIU 21) is reminded to submit your certificate to the Counseling Office before **August 21** in order to have the course deleted from your schedule.



ALL STUDENTS

All students are eligible to take the Behind-the-Wheel program offered by the CLIU-21 once you possess your Pennsylvania Learner's Permit. Students must also complete either the in-class or online theory in order to get their license. For complete information, please go to the CLIU site below. Any questions about the Behind-the-Wheel program should be directed to driversed@cliu.org or by calling 610-759-4111, ext. 1299.





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The PHS School Store now offers online ordering! Students and parents can conveniently shop for all their spirit wear needs from the comfort of home, and have items shipped directly to their doorstep. Our store features a wide variety of styles and designs to show off your school spirit in the best way possible.

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Ready to start shopping?

Find the School Store under the Student dropdown menu on the PHS website. Do not miss out on the latest and greatest in Parkland pride gear!