

# Parent Newsletter



June 2009

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- Report directly to your examination room.
- English exams: Periods 1 & 2, 7:45 AM to 9:22 AM in assigned locations.
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- Social Studies exams: Periods 3 & 4, 9:26 AM to 10:58 AM in assigned locations.
- Study Hall in the auditorium is available for seniors not in exams periods 3 & 4.
- Buses will leave from the front of the school at 11:10 AM.
- Seniors are not permitted to loiter or wander the building during exam days.
- Underclassmen will have regular classes all day.

Senior Exams (Math and Science)      Thursday, June 4, 2009

- Report directly to your examination room.
- Math exams: Periods 1 & 2, 7:45 AM to 9:22 AM in assigned locations.
- Study Hall in the cafeteria is available for seniors not in exams periods 1 & 2.
- Science exams: Periods 3 & 4, 9:26 AM to 10:58 AM in assigned locations.
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On **Monday, June 8, 2009 at 8:00 AM** a senior group picture will be taken in the gym. A presentation by the senior class will take place immediately following the picture. This presentation will take place in the auditorium.

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**Congratulations**  
**Class**  
**of**  
**2009!**

## Summer Driver Education Program

Summer sign-up sheets for **Driver Education Theory classes** and **Behind-the-Wheel road lessons** are in the guidance office. Register in the guidance office by signing the appropriate clipboard.

The **summer Driver Education theory class** will run two sessions: June 22–July 2 and July 13 - July 24. Both sessions will meet in room D133 at the high school. The June 22 class will run from 8 - 11:30 AM and the July 13 class will run from 9 AM–12 noon. A fee of \$100.00 is due at the first class.

**Behind-the-Wheel road lessons will continue throughout the summer.** Sign-ups will be open through the month of June. When signing up for driving lessons please print neatly since we will use that information to contact you to set up your driving sessions. A fee of \$50.00 is needed to participate in the driving program. This fee can be paid any time during the driving lesson session.

For more information on the Drivers Education program and Behind-the-Wheel training, as well as links to the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles log onto the Parkland High School Driver Education Web Site at <http://psdweb.parklandsd.org/phsde/>

Students and parents with any questions or concerns may contact the Driver Education Office at 610-351-5900 ext. # 74410 or by email at [bortzb@parklandsd.org](mailto:bortzb@parklandsd.org)

## SENIORS: CAP & GOWN ORDERS

Cap and gown orders are overdue. If you have not ordered a cap and gown for graduation, you must do so by contacting Student Services at 610-539-1330. The cost is approximately \$30.00. You must have a cap and gown to participate in baccalaureate and graduation.

**Congratulations Justine Rios and Jonathon DaSilva! Justine won the \$1000 Cash Giveaway and Jonathon won the car donated by Kelly Nissan at the Post Prom Party!**



## Post Prom Committee Thanks

The 2009 Post Prom Party was a great success! Thanks to the parent volunteers, PSD administration and staff, volunteers, and community businesses who donated their time, treasures and talents to ensure a safe and fun evening for more than **930 students!** All those in attendance enjoyed a safe evening of entertainment, food, friendship and fabulous prizes.

This summer, please stop by the following businesses and tell them how much Parkland Post Prom Committee appreciates their support. Support those businesses who support our kids!

### CORPORATE SPONSORS

Grand Prize Car donated by KELLY Nissan  
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Parma Pizza of Kuhnsville  
Philadelphia Pretzel Factory  
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### SUPPORTIVE BUSINESSES

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Panera Bread  
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Parkland Restaurant  
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Paul's Hardware & Garden Center  
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Weis - Schnecksville  
Wesley Works, DJ  
Yocco's

# PHS Upcoming Events

Last Day to Inform Seniors of Exemptions	Friday, May 29, 2009
Cheerleading Clothing Drive – 8 AM to 2 PM (Café)	Saturday, May 30, 2009
Last Day of Classes for Seniors	Tuesday, June 2, 2009
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Last Day to Inform Underclassmen of Exemptions	Friday, June 5, 2009
SAT Exams @ PHS	Saturday, June 6, 2009
Baccalaureate	Sunday, June 7, 2009 @ 5:00 PM
At Asbury United Methodist Church – Seniors must arrive by 4:30 PM	
Senior Picture (Gym)	Monday, June 8, 2009 @ 8:00 AM
Senior Presentation (Aud.)	Monday, June 8, 2009 @ 9:00 AM
Last Day of Scheduled Classes for Underclassmen	Tuesday, June 9, 2009
Senior Practice for Commencement at Stabler Arena	Tuesday, June 9, 2009 @ 8:30 AM (Bus leaves at 8:00 AM)
Commencement – Stabler Arena	Tuesday, June 9, 2009 @ 7:00 PM
Seniors should arrive by 6:15 PM	
Underclassmen Exams (English/History)	Wednesday, June 10, 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Report directly to your assigned examination room.</li><li>English Exams: Periods 1 &amp; 2, 7:45 AM to 9:22 AM in assigned locations.</li><li>History Exams: Periods 3 &amp; 4, 9:26 AM to 10:58 AM in assigned locations.</li><li>Buses will return students home at 11:10 AM.</li></ul>	
Underclassmen Exams (Math/World Language)	Thursday, June 11, 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Report directly to your assigned examination room.</li><li>Mathematics Exams: Periods 1 &amp; 2, 7:45 AM to 9:22 AM in assigned locations.</li><li>World Language: Periods 3 &amp; 4, 9:26 AM to 10:58 AM in assigned locations.</li><li>Students that do not have a World Language exam may leave or must report to the auditorium.</li><li>Buses will return students home at 11:10 AM.</li></ul>	
Underclassmen Exams (Science)	Friday, June 12, 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Report directly to your assigned examination room</li><li>Science Exam: Period 1 &amp; 2, 7:45 AM to 9:22 AM in assigned locations</li><li>Buses will return students home at 9:35 AM</li></ul>	
Last Day of '08 – '09 Academic Year	Friday, June 12, 2009
Summer School Begins	Monday, June 22, 2009
Report Cards Mailed Home	Tuesday, June 23, 2009
Summer School Ends	Wednesday, August 5, 2009
First Day of Fall Sports Practices	Monday, August 17, 2009
Opening In-Service Days 2009 – 10	September 1, 2, and 3
First Day of Classes 2009 – 10	Tuesday, September 8, 2009

## SENIOR CLASS OF 2009 END OF YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Commencement Instructions

Commencement practice will be held on **Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at 8:30 AM** at Stabler Arena. Please be prompt! **Practice is mandatory if you wish to participate in Commencement.** A bus will be provided for students needing transportation to graduation practice. It will leave from the front of Parkland High School at 8:00 AM. Students are permitted to use their own means of transportation to commencement practice. All graduation requirements must be fulfilled to participate in the graduation ceremony. All fines or money due to the Parkland School District must be paid in full to receive your diploma. Expect to stay at Stabler Arena until 12:00 PM. Commencement tickets (4 to each graduating senior) will be distributed at commencement practice. Extra tickets may be obtained at commencement practice. Please provide a parental note requesting extra tickets and the amount needed. NHS stoles will also be handed out at graduation practice to those students fulfilling all NHS requirements.

Commencement will begin at **7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 9, 2009** at Stabler Arena. Be there by 6:15 PM! This is a formal ceremony; treat this evening with **RESPECT AND DIGNITY**. This is the final act of your high school education. Please wear proper attire. Boys must wear ties, dress shoes, long pants and dress shirts. Girls must wear dresses or skirts and dress shoes. Please do not wear sunglasses or deface caps and gowns. If you are not attired in an appropriate manner, you will not participate in the graduation ceremony.

If you feel you cannot behave appropriately, please do not attend. Beach balls, silly string and similar items are not permitted. Misbehavior during the graduation ceremony could lead to your dismissal from Stabler Arena.

### Baccalaureate Service

Baccalaureate Service will be held on **Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 5:00 PM** at Asbury United Methodist Church. Please arrive by 4:30 PM if you wish to participate. Please wear your graduation gown (**NO CAPS**). This is a **NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICE**.

## PHS LIBRARY LINES

## NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

Keep on reading...stop by the library for great summer reading books before heading to the beach or on vacation.

Summer hours:

10 a.m.- noon and 1- 3 p.m. (Monday- Friday)

We will be closed 7/3, 7/6, & 7/7 for the 4th of July holiday.

**A.P./ Honors Summer Reading books may be picked up in the library ONLY during open library hours.**

Seniors:

Seniors who completed ALL requirements by 5/22 will receive NHS stoles at graduation practice.

Incoming 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders:

NHS applications for incoming 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be handed out in late September.

### Athletic News

#### Scholarships Awarded to Parkland Athletes

Congratulations to our recent "Letter of Intent"

honorees. On Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> ten of our student

athletes made their college intentions official. Thomas Carfagna, Dennis Klusaritz, Jr, and Mark Winkelspecht will be playing lacrosse at Chesnut Hill College. Allen P. Nist will play lacrosse at New York Institute of Technology. Jon Thielen will be swimming for the University of Maryland. Sara Steinagel will swim at Millersville University and Marielle O'Connor will swim at Seton Hall. Ian Heist has chosen the University of Pittsburgh to continue his wrestling career. Sequeena Thomas is returning to Texas to play basketball at Sam Houston State University. And, Daniel Klem will play baseball for the Explorers at LaSalle University.

#### LVIAC Scholar Athletes

Recently the LVIAC selected the spring scholar athletes. These athletes are selected by their schools based on their academic achievement (40%), their athletic achievement (40%), and their involvement in extra-curricular and



community activities 20%. Parkland's selections were: Baseball, Jonathan Gabriel; Lacrosse, Justin Muser; Girl's Soccer, Erica Murphy; Softball, Kyle deSandes-Moyer; Tennis, Jordan Silberg; Boy's Track and Field, Cameron McConnell; Girl's Track and Field, Elizabeth Skinker and Boy's Volleyball, Chris Busack. Erica Murphy, Kyle deSandes-Moyer, Jordon Silberg, Cameron McConnell and Chris Busack were selected as the LVIAC Scholar Athlete as well. What an outstanding accomplishment for our spring student athletes.

#### Parkland Hall of Fame

On Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup> we added seven inductees to the Parkland Hall of Fame. Deanna Stinner; 2008 All-State Volleyball player, Breanna Mazalewski; 2007 & 2008 All-State Volleyball player, Piotr Kuczaj; 2008 All-State Volleyball player; Jaime Malandra; 7 time P.I.A.A. State Swimming Champion, Clint Miller; 2007 All-State Football player, Jaleel Clark; 2007 & 2008 All-State Football player, and 2006 P.I.A.A 4A State Champion Girls basketball coach Patti Heffner. Congratulations to these outstanding 2009 Hall of Fame inductees.

#### Mark your calendar: Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> Fall Athletic Physicals

will be given at Parkland High School free of charge. Boys physicals will be given from 8 AM – 10:30 AM and the girls from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. All physicals must be turned in to the athletic office by August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

All of our spring sports are currently participating in league, district or state competition. Updates and final records will be included in the next newsletter.

#### New Athletic Director

Congratulations to Jeff Geisel for his recent appointment as the next Parkland School District Director of Athletics.

For up to the minute game listings, changes, etc., go to [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) or visit Parkland's website at [www.parklandsd.org](http://www.parklandsd.org), and click on the athletics calendar.

# COUNSELING CORNER

It is hard to believe this school year is already coming to an end. Listed below are a few reminders for the summer months:

\* **Schedule change requests must be submitted to the Counseling Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.** Please review your child's report card at the end of the year and contact your son or daughter's counselor if any changes need to be made to the course requests for next year. Requests for early dismissal and assigned teachers will not be entertained for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

\* **The College and Career Resource Room will be open to parents and students throughout the summer months,** Monday through Friday, 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Please encourage your child to use this time for researching and exploring postsecondary programs. College applications will be

accepted from seniors at the beginning of the school year; please contact your counselor with any questions.

\* **Please contact the Counseling Office this summer if your family will be moving** within the Parkland School District or outside of the district. Two documents are required to confirm a change of residence within the district by the end of July in order for new transportation information to be issued on time. If moving outside of the district, we will provide you with the academic and medical documents necessary to ensure a smooth transition to your new school.

\* **Online registration for the 2009-2010 SAT tests** will be available throughout the summer months at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). October 3, 2009 is the first SAT test date scheduled for the fall.

\* The **PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test)** will be administered next fall to interested sophomores and juniors on **Saturday, October 17, 2009**, here at Parkland High School. The College Board allows for this test to be administered

only once every school year. Please mark this date on your calendar for future reference. Information about the PSAT can be found on [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

\* **The remaining test dates** for this school year are June 6 for the SAT Reasoning Test and SAT Subject Tests, and June 13 for the ACT. Parkland High School is a test center for the June administration of the SAT.

\* A new link entitled, "**Frequently Asked Questions**" was recently added to the Parkland High School Guidance website. Jennifer Diehl, Counselor Intern and Kathy Lentz, Guidance Counselor reviewed questions most commonly asked by students and parents at each grade level and developed informative responses and links to help our community navigate the vast amount of resources and programming available to our students. Please take a look at the site this summer.

\* **The Counseling Office will be staffed throughout the summer months.** Please call us at 610-351-5610 if we can be of any assistance. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**June 6** - SAT Reasoning Test/SAT Subject Tests at Parkland High School

**June 13** - ACT

**July 1** - Schedule Change Requests Deadline

**Oct 3** - First fall date to take the SAT.

**Oct 17** - PSAT at Parkland High School.

**The College and Career Resource Room will be open throughout the summer from 7:30 am – 3:30 pm. Meetings with Mr. Roberts regarding The College Admission/ Application Process, Scholarships, Financial Aid, etc. are available by appointment. Call (610) 351-5600 or e-mail [robertse@parklandsd.org](mailto:robertse@parklandsd.org).**

## From the Nurse...

All students who will be in 11<sup>th</sup> grade in '09-'10 will need a physical exam. This is a State requirement. Forms were mailed home in January. Forms are also available on the PHS Website under Health Services. Please return these forms to the School Nurse.

At the end of the school year, you will receive a Medical Report Card for your student. This report gives you the results of the screenings completed on your child during this school year. Please understand these are only screenings. If your child is having any problems with their vision, hearing or growth, it is best to discuss this with your doctor for a more in-depth evaluation.

The Nurse is available during the summer months, but on a very limited basis. If you have any medical concerns about your child to discuss with the Nurse, please leave a message and she will contact you when she is in the office. The Health Room's contact information is as follows:

Phone: 610 351-5616      Fax: 610 351-5987

Email: [seremulad@parklandsd.org](mailto:seremulad@parklandsd.org)



## Order a DVD copy of the Class of 2009 Commencement Ceremony



Parkland Morning News will be filming the class of 2009 Graduation Ceremony at Stabler Arena on Tuesday, June 9th at Stabler Arena. We will then sell DVD's of the graduation for \$20.

If you are interested in buying a DVD in advance, please mail this form with \$20 or a check made payable to Parkland School District to:

PMN  
Attn: Marilyn M. Stinebaugh  
Parkland High School  
2700 Cedar Crest Blvd.  
Allentown, PA 18104

The DVD's will be available for pick up in the Rotunda of the High School beginning the week of June 22nd.

2009 Graduation Video

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# of DVD's \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# PRESSURE TO FIT IN

Feeling accepted and fitting in is paramount to teens today. Fitting in could mean having the latest cell phone or the “coolest” jeans or hanging out with the right people. It could also include using alcohol, tobacco, drugs or prescription drugs.

## What to Watch For:

The pressures teens face today play a big role in influencing them to choose risky behaviors including substance use. In fact, most teens use alcohol or drugs to fit in, cope with underlying problems, to feel stimulated or to address any combination of the above problems. Watch for issues like depression or other risk taking behaviors as a sign that they are struggling with the pressures of adolescence.

The following are warning signs to watch for:

- sudden change in behavior, such as sleeping habits or eating habits
- frequent sadness or over-reacting to everyday events and disappointments
- less interest in activities, absences from school and a drop in grades
- problems with relationships and isolation
- high levels of irritability, hostility and anger
- bloodshot eyes or confusion
- unusual borrowing or spending of money
- self injury, such as, cutting or scratching excessively
- extreme eating habits or unhealthy obsession with appearance or weight
- needing constant support or reassurance

## What Can Parents Do?

- appreciate differences in their teen years and yours
- be involved in their lives
- challenge them to be a leader
- focus on the positive
- focus on health not appearance
- talk to your teen about drugs and sex
- model and teach positive stress management and coping skills
- provide opportunities for decision-making

For more information on helping your teens through these challenging years visit: [www.TheAntiDrug.com](http://www.TheAntiDrug.com) .All Parkland students also have a free Behavioral Health and Drug and Alcohol Assessment available through the Adolescent Central Intake Unit in Allentown. Call (610) 432-2228 and tell them that you are from Parkland High School. For other questions, email [harakalc@parklandsd.org](mailto:harakalc@parklandsd.org) or call (610) 351-5600. Remember that there are **Drug Screen Kits** available at the high school to test for 8 possible substances for **\$14.00**. Have a safe summer!

# From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians, and Students,

Looking back upon my eight years as Principal of Parkland High School, I am very proud of everything we have accomplished as a school community in our work together. Cooperation and communication among the various stakeholders within our school community are essential for high student achievement and are vital components in our continuous school improvement efforts.

I am truly honored to have served the students of our district as the Parkland High School Principal and it is with a bittersweet feeling that I end my tenure in this role. I am extremely appreciative of the tremendous support I have received from administrators, faculty, staff, parents, students, and community members as your Principal. We have embraced many challenges within our educational mission the past eight years and by working together, we were able to overcome them.

I look forward to working with each of you in my new role as Assistant Superintendent and I thank you for your commitment to providing a quality education for our students in the Parkland School District. The cooperation, respect, and support you have shared with me throughout the years will be long remembered.

Respectfully,

Richard T. Sniscak

Principal

## Attention Parkway Manor Families...



The Parkway Manor PTO invites you to become part of the Parkway Manor "Leave a Legacy" campaign to commemorate the school's 50th year of service to the children and community. Your family may buy an engraved brick that will become part of a new decorative walkway at Parkway Manor highlighting the flagpole directly in front of the school.

This is not a fundraiser – all money collected will offset the cost of this PTO-funded beautification project. For order forms and more information, visit the Parkway Manor web site at [www.parklandsd.org/pm/index.php](http://www.parklandsd.org/pm/index.php).

## Visual & Performing Arts Update

As June approaches and the activities in the A wing begin to settle down, it is a good time to reflect on the past year. We certainly went out with a bang.

### Festival of the Arts Recap

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Parkland Festival of the Arts was held the weekend of May 14-16. The weather cooperated with us most of the time and the event was a big hit. The addition of the Family and Consumer Science displays on Thursday night was a hit as parents and students enjoyed delicious food samplings and watched behind-the-scenes demonstrations.

Friday night's Battle of the Bands brought close to 400 spectators out to hear 7 terrific bands under the main tent. The night was warm and the music was "hot." "The Current" won first prize and, consequently, played the last slot of the Festival on Saturday afternoon.

Saturday's rain held off for the most part and the Quad was filled with sights and sounds of families enjoying all of the art work, music and performances (not to mention the food). It was a great day. Next year's festival will be held May 20-22, 2010.

### Godspell Wins 9 Freddy Nominations

"Godspell," was honored with 9 Freddy nominations including best overall production. The Award ceremony was held too late for results to be posted here, but they will be posted in the Fall issue. Congrats to the cast, crew and pit.

### Indoor Color Guard and Percussion

What a fantastic season both the Indoor Color Guard and Indoor percussion had this Spring! Both teams scored many first place finishes and were both moved up in the rankings based on their scores. All of their hard work and determination really paid off.

### Dramatic Awards

"Rumors," a one act performed by members of the Parkland Players, won best ensemble at the recent theater competition held at West Chester University. Brendan and Cameron James won the award for best comedic scene, Steven Dunmire won for best classical monologue and Alicia Varcoe won for best over all monologue presentation.

### Music Awards

In May, our music students performed in the PMEA All State Choir, Band and Orchestra. Two of our students, Andrew Kurtz, tenor and Hannah Snyder-Samuels, soprano, were ranked first in their respective voice parts. Quite an accomplishment.

### In closing...

As mentioned in earlier articles, this was a banner year for our visual arts students. We won many awards and placed students in the National touring high school art show. The Jazz Band and the Strolling Strings played in many different venues and brought great pride and honor to our school district.

As the year winds down, we want to thank all of the gifted students and staff who have given so much to our department. We also want to thank all of the parents and friends who have taken time to come and see, listen and watch what we do.

Have a great summer!

**Have a safe,  
happy  
and enjoyable  
summer!**



## Summer Assignments for Honors/AP Courses

All students who enroll in an honors level or Advanced Placement course in science, social studies (including psychology), English or math will be required to complete a summer assignment for the course. These assignments were developed so that students can focus on new course content from the beginning of the course instead of spending time reviewing in preparation for the new material. Additionally, summer assignments create a less compressed schedule for these courses.

All assignments will be listed on the Parkland High School website at the beginning of June. You can access the site directly by logging onto <http://psdweb.parklandsd.org/phsweb>. Click on "Links," and then click on "Honors/AP Summer Assignments." Click on the title of the course, and all of the necessary assignment information appears for that course. Additionally, a link labeled "Close Reading" is available as a resource for the honors and AP English assignments.

In most cases, students will need to pick up a textbook for the summer assignment. Depending upon the course, some books may be distributed in the student's current honors classes. Others will be directed to sign out a book at the PHS Library after final exams. You may do this between 10:00 am – Noon and 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday during the summer. Incoming freshmen should pick up their books at the PHS Library as soon as possible after June 12.

Please be aware that all students planning to take honors/AP courses must complete the summer assignments, including those currently registered and those who will transfer into these courses after the start of the year. There are no exceptions.

Please contact Assistant Principal Jane Barthold at the high school if you have any questions at 610-351-5606.

## SUMMER FAQ's

### Frequently Asked Questions About Summer Assignments for Honors and AP Courses

#### 1. Where do I obtain the materials and/or resources to complete the summer assignment?

Resources and materials to complete the summer assignment and where to procure those resources and materials are identified within the assignment that is posted online under the curriculum or high school quick links. The PHS library has been targeted as the place to receive materials if a student missed receiving them prior to the end of the school year. You may sign out a book or materials between 10 am – 12 pm and 1 pm – 3 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Please ask the library clerk for assistance.

#### 2. Must I complete this summer assignment if I enrolled in the Parkland School District after the summer session?

Yes, regardless when a student enters an honors or AP course, if the course requires the completion of a summer assignment, the student will be expected to complete the assignment within 30 calendar days from the first day the student enters the class. Students submitting the assignment late will have points deducted for each day late as identified by the teacher's grading and class management guidelines. After the fifth day late, the grade will be a zero.

#### 3. May I submit the completed assignment earlier than the required date?

Students are highly encouraged to submit on the due date but early submissions may be submitted to Department Supervisor Theresa Stack in the PHS library. A verification receipt will be issued when the assignment is received.

#### 4. What happens if the assignment is late or is not submitted?

Students submitting the assignment late will have points deducted per day as identified by the teacher's grading and class management guidelines. On the fifth late day, the student will receive a zero for that assignment.

#### 5. Is the assignment graded and what is the value of the assignment?

Each assignment will be graded as described in the assignment itself. Point values will vary from course to course, but all assignments will be graded.

#### 6. Do we require a summer assignment for all courses?

Summer assignments are required only for those Honors and AP subjects listed on the Parkland High School website.

#### 7. Whom should I contact if I have questions?

If you have a question about the assignment, the first contact should be an email to the following "point persons" who have been designated to assist with questions about assignments within a particular department:

Math: Melodie Stinner, [stinnerm@parklandsd.org](mailto:stinnerm@parklandsd.org)

Social Studies: Dave Martin, [martind@parklandsd.org](mailto:martind@parklandsd.org)

English: Tim Schwarz, [schwarz@parklandsd.org](mailto:schwarz@parklandsd.org)

Science: Sue Baranek, [baraneks@parklandsd.org](mailto:baraneks@parklandsd.org)