

Parent Newsletter



August/September 2009

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of the 2009-2010 school year for **ALL STUDENTS** will be Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

TIME SCHEDULE

School will start at 7:45 a.m. and will end at 2:58 p.m. Please also note that the AM LCTI students will attend homeroom at Parkland High School prior to receiving a bus transfer to LCTI.

PARENT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

All Parkland High School parents are invited to a meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parkland High School Auditorium. The meeting will include a presentation on our student planner and a detailed explanation of the policies and practices at Parkland High School. This meeting will be especially **helpful to parents new to the high school**, and will provide an excellent update for all returning parents. We look forward to meeting with all of you.

PARENTS' NIGHT/OPEN HOUSE

Parkland High School will host its' annual Parents' Night/Open House on **Thursday, September 17th beginning at 7:00 p.m.** On this evening you will have an opportunity to visit the entire school, hear from your son or daughter's teachers, and learn more about our programs and activities. We hope you plan to attend.

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents:

I am very excited to begin my first year as the principal of Parkland High School. It has been a busy summer and we are almost ready to begin the 2009-2010 school year.

This monthly newsletter is designed to keep you informed about the many events that are occurring here at Parkland. Our goal is to provide you with of all the information necessary to help your child be successful.

There will be some new faces joining our staff when we open in September. Joining our professional staff will be: Margaret Buell, Mathematics; Denise Connolly, French; Jessica Reinsmith, Social Studies; Sara Ritter, English; Andrea Roposh, English; Kimberly Toner, Latin; John Trengre, Earth Science and Jeff Geisel as our new Director of Athletics.

We are happy to welcome these highly qualified individuals. I am certain they will fit in well with our outstanding team here at Parkland.

Sincerely,

Howard S. Lessel

Principal

E-Mail: lesselh@parklandsd.org

Class Dues

The freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes organize a variety of fundraisers during their high school years to defray the cost of prom / post prom expenditures and various student activities. In an effort to minimize fundraising efforts, class dues will be collected from students. Dues will be a total of \$20.00 for their four years at Parkland High School. Sophomore students who wish to sell *Entertainment* books can choose that option in lieu of paying class dues. Detailed information will be shared with your son/daughter. Parents will have the opportunity to pay their child's class dues on September 17th during Parent Open House.

REPORTING A STUDENT'S ABSENCE

Parents or guardians may call in a student's absence by dialing our attendance office at 610-351-5655. Please make every effort to call the attendance office prior to 9:00 AM on each day of absence for your child. Our attendance line is available for use 24 hours a day/seven days a week.

PHS Upcoming Events

August/ September Activities

Wed	9/2	9 th /LCTI Grade Orientation
Mon	9/ 7	Happy Labor Day!
Tues	9/ 8	Welcome Back! All Students report for first day of classes
Wed	9/ 9	Parent Orientation Meeting 7 pm (Auditorium)
Wed	9/16	9 th Grade Picture Day Parent Forum Meeting 7 pm (C200)
Thurs	9/17	10 th Grade Picture Day Parent Open House 7 pm
Fri	9/18	11 th Grade Picture Day
Wed	9/23	ASVAB Test SAT Prep Class Begins
Fri	9/25	New Student Involvement Fair (Auxiliary Gym)
Sat	9/26	Welcome Freshmen School Dance 7-10 pm (Café)
Sun	9/27	Severo 5K Run/Walk 10:30 am (Cross Country Course)
Mon	9/28	School Closed – Staff Development Day
Tues	9/29	Class Ring Orders during Lunches (Cafeteria)
Wed	9/30	Class Ring Orders during Lunches (Cafeteria)

9th Grade/New Student Orientation

All freshman students and students new to Parkland High School are invited to an orientation at Parkland High School on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, from 7:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Beginning with an assembly in the auditorium, the students will be welcomed and assisted in finding their homerooms. Freshmen locker assignments will be available so students may locate and operate their lockers. Students will receive their schedules and experience a trial run through an abbreviated schedule.

Buses will be available to pick students up at their regular bus stop at the regular time. Buses will also return students at the conclusion of the orientation program. Students will receive bus cards through the mail prior to orientation. If you have any questions, please call the school for more information.

Student Picture Days

We are excited to be working with Christmas City Studios for underclassmen student portraits this year. They will photograph 9th graders on **Wednesday, September 16th**, tenth graders on **Thursday, September 17th** and juniors on **Friday, September 18th**. Students who are absent on their assigned day can have their photos taken on one of the other dates. There will be an additional make-up date announced at a later time.

Parent Forum Meetings

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

Mr. Lessel will address questions, concerns and comments that are submitted prior to the meeting. Specific topics of interest may also be presented. Our first meeting of the 2009-10 school term will be on **Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 PM in Room C200.** You are welcome to attend and submit any input you have by e-mail to phsparents@parklandsd.org by Saturday, September 12, 2009. Please refer to your parent newsletter for any reminders or updates regarding the Parent Forum. The meeting dates and times for this school term are listed below.

Wed.	Sept. 16, 2009	7:00 PM C200
Wed.	Oct. 21, 2009	7:00 PM Fall Workshop
Wed.	Nov. 18, 2009	7:00 PM C200
Wed.	Jan. 20, 2010	7:00 PM C200
Wed.	March 10, 2010	7:00 PM Spring Workshop
Wed.	May 12, 2010	7:00 PM C200

During the months of December, February, April, and June we will not conduct “formal meetings,” but will still communicate through the use of e-mail questions to Mr. Lessel. Please use the e-mail address listed above during these months.

4th Annual Cadet Anthony Severo 5K Run/Walk

Sunday, September 27th, 2009

Parkland High School Cross Country Course

Registration at 9:30 a.m., Race starts at 10:30 a.m.

All proceeds will benefit Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and Parkland Wrestling Scholar Athlete (PWSA). The purpose of this run is to bring awareness and education to "Driving After Drinking." Applications are available at <http://psdweb.parklandsd.org/phsweb/> then click "activities." For more information, please contact Larry Severo at (610) 398-3296 or e-mail severoe@aol.com.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Another school year has passed and with it, three outstanding athletic seasons. Over the course of the 2008-2009 school year, our athletic teams amassed a winning record in excess of 81 percent. To put that figure in perspective, the NCAA Division One athletic program selected for this year's Director' Cup- the award annually given to the best college athletic program in the nation had less than a 70 percent win average.

Spring Sports recap

Our Spring sports capped off the great year in athletics with our softball team capturing a PIAA gold medal, our baseball team getting PIAA silver and the boys volleyball team being ranked 3rd in the state tournament. Softball also won the LVIAC championship and was named Morning Call Team of the Year.

Individual softball honors went to Deanna Stinner (Morning Call Player of the Year, LVIAC MVP, All State, Parkland Hall of Fame), Melissa Catone, Kyle DeSandis-Moyer and Kelly Muth (All LVIAC). The baseball team was named Morning Call Team of the Year after winning both the LVIAC and District XI championships.

Individual baseball honors went to Tony Galucy (Morning Call Coach of the Year), Andrew Kulp (Morning Call Pitcher of the Year, All LVIAC), Daniel Klem and John Gabriel (Morning Call All Area, LVIAC All League), Andrew Branstetter (All LVIAC).

The boys volleyball team won the LVIAC championship, was District XI runner-up and garnered Morning Call Team of the Year honors. Individual honors went to Scott Trumbauer (Morning Call Coach of the Year), Chris Busak (LVIAC Spring Scholar Athlete, All State and All LVIAC), Matt Sundahl (All State, All LVIAC), Duy Nguyen (All State, LVIAC Co-Player of the Year) and Andy Buss (All LVIAC, LVIAC MVP).

Boys tennis and boys track both won LVIAC team championships. Individuals from the

tennis team who excelled were Jordan Silberg (LVIAC Top Male Scholar Athlete, All LVIAC) and Andrew Schwepfinger (Morning Call Player of the Year, All LVIAC and District XI.)

In track, individual male performers earning gold metals at the LVIAC meet were Nick Tacca, Matt Gillette, Alex Macri, Andre Williams, Austin Semmel, Cameron McConnell, Ricco Goldstone, Matt Haas and Andrew Szewczak. As a team, the Trojan boys were crowned LVIAC Meet Champions. In the girls' conference meet, Courtney Sniscak and Sequeena Thomas captured the gold. At the District XI Track and Field Championships, Austin Semmel, along with Matt Gillette, Alex Macri, Andre Williams, Nick Tacca, Cameron McConnell and Sequeena Thomas were crowned champions and were rewarded with a trip to the PIAA State Track and Field Championships in Shippensburg, where Sequeena Thomas and Andre Williams medaled.

In its inaugural varsity season, boys lacrosse finished with a District XI silver medal and three All LVIAC performers- Allen Nist, Curtis Kaunas and Patrick Clause.

Rounding out the spring sports awards were members of the girls soccer team- Tara Huber (All State, All Area, All LVIAC) and Emily Schneider (All LVIAC).

In addition to our current athletes, two alumni received meritorious awards from the Lehigh Valley Softball Hall of Fame. Former player Sally Whitaker-Kahan and former coach Brent Windsor were both inducted in June. Congratulations to them and their families.

Fall Sports start on August 17. Parkland's first football game will be September 4th against George Washington. This game will be played at the North East High School. Game time is 7pm. Visit www.highschoolsports.net for up to date schedules.

From the Health Room

The CDC (Center for Disease Control) does not know what kind of impact the H1N1 virus (a.k.a. swine flu) will have this fall. To help stay healthy and decrease the spread of illness in the school, please adhere to the following guidelines for sending your child to school. If your child, in the morning prior to school, is experiencing a fever of 100 degrees or more, vomiting, diarrhea or has evidence of a severe head cold, persistent cough or severe sore throat, please do not send him/her to school, even if he/she has a test or sporting event.

All Eleventh grade students, as mandated by the State, need to have a physical examination. This is best done by your family physician, but may be done by the School Physician if you choose. A sport physical for a PIAA High School sport, completed in the eleventh grade year, may be used to complete this requirement. Completed forms are to be returned to the Health Room only.

A reminder as the school year gets underway; all students in all grades have their vision screened every school year. If your child wears glasses, please have your child bring his/her glasses to school every day.

Forms for the Health Room can be downloaded from the PHS website under HS Links. The contact information for the Health Room is also located on the website. If you have any questions for the Health Room staff do not hesitate to call.



COUNSELING CORNER

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! The staff in the Counseling Office is looking forward to the beginning of school this September and as always we are here to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your son or daughter's academic program. Listed below are several reminders for students and parents to ensure a smooth transition to the start of this school year.

For Seniors

- Seniors must complete a transcript release form prior to submitting any college applications to the Counseling Office. This is a form that the student and parent (if the student is under 18 years of age) must sign, giving Parkland High School permission to release official academic information to colleges. This form will also allow our students to inform the Counseling Office as to whether SAT scores are to be removed from the high school transcript for college application processing.
- If a college is requesting a counselor recommendation, the student must complete a recommendation profile form highlighting their achievements during the past four years. This form should be submitted with the college application to the Counseling Office. 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 for teachers when preparing student recommendations.
- Seniors also need to remember that ten school days are required for college applications to be processed. Please pay close attention to application deadline dates. Submit your materials as early as possible to the Counseling Office to ensure timely processing. Seniors need to remember to inform their counselor if they are processing an application online. Applications processed over the Internet still require official transcripts and additional secondary school information. In order to

ensure timely processing of your online applications, communication with your counselor is vitally important!

- 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 guidebooks for the college bound student athlete are available online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

Testing: SAT, ACT, PSAT, ASVAB

- SAT Reasoning Test and SAT Subject Test registration booklets for 2009-2010 are available in the College and Career Resource Room. The College Board continues to encourage students to register electronically on their website, www.collegeboard.com. Students interested in testing this fall need to remember to register by September 9, 2009 for the October 10, 2009 SAT and by October 1, 2009 for the November 7, 2009 SAT. Parkland High School is a test center for the November SAT administration. Register early so you are not bumped to an alternate test location in Berks, Lehigh, or Northampton counties.
- ACT testing packets are available in the College and Career Resource Room. ACT information can be located at www.actstudent.org. Registration for the September 12, 2009 ACT must be completed by August 7, 2009 and registration for the October 24, 2009 ACT must be completed by September 18, 2009. Students can register for either of two test options in 2009-2010, the ACT Assessment or the ACT Plus Writing.
- **Juniors and sophomores are encouraged to take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2009 at Parkland High School.** The College Board allows this test to be administered only once every school year. Please mark this date on your calendar for future reference. Registration will take place at the high school late September through early October, more detailed information will be posted in the next newsletter.

Information about the PSAT can be found on www.collegeboard.com.

- The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is scheduled for September 23, 2009. The ASVAB is an excellent opportunity for juniors and seniors to complete a career aptitude test that examines different academic, mechanical and technical areas. Students interested in a military career must take this three- hour exam. The exam is free of charge and administered by military testing personnel at the high school; however, there is no obligation to meet with military recruiters if a student completes the test. Registration for the ASVAB test will take place in the Counseling Office during the first few weeks of school.

Schedules, new students, etc.

- Student schedules are currently being completed by the counseling staff and will be available the first day of school. If a student is considering requesting a schedule change, forms will be made available in the Counseling Office the first day of school. Schedule change policies and procedures can be located in the Parkland High School Registration Information and Course Descriptions Book.
- If a student has moved over the summer to a new residence within the Parkland School District, 2 proofs of residency need to be presented to the Counseling Office prior to the beginning of the school year. Acceptable documents are a copy of the lease agreement or agreement of sale and a utility bill or drivers license showing the new address. Please call the Counseling Office if you have any questions regarding this procedure.

The Counseling Office will be staffed every day throughout the month of August, please feel free to contact us at #610-351-5610 if you have any questions or concerns.



See you in September!

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute New Student Orientation

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute is hosting a new student orientation on **Wednesday, September 2, 2009**. Letters detailing times, locations, and transportation options, as well as, class schedules will be mailed during August. Orientation will provide new students with the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the facility and staff and, therefore, everyone is strongly encouraged to attend.

LCTI is still accepting applications for fall enrollment. Any interested student should contact the Student Services Office at 610-799-1340 or the Parkland High School Guidance Department at 610-351-5900.

LCTI offers half day, full time and flex enrollment options. More information may be obtained by visiting www.lcti.org.

Driver's Ed

We have been very busy this summer with over 350 students signing up for the Summer Behind-the-Wheel Driver Training program. Over 320 of these students have been scheduled for lessons and or driving tests during this time. The Summer Behind-the-Wheel Driver Training Program will be ending September 4. Those students who signed up for the summer session and were not contacted will be placed on the Saturday Behind-the-Wheel driving schedule for the months of September and October. We will contact these students first for Saturday driving lessons. However, these students may sign themselves up for additional during-school and after-school driving lessons.

During the summer, your son or daughter may have just acquired a valid Driver's License Learner's Permit. Behind-the-Wheel driving lessons are offered at Parkland during school day, after school, Saturdays & Holidays. Upon successfully completing the Behind-the-Wheel driving lessons and if the student has completed or is enrolled in the Driver Education Theory Course, students may choose to take their Driver License Test at Parkland. Sign-up sheets for these driving lessons and driver's license tests are located in the Guidance office at the high School. Students may sign up for during the school day lessons, after-school lessons, Saturdays & Holidays lessons and the Driver license test on the corresponding clipboards. Further directions are noted on the sign-up sheets.

More information on the Drivers Education program and Behind-the-Wheel Driver Training program, as well as links to the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles can be attained by logging 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 Miss Bortz at bortzb@parklandsd.org.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS/INFORMATION

Receptionist	610-351-5600
Main Office/Discipline Office	610-351-5615
Counseling Office	610-351-5610
Attendance Office	610-351-5655
Athletic Office	610-351-5600 Press 4
Director of Visual and Performing Arts	610-351-5665
Nurse's Office	610-351-5616
Principal	610-351-5600 Press 6
School Resource Officer	610-351-5900 ext. 73140
Transition Coordinator	610-351-5900 ext. 73519
Assistant Principals, Working Papers	610-351-5600 Press 5
Library	610-351-5900 ext. 73574
Fax Number:	610-351-5656
Web Site:	www.parklandsd.org
Email the Principal:	lesselh@parklandsd.org

The Parkland High School web site has a new design for 2009!

Check out the easy navigation and the plethora of resources available to parents, students and staff members at www.parklandsd.org

Post Prom Committee News

Mark your calendars – our “Kick Off” Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday,

October 13, 2009 in the PHS Library Classroom at 7 pm. We need many new parents to get involved so this tradition can continue (especially parents of underclassmen!) Come see what it's all about. The committee will meet on the following dates in preparation for the post prom party on Saturday, May 8th, 2010:

Tuesday, October 13, 2009	Tuesday, February 9, 2010
Tuesday, November 10, 2009	Tuesday, March 9, 2010
No Meeting in December	Tuesday, April 13, 2010
Tuesday, January 12, 2010	Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Don't forget out monthly fundraiser:

Market Day Ordering Quality frozen food at competitive prices. The entire Market Day product line is available on-line at www.marketday.com. This is an EASY and DELICIOUS way to help Post Prom Committee raise money every month. Only ONLINE ORDERS ARE ACCEPTED (using Parkland H Code #18718).

Please contact Deb Martin, PHS Market Day Chairperson, Deb_Martin@verizon.net (610) 395- 8130 with any questions.

Attention Class of 2010 Parents

We need your help. The Class of 2010 would like to borrow any pictures you may have of your son/daughter or groups of students at elementary, middle or high school functions/events to be used for our senior slide show presentation in June 2010.

Please include your son/daughter's first and last name, phone number and address on the back of each picture. Pictures will be returned at the end of the school year.

Pictures may be sent to: **Parkland High School, Ms. Lori Muzzelo, Senior Class Advisor, 2700 North Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104**

GRADUATION PROJECT INFORMATION

According to Chapter 4 regulations of the PA School code: All students in PA need a culminating graduation project completed prior to graduation. Some possible topics include: History Day Projects, Science Fair Projects, Job Shadowing, Volunteering, Tech Ed. & FACS Projects. For those students who do not use one of the previous topics, we will be stressing a career related project. They can use the results from the career cruising program, career investigation and possible job shadow experience to write a paper. Students must fill out a contract, write a paper and present an oral presentation on their topic in order for the project to be completed. Grades and credit will not be entered on the student's report card until after the 1st rating period of the senior year.

Any Senior who does not have his/her graduation project completed will not be entitled to early dismissal and/or driving privileges until the project is completed. Any Senior who has not presented should stop in the Library and schedule an appointment with Mr. Pfeiffer or Mrs. Will ASAP.

Any Junior who has not presented his/her graduation project can stop in the Library and schedule a time with Mr. Pfeiffer or present during the early dismissal day in May. The early dismissal day in May is also the scheduled day for any underclassmen who want to present their projects.

Reminder: This is a state requirement for graduation. If you have any questions regarding your child's status, please contact John Pfeiffer at 610-351-5900 ext. 73430.

College & Career Resource Room

The College and Career Resource Room will have extended hours for the 2009-10 school year to better meet the needs of students and their parents. The hours are as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On Wednesdays, the College and Career Resource Room will extend its hours to 7:00 p.m. It is recommended that you call Mr. Roberts to set up an appointment. Highlights of the College and Career Resource Room include a slew of college applications, bulletins, guidebooks, catalogs, and reference books that focus on colleges and careers. Information concerning SAT I and SAT II Subject Test registration, ACT registration, Financial Aid information, and Scholarships is also available. Finally, The College and Career Resource Room is equipped with five computers which enable students to do college, career, and scholarship searches, apply to colleges online, take a career interest inventory, and much, much more. Remember, it is never too early to start preparing for life after high school, and the College and Career Resource Room is the perfect place to get started. Passes for the college and career resource room can be obtained in the guidance office.

PHS LIBRARY LINES

Welcome Back!! Visit the PHS Library Research Center often for...

- Over 30,000 fiction & non-fiction books
- Over 100 computers (Mac & PC)
- 12 online library databases covering every subject
- a web-based library catalog (Destiny)
- CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, etc.
- Help from a qualified, friendly library staff!

Website: <http://psdweb.parklandsd.org/phslibrary/>

Hours:

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 7 a.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Friday 7 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

On all early dismissal days, the library will close 15 minutes after dismissal.

On most days preceding holidays, the library will close at 3:00 p.m. Check the school calendar or call to find out.

If the school has been closed due to inclement weather, the library will be closed for the day.

To verify hours, call 610-351-5900 ext. 73574.



Class Ring Information

Class ring information packets will be distributed to all sophomore parents during the Parent Open House evening on September 17th. If your child is interested in ordering a class ring, orders/deposits will be accepted in the cafeteria during all lunches on September 29, 30, October 1, 2. Additional class ring information packets will also be available in the Main Office. Expected class ring delivery will be sometime in December. This is a great holiday gift idea!

From the Yearbook Staff

YEARBOOK SALES - PARENTS' NIGHT

The yearbook staff will be accepting orders for the 2010 yearbook on Parents' Night. Tables will be set up throughout the school. The price will be \$85 on PARENTS' NIGHT ONLY. NO EXCEPTIONS. Cash or checks payable to Parkland High School are acceptable.

The price will then increase to \$90 through Jan. 15. After that date, the price will be \$95 through the end of the school year.

SENIOR BABY PICTURES

Parents of seniors can drop off baby pictures to appear in the yearbook during Parents' Night. Drop off boxes will be available at the yearbook order tables. Please label the back of the photo with your child's first and last name.

Parents: We strongly suggest that you make a copy of your child's baby picture and submit the original for the yearbook. Please submit only one picture per child. Pictures will be returned near the end of the school year.

Baby pictures are FREE. The deadline to submit baby pictures is Friday, October 16. NO EXCEPTIONS. Pictures submitted late will not appear in the yearbook. Students can drop off baby pictures in D131 in the morning before the school day begins, or parents can mail them to PHS/Attention: Mrs. Kathryn Solderitch, 2700 N. Cedarcrest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104.

SENIOR DEDICATIONS

The yearbook staff will also offer senior dedications for the 2010 yearbook. These are paid advertisements congratulating seniors. Information will be available on Parents' Night at the yearbook order tables.

Visual & Performing Arts Update

What an exciting and productive year 2008-2009 was. Our students displayed their artwork and their performance skills in many different venues and the accolades were countless. How do we follow that? Easy. With an even more exciting and ambitious 2009-2010 school year!

MAIN STAGE SEASON ANNOUNCED

Parkland High School is proud to announce the 2009-2010 season. This year, 3 shows will grace the main stage. The Fall production will be the Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee classic courtroom drama "Inherit the Wind." This fictionalized re-telling of the famous Scopes "Monkey" trial touches on subjects that are as current today as they were when the play was written over 50 years ago. The play will run November 13 and 14 at 7:30 pm and is something everyone should experience at least once.

Our annual children's show, "The Adventures of Flat Stanley" will be held on January 23rd at 11 am and 3 pm and January 24 at 1 pm and 4 pm. This delightful show about the adventures of Stanley after he is flattened during an accident is a sure-fire hit for families.

We will end our season next April with Elton John and Tim Rice's musical, "AIDA." This modern adaptation of the classic opera is filled with great music and an important story of tolerance and courage. Appropriate for all ages, the musical will be performed April 8, 9 and 10 at 7:30 pm with an additional matinee performance on April 10 at 2:00 pm.

Ticket order forms for all of the shows are available at www.parklandsd.org/arts.

MARCHING BAND

The Trojan Marching Band along with Color Guard and Band Front are hard at work preparing for another busy season of performances and competitions. Don't miss their pre-game and halftime shows during football season.

PARKLAND STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADS ON STAGE

Area theaters were filled with many current PHS students and recent graduates. It seems that every show in the Valley had some connection to our school.

Gracing the stage at Civic Theater in "Parade" were current students Ryan McCarty, Josh Rice, Morgan Reilly and Nick Roehler along with recent graduates Alicia Varcoe and Matt Mizuhara.

Featured in the Pine's Dinner theater production of "Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat" were graduates Jeff Mindock and Trevor James.

Graduates Drew Moyer, Steve Dunmire and Christine Rizzolo were seen at PA Playhouse in "Footloose" while recent grad Dawn Rother performed in "Dames at Sea" at the Shawnee Playhouse.

Four Parkland students: Alex Cummings, Nell Komlos, Keelan Granahan and Nick Roehler participated in a two-week opera program in Washington, D.C. Nick was chosen to accompany and perform at the Kennedy Center finale of the program.

TROJAN ART GAL- LERY

September's display at the Trojan Art Gallery will be "The Potter's Exchange." This showing of pottery will be on display all month during regular school hours.



DANCE TEAM NEWS

DANCE TEAM NEWS The JV Dance Team spent a long weekend of training for the upcoming season at UDA's camp at University of Maryland Baltimore County. Besides learning choreography and technical skills, the team also earned a superior trophy for their performances as well as their home routine! Nicole Zumberge, Kelly McGinness, Meghan Preiss, and Kiera Kaunas were selected as All-Americans earning them the opportunity to participate in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving. Day parade!

Fall SAT Prep Course

Parkland High School will be offering a Fall SAT Prep class to prepare for the November 7, 2009 test. This 5-week course will begin on Wednesday, September 23 and continue until Wednesday, November 4, 2009 (Classes will **not** meet on September 28, October 12 and 14th). Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesdays. Students will have a choice of an after school session from 3:15 - 5:15 pm or an evening session from 6:30-8:30 pm. In the interest of scheduling, students must select one session and may not combine after school/ evening sessions. The cost for the five-week course is \$25.00 to cover class materials; checks should be made payable to Parkland School District. Juniors will receive specific information in homeroom during the first week of school. Course registration deadline is Monday, September 14th, 2009. Register early, as space is limited. Please note that this class will also be offered in the spring of 2010. If your child is a junior who is currently enrolled in the Algebra 2 class during their junior year, he/she should not sign up for the fall session. These students should take the spring SAT prep class when they are more adequately prepared content-wise for the prep class and the exam.

If you have any questions regarding these classes, please contact Mrs. Donna Steckel at 610-351-5900 ext. 73505 or steckeld1@parklandsd.org.

Courses Offered

Spanish 4

Spanish 4 Honors

Spanish 5

Spanish 5 AP

Sign Language 1, 2, & 3

AP Calculus, Level BC

AP Physics, Level C

Drawing 1 & 2

Painting 1

Photography 1 & 2

Jewelry & Metals 1

Ceramics 1

Computer Art 1

Dual Enrollment: College in High School

In addition to the dual enrollment classes in Chinese, Arabic, Philosophy, Criminal Justice and Cultural Anthropology, PHS offers several of its own courses for dual enrollment credit through LCCC. The PHS courses listed on the left are offered for both high school and college credit:

All courses are worth 3 transferable college credits, with the exception of AP Physics, Level C, which is worth 5 transferable credits. Juniors and seniors interested in taking any of these courses for dual enrollment should fill out the registration form which was recently mailed to them and return it during the first week of school with a check made out to LCCC for \$90. Students taking AP Physics, Level C should write their check for \$150 because the course is worth 5 credits. Students have until September 15 to return their registrations and checks to their teachers. Because of a deadline imposed by LCCC, late registrations will not be accepted for any reason. Parents or students may contact Jane Barthold, Assistant Principal, at (610) 351-5606 for more information and a registration form.

National Honor Society Procedures

The National Honor Society consists of students who meet the qualifications of scholarship, leadership, character, and service as determined by national standards.

Yearly Requirements:

- 3.5 cum GPA
- participation in 2 NHS sponsored activities
- 10 hours of tutoring at PHS, OMS, or SMS (1 session required at middle school)
- attendance at General & Committee meetings (2 excused absences allowed)
- \$10 dues

Important Dates (subject to change; check website):

SEPT 14- Juniors & seniors with a 3.5 cum GPA will be invited to apply for NHS.

SEPT 30- Applications will due by 3 pm. (no exceptions).

OCT 28- Acceptance/denial letters will be given to students & mailed to parents.

NOV 18- Induction practice

NOV 19- Induction ceremony

NHS website: <http://psdweb.parklandsd.org/nhs>

Parking Tag Application

NEW FOR 2009-2010

FEE FOR PARKING TAG..... \$15.00 FOR THE YEAR
\$10.00 PER SEMESTER

Instructions:

1. Complete **ALL** information below, print clearly and sign the form.
2. Return this completed form along with your payment to the table in the rotunda September 8-18, 2009 or in the Main Office after these dates. If you are driving more than one vehicle during the school year, each must be included on this parking application.
3. Checks should be made payable to Parkland School District.
4. If any of the information changes during the school year (for example, different vehicle or color, change in license plate number, no longer drive vehicle to school), you must provide the new information to Mrs. Doran in the Main Office.

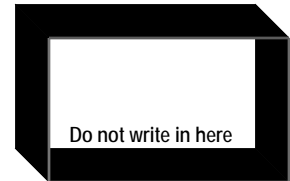
Name _____

Last
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MI

Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

English Teacher _____

Driver's license number _____ State _____



Vehicle	License Plate #	Color	Year	Make	Model	Registered Owner
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2						
3						

I have read the "PARKING REGULATIONS" as described in the student handbook and agree to abide by them. I understand that I am never permitted to park in the teachers' lot or drive behind the bus parking area. I also understand that failure to follow safe driving regulations may result in loss of the privilege to drive on Parkland High School's campus.

 Student signature Date

Cash _____(Amount)
Check # _____

ADMINISTRATION AND GUIDANCE TEAM

The high school operates under a team approach with our students in regards to attendance, discipline and counseling services. In order to enable our administrators and counselors to equally serve all our students, we assign them to be of service to students according to the alphabet. Students may identify their assistant principal and guidance counselor using the chart that follows.

Assistant Principal

Mr. Naradko Grades 9-12 A to FE

TBA Grades 9-12 FF to KR

Mrs. Steckel Grades 9-12 KS to ROM

Mr. Bailey Grades 9-12 RON to Z

Guidance Counselor

Mrs. Poremba

Mrs. Lentz

Mr. Hulmes

Mr. Hulmes

Mr. Gordon

Mrs. Pilgert

TBA

Ms. DiSabella

Mrs. McGarr

Mrs. McGarr

Mrs. Macdonald

Mrs. Gross

Grades 9-12 A to Bros

Grades 9-12 Brot to De

Grades 9-12 Df to Fe

Grades 9-12 Ff to Geo

Grades 9-12 Gep to Hou

Grades 9-12 Hov to Kr

Grades 9-12 Ks to McM

Grades 9-12 McN to Pete

Grades 9-12 Petf to Rom

Grades 9-12 Ron to Sek

Grades 9-12 Sel to Tom

Grades 9-12 Ton to Z

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