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Park Center Pirates' Newsletter

Park Center Senior High
International Baccalaureate World School
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DATES TO REMEMBER

March

25-29.....Spring Break!!!

April

- 1.....First Day After Spring Break
- 2.....ACT Test -11th Grade Only
- 2.....**No School** for Grades 9th, 10th & 12th
- 16-18MCA Math Test -11th Grade Only
- 19.....**No School** Lic. Staff Workshop
- 22.....Prom Ticket Sales Begin-During All
.....Lunches-\$40
- 24.....Conferences 3:15-7:30 PM

May

- 8.....Awards Recognition Night 7:00 PM
- 15.....Senior Commencement Meeting
- 10.....Prom Pep Fest
- 11.....Prom @ Metropolitan Ballroom,
Golden Valley
- 22.....Choir Concert 7:00 PM
- 27.....No School-Memorial Day
- 29.....Band Concert 7pm
- 31.....Chromebook Collection

June

- 3.....Yearbook Distribution
- 4.....**Seniors Last Day**
- 4.....Senior Commencement Meeting
- 4.....Cap/Gown Distribution
- 4.....Honor Accessories Sales
- 6.....Grades 9-11 Last Day
- 7.....No School-Mark Reporting Day
- 8.....Commencement Ceremony @
Mariucci Arena 2:00 PM

Dear Park Center Families,

As we approach the midway point of Trimester 3, I would like to thank parents and guardians, community members, staff, and students for your continued support of Park Center Senior High. Your support ensures that Park Center will remain an excellent school for students to attend. Thank you.

With the end of the school year near, it is a good time to again review some basic safety procedures that are in place at Park Center. The safety and security of students and staff members at PCSH is a very high priority. We take extra measures to monitor our students' whereabouts to ensure their security, and we ask for the assistance of parents and guardians by being aware of and supporting school procedures. Please encourage your student to remain focused on his/her school work and to refrain from being involved in any activities that would compromise his/her learning or our school practices and procedures.

The staff at Park Center pride themselves on maintaining a safe and positive learning environment for students. It's important to know that we take proactive measures to ensure a safe school. Throughout the course of the year, we conduct a number of emergency preparedness drills, we ensure supervision for our students before, during, and after school, and we promote the development and nurturance of student-staff relationships. **All** staff work with students to resolve conflicts and solve problems. We take safety very seriously at Park Center and are asking for your continued support as we finish another school year. Our students are worth it!

Tuesday, April 2 is the official date in which the ACT will be administered in ISD 279. All 11th graders will report to school as usual to take the test at no cost. For 9th, 10th and 12th graders, this will be an online learning day, with each student responsible for engaging in learning and assessments for each of their classes.

Finally, I would like to say *good-bye* and *good luck* to our 12th grade students as they graduate; this has been an exceptional class of young men and women, and it has been both a privilege and a pleasure to work with each of them. They will be greatly missed, but I know that they will continue to bring pride to our Park Center school community. I am also looking forward to working next year with our returning 9th, 10th and 11th graders and welcoming another class to PC in the fall. Please mark your calendars for August 21st for our All Student Orientation. More information regarding student orientation will be available this summer.



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ACT TEST DAY INFORMATION

ACT Test Day is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd. The ACT test is offered to each junior, one-time during the school day, at no cost to the student. Because of the ACT Testing, the school day on April 2nd will be a different than we usually offer. Please note the important information below for each grade level.

11th Grade

- All 11th graders are expected to come to school to take the ACT Test
- Regular school transportation will be available and breakfast and lunch will be served as usual
- 11th grade students will report to take the test with their advisory class
- 11th grade students should bring:
 1. Picture ID;
 2. #2 sharpened pencils with an eraser; and
 3. ACT-approved calculator (Please see <http://www.act.org> for list of approved and prohibited calculators).
- Access to iPad and cell phones are prohibited during the ACT Test.

9th, 10th, and 12th Grade

- 9th, 10th, and 12th graders will not come to school April 3rd; they will be expected to complete their classes online using Schoology
- Attendance will be taken; attendance will be determined by completion of the student's online classwork
- 9th, 10th, and 12th graders must complete online coursework by Friday, April 21 to be considered in attendance for April 19
- Access to Wi-Fi will be available for 9th, 10th, and 12th grade students who do not have the ability to access it elsewhere
- In order for a student to gain Wi-Fi access at school, students must be present by 7:30 AM
- It is recommended that students complete work off site, if possible, to promote an optimal testing environment for students taking the ACT

Questions? Please contact Jennifer Smasal at 763-569-7621 or Smasalj@district279.org

PROM 2019

"BEYOND THE RED CARPET"

Junior/Senior Prom is Saturday, May 11th from 7:30-11:00 pm, at the Metropolitan Ballroom in Golden Valley. Grand March will be held prior to the dance. Tickets are \$40.00 and will be sold during all three lunches starting the week of April 22nd. Cash only will be accepted for the tickets.

There will be a parent letter sent to all juniors and seniors in the next couple of weeks with more details.



PARENT/GUARDIAN CONFERENCES

We value your partnership to ensure the success of your child's educational journey at Park Center and beyond. This partnership between home and school is vital! Your communication with teachers and attending school conferences is encouraged to help support your child throughout their time at Park Center. We also have Parent/Guardian Engagement Meetings where parents are encouraged to attend to provide input and feedback on the programs at PCSH as well as share concerns and ask questions.

Conferences have been designed to give families a progress update for each class (Trimester conferences), as well as help parents/guardians be active in their child's high school and post-secondary planning (Registration Conferences). PCSH's Trimester's 1 and 2 conferences were a great success and we would love to see all of our families Trimester 3! Please see our following conference schedules below.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Conferences Trimester III
Wednesday, April, 24, 2019 (arena)

TRIMESTER GRADE REPORTING CALENDAR

Trimester	Trimester Dates	Mid-Trimester Grade Reporting	End of Trimester	Length of Trimester (in school days)
Trimester III	March 11-June 6	April 24, 2019	June 6 2019	56 Days

COLLEGE AND CAREER RESOURCE

ADDITIONAL ACT TEST INFORMATION

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 4-17, 2019

TEST FEE PER TEST OPTION:

- **ACT (No Writing) \$50.50**

Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four college choices (if valid codes are provided when you register).

- **ACT Plus Writing \$67.00**

Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four college choices (if valid codes are provided when you register). The Writing Test fee is refundable, on written request.

Students need to register online at www.actstudent.org

Students receiving free/reduced lunch can have their test fees waived TWICE by bringing a copy of the letter they received from Food Service to the CCRC to receive a waiver. Fee waivers **do not** include late fees. Students can register for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests at www.collegeboard.org

Preparing for the ACT Test booklets that include a full length practice test, including the writing test, strategies to prepare for the test and what to expect on test day are available in the CCRC. You can take a free ACT or SAT practice tests online at: www.mncis.intocareers.org and at www.princetonreview.com/practicetest

REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts are processed through Parchment Exchange. Log in to Parchment by clicking on the button (“Request my Transcript”) on the Park Center homepage or go to www.parchment.com. You will set up a personal profile using an e-mail address that is not your school apps e-mail address. When putting in your school, type in “Park Center” only and a drop down menu will come up, then choose “Park Center IB World”. Select a college or destination to receive your transcript. Park Center staff will approve the requests online and Parchment does the rest by preparing and sending your transcript to your requested destinations. They will confirm sending and delivery so you know when your application is complete. The Parchment website is most compatible with Chrome or Firefox.

Currently Enrolled Students: All transcript requests for currently enrolled students are FREE. There is no limit as to how many you can request.

PCSH Alumni: Students who have graduated one year prior may request transcripts at no charge provided the destination accepts electronic transcripts. Electronic transcript cost for previous alumni is \$5. The cost for paper transcripts for alumni is \$7.

Transcripts will be processed within two school days with the following exceptions – weekends, holidays, during processing of final transcript grades and two days before and three days after trimester end.

Questions? Contact Jody Hansen 763-569-7627 or Hansenj@district279.org.

SENIOR NEWS

COMMENCEMENT 2019 INFORMATION

Commencement 2019 is almost here! Commencement is Saturday, June 8 at 2:00 P.M. at the Mariucci Arena on the University of Minnesota Campus. Please check the PCSH website frequently for items pertaining to seniors. **Seniors should mark their calendars for an important class commencement meeting during Advisory at 9:15 on Wednesday, May 15 and Tuesday June 4th.** Those attending PSEO or the OALC should also attend.

During the week of April 15, we will email you a PCHS Commencement Ceremony Planning Packet; we will also post it in our website and in Schoology. This important packet will detail commencement specifics and answer most questions you may have. Please see below for preliminary information and continue to check the website. For specific questions, contact the principal's secretary, Victoria Krook at 763-569-7619 or email at Krookv@district279.org

- ◆ The School Board approved Commencement Participation Fee is \$20.00 per senior and will be payable through FeePay on our website April 17 and will remain through May 15. All Students must pay this fee if they wish to participate in the ceremony.
- ◆ PCSH provides all students ***participating in the commencement at Mariucci Arena*** with a cap, gown, tassel and medallion free of charge and is theirs to keep. Seniors completed their Cap/gown/diploma orders online in January. ***Parents do not need to call and verify their students' order, as the principal's secretary followed up with any senior who had not placed an order and had them complete this task.***



PIRATES CLASS OF 2019

MORE SENIOR NEWS

HONOR/HIGH HONORS

The list of students graduating with Honors/High Honors will be posted outside of the Student Support Office on Monday, May 6. Honor accessories will be available for purchase during all lunches on Tuesday, June 5th in the South Gym ***if Honor students choose to wear them.***

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OPTION (PSEO) STUDENTS

It is the responsibility of PSEO students to stay informed by checking in with their counselors and/or Park Center Senior High on a regular basis to stay current on important information and deadlines. PSEO students are expected to follow the same procedures and deadlines for things such as parking permits, senior/school pictures, commencement, etc.

The PCSH Facebook page, Twitter account, and website (schools.district279.org/pcsh) are all good resources for PSEO students. All commencement information will be posted on the website and Schoology. ***Please note that 2nd semester PSEO grades for seniors are not used in tabulating graduation honors.***



PIRATES CLASS OF 2019

Celebrate Your Achievement

Honor Your Graduation with Commencement Portraits



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the school year we are in need of volunteers to help with a variety of tasks.

Students can work with our Volunteer Coordinator to learn about volunteer opportunities in our community. If you would like to be added to the Park Center volunteer email list, or if you have any questions about our program, please contact Cicely Eames at (763) 569-7605 or at Eamesc@district279.org.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR ALL ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Registration for athletics and activities is available online at

<http://www.district279.org/i-want-to/register-activities>.

FeePay™ is an online registration system that allows families to register students for athletics and activities at any time of day. After completing all the required documents online, families can use the safe and secure online payment option or pay separately in person or by mail to finalize their student's registration. A link to FeePay™ is located on the district website: <http://d279.us/FeePay>.

HEALTH SERVICES OFFICE

GETTING SICK AT SCHOOL

If a student becomes ill during the school day or an emergency arises, he/she should see the nurse **before** calling or texting a family member to pick them up at school. Before deciding to send a student home, often 20-30 minute rest, heating pad, or something to eat may be all that is needed to help them through the day. Once the nurse assesses a student and believes he/she would do better at home, a call is made to the parent/guardian. If the student has a fever over 100 degrees, home is the best place for the child until symptom-free for 24 hours.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Over-the-counter medications such as Advil or Tylenol and prescribed medications can be kept in the health office for headaches, pain, and other conditions. Having medication at school can often mean the difference between a student finishing out the school day comfortably or missing valuable academic time. In order for medication to be taken at school, a Medication Form must be on file with the nurse. Forms are available in the Health Services Office.

MN IMMUNIZATION LAWS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

As of September 2014, Minnesota's Immunization Law now requires that students be vaccinated with the Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV4) by grade 7. This new law has implications for our students and especially for seniors who will be attending a college after graduation. Most colleges

Independent School District 279 does not discriminate on the basis of disability. If you need auxiliary aids or services in order to participate in or attend a District activity, please contact us at least seventy two (72) hours in advance at (763) 569-7600.



Park Center High School

Important Phone Numbers



School Phone	(763) 569-7600
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Assistant Principal	Kim Berling (763) 569-7614
Assistant Principal	Jennifer Smasal..... (763) 569-7621
Student Management Specialist (A- FA)	Paris Kyles (763) 569-7615
Student Management Specialist (FE-LY).....	John Turner (JT) (763) 569-7625
Student Management Specialist (MA-SH)	Jarrett Fellows (763) 569-7694
Student Management Specialist (SI-Z)	Al Nolen..... (763) 569-7615
Registrar	Cindy Swanson (763) 569-7617
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Activities' Secretary	TBD..... (763) 569-7654
Activities' FAX	(763) 569-7652
<u>Attendance Office</u>	
Grades 9th-10th Students	Cindie Wuollet (763) 569-7612
Grades 11th-12th Students.....	Karen Waldman (763) 569-7611
Business Manager.....	Matt Newell..... (763) 569-7602
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Counselor (L-OL)	Dan Nguyen (763) 569-7765
Counselor (OM-T)	Denise Warner (763) 569-7622
Counselor (U-Z)	Jana Morton (763) 569-7626
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Counseling FAX.....	(763) 569-7778
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