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# Park Center Pirates' Newsletter

Park Center Senior High

*International Baccalaureate World School*

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December 2018

## \*DATES TO REMEMBER\*

### NOVEMBER

29.....Trimester I Ends

30.....No School - Mark Reporting

### DECEMBER

3.....Trimester II Begins

### **\*WINTER BREAK\***

December 24 - January 1, 2019

### January

2.....School Resumes

21.....No School - MLK Day

14-18.....Snow-Daze Week

18.....Coronation/Pep-Fest

19.....Snow-Daze Dance 7-10pm

23.....Registration Conferences

26.....Asian New Year Celebration

31.....Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:15-7:30

### February

4.....No School-Teacher Workshop

15.....No School

18.....No School

### March

7.....Trimester II Ends

8.....No School - Mark Reporting

11.....Trimester III Begins

### **\*SPRING BREAK\***

March 25-29

### April

1.....First Day After Spring Break

13.....ACT Test

19.....No School

24.....Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:15-7:30

29.....No School

### May

8.....Awards Recognition Night

11.....Prom@ Metropolitan Ballroom

27.....Memorial Day No School

### June

4.....Seniors Last Day of School

6.....Last Day of School

8.....2019 Commencement Ceremony

Hello Pirate Families!

It is hard to believe that fall and first trimester are behind us. We have many exciting things to celebrate both in and outside of the classroom. Please take a moment to read about how our students have been demonstrating PRIDE in our community:

- Adapted (CI) Soccer finished third in State
- Adapted (PI) Soccer won the consolation bracket at State
- Chief Williams (Junior- Boys Soccer) was named All State
- Winter sports are now underway and spring sports begin in late April/ early March.

As you can see, we have many reasons to be proud of our school! Congratulations to all of our students for their contributions to the community, and their athletic and academic achievements. You can follow our achievements on Facebook at "Park Center Senior High" and on Twitter at @ParkCenterSrHS and @PCSHActivities.

As a school, we will continue to keep you informed of your student's academic progress. Your student received his/her Trimester grades in Advisory on December 12, 2018. Please take time to review your student's grades and talk with your student about his/her academic progress.

Moreover, if you haven't already done so, we encourage you to register for our ParentVue program. Through ParentVue, you can access your student's attendance, test scores, health records, and transportation information as frequently as you choose. ParentVue is accessed through the internet and only requires you to present a photo ID to the school in order to obtain a confidential access code. You may sign up for ParentVue during any school day between the hours of 7 a.m.- 3 p.m. in the Counseling Office. ParentVue is a valuable tool for keeping you informed of your student's academic progress and to improve communications between the home and the school.

Believe it or not, registration for the 2018-19 school year is coming soon. We will have a special registration session for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students on January 23<sup>th</sup>. Current 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin the registration process on January in their Advisory class. Please stay tuned for more information regarding registration.

Finally, as we go into Trimester 2, I want to again thank you for your continued support of Park Center Senior High. All of us at Park Center look forward to continuing to work with you as we enter the second trimester of the year. When all of us work together, our students can achieve anything!

Sincerely,

Heather Miller-Cink, Principal

# SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Park Center Families,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the Assistant Principal of Park Center Senior High IB School. I am honored to be in this position, and am looking forward to working with your child and assisting the Principal and staff in making this a great school year.

I have held various educational roles aimed at increasing student achievement and promoting teacher collaboration. I am proud to have spent most of my career as a Reading Specialist, Literacy Coach and Staff Development Assessment Specialist. My career began as a fifth grade teacher and eventually, an instructional leader in Osseo Area Schools. Throughout those years of education, I taught in multiple grade levels including Early Childhood through high school. I am originally from Thief River Falls, MN. I lived down south for several years and then moved back to Minnesota to be near family. I have a husband that is also an educator and a blended family of 5 children.

I am resolute in my belief that my role as a leader is to support teachers and put students at the forefront of all decisions. I believe that every child can learn, just not on the same day the same way. My goal is to collaborate with staff to support them in differentiating effectively to ensure that all students push themselves further, achieve more than they thought they could, and understand that learning involves critical thinking. I believe that students need to consistently experience the reality that success stems from hard and informed work. If students don't feel motivated, they're not going to put their best foot forward.

Thank you for this opportunity to partner with you in my role as Assistant Principal at Park Center Senior High!

Go Pirates!

Jennifer Smasal

# SCHOOL NEWS

## YEARBOOKS

2018-19 yearbooks can be purchased for \$50 with cash or check in the Small Lab or online by credit card at [www.YBpay.com](http://www.YBpay.com). (Park Center Yearbook ID: 6015619). Student's name can also be printed on cover of book for an additional \$8 (foil name).



## Yearbook Deadlines for SENIORS

*More info on Yearbook website on the PC homepage under the FAMILIES tab*

Portraits: December 21<sup>st</sup>

Baby Ads: December 21st

Buddy Picture Sweatshirts: January 9<sup>th</sup>

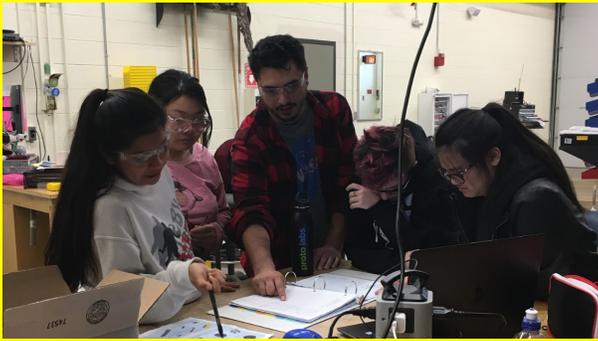
Senior Quotes: January 11th

## ASIAN NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Save the date! Mark your calendars now for Park Center's 5th Annual Asian New Year Celebration hosted by the Asian Club on Saturday, January 26th 2019 from Noon-5:00pm in the PC Auditorium and Cafeteria. More information to come. Contact Ms. Kuhlmann or Mr. Nguyen with questions.



# SCHOOL NEWS CONTINUED



## Robotics at PCSH

In our 4th year, our PC fall robotics teams are getting ready for our competition season. Our fall robotics teams (4) compete on December 2nd in the FIRST Tech Challenge game

Rover Ruckus; we are excited to see how these robots do.

Winter robotics builds a larger robot as part of the FIRST Robotics Competition Destination: Deep Space and works with a variety of local engineers and machinists to give our students connections to career paths and expertise in building. The students learn design, programming and building skills along with the importance of the business skills related to marketing, business development, outreach, and marketing design. Fee Pay is open now for winter robotics sign up. Students are invited to come check it out after school the first week of January in room 145. We are particularly proud to be sponsored locally by **Caterpillar, Boston Scientific, and Northrop Grumman**. Contact Ms. Drake at [draket@district279.org](mailto:draket@district279.org) with questions

## PLTW and College Credit at PCSH



We are excited to offer 4 PLTW Engineering, Computer, and Robotics courses at PCSH.

- **Introduction to Engineering Design** (recommended first course grades 9 and up)-design and 3D drawing
- **Computer Science Principles** - Programming including Java and Python
- **Computer Integrated Manufacturing** - Robotics, Automation, and CNC operation
- **Physics + Principles of Engineering** - Physics explored through hands on application using robotic automation and hands on labs.

Each of these courses is eligible for **3 college credits** when the students pass the end of the year exam. The PLTW curriculum emphasizes hand's on application of skills learned and values collaboration and problem solving. Students in these classes design and build or code a wide variety of projects. For more information please see the registration catalogue or contact Ms. Drake at [draket@district279.org](mailto:draket@district279.org)

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

It is our expectation that students have good attendance so they may participate fully in the learning process, by being present for the meaningful instruction their teachers provide.

- If your child is absent, please be sure to call the Attendance Office on the day your child is absent. If your child must leave school for an appointment during the day, please send a note **that** day and have your student give it to the attendance personnel before 7:30am to obtain a pass to leave school.
- In the event a student must leave school due to illness, she/he must see the nurse to obtain a "Leave School Permit" approved by the nurse or an administrator before leaving. Failure to follow this procedure may result in an unexcused absence. Parents/Guardians, if you receive a call or text from your child due to illness, tell them they must first see the nurse. Once the nurse assesses an ill student and believes he/she would do better at home, a call is made to the parent/guardian. If your child has a fever over 100 degrees, home is the best place for the child until symptom-free for 24 hours.

## ATTENDANCE LINE FOR GRADES 9 & 10

Cindy Wuollet 763-569-7612

## ATTENDANCE LINE FOR GRADES 11 & 12

Karen Waldman 763-569-7611

# FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

## BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAM

Our program is set up so that students may put money into an account which they can then draw upon when they purchase a breakfast/lunch by entering their personal account number into a keypad. Every student was given a pin called "**Universal PIN**". They will keep this pin throughout high school. Student account numbers will be printed on their schedules.

- Students may deposit money into their account prior to "A" lunch on any school day.
- Checks can be written to *Park Center* or *PCSH*, include the student's name and PIN (if known) in the memo section on the check.
- Free and reduced lunch applications are available in the Counseling Office during the school year, or online at [www.district279.us/fma](http://www.district279.us/fma). Applying online is the quickest way to receive benefits. Processing of the paper application takes approximately one week.

### **Breakfast is served 7:00am - 7:25am**

*Students eat as they arrive,  
before 1st period*

**High School Student Breakfast: \$1.60**

### **Lunch is served between 10:53am - 12:47pm**

*Specific times are determined by the  
student's schedule*

**Senior High Student Lunch Price: \$2.85**

# PARK CENTER DAILY SCHEDULES

## SEVEN CLASS PERIOD SCHEDULE

Park Center has a 7-period day schedule with advisory offered one day a week. This schedule accommodates the IB programme and offers more opportunities for students to take additional courses.

- Students attend all seven of their scheduled courses 4 times per week.
- Advisory (A) meets for 68 minutes a week.

Monday & Friday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
<b>1</b>	7:30–8:17	<b>1</b>	7:30–8:38	<b>1</b>	7:30–8:38	<b>2</b>	7:30–8:38
<b>2</b>	8:22–9:09	<b>2</b>	8:43–9:51	<b>A</b>	8:43–9:51	<b>3</b>	8:43–9:51
<b>3</b>	9:14–10:01	<b>3</b>	9:56–11:04	<b>4</b>	9:56–11:04	<b>4</b>	9:56–11:04
<b>4</b>	10:06–10:53	<b>*5</b>	11:09–12:47	<b>*5</b>	11:09–12:47	<b>*6</b>	11:09–12:47
<b>*5</b>	10:58–12:16	<b>6</b>	12:52–2:00	<b>7</b>	12:52–2:00	<b>7</b>	12:52–2:00
<b>6</b>	12:21–1:08						
<b>7</b>	1:13–2:00						
<b>Lunches</b> <b>A</b> –10:53–11:18 <b>B</b> –11:23–11:48 <b>C</b> –11:51–12:16		<b>Lunches</b> <b>A</b> –11:04–11:34 <b>B</b> –11:39–12:09 <b>C</b> –12:17–12:47		<b>Lunches</b> <b>A</b> –11:04–11:34 <b>B</b> –11:39–12:09 <b>C</b> –12:17–12:47		<b>Lunches</b> <b>A</b> –11:04–11:34 <b>B</b> –11:39–12:09 <b>C</b> –12:17–12:47	



# **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.

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 1 conferences were a great success and we would love to see all of our families Trimester 2! Please see our following conference schedules below.

## **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

Registration Conference	Conferences Trimester II	Conferences Trimester III
Wednesday January 23	Thursday January 31	Thursday, April 24

## **TRIMESTER GRADE REPORTING CALENDAR**

Trimester	Trimester Dates	Mid-Trimester Grade Reporting	End of Trimester	Length of Trimester (in school days)
Trimester II	December 3, 2018- March 7, 2019	January 23, 2019	March 7, 2019	57 Days
Trimester III	March 11, 2019- June 6, 2019	April 24, 2019	June 6, 2019	57 Days

## **PARENT/GUARDIAN ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS**

Our Tri I Parent/Guardian Engagement meeting was a great success. Please keep in mind that all parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. All meetings are from 6:30-7:30pm and will be held in the CCRC. The next scheduled meetings dates are: January 31st and April 24.

**Park Center High School**  
**Important Phone Numbers**

School Phone .....	(763) 569-7600
School Fax.....	(763) 569-7606
Principal.....	Heather Miller-Cink..... (763) 569-7601
Principal's Secretary.....	Victoria Krook ..... (763) 569-7619
Assistant Principal .....	Kim Berling..... (763) 569-7614
Assistant Principal .....	Julius Eromosele ..... (763) 569-7603
Assistant Principal.....	Jennifer Smasal ..... (763) 569-7621
Student Management Specialist (A-Gr) .....	Paris Kyles ..... (763) 569-7615
Student Management Specialist (Gu-Mi) .....	John (JT) Turner ..... (763) 569-7625
Student Management Specialist (Mo-Te).....	Jarrette Fellows..... (763) 569-7694
Student Management Specialist (Th-Z) .....	Al Nolen ..... (763) 569-7615
Student Support Secretary.....	Nicole Chase.....(763) 569-7610
Registrar .....	Cindy Swanson ..... (763) 569-7617
Activities' Coordinator .....	John Hedstrom..... (763) 569-7655
Activities' Secretary .....	Keelie Sorensen ..... (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
College & Career Placement Specialist .....	Diane Ahlberg ..... (763) 569-7665
Counseling FAX .....	(763) 569-7778
Counselor (A-DO) .....	Christopher Cary ..... (763) 569-7623
Counselor (DR-K).....	Melanie Stewart ..... (763) 569-7624
Counselor (L-OL) .....	Dan Nguyen ..... (763) 569-7622
Counselor (OM-T) .....	Denise Warner ..... (763) 569-7765
Counselor (U-Z) .....	Jana Morton..... (763) 569-7626
Counselor, Student Assistance .....	Emily Juaire ..... (763) 569-7689
Counseling Secretary .....	Nan Morgan ..... (763) 569-7620
Social Worker.....	Elizabeth Gunckel.....(763)569-7722
Social Worker.....	Jennifer Anderson.....(763) 569-7697
Health Services .....	Alana Niska ..... (763) 569-7608
Health Services .....	Ebbie Anako ..... (763) 569-7670
Special Ed. Building Coordinator .....	Danielle Johnson ..... (763) 569-7697
Supply/Copy Room.....	Melissa Huang.....(763)569-7618
Volunteer Coordinator .....	Cicely Eames ..... (763) 569-7605