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“MEET THE TEAM!”



Correspondent: Carter J. Hellwarth

Over the course of the past year, the following group of Parkway students has lead the publication of the Black and Gold Unfold as well as the Parkway Morning Announcements. They are proud to have shared news with this great community and now offer you a chance to know more about them:

Jace Armstrong looks forward to playing football at Adrian College upon graduating.



One of Chase Heitkamp's favorite quotes comes from the media class: "Stay Classy, Rockford."

Ruby Bennet's favorite quote: "You never really know the true value of a moment until it becomes a memory." -Spongebob

Carter Hellwarth loved sharing jokes and riddles on the announcements: "You can be the difference between a dreary morning and a fun one."

Chantry Simon looks forward to earning a degree in botany and is proud of his ability to eat jars of peanut butter **very** quickly.

Gabe Schaaf is proud to be attending Purdue after graduation and enjoyed the community feel of Parkway.

Fun Fact: Riley Samples is the top Calculus 2 Student (his classmate may disagree).

Blayne Fullenkamp's favorite memory of the class: tripping on a chair during the announcements.

Blake Strickler, 2021 Mac Champ in the 3200 meter run, hopes to be remembered as the kid who didn't give up on his athletic dreams.

Senior Ashtyn Sipe enjoyed the opportunities Parkway gave her in high school, such as work release and being the prom queen.

Caden Slusher's favorite quotes include "Did you touch my drumset?" and, from this class, "Happy national cheese curds day, I guess..."

Cami High's favorite quote is "Oh well, life will go on." She loves Parkway's small-school atmosphere.

Kaitlin Schafner enjoyed all of the mistakes laughed over during the announcements.

Lillian Childress looks forward to one day becoming a zoologist.



Top L-R: Chantry Simon, Chase Heitkamp, Gabe Schaaf, Caden Slusher, Ashtyn Sipe, Blake Strickler
Bottom L-R: Lillian Childress, Carter Hellwarth, Riley Samples, Blayne Fullenkamp, Kaitlin Schafner, Cami High, Ruby Bennet (Not Pictured: Jace Armstrong)



High School News

Correspondents: -Chantry Simon and 'Blayne Fullenkamp



Band and Choir Bands Together for State Performance

-The Parkway band and choir students arrived at the school at 5:30 AM for the two hour bus ride to Gahanna, Ohio, for the State Band and Choir competition. The band played *National Honor*, *Summer Resounding*, and *Chimney Rock Celebration* and received a score of II for their performance. Then everyone headed to the middle school for the choir performance where they sang *Sing Out a Joyful Song*, *Shule Aroon*, and *Nellie Bly* and scored a I, which hasn't been done in 16 years! After celebrating at an Italian restaurant, the buses were welcomed home with a parade through Rockford with a firetruck and police escort congratulating the students on their outstanding performances.

After three months of preparing for the state performance, all the students came home with a feeling of joy for the task that they had accomplished.

A Spotlight on Vantage Seniors

-Bryce Stearns has become the fifth student ever from Vantage Career Center to become a Certified Briggs and Stratton Master Service Technician. Bryce had to work diligently this school year in order to obtain this very difficult certification. To become a Master Service Technician, Bryce had to pass six challenging Master Service Tech exams, which included Theory and General Knowledge, Diagnostics and Troubleshooting, Engine Systems, Fuel Systems- Carburetor and Electronic Fuel Injection, Failure Analysis and Warranty Decisions, and Products- Pressure Washers and Portable Generator.

Hunter Bruns, a senior Precision Machining student, recently earned his way to the Ohio State SkillsUSA competition in CNC Milling. Also, Hunter was recently recognized at Vantage's Career Advanced Placement Signing Day event for confirming full-time employment upon graduation with Cooper Clouse, Parkway/Vantage alumni and CEO of Speed Pro Machines, along with SPM representative and Parkway/Vantage alumni, Cole Ketchum.

Herminie Williams earned her way to the Ohio State SkillsUSA competition and won the Bronze medal award in Cabinet Making.

Congratulations to all! Go to our Parkway Homepage under Newsletters for pictures.

A Prom to Remember

'The 2022 Prom was held on April 30, 2022, and was a fun time for those who attended. The juniors worked hard to transform the high school gym into a magical scene depicting the theme of "Enchanted Forest." Promenade started at 7:00 where students were introduced while they walked across the floor in their formal attire. A highlight of the night was when Caden Slusher and Gabe Schaaf appeared as the brothers from the movie *Step Brothers*.

Later in the evening, royalty was crowned. Congratulations to Blake Strickler and Ashtyn Sipe for being crowned the 2022 Prom King and Queen.

After-prom took place at Pla Mor Lanes where everyone enjoyed two hours of bowling, good food, and door prizes.

The 2022 Prom was a night to remember. Go to our Parkway Homepage under Newsletters for pictures.

Seniors Take Point at Cedar Point

'The 2021-2022 Senior Class Trip to Cedar Point took place on Monday, May 16, 2022, where the Seniors enjoyed themselves along with Mrs. Profit's Advanced Math Classes. The Senior trip is the last trip Seniors do before final exams and graduation.



Seniors posing for one last picture at Cedar Point-

-Decisions Decisions Decisions

On May 2nd, the Parkway seniors took a class photo with shirts depicting what they'll be going onto after graduation.





Middle School News



Correspondents: Chase Heitkamp and Gabe Schaaf

Students of the Month

5th Grade - Abigail Sipe - Abi is full of positive energy, which spreads throughout the classroom. She is helpful and friendly to everyone she meets. Not only is Abi a terrific person, but she is also an extremely hard worker who wants to do well. She strives to be the best that she can be, and can do anything she sets her mind to do. Abigail is a member of Potis. She is the daughter of Scott and Melinda Sipe.

6th Grade - Tyson Twigg - Tyson is a responsible student who puts forth effort in and out of class every single day. His positive outlook is contagious and he is a joy to have in the classroom. He participates in class discussions and works well with other classmates. Tyson is a member of Potis. He is the son of Ryan and Kelly Twigg.



7th Grade - Aisley Everett - Aisley is a kind and considerate student. She is very reliable and searches out her work to be done even when is absent. Aisley asks questions only when needed as she works hard to figure things out on her own first. She is respectful to both teachers and classmates and is overall a very PAWSitive student. Aisley is a member of Potis. She is the daughter of Ed and Abbey Everett.

8th Grade - Luis Rodriguez Perez - Luis is one of the most hardworking students in the 8th grade. He always shows his best work and always gives 110% percent. He is responsible, kind, and caring and has a positive attitude. He is truly a PAWS-itive student! Luis is a member of Potis. He is the son of Luis Rodriguez-Perez and Lucero Rodriguez.

Panther Academy

The Panther Academy was started by the Middle School Teacher Leader Team. The idea is loosely based on the concept of House teams in *Harry Potter*. The purpose of the House system is to create a sense of belonging and a focus on proper behavior and learning throughout the school year.

Middle School students have been placed on one of four teams - Potis, Alacer, Wadiairus, and Spero. The House teams align with our school-wide PAWS-itive behavior expectations - Practice Responsibility, Actively Learn, Work Respectfully, and Show Kindness. Potis is the House of Responsible Students, Alacer is the House of Active Learners, Wadiairus is the House of Respectful Students, and Spero is the House of Kind Students.

Students are placed into their House teams as 5th graders and will stay on their teams for their time in middle school. Students are striving to be named House Champions by earning points throughout the year through academic growth, behavior in school, community service projects, shoutouts for PAWS-itive behavior, and from Quarter Competitions. The winning team will earn the "House Belt" and a trip to Kings Island.

Washington DC Trip

The eighth grade class went on the annual field trip to Washington DC during the month of April. The students left early morning on Sunday, April 10th. They then arrived and were able to see the Lincoln, Vietnam Veterans, and the Korean War memorials. Monday consisted of visiting different memorials such as the Thomas Jefferson memorial and different museums such as the Holocaust museum. On Tuesday morning the students visited the capitol building and surrounding museums and memorials. Later that afternoon, four students, Ethan Pond, Rylan Lyons, Brittyn Bruns, and Taylor Muhlenkamp, participated in the Army Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. On Wednesday, students continued visiting different museums and memorials in and around Washington DC. Thursday, April 14th, consisted of the students visiting The White House before leaving for Parkway just after lunch.

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Elementary News

Correspondents: Caden Slusher and Jace Armstrong



Kindergarten Visits Hellwarth Farms

The Kindergarten students visited Hellwarth Farms on Tuesday, May 10. The students first toured the milking parlor, where they learned about the process of milking the cows. They also toured the calf barn, where they were lucky enough to see a calf that had just been born that morning! The students were able to learn about the entire process from farm to store. Throughout the trip, the students were able to ask questions, interact with the farm hands, and witness how dairy farms impact communities.



Third Grade Travels to the Old Days

The third grade class traveled to the Rockford history museum and Shane's cabin, located in Shanes park. Being taught by high school students and members of the Rockford Historical society; The little panthers learned all about life in the days of settlers and the history of how Rockford became a town.



Fort Wayne Children's Zoo

Parkway First Graders were able to visit the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo on May 12th. Along with seeing all of the animals, the students enjoyed a picnic lunch at the zoo. Some of the favorite activities of the day included petting the stingrays at Stingray Bay, brushing the goats in the farmyard, and feeding the giraffes in the African Safari.

