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District News



Busing

The Parkway Transportation Department has had a great start to another new school year! I would like to thank our bus drivers, our administration, the parents, and everyone else who is involved with helping with the success of bus safety and logistics when it comes to transporting our students. Patience is a virtue when transporting students, and is greatly appreciated by Parkway Transportation while we work out all the kinks at the start of the new year, and any other situations that may occur during the school year. Let's hope for a continued safe and smooth school year!

I would like to ask one more thing from our parents who drop off their students in the mornings. Please do not use Buckeye Street or the street directly in front of the Middle School and District Office while commuting to the elementary drop off. This street (Panther Drive) can be very congested in the mornings already. If you are dropping off your student at the elementary, please use the street beside New Horizon Church. This will eliminate bus congestion and congestion from high school students who drive to school on Buckeye Street. Thank you for your cooperation!

Rick Roehm
Transportation Supervisor



Honoring Veterans



Parkway Local Schools will be honoring our local veterans and their families with a Veteran's Day Assembly on Friday, November 11, from 8:30-9:30 A.M. in the Parkway High School gym.

Veterans wishing to attend are asked to contact Sally Cox at 419-363-3045 ext. 700 or at coxs@parkwayschools.org. When registering, veterans will be asked to provide their name, branch of service, approximate years served, any wars/conflicts served in, along with the names of family members in attendance so that we may properly recognize and honor the veterans and their families.

On that morning, veterans are asked to arrive at the high school entrance between 8:00-8:20 in order to be seated for the program by 8:30. High School Student Government members will assist with parking and getting into the building.

Following the assembly, there will be a meet and greet with K-12 students in the High School Commons, with coffee and donuts provided for the veterans.

New Trees at Football Stadium

Out with the old and In with the new. Parkway schools replaced the old and decaying pine trees and replaced them with 150 new trees to keep with the tradition of having trees surrounding our football stadium.

The trees consist of Western Red Cedar, Norway Spruce, Bald Cypress, Tulip Poplar, and coming soon, White Pine.



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High School News

Correspondent: Andrew Taylor



See You At The Pole!

Parkway's Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) held an event on September 28 at 7:00 A.M. called "See You At The Pole" honoring *Global Week of Student Prayer*. This was a student-led event, where students prayed for our school, community, and world.

After the event, students enjoyed donuts in the community room.



Parkway/Vantage NHS



Parkway would like to congratulate the National Honor Society inductees for 2022. To participate in NHS, the qualifications are to earn a minimum of a 3.5 G.P.A., show leadership skills, participate in community service (must have a minimum of 20 service hours), and demonstrate strong character traits. This year's NHS participants have plans for raising money for Heifer International through fun events like their annual "Trivia Challenge."

Congratulations goes out to our Parkway Vantage students for earning their positions on the National Technical Honor Society.

Please see the Parkway Homepage for more information and pictures of these exploratory students.

Build Your Future

On Thursday, September 22, Parkway's Sophomore class took a field trip to the Van Wert County Fairgrounds to participate in the "Build Your Future 2022." This event was held by Van Wert Works Program and Vantage Career Center. Sophomores rotated around to different stations that Vantage students taught like Carpentry, Construction, Welding, HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing, and Heavy Machinery. With this hands-on trade experience, Parkway students got first-hand involvement in potential career options.



Important Dates

- October 26 - Toledo University- College Representative Visit
- October 30 - Marching Band concert grades 6-12 at 2 PM
- November 2 - Edison State College Representative Visit
- December 5-9-Fall (EOC) End of Course Retake Exams
- Nov. 4-6- High School Musical "Subverted"

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Scholastic Bowl

Academics, pop culture, and random facts are just a few categories that our 2022 Scholastic Bowl teams are quick to answer. This year's JV team is undefeated, while our Varsity Scholastic Bowl team holds a 4-1 record. Participants buzz in answers to 20 fast-paced questions per round, with a total of five rounds. The misconception is that Scholastic Bowl is only for academically intelligent students. Although this helps, any high school student who has a broad knowledge of many things, the ability to answer questions quickly, and a fun-loving attitude can participate and become an important member of the team.

For those who would like to try Scholastic Bowl, the team meets every Monday for a few hours for a lively and fun-filled evening.



Middle School News

Correspondent: Caiden Berry



Students Of The Month

5th Grade - Claire Snell - Claire is quiet, hardworking, and independent. She consistently has her homework done, is well organized, and does not get caught up in distractions and drama. She has caught the attention of her teachers by standing out in a good way. Keep up the excellent work! Claire is the daughter of Thomas and Jenna Snell.

6th Grade - Branson Bradley. Branson is a responsible student who consistently comes to class prepared and is not afraid to ask questions. One of the things his teachers appreciate most about him is how respectful he is to them and his peers. Branson is an all good kid and a great role model for others! Branson is the son of Amy Clouse and Tom Bradley.

7th Grade - Makynlie Clay - Makynlie has been working extremely hard on her work and is very respectful to her teachers. She works the entire class period and wants to do well. She works well independently and also does well in group work. She has good time management skills and acts very mature for her age. She has all around displayed PAWSitive student behavior this year. Way to go Makynlie~ keep up the good work!!! Makynlie is the daughter of Ashleigh Clay and Ryan Clay.

8th Grade - Gavin Westgerdes - Gavin is hard working and shows grit and determination while mastering difficult concepts. He leads by example by displaying strong character traits and is respectful and courteous to his classmates. Gavin is the son of Britney Shindeldecker and Geoff Westgerdes.



Language Arts Literature Circles

In Mrs. Clay's 6th grade Language Arts classes, the students are reading the book *Number the Stars*. It is a World War II novel that tells the story of Denmark's heroic rescue of its Jews from the Nazis. The students were assigned groups & jobs for their literature circle, including the Discussion Director, Passage Picker & Word Wizard. The students will also be working on projects throughout the novel.



New S.T.E.M. Teacher

Parkway would like to welcome to the high school and middle school, Ms. Taylor Thein. Ms. Thein teaches specials for 5th-8th grade and an elective high school STEM class (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). The STEM classes focus on engineering design, putting things together in everyday life, and understanding how it all works.

The students have started working on programming robots to move in certain ways through a challenging course. Miss Thein has enjoyed seeing the students like the projects and use math in a practical way to get things to work.

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Elementary News

Correspondent: Alivia Osborne



September Students of the Month



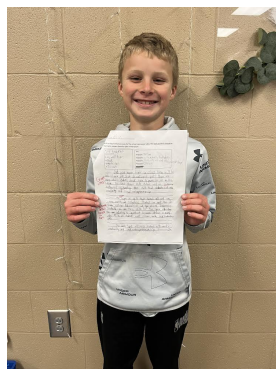
Whitley Smith, Lexi Garwood, Camila Tawoj, Brantley Baker, Bexlee Brister, Macey Bell, Konner Crouch, Clayton Schmidt, Lanae Schafer, Gabby England.

4th Graders Write About Careers

Ms. Hellwarth's 4th grade Language Arts classes wrote an essay about the skills they will need to use in their future careers. The students took their ideas and created amazing essays using their thinking skills to determine what they will need for their futures.

Please see Parkway's Homepage, under Newsletter for additional information and pictures of Ms. Hellwarth's Language Arts writers.

Proud 4th grade essay writer, Griffin



The Great Apple Crunch

At the recent Paw Wow, Nurse Patty Hippy talked to the students about eating locally grown foods. The students learned about how eating locally grown foods taste better, are more nutritious, and how eating locally grown foods support our area farmers.

After the presentation, the students were treated to an apple that was donated by Menchhofer Farms.



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