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District News



The 2021-2022 school year is here, and we are ecstatic to have students back in the classroom once again. This year is already shaping up to be an exciting one at Parkway Schools, thanks to the tireless work of our teachers, support staff, and administration. It is such a joy to watch our students mature into independent, responsible and productive citizens as they continue to learn and grow in an environment overflowing with community and school support.

As we move towards trading in our summer shorts for fall jackets, it is my hope that this past summer has been one full of time spent relaxing with family and friends. Now, our thoughts turn to preparing for the start of a new school year, one of my favorite times of the year. Few experiences are more encouraging and inspiring than watching our students, parents, and staff enter the doors of our wonderful district bringing a renewed sense of purpose and drive to achieve great things. It is truly thrilling to be a part of such a wonderful team. In addition, we have been fortunate to add a new administrator and teachers to the Panther family:

We are pleased to welcome them to our district and add them to an already fabulous staff. I just know they are going to do great things at Parkway Local Schools. The start of a new year also brings our athletes and musicians back to prepare for our fall season sports. We encourage everyone to continue to show their Panther Pride by cheering on our students in every game they play and show they perform. Good luck to our Panthers throughout the fall athletic season.

Finally, with Gov. DeWine lifting the health orders on June 2, 2021, there is a return to normalcy, something many of us have been seeking since the start of the pandemic. It is refreshing to return to many typical activities after more than a year with pandemic restrictions. Last year, the district invested in a new air purification system that uses “needlepoint bipolar ionization” to minimize airborne virus transmission. This system, along with enhanced cleaning procedures, will help to keep our students, staff, and community safer, which will continue to be one of our top concerns.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff. We are forever grateful for such a supportive community full of Panther Pride. I’m looking forward to a year of new adventures and accomplishments.

Go Panthers!



School Transportation

Now that summer break is over, the Transportation Department would like to remind parents to use the south entrance of the school drive (beside New Horizon Church) when dropping off or picking up students on the elementary side of the school. Please be courteous to our bus drivers by yielding to buses when possible, and not using “Panther Way” which is the street that runs directly in front of the school. This will also help prevent traffic congestion going down Buckeye Drive which so many of our HS students use in the mornings. In addition, all Parkway students have participated in school bus evacuation drills for this school year. Let’s have a safe school year!



High School News

Correspondents : Cami High and Ruby Bennett



New Teachers In The High School

Maggie Houts is a new teacher in the High School of Parkway this year. This is her first year of teaching at a school as a teacher, however, Ms. Houts underwent student teaching in Illinois. She has substituted at Parkway prior to becoming a permanent teacher. When she was student teaching in Illinois, she taught 7th grade social studies. She originally wanted to become a social studies teacher because she, “Likes to bring life to stories that people usually find boring.” After a position within Parkway came up, Ms. Houts decided to become licensed to teach English. She found that teaching English is similar to teaching social studies. She operates her classes by “breathing life” into stories and making it engaging for her students to learn. She teaches English 11, Honors English 11, English 12, and Honors English 12. Juniors will focus on American Literature and Seniors will focus on British Literature and World Literature. Ms. Houts grew up on a grain farm between Rockford and Celina, and graduated from Parkway High School in 2017. Ms. Houts says, “I was a student and now I am able to be on the other side of the desk and join the staff, and it has been amazing.”

Nick Albers is another new teacher in the high school this year. He taught at Tipp City High School for three years, and this will be his fourth year of teaching. When he taught at Tipp City High School, he taught 9th through 12th grade business classes. At Parkway, Mr. Albers teaches Business Applications, Personal Finance, Intro to Business, Accounting, Yearbook, Marketing, and Digital Video & Photography. Mr. Albers, “Has always been passionate about helping people” and enjoys teaching high schoolers and helping students achieve success before, during, and after graduation. He has many big projects lined up for each of his classes, such as a 35 minute episode around the school for his Digital Video & Photography class, developing business plans, creating the 2022 yearbook, and having students create a marketing plan for a resort. Mr. Albers grew up on a family farm outside of Coldwater, and currently resides in Coldwater. Mr. Albers says that Parkway’s students and staff “Have been very nice, very helpful, and very welcoming.”

Parkway’s Annual Book Fair

This year’s annual book fair will be held online. The community is able to access this year’s book fair via the following website: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/parkwayelementaryschool14> . This is where the Book Fair will take place, due to Covid-19 restrictions. According to Sara Stearns, Parkway’s director of the Book Fair, “It’s a place where you can go and find decently priced books for your kids, nieces and nephews, and friends, and is a way to bring literacy to the community.” Community members can access this year’s Book Fair from October 11-24. All purchases benefit the school library, providing more literature resources for the students. A portion of each book sale will go towards providing these books to Parkway’s library. It is a great way to provide a gift for your friends, family, and school. You can also go onto the website and take a Virtual Tour, to browse all available books.

Coffee Shop Available to Students

Mr. Hughes’ class has teamed up with Biggby Coffee and is now selling coffee in the morning to students and staff. It is a good way for his students to learn how to work independently in the real world and interact with other people. Hughes says doing this gives the students “a sense of purpose” and “pride to be able to serve others.” It helps them with communication and creates job skills they can use in the future after they graduate from Parkway. This program has had a positive impact on the school and is continuing to grow.

Important Dates

Sept 17th: ACT registration deadline
 Oct 13th: PSAT for top 20% Juniors
 Oct 23rd: ACT test



Ms. Maggie Houts(left) and Mr. Nick Albers(right)





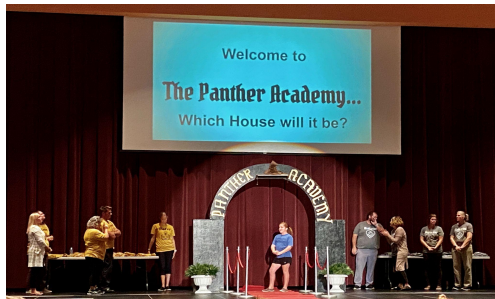
Middle School News

Correspondents: Ashtyn Sipe and Blake Strickler



Panther Academy

The Parkway Panther Middle School has adopted a new program called, The Panther Academy. The Panther Academy is designed to improve students' inclusiveness in middle school. Within the Panther Academy, students choose to be a part of one of the four houses. The four houses include: Potis (the practice of responsibility), Alacer (the practice of actively learning), Wadiarius (the practice of working respectfully), and Spero (the practice of showing kindness). Students are separated into their Houses with designated teachers in charge of those houses. Students will compete for points throughout the school year to earn the Championship Belt, which also grants those students on the winning house a trip to Kings Island. To earn points in the contest against the other houses, students will earn points in several different ways. Students can earn points through their behavior and effort each month, teacher shout-outs for outstanding effort or acts of kindness, student participation in community service, as well as quarter competitions. The quarter competitions are given each nine weeks in which the students will compete in physical and mental challenges along with Executive Functioning skills.



2021 Middle School Teacher Changes

Mrs. Allison Luginbill is from Sidney, Ohio, where she graduated from Ohio State, University of Pittsburgh, and Notre Dame College. She was a substitute teacher at Parkway for four years and the athletic trainer for five years. She taught at Delphos Jefferson for the last four years, where she taught two years in the middle school and two years at Franklin Elementary. Mrs. Luginbill is now a part of the 8th-grade staff, teaching mathematics, and is a part of House Team Alacer- the practice of actively learning.

Mr. Nathan Stoner is from Celina, Ohio, and is currently living in Ohio City. Nathan graduated from Wright State University Lake Campus in 2019 and then began substituting at different schools in the area. He was a Teacher's Aide at Parkway for two years before becoming a teacher. Mr. Stoner is the middle school and high school STEM teacher at Parkway, where 5th and 6th graders are doing Lego Mindstorms, which are lego robots that are program on computers. His 8th graders will be starting on projects soon as well. Mr. Stoner is a member of the Panther Academy, which he is a part of House Team Potis- the practice of responsibility.

Mrs. Karli Bransteter is from Rushville, Indiana. She graduated from Indiana University East and taught her first two years at Union City Jr/Sr. High School. Mrs. Bransteter has exciting projects for this upcoming school year in the 7th and 8th grade science classroom. She hopes to team up with Mr. Clouse (5th/6th-grade science teacher) to put on a science fair this year. Mrs. Bransteter is a part of the House Team Potis- the practice of responsibility.

Mrs. Brenda Williams is from Coldwater, Ohio. She graduated from Ball State University and started teaching at Parkway in 2001. She taught in the elementary within the Title I program, which is a small group reading intervention program for grades K-3. Brenda is now part of the 7th and 8th-grade staff, where she teaches Social Studies. Mrs. Williams is a member of the Panther Academy, which she is a part of House Team Wadiarius- the practice of working respectfully.

Mr. Barry Peel is from Rockford, Ohio. He graduated from Wright State University and started teaching at Parkway in 2001 as the Middle School Science teacher. He recently transitioned to the K-8 Physical Education teacher position, where he is excited to work with students each day while also getting them active. Mr. Peel is a member of the House Team Potis- practicing responsibility.

The Middle School also added two new aides this year to their staff, **Mr. Greg Puthoff** and **Mrs. Jill Leighner** who replaced last years aids consisting of Nathan Stoner and Nancy Dwenger.





Elementary News



Correspondents: Riley Samples and Kaitlin Shaffner

New Year...New Faces...New Changes

This school year has brought many changes within the elementary school, including new teachers and teacher movement. We welcome the new teachers, **Mr. Dan Williamson** – 3rd Grade, **Mr. Andrew Peel** – 3rd Grade, and **Miss Clista Hellwarth** – 4th Grade.

Along with the new teachers, Parkway has added two new aids: **Miss. Ashlee Rutledge** and **Mr. Neil Shaffner**, who is also Parkway's new Varsity Head Baseball coach. Although Mrs. Samples, Mrs. Kraner, and Mr. Barry Peel have been teaching in the district, they have changed positions within the elementary school. Mrs. Samples moved from third grade to first, Mrs. Kraner moved from third to Title I, and Mr. Barry Peel moved from seventh and eighth grade science to physical education. Another new face to the Parkway Elementary is the new head, Mrs. Trogdlon, the new principal.

New Principal For Parkway Elementary

Tracy Trogdlon is the new principal at Parkway High School, she is in charge of the Elementary building. We asked her what her main goal in the elementary and she responded by saying she wants to keep the children safe. She also wants to help the staff with whatever they may need.

Ms. Trogdlon's innovative ideas for the upcoming school year consists of producing a common curriculum and further developing their **RTI Process**, which is when teachers come together and focus on a child who is struggling and needs extra support.

In the elementary they are also focusing on students who may have any mental health issues, and strive to help them be successful in school. To do this, Parkway has hired a behavioral coach. **Abby Otting** has accepted this new position created for the development of students.

Class Dojo

In elementary school, teachers conduct a class Dojo and keep track of each student's progress. At the end of the week, if a student receives an 80% or higher positive Dojo percentage, then he/she earns an extra recess on Friday.

New Teachers/Staff

Mr. Dan Williams is in his 20th year of teaching. He was originally a second grade teacher for 16 years, then became a 1st grade teacher for the following 3 years. This is his first year as a 3rd grade teacher.

Miss Clista Hellwarth is in her first year of teaching. Her hobbies include all sports, especially javelin. A fun fact about Miss Hellwarth is that she has 5 siblings and lives on a dairy farm. (One of her siblings is a member of the Media Production team at the high school, Carter Hellwarth).

Mr. Andrew Peel is in his first year of teaching. Andrew is involved in the community through his very own gym RSP (Rock Solid Performance). Andrew hosts an annual MURPH challenge to honor LT. Michael P. Murphy .

