

Panther News



Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

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From the Main Office

June has come quickly and with it another School Year is ending. It has been a great year. Staff and students have planned many events this year, and have been successful throughout. Teachers and students will be preparing for our final exams, and helpful tips are included in this newsletter.

We will be saying goodbye to Mr. Robinson, and Mrs. Downs. We wish them well in their retirement. We will also be saying goodbye to some fantastic Long term Occasional Teachers who have contributed greatly to our school. Ms. Soluk, Ms. Greco, and Mr. M. Cividino have done an outstanding job with our drama, and music students. Ms. Stadnyk and Ms. Manto have helped us with our Comprehensive class as well as English and Family Studies. Mr. C. Cividino has filled in for our Business classes, and Mr. Connor has helped support our Science classes. We also thank Mrs. Ekhart for her support in our French classes. We will be saying goodbye to Ms. Spragg as she is heading across town to Highland. We wish her well.

We will be reassigning lockers in September. Students are asked to clean their lockers before the end of the school year.

Thanks for a great year! Good luck on exams!

P. Barwinski, Principal

G. Malhotra, Vice-Principal

From the Student Services

Community Hours: All students are reminded to submit their 40 hours of community service when completed. Students graduating this year must have their hours in to the guidance office before Thursday June 24th.

Summer Jobs: Dundas Youth Employment Services visited Parkside on Wednesday, June 9th. Job opportunities continue to be posted on the job board in the guidance office.

Upcoming: During the summer months please look for your final report card and next year's timetable in the mail. Should you require a timetable change prior to the start of school, please call the guidance office at 905-628-6339 ext. 227 to book an appointment August 23-27 and the week of August 30th.

Tips for Writing Final Examinations

Survey: Scan the examination to find out what types of questions are being asked. Surveying helps you to know what to expect.

Knowing the Ground Rules: Always read directions! Indicate your answers exactly the way the directions state. Make sure your answers are

clear. Consider the value of all questions to determine the amount of detail required.

Picking out Key Words: Examination questions usually contain one or more key words that provide focus to the concept being tested. Identifying them ensures the questions asked are answered.

Answering Easy Questions First: Answering easy (to you) questions first is the best strategy. If you are struggling with questions, leave them and come back to them later. Answering other questions first will help manage your time better and it may help trigger your memory.

Attempting all Questions: If you don't know the answer, give it your best attempt, as often partial marks are awarded.

Reading Multiple-Choice Questions: Multiple choice questions are essentially true-false questions arranged in groups. Usually, only one alternative is correct.

Your job is to pick the alternative that is more nearly true than the others. Read multiple-choice questions the same way as for true-false. Eliminate obvious false choices.

June 10 & 11:
EQAO Math

June 14: Quiet Week

June 21 to 25:
Final Exams

June 22: School Council Meeting

June 29: Exam Review Day

June 29:
Graduation
11:00 a.m.

Week of July 12:
Report Cards &
Timetable
Mailed Home

School Council

Chair:

Ron Collier

Our next meeting is June 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Library

We hope to see you there!

Continued From Student Services:

Summer School information is now available. Please see your counsellor in guidance for more information, or leave a message for Mr. Gregoriou at extension 228, Ms. Leyzer at extension 226.

Guidance Counsellors will be available during exams. You can make an appointment through Ms. Whiting in the guidance office. She can be reached by phone at extension 227.

There will be a Student Success Room open during exams for students to complete missing assignments. Students can ask their teachers for more information. Mrs. Venema can be reached at extension 229 for more information.

Study Tips for Exam Preparation:

1. Find out when your exams will be. Record them in your agenda, in your locker or on a calendar.
2. Find out what you really need to study. Your teachers will give you a break-down of what things you need to prepare for the exam.
3. Plan out your study schedule to ensure you have enough time to prepare for each exam. Some record their notes and then play them back on their mp3 player or computer. Some use mnemonics or other memorization techniques. You likely already know what method or two works best for you. If not, try a couple of methods.
4. Everyone has a best method of studying. Some students find that writing everything out works for them. Some work best by drawing maps, flowcharts or other visuals to make connections between all the course ideas.
5. Be as prepared as you can be! Make sure you get a good sleep, have a healthy breakfast and have all the supplies you will need for the exam.

Best of luck on all your exams! Carolyn Venema Head of Student Services

Modern Languages

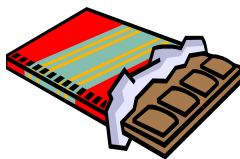
It has been an eventful spring in the Modern Languages Department. In April, we welcomed Ms. K. Eckart to the department to teach grade 10 Academic and grade 9 Applied French.

Contests: In March, Kirstie VanWyk, Naomi Pullen and Leila Gaid participated in the HWDSB's French speaking contest. All three delivered excellent speeches and Naomi placed 3rd in her category.



Trips: In May, the French classes for grades 11, 12 and Quest journeyed to Mickey McGuire's Cheese shop in downtown Dundas to learn about and to taste French and Swiss cheeses. We purchased several blocks of our favourite cheeses and had a Vin Faux, Vrai Fromage party. Many students really enjoyed Rochefort cheese – a blue cheese made from sheep's milk.

Other fun stuff: The grade 11 French class prepared a chocolate tasting activity where we learned about chocolate, tasted different kinds and compared



what we thought through conversations in French. We continue to employ technology in our classes whenever possible. Mrs. Grant has a blog: www.grant-homework.blogspot.com and Ms. K-J: www.ms-k-j.blogspot.com to help students keep track of work and assignments, especially when they might be absent.

Exchanges: Grade 10 and 11 students Terry McFadden, Steve Good and Alicia Deppner have returned to Parkside after 3-month stays in France, Switzerland and Spain. In August, three European students will arrive in Canada to stay with their Parkside exchange partners until late November. The Parkside students will then rejoin their partners in Europe and attend school with them in spring 2011. We encourage students to consider the exchange experience for their grade 10 or grade 11 year and more information is available at www.iseontario.on.ca.

On a final note, good luck to the French and Spanish classes on their final exams.

Geography Department

The Geography Department is very proud of our third place finish at the Regional Envirothon Competition on Earth Day. Team members consisted of Bekki Ingram, Victoria Mann, Chris McAnally and Nathan Warkentin.

This semester our two CGC 1D classes enjoyed planning and designing the optimum location for a new shopping mall based on content learned in our unit on human geography. Given the quality of projects we have some future urban planners in the making. Our grade 9 applied course have been busy studying their ecological footprints. Both classes are busy with the project portion of the Final Culminating Task which is being done in class. The exam portion will occur during the scheduled exam days later this month.

The Travel and Tourism class has enjoyed learning about landforms, cultures and attractions around Europe and Africa. They had a task of designing a tour of Europe using the various train networks and finished with studying in detail one country of their choice. The task was presented in a bag and included landforms, climate, culture, traditions, transportation, impacts of tourism and famous landmarks. We are presently studying Asia before finishing in the Land Down Under...Australia.

The Environmental geography class was outside conducting various field studies both in our local park and on the Bruce Trail. The first activity involved mapping and investigating a measured section of ecosystem in the Dundas Driving Park. In addition a trail impact study was conducted on the Bruce Trail. A careful examination of the compaction, degradation and biodiversity was studied.

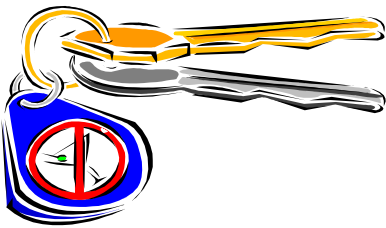
The geography department wishes all Parkside students good luck on their culminating tasks. To the graduating students we wish you much success in your future endeavours. Have a happy and safe summer holiday.



Parkside Against Impaired Driving (P.A.I.D.)

Some of Parkside's students and staff went to an in-service run by the Board to promote Party in the Right Spirit. Following the in-service there was a strong desire to make a difference within our own community. After many meetings a collaboration of activities and events were organized and Parkside Against Impaired Driving (P.A.I.D.) was formed. Over a few weeks, student announcements informed the school population of facts about drinking and the potential dangers associated. During the P.A.I.D. week, students tested their knowledge on what was read over the announcements by answering questions. The mother of a teenager who lost his life to drug activities, spoke to the grade 9's and then the grade 10's in intimate settings. Friends of the boy also shared their experiences in hopes of impacting the junior students before poor choices are made.

We also had a speaker who told his difficult story of substance addiction and recovery to our grade 12 students.



Parkside had the opportunity to view the most recent MADD Canada film together, making quite the impact. Local community organizations were invited to interact with students during lunch as well. These and other activities equated to Parkside winning first place for the Party in the Right Spirit organization. All schools from the area, public, catholic, and private, were involved.

We hope that the effects of the events will continue to make a difference in people's choices, thus saving lives.

50th Reunion Weekend:

Thanks to Mr. Dean Cowell and the 50th Reunion Committee for a wonderful Reunion Weekend. The weather was fabulous, and everyone had an amazing time reconnecting with friends, and touring the school again. The Alumni Assembly was very inspirational. It was great to have our current students learn about former students successes. The Alumni speakers are proud to be Parkside Panthers, and credit Parkside for playing a vital part in helping to prepare them for their future.

Friday night in the large tent was a fantastic event for everyone, as people mingled and shared many stories from the past. Saturday was a wonderful day filled with many events that included sports and music. The fun continued into the evening at the arena as alumni continued to share stories and reconnect. Sunday picnic in the park was filled with fun for the kids, with a magician and activities.

The 50th Reunion Celebration was a highlight for many. Parkside's 50th Birthday Celebration was a huge success. Well done Parkside!!

PARKSIDE'S
50TH
BIRTHDAY
MAY 27 - 30, 2010



Our Technology Department has built a beautiful structure to recognize our 50th reunion.

Parkside Boys Phys Ed Department

Our spring season was once again highly successful. Our track team had a resurgence finishing amazingly sixth of the eighteen schools in the area. The Boys outdoor soccer team continues to improve thanks to our highly competitive indoor season during the winter. The Boys baseball team, powered by an incredible pitching staff had another strong year, losing eventually in a Southern Ontario Championship qualifying game to cross-town rival Orchard Park. In individual team sports, Parkside's first Southern Ontario Tennis Boys Doubles Champions Dean Coull and Justin Johnson fared well at OFSSA play downs in Toronto this month.

It was a June to remember with our 50th year reunion and former athletes from all the decades were here to showcase their basketball and volleyball skills on that weekend. It was great to reminisce and bond with some of the movers and shakers of athletics that have solidified the great athletic traditions of the school throughout the years. Special thanks to a sports reunion committee for making it a memorable weekend. Kudos to Mrs. Wilson and the Student Athletic Association for having our first off campus athletic awards banquet at the prestigious Marquis Gardens in Ancaster. It was a huge success!

It was a year to remember, we won an OFSSA basketball championship and many individual and team highlights for all the teams. Once again it's time to say "thank you" to all the coaches (both teacher and outside) for the dedication and time commitment that makes Parkside the great school it is!

Parkside Girls Phys Ed Department

Our Girls' teams were very successful and won many championships along the way. Indoor Soccer, Outdoor Soccer, and Fastball. We are proud of all of our athletes, Parkside is truly represented well. Please see our website for our program of this year's wonderful athletic banquet

JUNE 2010 FINAL EVALUATION SCHEDULE

| Thursday June 17 | Friday June 18 | Monday June 21 | Tuesday June 22 | Wednesday June 23 | Thursday June 24 |
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| Full School Day | Full School Day | Formal Exam Day | Formal Exam Day | Formal Exam Day | Formal Exam Day |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Grade 12 Only</u> Period 1 Exams 8:30-10:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Grade 12 Only</u> ENG4U Exam 12:45-2:45</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Regular Classes will follow the schedule below:</i></p> <p><u>Day 1 Schedule</u></p> <p>P.1 8:30 – 10:30</p> <p>P.2 10:40 -- 11:40</p> <p>LUNCH</p> <p>P.3 12:40 -- 1:40</p> <p>P.4 1:45 -- 2:45</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Grade 12 Only</u> Period 2 Exams 8:30-10:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Grade 12 Only</u> MCV4U Exam 12:45-2:45</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Regular Classes will follow the schedule below:</i></p> <p><u>Day 2 Schedule:</u></p> <p>P.2 8:30 – 10:30</p> <p>P.1 10:40 -- 11:40</p> <p>LUNCH</p> <p>P.4 12:40 -- 1:40</p> <p>P.3 1:45 -- 2:45</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>All Grades</u> Period 3 Exams 8:45-10:45</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Student Success Room 301 open for catch-up</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>All Grades</u> Period 4 Exams 8:45-10:45</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Student Success Room 301 open for catch-up</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Grade 9-11</u> Period 1 Exams 8:45-10:45</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Student Success Room 301 open for catch-up</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Grade 9-11 Period 2 Exams</u> 8:45-10:45</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Student Success Room 301 open for catch-up</p> |

Fri. June 25
Make up Exams

Mon. June 28
PA Day

Tues. June 29
Exam Review
8:30-9:30
Graduation @ 11:00
Redeemer College

Wed. June 30
PA Day

Students:

Please review the Exam Schedule provided (reverse side) with each of your subject teachers.

Note the following:

Please ensure that you **know the date, time and location** of your culminating tasks/exam to be written. A personal schedule has been provided for you to complete below.

All students **must stay in their exam for a minimum of 60 minutes (1 hour)**. You will not be dismissed before that time has passed.

Some exams are longer than 60 minutes. Please **leave the building quietly and quickly after you are finished your exam.**

IF YOU CANNOT WRITE AN EXAM(S) ON THE SCHEDULED DAY/TIME, YOU MUST SEE MS. MALHOTRA AND YOUR

TEACHERS BY JUNE 4TH TO MAKE ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS.

Ensure you have your exam review package. Complete it as preparation for your exam. If needed, **ask for extra help from your teacher before the exam day.**

There will be **no cafeteria service** during exam days.

Some exams will be written in the library. **Library will be closed** during the exam days.

Student Success Room will be **open for students during exam days from 11:00-1:00 pm.**

Buses will run on a regular bus schedule. **Bus pick up will be at 2:45 pm.**

| Period 1 Exam | Period 2 Exam | Period 3 Exam | Period 4 Exam |
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| Subject: | Subject: | Subject: | Subject: |
| Date: Time: | Date: Time: | Date: Time: | Date: Time: |
| Room: | Room: | Room: | Room: |
| Teacher: | Teacher: | Teacher: | Teacher: |

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR EXAMS!!