

## Parcells Newsletter

February 2019

### From the Principal's Desk

#### Hello Parcells Community:

**AVID Information Night:** On Wednesday February 13th at 7pm, we will be hosting an AVID Informational Night. If you are interested in having your son or daughter apply for the AVID Elective class or just want more information on the program, then this event is for you!

**Class Registration:** We are currently in the process of registering our students for their elective classes for the 2019-20 school year. We have asked our students to discuss their elective selection with you and to have you sign their elective course selection sheet. If you have not seen/signed this sheet, please talk to your child about their elective course choices for the upcoming school year.

**Holiday Bazaar Thank You:** The Parcells PTO again sponsored another successful Holiday Bazaar. As a result of their sponsorship of this event, Parcells receives approximately \$15,000 annually to support the school and after-school activities for students. PTO donations are used to help pay for the numerous non-athletic after-school activities that we make available for Parcells students. In addition to funding these programs, we are also using some of this money to fund new furniture for our Library. Planning for and hosting the annual Holiday Bazaar takes a good deal of work on the part of the many PTO members who volunteered. A sincere thank you goes out to all those who made these events successful and to the PTO for their continued support of our school.

**Parcells Students Excel in Art:** Congratulations to Parcells Art students who earned a combined 4 Scholastic Art Awards. Our student winners were Jacob B, Olivia H, Chloe H, and Chris D. Outstanding job to Mrs. Mades and our Parcells Art students.

**Online Report Cards:** The district has made the decision to no longer print and pass out report cards. With today's technology tools, these can be viewed and printed through our Parent Connect, which can be reached through the Parcells school website, [www.gpschools.org/gpparcells](http://www.gpschools.org/gpparcells). Please contact your child's teachers with any questions regarding grades.

**Mid-winter break:** The Grosse Pointe School District will be closed for mid-winter break the week of February 18, 2019. Students will be dismissed at the regular time on Friday, February 15 and will return to school on Monday, February 25 at 9:05 AM.

## From the Principal's Desk (cont.)

**Traffic Drop Off and Pick Up:** We wish to remind all parents about drop-off and pick-up traffic rules in front of the school on Mack Avenue and also in the back of the school off Sunningdale. First and Foremost, Please remember to be patient and courteous.

### **Mack Avenue**

- Please do not turn into the lot from the middle lane of Mack Avenue to avoid waiting in the long line. This is illegal.
- Please do not fly past everyone waiting in line on the right curb, only to stop abruptly on the left to allow your child to run in front of other cars to get into the school.
- Do not cut in front of all cars waiting in line and squeeze in at the curb in between other cars.
- Do not stop on Mack Ave to drop your child off.
- Do not pull into the library lot to drop your child off and allow them to run across the lane in front of moving vehicles.
- No parking in the driving lanes to enter the school

### **Sunningdale**

- The "No Left Turn" (northbound Sunningdale) and the "Right Lane Turn Only" (southbound Sunningdale) signs are enforceable, meaning all drivers must obey the signs
- Do not pull into the parking lot to cut through a lane, cutting through the lot and having your children cross two lanes of traffic to enter the school
- Children should be ready to exit vehicles on the passenger side only as soon as cars pull to the unloading zone. If people are not quick, the line often extends past Mason on Vernier.
- The unloading zone extends from the powerhouse area to the loading dock curbs, leaving a wide area for traffic to pull further ahead to drop off and move quickly around the perimeter of the lot alleviating backups. **Do not stop your car to wait in between the 2 drive-ways.**
- Parking in the lot in order to drop off and pick up your student is NOT allowed.

Thank you for your cooperation in observing these rules and keeping our students safe.

Sincerely,

Mr. Hartley



## Greetings from the choir room!

As we begin the third quarter, our 7th and 8th grade choirs are busy preparing for next month's MSVMA district choral festival. These older students perform their music in a pre-festival informance after school at Brownell on Monday, March 4. Then, these same choirs travel to Dakota High School on Monday, March 11 to sing, clinic/workshop, and sight read for judges at district choral festival. We will have a bus for both March 4 and March 11; however, all students need to be picked up from Brownell at 5:00 pm on March 4.

In third quarter, our sixth grade choirs continue learning to compose short melodies, explore musical elements of dynamics and tempi, explore a variety of vocal music, and experience team building activities with their choir family.

We continue to fundraise for both the end-of-the-year Mackinac trip as well as for the vocal music program with our current Morley/Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough fundraiser. This fundraiser ends on February 11th, with all orders and payment due on this date. Delivery week is to be determined, but it is likely the week of March 4th or 11th. Stay tuned for an important email with the delivery date/time.

Best wishes to our four solo singers from Parcels vocal music as they participate in MSVMA's middle school solo and ensemble festival at Anchor Bay High School on Saturday, February 23. These singers are Meredith Bayus, Karly Harris, Sloane O'Neill and Emily Smith.

Thank you for your continued support of the arts at Parcels Middle School! As always, please email us if you have any questions - [sarolil@gpschools.org](mailto:sarolil@gpschools.org), [henrib@gpschools.org](mailto:henrib@gpschools.org).

-Leslie Saroli and Ben Henri



## Gym Shorts #4

Our Boy's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball teams completed their seasons on January 17, 2019. Both teams were above 500, meaning they had more wins than losses. The boy's represented our school in an outstanding way.

Cheerleading concluded with the girls cheering at our home basketball games. The squad grew in the number of cheers and our fans enjoyed the extra encouragement for our basketball team.

Girls Basketball has begun. The opening game is against Southlake Middle School on February 11, 2019 at 4:30 and 5:30 respectfully. Please consider coming to support the Lady Panthers.

Wrestling will begin on Jan 31, 2019. We only have 2 home meets this year due to the lack of participants at other schools. We are excited to see how their season unfolds.

Club swimming begins in February. We will have 2 dual meets and one combined meet with the other two middle schools in our district. You do not need to be a strong swimmer but must know how to swim in the deep end to join.

Track will begin after Spring Break, on or before April 9, 2019.

**A REMINDER: ALL ATHLETES MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL DATED AFTER APRIL 15, 2018.**

Those students heading to Grosse Pointe North could use the same physical if they waited until April 15, 2019. Unfortunately, all our teams will have had their seasons so plan accordingly for Fall. Typically, Grosse Pointe North holds a day in the summer where there are physicals at their school. Watch their website for details.



# Important Dates to Remember for 2018-2019

LATE START EVERY MONDAY - SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:05 AM

Feb 11	PTO Meeting Library 7:00pm
Feb 13	Count Day
Feb 13	AVID informational meeting. 6:30-7:30pm
Feb 18-22	<b>No School: Mid-winter break</b>
Feb 25	Classes resume-Late Start Monday
March 7	<b>A.M. Classes ONLY 11:34 am Dismissal</b> Middle School Conferences 12:30 pm till 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm till 7:00 pm
March 22	<b>A.M. Classes ONLY 11:34 am Dismissal</b>
March 29	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
April 1-5	<b>No School: Spring break</b>
April 8	Classes Resume – Late Start Monday
April 19	No School: Good Friday
May 1-3	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip
May 8	Instrumental/Choir Pre Festival Concert 7 pm
May 20-21	Band/Orchestra/Choir Trip to Mackinac Island
May 27	<b>No School: Memorial Day</b>
May 29	6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Night 6:30 pm Parcels Auditorium, Reception Following
May 30	Spring Vocal Concert 7 pm
June 11	Promotion Ceremony Practice 2 <sup>nd</sup> hr.-Locker Clean Out 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion/Honors Ceremony 6:30 pm Parcels Auditorium, Reception Following
June 12	All School Field Trips
June 13	<b>A.M. Classes ONLY 11:34 am Dismissal</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Party 11:34 am till 1:30 pm
June 14	<b>A.M. Classes ONLY 11:00 am Dismissal</b> (last day for teachers) Talent Show 9:00 am till 11:00 am

Please check our website calendar for updates throughout the school year: [www.gpschools.org/Parcells](http://www.gpschools.org/Parcells)



**ATTENTION 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FAMILIES:  
Early Registration for the 2020 DC Trip has begun!**

The early registration period for next year's 8th grade trip to Washington DC has begun! Our trip will take place April 29 – May 1, 2020, which may seem like a long way off, but now is the time to register and save big!

**Parents who register by February 26, 2019 will receive a \$75 discount off the cost of the trip. Additionally, the registration deposit will also be discounted by \$50.** If you choose EZ Pay at the time of registration, you will have a full year to make monthly installments!

**Want to receive even more discounts? Attend our parent information meeting on Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parcels Auditorium and you will receive an additional \$10 discount off your final payment!** Additionally, WorldStrides offers scholarships and fundraising opportunities.

This promises to be our biggest and best trip ever! Please don't allow your child to miss out on this once in a lifetime experience. By registering now, you will guarantee your child's placement on the trip and save money! If you wait until fall to register, the cost of the trip will be significantly higher.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Duffey  
Trip Coordinator  
[duffeyd@gpschools.org](mailto:duffeyd@gpschools.org)

**Register Online at: [worldstridesdiscovernow.org](http://worldstridesdiscovernow.org)  
or Call: 1-800-468-5899**

**Please reference TRIP ID # 171970**

# The Counselors' Corner

February 2019

**Registration Information-** Counselors will be meeting with students during their English classes in the computer lab for online registration.

February 6<sup>th</sup> February 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders in Mrs. Fell's and Mrs. Charuba's classes

January 11<sup>th</sup> and February 12<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> graders during Mr. Bens' and Mrs. Therriault's classes

February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders during Mrs. Sabella's and Mr. Winowecki's classes

**AVID Informational Meeting-** There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in learning more about the AVID program on February 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm. Anyone interested in applying for AVID should attend and submit their application after the meeting. Applications are due April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**In School Reward Day-** Friday February 8<sup>th</sup>, students with no office referrals will have the opportunity to participate in a fun afternoon activity of their choice during school.

To find out more, check out the Counseling website and join us on Facebook (Parcells Middle School Counseling Office) and Twitter (@ParcellsCounsel) to be the first to hear what's new in the counseling offices.

Please feel free to contact your student's counselor with any questions or concerns!

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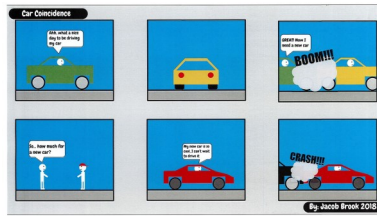
## Spelling Bee News from the English Department

On the morning of Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, the Parcells Spelling Bee took place in the auditorium. Twenty-eight sixth, seventh, and eighth graders competed for 34 rounds to see who would be crowned champion. The spellers battled all morning until sixth-grader Gruhith Yerramalli correctly spelled “crockery” to become the school champion. The school runner-up was seventh-grade winner Ben Graham, and the eighth-grade winner was Sahith Nannapaneni. All the spellers did a tremendous job and should be proud of their efforts and accomplishments. Gruhith will now prepare for the Regional Bee on March 10, where he will compete for the chance to go to Washington, D.C., to compete in the National Spelling Bee. Best of luck, Gruhith!



# **2019 Scholastic Art Award Winners**

## **Parcells Middle School - Teacher: Mrs. Makes**



**Jacob B - Honorable Mention - Comic Art**



**Olivia H - Honorable Mention - Digital Art**



**Chloe H - Silver Key - Digital Art**



**Christopher D - Gold Key - Digital Art**

# Bandwidth Focused on Academics



The District is working with our internet filter options to ensure appropriate bandwidth for instruction and testing. **Please be aware that as the District limits access, social media like Snapchat and Instagram will be using your family data uses and charges could increase.** Make sure to review with your student the cell phone policy that is on pages 11 and 12 in their student planner passed out the 1st day of school. Thank you for supporting our focus on academics.

## THE HOMEWORK STATION

The Homework Station is open after school Monday through Thursday from 3:25 to 4:25 in room 108. It's a great place to do homework, ask for help and work on projects. We have textbooks, calculators and other school supplies. Students may also use computers and a color printer for class projects. No sign up is necessary, and students may attend as often as they like.

### **HOMEWORK STATION**

**3:25-4:25**

**Monday-Thursday**

**ROOM 108**

- **Do you want to get your homework done before you get home?**
- **Are you having trouble understanding your homework?**
- **Do you need a computer/printer to complete your homework?**

**Come to the Homework Station! We have everything you need to help you understand and finish your homework. No sign up. Just drop in.**





## PTO Corner

**PTO Membership at Registration:** Please be sure to sign up for PTO Membership when you register your child online for the new school year. This will make the school directory available to you and your membership will also go toward numerous programs at the school that benefit our children. Please also consider volunteering for the various events held by the PTO. Your help is always appreciated!

**PTO Meetings:** PTO Meetings are open to all parents and are a great way to get involved in your child's school. They are generally held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00, but some meetings are different due to holiday schedules or conflicts. Please check the school calendar for dates, or send an email to [paul@paulabke.com](mailto:paul@paulabke.com) for a schedule of meetings.

**Kroger Cards:** Please register your Kroger Card to benefit the Parcels PTO. (see instructions) Even if you signed up last year, the enrollment period ended in April and it is necessary to re-register. This is an easy source of income for the PTO and it doesn't cost you anything!

**School Clinic:** The Clinic is in need of volunteers. Even if it's only for a few hours, every bit helps. If you are interested, please contact Juli Mott Bastien.

**Kroger Plus Card Support Parcels – Enroll or Renew**  
**[www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) school id # 91050**

**Upcoming PTO MEETINGS:**

February 11th

March 18th

April 15th



**Parcels is an Evergreen School**



Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts  
Presents...

# SISTER ACT

\$5 Student Tickets!

March 7, 8, and 9, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

March 9, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.

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Tickets available online at <http://gpnd.booktix.com/>,

Wild Birds Unlimited and at the door.

\$15 main floor reserved/\$10 balcony general admission

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Grosse Pointe Schools Performing Arts Center

707 Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI

# GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 2019 SOFTBALL CLINIC

Saturday, March 16th  
9:00am – 12:00pm

- Open to grades K-8
- Cost is \$60 – payment can be in cash or checks made out to “Grosse Pointe South Softball” (all proceeds benefit South softball program)
- Instructors will be the Grosse Pointe South Softball coaching staff and players
- The focus of instruction will be on basic throwing techniques, basic fielding techniques, and hitting fundamentals

**Advanced players will be placed in one group and taught advanced skills. Please note on your registration form if you would like your daughter placed in this group**

- If you have any questions, please email Varsity Softball Coach Bill Fleming at [sanflem1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sanflem1@sbcglobal.net)
- Clinic registration (on the back of this form) and payment should be mailed to:

Bill Fleming  
568 Lakeland  
Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

Will be held in the Main Gym  
at Grosse Pointe South High School  
11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms

## GPS SOFTBALL CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM

**Player Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Include my daughter in the advanced skills group** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parent or Guardian Signature Required for Registration**

I am the parent or guardian of the below listed minor (here-in after referred to as child). In consideration of my child's participation in this activity and with the understanding that my child's participation in the activity is only on the condition that I enter into this agreement for my child, myself and my heirs and assigns, my child and I assume the inherent and extraordinary risks involved in this activity, in the use of the activity's equipment, and any risks inherent in any other activities connected with this activity in which my child voluntarily participates. My child and I expressly assume the risk of and accept full responsibility for any and all injuries (including death) and accidents that may occur as a result of my child's participation in this activity and release from liability Grosse Pointe Public Schools and their officers, directors, sponsors, agents, representatives, employees, and volunteers. My child and I waive any claim we may later have as a result of any and all injury to my child's person or property as a result of my child's participation in this activity, my child's use of the activity's equipment, and in any other activities connected with the activity in which my child may voluntarily participate. In further consideration for my child's participation in this activity, I agree to indemnify all of the persons named above and their sponsors for any and all claims, including attorney's fees and costs, that may be brought against any of them by anyone claiming to have been injured as a result of any injury to my child or my child's property which may occur as a result of the activity. I also agree that this release and all its particulars include the owners of the property where the activity is held. My child and I understand that this activity is a physical sport and that physical injury may result. My child and I certify that we have read and fully understand this release. I am of lawful age and legally competent to make this agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_ Print Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_ Date





## KROGER PLUS CARD FUNDRAISER – Enroll Now!



### Parcells Middle School (#91050) Kroger Plus Card Enrollment

You can support Parcells Middle School by shopping at Kroger and using a registered Kroger Plus Card. Every time you use your Plus Card (or telephone number) at check-out, Kroger donates a percentage back to Parcells Middle School. Your participation makes a difference in our school community!

**You can enroll your card any time during the year but don't wait, sign up now so the school can benefit year around! New this year, you do NOT need to re-enroll every year! If you are already enrolled you will continue to support Parcells Middle School!**

To get started, please follow the steps for NEW ENROLLMENT

Go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) and click on “No Account? Register” located at the top right corner of the page.

*If you are enrolling your card, please be aware that it is a two-part process. You have to complete both parts to link your Kroger Plus Card to Parcells Middle School.*

### Part One – Create a Kroger Account

- Provide your email address and create a password.
- Your password must be 6-12 characters long, and include at least one letter and one number.
- Select your preferred store. (Please note that Parcells Middle School will receive benefits wherever you shop.)
- Click the orange “Create Account” button.

### Part Two – Select Parcells Middle School as Your Community Rewards Partner

Go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) and click on “Sign In” at the top right corner of page. Using the email address and password sign in to your Kroger Account.



- Click on **your first name** at the top right corner of the page.
- You will be on the “Account Summary” page.
- First, add your Plus Card number or 10-digit phone number and your last name. If you experience a problem at this stage, please contact Kroger at 877.576.7587.
- Second, add your Personal Information. You do not need to input your birth date.
- Third, choose Parcells Middle School as your Community Rewards Partner. Begin by clicking the orange “Enroll” button. Then complete these three steps:
  1. Find your Organization. Type “**Parcells Middle School**” and click “Search.”
  2. Select your Organization. Select **Parcells Middle School (#91050)**.
  3. Click the orange “Enroll” button to complete your enrollment.

Now you have selected Parcells Middle School as your Community Rewards partner. Within one – two weeks, you should see a statement at the bottom of your receipts which says, “At your request, Kroger is donating to Parcells Middle School.”

Thank you for taking the time to select Parcells Middle School as your Kroger Community Rewards Partner. We are grateful for your support. If you experience a problem during this process, please contact Kroger for assistance at 877.576.7587.

You can also contact Jennifer Michalski at [jjmichal2@gmail.com](mailto:jjmichal2@gmail.com) or 313-310-0914.

# Your Grosse Pointe Public Library

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is grateful for its many community partnerships. To ensure we remain good neighbors with our partners in the Grosse Pointe Library System, we would like to take this opportunity to remind patrons of rules that will help us all utilize this community resource to its fullest potential.

Just as in school, there are guidelines for behavior and supervision at our local libraries. The library has a document entitled "Guidelines on Behavior" that will be enforced. It is available for review at the Youth Desk, but here are a few highlights we would appreciate your help in maintaining:

## Visiting the Library

- We encourage all patrons to work together in order to ensure a safe, positive learning environment.
- Loitering outside the library, or excessive entrance and exit, is disruptive to this environment which is designed to support study, reading and other quiet activities.
- Please remember the Woods branch parking lot off Mack Avenue is locked during drop-off (7:30-8:30 a.m.) and pick-up time (2:45-3:30 p.m.) for the safety of our children.
- Our libraries, particularly the Woods branch, are busiest from 3:15-5:30 p.m., so it may be helpful for other patrons to visit at non peak hours.
- Children under the age of 9 cannot be left unattended. Guardians or caregivers must be age 13 or above themselves to watch younger students in the library. The library staff is not responsible for supervision of your children. Childcare is available for a fee through the GPPSS Kids Club and details can be found at [www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org) or by calling 313-432-3067.

## Computer Use

- Students need a valid library card or knowledge of their card number to use computers.
- Livetutor.com is available free of charge from 3-10 p.m. every day of the week.
- Computer use is limited to 30 minutes to ensure equitable access.
- Only one student is allowed to sit at a computer.
- No food or drinks are allowed at the computer.
- Students may bring their own earphones to use with computers; the library does not provide these.
- Printing is available from youth computers for a small fee (10¢ per black and white page, \$1 for color).

## Working Together

- An expired library card or excessive fees may prevent patrons from using the computers or borrowing materials.
- Any patron, including students, with a pattern of disruptive behavior will be banned from the library.
- To keep track of library usage in those busy times, student patrons will be asked to sign in for programming or quiet study using their library card.

Please remember, this is our community library. Working together, parents, students, community members, and library and school personnel will maintain a positive library environment and experience for all.

