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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome!

I would like to welcome your children to Parcells Middle School. This may be a welcome back for some of you or a new beginning for those of you new to Parcells. My summer was spent at the pool and family cottage, primarily chasing around our 18 month old, Jacob. My wife Sarah and I are expecting our second son in late October so life is about to get exponentially busier. I hope that you had a wonderful summer and are excited about the upcoming school year so that we can work together to continue the enhancement of our exceptional school.









I am very proud to be back as a part of the Parcells community, and plan to continue its tradition of excellence in education. Parcells continues to achieve well above state averages in all subject areas. In addition to these accomplishments, our students successfully participated and distinguished themselves in several academic events and contests last year including the Michigan Science Olympiad, Michigan Social Studies Olympiad, You Be The Chemist, and the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Students also won several awards in Broadcast Journalism, local and national essay contests, and our Robotics Team, The Blown Fuses, was recognized for excellence at state and regional competitions. Our Performing Arts groups put on exemplary concerts and stage productions, and our band and choir programs continue to display excellence at concerts and festivals. By working together as a school community, we will continue to have a positive impact on the lives of Parcells students.

We are also excited to welcome many new members to the Parcells Staff. In the English Department, we are welcoming Mrs. Charuba and Mr. Winowiecki to Parcells. In Foreign Language, Mr. Posigian is onboard as our new French teacher and Mrs. Partalis will be teaching two classes of Spanish. In the Social Studies department, we are welcoming Mr. Brunson to the team. Mr. Torrento will be joining Mr. Zogas to build upon our already outstanding instrumental music program. We said goodbye last month to long time custodian Lisa Jacobs, and welcome Cheri Kimble-Bolden to our daytime custodial team. Last but not least, we had some shuffling of our secretarial staff. Mrs. Pawlak and Ms. Morasso have moved to new positions, and Mrs. Hartman is our new receptionist. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming our new staff members. We look forward to seeing you all at our "Back To School Night" on Thursday, September 6th at 6:30pm. This will give you an opportunity to meet all of your child's teachers and take a tour of the school. Also, for planning purposes, please mark your calendars for November 15th and 20th, when we will hold our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences. Please know that our staff is always available to answer any questions or concerns that you have about your student's experience at Parcells. Our Schoology Homework Calendars and Parent Portal are also great tools to monitor your student's progress. Lastly, I am always available to discuss any issue, celebrations, or challenges your student is experiencing. While email is usually the best way to reach me (hartled@gpschools.org), you can also reach me via phone at (313) 432-4600.

I wish you all a wonderful 2018-19 school year,

Mr. Dan Hartley Principal September 2018 From the office of Debbie Redlin, Assistant Principal

Welcome to Parcells Middle School! I hope everyone had a fun-filled yet well rested summer and ready to be back for a super 18-19 school year! If you're new to Parcells, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Debbie Redlin and I am the assistant principal here and very excited to meet each and every young person coming our way as well as continue the relationships already built with our returning students.

My summer was the best ever. After a bout with pneumonia and influenza A, my stepson, Austin, finally graduated Marine Corps Boot Camp in Parris Island. The normal 13 week journey turned into 6 months for this young man. My daughter flew in from San Diego to see the graduation and having everyone together for a few weeks warmed my heart. In my family, Keith and I have 4 kids between us (Aubrey (26), Amanda (24), Austin (18), and Shelby (14). Aubrey is a Sgt in the USMC stationed in San Diego as an MP; Amanda has just completed her 1st year of a 2 year Physician Assistant program at Western Michigan University. She's excited to begin her clinicals this month!; Austin is a PFC in the Marine Corps and is currently stationed in North Carolina awaiting his transfer to 29 Palms for training in his MOS (data). I haven't had the heart to tell him there are no palm trees in 29 Palms! Shelby lives in Texas with her mom and visits us often. She is beginning her first year of high school and has followed her step sisters footsteps and is part of the cross country and track teams. Exciting times. I was fortunate enough to have 3 of the 4 together at the same time for this photo session. I've included a few photos so you can see my family and get to know me better.









PBIS -You couldn't have chosen a better place for your child to experience middle school. Parcells continues to be a leader in Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) and I am excited to see the team continue to do the hard work in expanding our program this year. I oversee our PBIS program here at Parcells and work closely with Mr. Nyenhuis who is a teacher leader and coordinator for our school. Teachers are a vital part of the PBIS program and we have 3 teachers that form our One Parcells team. Ms. Butler (8), Ms. Goloweyco (7th) and Ms. Golitko (6th) work very hard to create the lessons presented to all students during their 1P classes each Tuesday. These lessons are very important and relative to student needs as they help to teach and model positive behaviors to all students.

Middle Schools - Parcells Middle School is excited to join forces with Brownell and Pierce Middle Schools as they are now using Advisory time for PBIS activities. Our One Parcells Team and I have worked with the other schools to make sure they have the tools needed to begin this program. Our schools have met last spring and over the summer to align the 1P program to the district's Strategic Plan with monthly themes. We will be presenting at the September 24th Board of Education meeting at Brownell Middle School if you would like to learn more about how we continue to grow and expand! All schools working together as ONE will benefit all of us.

PANTHER BUCKS- Each month, we take the photo of our staff member of the month and place it onto our Panther Bucks. Students can earn Panther Bucks for positive behaviors in classes, halls, and lunchroom. At the end of each month, we offer rewards that students can use their bucks for. Students can save their Panther Bucks (we bank them once a month) to use toward the end of the year auction where we have some pretty amazing items they can enter to win. Here is a photo of our first annual auction last June. It was a huge hit!

MUSIC-The hallways are alive with the sound of music! We select random days to play music in the halls of Parcells. Students have opportunities to choose from the pre-approved music that is played in the hallways between some classes and before and after school. It certainly lightens up everyone's spirit.



SCHOOL STORE- Really this is a School Store cart! We sell snacks, drinks and trinkets after school almost every day and on certain days of the week (announced ahead of time) and always at home games we also sell pizza. Students insist the pizza is from Jet's so that's where we get it from!! Most everything on the cart is \$1.00 and pizza is \$2.00 each slice when we sell it. *All proceeds go to our PBIS program.*

**Pontations - In order for all students to feel included in our school store, we offer small candies that students can use a Panther Buck for 1 piece of candy. We kindly and gratefully accept donations of small candies to keep this going all year. We have close to 700 students and you can imagine what we go through when they all have Panther Bucks and a sweet tooth!! Thank you in advance. Below are other things that can be donated for the store (all must be packaged):

- 1. Small gatorade bottles
- 2. Airhead extremes (We can't keep these in stock!)
- 3. Hershey candy bars
- 4. Any chocolate candy bars
- 5, Granola bars
- 6. Fruit snacks
- 7. Cool pencils, erasers, trinkets
- 8. Anything else you can think of...

REWARDS/INCENTIVES: A breakout team of Ms. Radant, Mr. Nyenhuis, Mr. McDonald, and Ms. Gruenwald, form our PBIS Reward Committee. They spend a tremendous amount of time outside of the school day coming up with positive behavior incentives that promote a positive climate for our students and staff. Look for our monthly rewards as they change each month!

DIGITAL SIGNAGE- Thanks to Wayne County RESA and the PBIS grant, we now have a new television in the main lobby that is used to display our PBIS communication. We love our posters and other papers posted around the school but the digital signage will really capture the attention of our students (with permission) and will also be used to display pictures of our students displaying positive behaviors!

MORNING BASKETBALL - See below - under "Mornings"

Thank you for your continued support in our PBIS program! We are very excited to see it continue to progress.

LUNCHROOM - We have three lunch periods that separate our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Our lunchroom supervisors are: Ms. Marjie, Ms. Leslie, Ms. Lil, and Ms. Causey. Ms. Dani (Dana) was promoted to our Front Office Clerk so she will not be in the lunchroom but students will continue to see her smiling face in the main office. We have two fabulous hall monitors that also help us in the lunchroom, Mr. Austin and Ms. Dornbrook.

Expectations - The students are expected to be seated at all times in the cafeteria and clean up after themselves. In addition to offering students about 10 minutes outside, we offer lunch time basketball for 7th and 8th grades as long as we have the staff to help monitor. Our PBIS committee has provided colored pencils and Adult Coloring Books filled with designs, animals, Butterflies, etc for students to color during lunch. There are now also decks of cards to loan out for lunch. Students are really enjoying the activities. Of course, this is also a time they are permitted to use their cell phones so they are very excited about this as well. **HOW CAN YOU HELP:** We will be going through decks of cards, colored pencils and gel pens quickly. If you would like to donate, please drop them off in the office to my attention. Thank you!

MORNINGS- Doors will open for students arriving to school early at 8:45am on Mondays and 7:55am Tues - Friday. Students that come a few minutes early can go to the Media Center, Cafeteria for breakfast, or sit in the hallway against the lockers.

Morning Basketball - Mr. Brunson is our new 6th and 7th grade social studies teacher and will be running morning basketball on Tuesday - Friday. The doors will open at 7:45am ONLY for the students *playing* basketball. Sorry, we don't allow spectators at this event only students participating. **Students that do not adhere to the rules of morning basketball will not be permitted to participate.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us each day. I am looking forward to keeping this positive momentum going all year and having a fabulous fall! Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to provide much appreciated donations!

Debbie Redlin Assistant Principal

The Counselors' Corner

August/September 2018

6th Grade WEB Orientation: August 27th

All 6th graders are encouraged to attend the 6th grade orientation day for a morning of WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) activities led by our 8th grade WEB leaders. 8:30-12:00pm in the MAIN GYM.

6th Grade Parent Night

Tuesday September 4th in the Parcells Auditorium 6-7pm. All 6th grade parents are invited to learn more about 6th graders first day at Parcells, learn how to navigate the middle school years as a parent and learn the keys to a successful 6th grade year.

Back to School Night – Thursday September 6th at 6:30 pm

We invite all parents to attend Back to School Night to meet their student's teachers. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet the teachers and learn about the classroom expectations.

7th and 8th New Student Lunch.

New 7th and 8th graders are invited to lunch with our WEB leaders on Wednesday September 12th in the school library for pizza and a chance to get to learn more about Parcells. A flyer will be delivered to new students as a reminder.

6th Grade Party- WEB

Friday September 14th is the 6th grade party. WEB leaders will join the 6th grade students from 3:30-5:30pm in the school gym.

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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AVID Parent Information Meeting Wednesday August 22nd 6:30PM Parcells Auditorium

www.avid.org



Advancement via Individual Determination

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's data usage and charges could increase. Make sure to review with your student the cell phone police 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.

Greetings from NJHS

The NJHS is very excited about our 2018-19 school year. In September, eligible seventh and eighth graders will receive letters inviting them to apply to the NJHS. If your student is transferring from another school, have him or her speak with the counselors and Ms. Butler about how to join our Parcells chapter. Be advised that seventh and eighth grade students who have at least a 3.5 grade point average and all 1's and 2's in conduct and work habits will receive this invitation. Applications must be picked up or printed from the NJHS website and submitted by the due date in the invitation. Please make sure to read the letter completely and turn in the application on time. Late applications will not be accepted. All applicants will receive a notification of approval or denial once applications are reviewed. After receiving acceptance letters, approved new members must contact Ms. Butler in order to be inducted into our chapter in the October NJHS induction ceremony.

Members who were inducted last year need not apply again for membership, but they are responsible for maintaining the requirements listed above in addition to completing two hours of inschool service and two hours of out-of-school service each quarter, attending all meetings, participating in our service and fundraising events, keeping up with NJHS news and events with our

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Remind.com notifications, and earning ZERO office referrals or suspensions. Please see the attached information regarding how to sign up with Remind on your phone or email for these notifications, which serve as our major form of communication. Students and families are both invited to sign up so they receive all updates. Join with the following link (https://www.remind.com/join/ek8k7bg) or use the included QR code.

In addition to the September invitations and applications, current NJHS members will be running and voting in another executive board election. We have not yet filled all of our officer positions, so please encourage your student to vote and possibly run in the election.

Did you know that the NJHS compiled and printed a Parcells Community Cookbook? It's our big fundraiser, and all proceeds fund our organization. Contact Ms. Butler if you are interested in purchasing one for \$15. They make fabulous gifts and help us serve our community!

Finally, do you have a service project you would like to share with us? We welcome new service opportunities all year! Please contact Ms. Butler (butlerr@gpschools.org) with your specific information, and she will share it with the chapter. If it's an event in which you have multiple tasks and times, please consider creating a Sign Up Genius link, which makes the process so much easier for everyone. Have a fantastic year!



Important Dates to Remember:

AUGUST 2018:

Mon, Aug 13	7:00pm - 8:00pm PTO Meetting—Parcells Library
Mon, Aug 20	9:00am – 11:30am 8th Grade Registration & Photos
Tue, Aug 21	9:00am – 11:30am 7th Grade Registration & Photos
Wed, Aug 22	9:00am – 11:30am 6th Grade Registration & Photos
	6:30pm – 8:00pm AVID PARENT MEETING - Auditorium
Thu, Aug 23	8:30am – 1:30pm WEB Leader Training – Main Gym
Fri, Aug 24	8:30am – 1:30pm WEB Leader Training – Main Gym
Mon, Aug 27	8:30am – 12:00pm 6th Grade WEB Orientation – Main Gym
_	9:30am – 11:30am Make-Up Registration - Parcells Main Office
Tue, Aug 29	9:30am – 11:30am Make-Up Registration - Parcells Main Office

SEPTEMBER 2018:

Every Monday:	Late Start
Mon, Sep 3	Labor Day (School Closed)
Tue, Sep 4	1st Day of School (Full Day)
_	6:30pm – 7:30pm 6th Grade Parent Meeting - Auditorium
Wed, Sep 5	3:30pm – 5:00pm Volleyball (Tryouts)
Thu, Sep 6	3:30pm – 5:00pm Volleyball (Tryouts)
Thu, Sep 6	6:30pm – 7:30pm Back to School Night - Parcells Middle School
Fri Sep 7	3:30pm – 5:00pm Volleyball (Tryouts)
Thu Sep 20	War Dance - School Pride - GP War Memorial
Fri Sep 14	3:30pm – 5:30pm 6th Grade Welcome Party - Main Gym
Mon Sep 17	7:00pm – 8:00pm PTO Meeting - Parcells Library



Greetings from the Choir Department

Welcome back to school, choir families! Mr. Henri and I are excited to make beautiful music with our Parcells singers this school year. Just like last year, Mr. Henri will teach our 7th and 8th grade boys (in addition to the choirs at North High School), and I will teach all 6th graders, 7th and 8th grade girls, and the beginning treble choir at North.

For your planning purposes, please see the following dates regarding important choir events for this school year. This list includes most performances. Please pencil them on your family calendars. Thank you!

- Nov. 7 Fall music department concert (7th and 8th grade bands, choirs, orchestra)
- Jan. 8 Winter vocal concert (All choirs)
- Jan. 11 Elementary tour (8th grade girls, 7th and 8th grade boys)
- Mar. 4 Middle school choral festival preview concert (all choirs). Please note: this is an after-school event at Brownell, and we will arrange carpools to leave at the end of the school day.
- Mar. 11 Choral festival (All choirs)
- May 8 Mackinac Island trip meeting (7th and 8th grade only)
- May 20-21 Mackinac Island trip (7th and 8th grade only)
- May 30 Spring vocal concert (All choirs)

I am looking forward to making beautiful music and lasting memories with our fabulous singers at Parcells this year! Welcome back!

Mrs. Leslie Saroli



GYM SHORTS #1

Athletic News and Information

Welcome back to school! First off at the time of writing, I would like to personally congratulate our Parcells Boys currently playing for the Grosse Pointe Woods/Shores Little League. I hope when you read this their outcome was what they all wanted. I am very proud to say many of those athletes are our students!

NEW- The pay to participate fee has increased to \$125 per athlete for the entire year. There are no exceptions to this cost. There are no free and reduced deduction. The fee will be expected one week after your athlete has made a team. This may be paid online or cash sent in with the student to take to the office. For our club sports, Cheer and Swim, the cost is now \$52.

Girls Volleyball will begin the second day of school. This is September 5, 2018 from 3:30 – 5:00pm. Please plan they will do their best those first few days to get the girls out of the building by 5pm. It is difficult with net set up and take down to make sure all things are secure. The athletes MUST have a current physical dated after April 15, 2018. It MUST be on the approved Michigan High School Athletic Association form found on the MHSAA website or on our website under athletics. There are also some in the office as well as attached to my office door (Mrs. Gulick). This is their ticket into tryout. Without this completed form, signed by a physician, they will NOT be able to try out. It is tricky that if their yearly physical falls after tryouts, the adult of the student must have them get a physical. This can even be done at our local Urgent Care. Please have them bring this with them. They also will be expected to passing 4 of their 6 classes from last Spring and a grade check will be done on each potential athlete. The athletes will also need a gold form that is downloadable off our website or again in the office or on my door. Please have them wear comfortable shorts, supportive shoes and if possible provide knee pads. They will need them for their season. Practice is every day and their season is typically done the week before Halloween.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to email me @ gulickb@gpschools.org or call and leave a message at 313.432.5404. The Coaches Dr. Sage-Phillips, Mrs. Truza, and Mr. Hakim can be reached at Sageph@gpschools.org, Truzaj@gpschools.org, and Hakimk@gpschools.org

Thank you in advance for all your support to our coaches, athletes and officials!

Mrs. Gulick Athletic Coordinator, Physical Education Teacher Parcells Middle School



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 parcellsPTO@paulabke.com for a schedule of meetings.

Kroger Cards: Please register your Kroger Card to benefit the Parcells 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.

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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

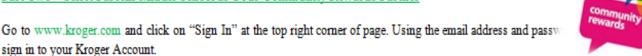
Go to www.kroger.com and click on "No Account? Register" located at the top right corner of the page.

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





- 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:
- Find your Organization. Type "Parcells Middle School" and click "Search."
- Select your Organization. Select Parcells Middle School (#91050).
- 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 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 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.

