



# PARSONS VIKING NEWSLETTER



## VITAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL

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### SEMESTER FINALS

Dec 12 7<sup>th</sup> hour final extended until 3:15  
Dec 13 Finals in hours 1, 3, and 5  
Dec 14 Finals in hours 2, 4, and 6

\*Schedule for December 12<sup>th</sup>:

7:55-8:45	1 <sup>st</sup> hour
8:50-9:40	2 <sup>nd</sup> hour
9:45-10:35	3 <sup>rd</sup> hour
10:40-11:30	4 <sup>th</sup> hour
11:30-12:00	Lunch
12:05-12:55	5 <sup>th</sup> hour
1:00-1:50	6 <sup>th</sup> hour
1:55-3:15	7 <sup>th</sup> hour final

\*Schedule for December 13<sup>th</sup>:

7:55-9:25	1 <sup>st</sup> hour final
9:25-9:35	Break
9:40-11:05	3 <sup>rd</sup> hour final
11:05-11:10	Break
11:15-12:45	5 <sup>th</sup> hour final
12:45-1:15	Lunch

\*Students dismissed at 1:15; 12:45 if not eating lunch at school

\*Schedule for December 14<sup>th</sup>:

7:55-9:25	2 <sup>nd</sup> hour final
9:25-9:35	Locker clean out
9:40-11:05	4 <sup>th</sup> hour final
11:05-11:10	Locker clean out
11:15-12:45	6 <sup>th</sup> hour final
12:45-1:15	Lunch

\*Students dismissed at 1:15; 12:45 if not eating lunch at school.

### WINTER BREAK

The winter break for students in USD #503 will be from December 15<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. School will resume on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### WINTER VACATIONS

Parents who are planning a winter vacation, please notify the office in advance of the student's absence. We will consider vacations excusable as long as the student's academic success is not in jeopardy. Otherwise, the absence will be considered unexcused. Any student leaving prior to the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester is required to take **all** finals. **Finals cannot be taken early so please plan accordingly.** Any missed finals must be completed after school beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### IMPORTANT DATES

7:00 p.m. Holiday Favorites Concert, December 6  
7:00 p.m. Christmas Parade, December 7  
7:55 a.m. Final Exemption forms due, December 12  
Final exams, December 12, Hour 7  
Final exams, December 13, Hours 1, 3, 5  
Final exams, December 14, Hours 2, 4, 6  
School dismissed December 13 & 14 at 12:45  
Lunch served until 1:15 on December 13 & 14  
Grade cards will be mailed December 15  
Winter break, December 15-January 2  
No School, January 15  
Parent/Teacher conferences, February 12 & 15

# No School

Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, is an in-service day for faculty. School will not be in session for USD #503 students.

USD #503 will not have classes on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

## OUTSTANDING CLASS COMPETITIONS

Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors have the opportunity to earn points during various events during the year. Events so far have included procedure, pep assembly competitions, bonfire activities and spirit stick. There will be several more events during the school year.



Each class is encouraged to do their best so they can earn the title of O.C. Champions!

## FINANCIAL AID FORMS (FAFSA)

**Attention Parents of Seniors:** Financial Aid forms require information from your 2016 federal tax return. It is helpful to have tax returns completed and financial aid applications submitted as early as possible after October 1, 2017. You may complete the application online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

## HOLIDAY FAVORITES CONCERT

The HS/MS All Ensemble Music Concert will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium featuring the high school and middle school bands, choirs, and orchestras.

## TUTORING

Tutoring opportunities are also available in the Library Monday through Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## PROJECT PROM 2018

Plans are well underway for another exciting after prom party. The next meeting will be Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at Parsons Foursquare Church.

Please contact David Keaton if you would like to help. All parents are invited to join Project Prom. No artistic ability is required. We need ideas for fund raisers & fun ideas for Project Prom! Please join us! We appreciate & need all the help we can get! You may contact David at 778-4570.

## CLASS OF 2018



If your student didn't make it to the cap & gown and announcement meeting in October, you may go online at [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com) to order. Remember-all outstanding debts must be paid prior to May 1, 2018.

## DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Driver Education classes will start in mid-March and another to follow in early May. Remember there is no classroom session in the summer and you must be in a class to drive. Only driving takes place in the summer. Cost is \$125.00 per student and no completion/permit paperwork is received until paid. So keep your eyes open for more information as March approaches. Contact Mr. Krull at Guthridge for more information.

## CALENDARS

To view the high school calendar and the sports calendar on the high school website: click "Go to Main Calendar"; hover the mouse over the event and it will show the location and time.

## SPRING PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES



Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Middle School.

Conferences will be limited to **10 MINUTES**. If necessary, feel free to schedule additional time for an alternate date.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who so willingly gave their time and energy working the high school football concession stand. A special “thank you” to all the juniors and everyone else who helped with concessions.



We are grateful for your personal and visible support of the Class of 2019.

Courtney Shafer & Nikki Brownell  
Junior Class Sponsors

## DEBATE

District Tournament at Caney, December 8-9  
Regional 4-speaker @ Ft. Scott, December 16  
State Debate at Coffeyville, January 12-13

## BLUE/GOLD BASKETBALL

Admission to the Blue/Gold game on November 28<sup>th</sup> is canned goods and/or paper products (no aerosol, please). These items will be donated to the Youth Crisis Center.

The concession stand will be open that night as well.

## SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Federal law requires all young men register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Now, 17 year old men can submit their registration information early on the Internet ([www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)). Selective Service registration is required to be eligible for a federal student loan, job training, most federal jobs, and U.S. citizenship.

## SPEECH AND DEBATE PROGRAM

Speech and debate changes lives. From building confidence, improving communication, and increasing critical thinking skills to better preparing students for college—speech and debate activities provide life skills vital to a young person’s success in the future. Go to [www.speechanddebate.org](http://www.speechanddebate.org) for more information.

Because of the impact of this activity on the lives of our students, PHS is proud to continue to offer these programs despite ever increasing financial limitations from the State. Many districts have ceased to offer these valuable opportunities to their students, opportunities which were essential in the development of some of the best and brightest Parsons has ever produced: FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai, writer Pintip Dunn, playwright Lavinia Roberts, and a host of others. A huge “thank you” to the Board of Education, Mrs. Proehl, and Mr. Rogers for their continued support of this program.



## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS REGARDING MEAL ACCOUNTS

- Q. My child told me they have to remember their meal account number this year.  
What if they forget the number?
- A. Students and adults are entering their personal ID numbers at the terminals. Each student has been issued a personal ID number for their use only! Our terminals allow us to search for your student's number in the line. The cashier will assist the student with this.
- Q. How do I apply for meal benefits?
- A. Applications are available in the main office. **All household members and their incomes must be listed on the applications.** Families will receive notice via mail of their approval or denial. Families are responsible for any purchases charged until applications are approved.
- Q. Can my child allow another student to use their account number?
- A. No! The account numbers must not be given to friends or others to use under any circumstances. The United States Department of Agriculture allows only one meal per child per day. The terminals advise the cashier when an account is being used twice in the same meal period.
- Q. Everyone was running late this morning and I forgot to give my student lunch money. I know he/she is out of money—will he/she be able to eat?
- A. Yes & No. **Students are permitted to charge only meals up to a maximum of \$10.00.** The cashier will have to approve the meal charges at the terminals, either on the north, south, or east serving line. Students are not permitted to charge any items on the a la carte line. Students are encouraged to ask the cashiers at any time to check their account balances.
- Q. Our family received a letter advising us that we would receive reduced price meals. Should I send \$.50 each day for my student's lunch?
- A. We prefer students pay for their meals by the week or month. The USDA requires us to maintain confidentiality for our families receiving meal benefits. Therefore, we are not able to accept \$.40 from a student in the meal line because that identifies the child as being on reduced price meal status.
- Q. I sent a check for \$20.00 just the other day. My son tells me he is low on funds. How can I find out what he buying?
- A. You can access your student's account information through Infinite Campus and you can print out a history of their account. These history reports will show the credits and purchases for your student.

**All lunch accounts need to be paid in full by December 11, 2017.**

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### K.M.E.A. SOUTHEAST DISTRICT AUDITIONS AND CLINIC

Parsons High School music students hosted the KMEA Southeast District Auditions in Parsons on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The following students were selected to participate in the District Honor ensembles:

Orchestra: Zoe DiVall, Zach Gilmore, and Nolan Westhoff-Violin; Ashlyn Brownnewell-Viola; Jada Burgess and Austin Long-Cello

Choir: Noah Chalker, Luke Gilmore, Brooklyn Hall, Brady Magner, Kayla Myers, Austin Rossman-Link, and Xzavea Wommack-Johnson

Band: Alexis Harper, Brannin Thornton, Lynsi Westhoff



All honors ensemble students will participate in a day long rehearsal at PSU during the Southeast District KMEA Music Educators Convention on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the PSU Bicknell Center. The ensembles will present a concert at 4:30 p.m. There will be a \$3.00 admission charge for adults, and \$1.00 for children.



# Vikings Give Back to Lil' Vikings

Communities in Schools of Mid-America and Parsons High School students are taking donations of non-perishable food items, toys and hygiene care products now through Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will be given to USD 503 elementary students in need during the Christmas season. The donation box is located in the front office at PHS. Contact Mrs. Hopper at 620-421-3660 ext. 115. Happy Holidays!

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## Apples for Students

Educational technology and funding changes daily! To keep up with these changes and expenses, our school is taking part in the Apples for the Students program.

With the help of the Apples for the Students program, we can receive computers, sporting goods, audio-visual aids, science supplies and other teaching tools FREE.

To earn these FREE awards, we simply have to collect register receipts from our sponsoring supermarket, which is **King Cash Saver**. Receipts dated between September 1, 2017 and March 3, 2018 are valid.

When you shop, please deposit your receipts in the box at King Cash Saver marked "Parsons High School". Please ask your friends and relatives to deposit their receipts in the high school box also. The box is located on the Customer Service counter. You may also drop off the receipts at the high school office.

We will tally all the receipts and order the items we need most for our school. Thank you for supporting Parsons High School.

# YEARBOOK

## CELEBRATING MOMENTS THAT MATTER

### Parsons HS

### ORDER BY 12/29/2017

Order your 2018 Viking Yearbook. Bring this order form and payment to Mr. Parsons or the high school office by Christmas Break. Make checks payable to PHS. Want to pay with a credit card? Go to <http://phs.vikingnet.net/>. We appreciate your support of PHS Publications. If you are not adding any extras the total with tax is \$54.63. Thanks!

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HANDLING FEE	N/A	N/A
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Tax	9.25%	
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