



Parkside High School 2021-2022



Welcome back RamFam! It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the official start of the 2021-2022 school year. We are so very excited to welcome all students back to the building and the staff are gearing up to set the stage for the best year ever!

As I begin my first year as Principal of Parkside High, I would like to assure you that I am committed to creating a culture of care and community where both students and staff can thrive. That takes constant communication, high expectations, support, determination and commitment. I am ready to serve this wonderful school and I appreciate your feedback and support during this first year.

Please read through this newsletter and packet carefully as there are many pieces of important information to review and forms to complete and return to the school. The entire packet is being sent electronically through School Messenger email, and will be available on our website at <https://www.wcboe.org/phs> as well.

The start to this school year is going to be a major transition, and it will take EVERYONE (staff, students, parents, family members, community) working together to make it a successful year for all. We are in this together!

See you soon!

Principal O'Barzky



How to stay in the know!

Website: <https://www.wcboe.org/phs>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wcboeph>

Guidance Page: <https://sites.google.com/wcboe.org/parksideguidance/home?authuser=0>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/parksidehighrams/>

School # 410-677-5143

How should students prepare for the first day of school?

1. Bring fully charged school laptop (and charger) in a backpack.
2. Bring a mask to wear at all times while in the building.
3. Review class schedule.
4. Sign into Google Classroom and accept invites from teachers.
5. Review student handbook . *Remember no hats, hoods, sagging pants, crop tops or low cut tops.

All forms in this packet can be returned at Back to School Night on 9/2, -OR- they can be returned electronically to phs@wcboe.org.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT- OPEN HOUSE

September 2, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

- Turn in Health Questionnaire & Student Data and Enrollment Form changes.
- Pick up a paper copy of student schedule .
- Meet & greet with teachers, tour the building and find student's classes.
- ****Masks Must Be Worn Indoors****

Guidance Department

Leslie Podlaszewski: 9th Grade Counselor.....lpodlasze@wcboe.org
Cynthia Collins: Counselor for students with last names A-F in 10th-12th.....ccollins@wcboe.org
Erica Riggin: Counselor for students with last names G-O in 10th-12th.....eriggin@wcboe.org
Katie Griffin: Counselor for students with last names P-Z in 10th-12th.....kgriffin@wcboe.org
Joan Sprankle: Student Advisor.....jsprankl@wcboe.org
Tara Kearns: School Social Worker.....tkearns@wcboe.org
Susan Maynard: Guidance Secretary.....smaynard@wcboe.org

What's in the Back to School Packet?

Paper Packet Sent Via US Post Mail:

- Student Data & Enrollment Forms (update with changes & return)
- Health Questionnaire
- Free & Reduced Meals Letter
- Chemical Sensitivity Notification
- After School Program Info (Step Up)
- Survey/Research Opt Out Form

Electronic Packet Sent Via School Messenger

Email & Posted on PHS Website:

- **All of the above items PLUS:**
 - Back to School Supply List
 - Student Handbook
 - Daily Schedule
 - School Bus Routes
 - COVID Screener
 - September Lunch Menu
 - 2021-2022 Assessment Calendar
 - AHERA Notification Form
 - Publicity Opt Out
 - Student Accident Insurance

Administration

Tara O'Barsky– Principal.....tobarsky@wcboe.org
Kesha Cook– Dean of Students (9th Grade).....
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Lisa McKinnon– Dean of Students (Special Education / 504s / ESOL Program).....
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Brian Briggs– Asst. Principal (10th Grade) & Athletics..... bbriggs@wcboe.org
Keith Bailey– Asst. Principal (11th Grade).....
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William Witte— Asst. Principal (12th Grade & CTE Program).....wwitte@wcboe.org

IMPORTANT DATES

August 31– Laptop pickup for **12th grade** 4-6pm on the bus ramp.
September 1—Sophomore Transition Day 8:00-10:30am (Postcard & sign up information sent via post mail & email)
September 2—Back to School Night & Laptop pickup for 10th and 11th grade 5:00-7:00pm
September 2—Schedules are viewable in Family Portal
September 7—First day for Freshman (only first time 9th graders report to school) & 9th Grade laptop distribution.
September 8—First day for 10th—12th students
October 6—Midterm Progress Reports
October 15—Schools Closed
November 5—End of 1st Term