PARK HILL GRADUATES: READY FOR LIFE

Andrew Beldo
Park Hill South High School Class of 2019
“Park Hill teaches individually to students to expose their strengths and help them improve what they’re not so good at.”

Eric Connelly
Park Hill High School Class of 2019
“Thanks to Park Hill, I learned where I was going to go in life, and I learned how to publicly speak and develop argumentation better.”

Parker Greenfield
Park Hill South Class of 2019
“The staff and teachers really care about their students and care about their success, inside and outside the classroom.”

Fatima Haesemeyer
PHHS Class of 2019
“Thanks to Park Hill, I feel better prepared for college because of the rigor. I feel like the first time I'm in a college classroom it won't be as scary.”

Josie Phillips
PHHS Class of 2019
“Park Hill provided me with opportunities to go beyond the classroom and learn skills that are more practical and specific to what I want to do beyond high school.”

Ta’Von Tusa
Park Hill South Class of 2019
“Park Hill helped me get prepared for college. My business and marketing class gave me a leg up for when I study business.”
Dear Park Hill Family,

It’s summer in Park Hill, and we’re keeping busy across the district! In addition to giving students the opportunity to continue learning during summer school, we’re working hard on professional development, construction, maintenance and technology updates so we can continue to deliver the best educational experience in the region.

Here are some projects we are working on this summer:

**Professional Development:**
- **Elementary level** — math, collaborative learning and the AVID program (AVID students learn the best approaches to studying, critical thinking, working in a team and organizing.)
- **Middle school and high school level** — math, social-emotional learning, AVID and high-school coaches

**Construction and Maintenance Projects:**
- Asphalt and concrete repairs
- Some HVAC equipment and roof replacement
- Construction on Hopewell Elementary, Walden Middle School, LEAD Innovation Studio and the support services and transportation center

**Technology Projects:**
- Expansion and upgrades to security systems
- Laptop replacements for students in sixth through 12th grades
- New audio-visual equipment in several locations
- Increased ability to wirelessly project screens for presentations
- More technology training

Thanks to your support, we continue to improve our facilities and resources every year.

Sincerely,
Jeanette Cowherd
Superintendent

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**NEWS TO KNOW**

**2019-2020 CALENDAR**
Parents asked us to build in snow days to the calendar, so the Board approved a change to the 2019-2020 school year, creating a new plan for make-up days in case we cancel school for inclement weather.

If needed, we will make up missed school days on Presidents Day, Feb. 17, 2020, and the teacher work day on March 13, 2020, before we add days to the end of the school year.

**BUDGET UPDATE**
Estimates for next year’s budget put expenditures at $245.6 million. These preliminary numbers include $69.5 million in capital spending for completing Hopewell Elementary and Walden Middle School, continuing work on the LEAD Innovation Studio and the support services and transportation center, and maintaining existing facilities.

Operating costs for things like utilities, support staff and transportation will also increase after opening Hopewell and Walden, which we are building in order to address enrollment growth and maintain class sizes throughout the district.
**TRACK STATE CHAMPIONS**
Caleia Johnson, Manuela Ngo Tonye Nyemeck, Kristen Birmingham, and Teresa Thomas from Park Hill High School won the 4x400-meter relay race at the Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 5 State Track and Field Championships. The team has won the event three years in a row. *(Photo courtesy of Dennis Sharkey from Mound City News)*

**DECA INTERNATIONAL HONORS**
PHHS students Josie Phillips, Corin Turner, Mackenzie Albright, Fahad Hanif, and Jordon Brooks earned honors at the international DECA competition.

**DUKE TIP**
The Duke University Talent Identification Program recognized 19 middle school students from Congress and Lakeview middle schools for high ACT and SAT scores. William Barker, Caleb Chambers, Evan Dixon, McKelvey McDaniel, Sylvia Nguyen, Joshua Nicholas, and Lauren Oakley earned top honors.

**JOURNALISM AWARD**
Davis Suppes from PHHS received the regional Student Pillar award in the high school sports category from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, which also gives out the Emmy Award.

**BROADCAST AWARD**
Andrew Hrisak and Ryan Enders from the PHHS “Trojan TV News” received second place from the Student Television Network for producing the show’s opening.

**MATH AND SCIENCE AWARD**
Toby Frick from Park Hill South High School received the Rensselaer Medal from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for academic achievement in math and science.

**SPEECH AND DEBATE HONORS**
Maya Krump from PHHS finished as a quarterfinalist in informative speaking at the National Individual Events Tournament of Champions. Jay Elder and Luke Zahnd from PHHS and Matthew Kruse from Park Hill South earned honors at the state speech and debate competition. Jennifer Holden, debate teacher from Park Hill South, earned Four Diamond membership in the National Speech & Debate Association’s Honor Society.

**PTA REFLECTIONS**
Fourteen district students earned recognition in the Missouri PTA Reflections contest. Reese Eisenmenger and Marcus Williams II from English Landing Elementary placed first, advancing to the National PTA Reflections contest.

**DISTRICT ART FESTIVAL**
Our 57th annual Art Festival featured almost 6,000 original works of art from Park Hill students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Three students received top honors for their portfolios, and Superintendent Dr. Jeanette Cowherd selected 26 students’ artwork to display at the district office.

**BEHAVIOR SUPPORT AWARD**
For the third year in a row, Union Chapel Elementary received gold-level recognition for exemplary teaching and reinforcing behavioral expectations from the Missouri Schoolwide Positive Behavior Intervention Support program.

Visit our website at www.parkhill.k12.mo.us for more information on these and other success stories.
**CALENDAR:**

- **July 25**
  - Board meeting

- **Aug. 8**
  - Board meeting

- **Aug. 14**
  - First day of school

- **Aug. 22**
  - Board meeting

**Planning Ahead**

See the district website under Parent Resources for the registration schedule, back-to-school nights, parent orientations and open houses.

**GET CONNECTED:**

Our website has lots of ways for you to engage with Park Hill Schools. Find them all at www.parkhill.k12.mo.us.

- **Social Media**
  - Follow the district’s Facebook page and Twitter feed.

- **First Hand E-mail News**
  - Get district news and highlights from Board meetings.

- **First Hand Mobile**
  - Get text message alerts about weather and emergencies.

- **Park Hill TV**
  - See our videos on YouTube and Spectrum Cable channel 18.

- **Online Comment Portal**
  - Share your comments, suggestions for improvement and even your compliments.

In an effort to keep the community informed, the “Park Hill Connection” goes to every home in the Park Hill School District, even those without students in our schools. Thank you for your support of your community’s schools!

In honor of a yearlong community service project, students walked for 45 minutes around Hawthorn Elementary. Students and staff raised money for a well for a school in Nairobi, Kenya.