

## Greetings from the Activities Office

There is no doubt fall is my favorite time of year with all of the great smells, colors and of course fall sports. I have been so proud with the fight and perseverance all of our student athletes have shown during the season. Although the records do not always show this there was some great success and individual achievement and with sports so many times a wonderful lesson learned about life. As the seasons begin to close out I want to congratulate all of the athletes, coaches and parents. I look forward to working with everyone to add growth to our Park athletic programs in the future.

Winter sports are not too far away however. Boys' basketball will be starting on November 11th with all other winter sports starting a week later on the 18th. The activities office will start giving out practice permits on November 4th. Please keep in mind all students will need to have a current physical on file and sign the concussion release form mandated by the State of Wisconsin.

Again as so many years before, Park had a very successful and fun homecoming week. The students and staff had wonderful spirit in the daily dress up days. I need to also congratulate the Park seniors in their triumphant victory over the juniors in the traditional powder puff football game. All of the girls showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship during this event. I was also glad to see all of the spectators who came out in support. On Friday of homecoming week we had our traditional homecoming assembly and the students left excited with pride, which carried over into the game on that night. Although the football team lost to Tremper 24-7, our student section was amazing and I truly

enjoyed their singing of the school song at the end of the game. True Park pride! The students then had an awesome time at the homecoming dance Saturday night.

A new initiative I have started out of the Activities Office is the A.C.E. award. The A.C.E. award will be given out each month to students (recommended by staff) who portray great Attitude, Character and Enthusiasm within the classroom. A big congratulations to the September A.C.E. award winners: Jamella Howard, Romairo Bautista-Luis, Garrett Sexton, Victoria Berry, Abigail Mattison, Isabella Edwards, Reggie Nash, Shatara Jones, Juan Trujillo III, Johathan La Porte, Cecily Simmons, Deion Mc-Morris, Kellon Hargrove, Justin Collicott, Treyanah Deluca, Steph Decubellis, Simeon Higgins, Maurice Hoard, Hailey Johnson and Lauren Morgan.

Finally, I would like to thank Ally Betker for getting the new school store up and running. The store looks amazing and I have spent way too much money already and it is not even the holiday season yet. To all seniors and senior parents, Jostens will be in on November 7th for a cap and gown presentation. It is scary that we can already start talking about graduation!

Until next time,

Bill O'Malley  
Activities Director



# The Panther Press

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### From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Park Families,

It is a pleasure to welcome you and your children back for the 2013-2014 school year. If the rest of the year is anything like the start, we are in for a great year.

When students returned this fall, they were greeted by many changes and improvements. Park was the location of many significant construction projects and facility upgrades over the summer. To improve the pool air quality and reduce moisture, a new air handling unit was installed on the roof. The obsolete heater/AC units in the sub-school offices were replaced as part of energy efficiency upgrades. If you drove by in mid-August, you could not miss the 200ft. crane parked West parking lot. Over the course of several days, five huge 1920 era boilers were hoisted out of Park, via a large hole in the roof, and replaced by new, energy efficient boilers. This was quite a sight to behold. Students were greeted to a newly tiled cafeteria floor with Park colors and the school name proudly embedded in it. In between all of these, and many other smaller projects (carpentry, painting, etc.), our dedicated Building Services Employees diligently worked to make sure the entire building was cleaned and prepared for another year of instruction.

In preparation for this coming year, the student handbooks were updated. Please take the time to review and discuss the Student Handbook with your child. We had a great turnout for this year's schedule pick-up which was conducted on August 15th and 16th. A shout out to all the staff that worked or volunteered their time for this activity, as well as, the guidance department for working with student schedules. We also heard many positive comments from the families that participated in the Freshman Orientation Program conducted on Tuesday, August 20th.

I am truly excited to welcome many new and talented educators to the Park Family: Orange Sub-School Principal: Jennifer Barncard. Activities Director: William O'Malley. White School Counselor: Lisa Rodgers. Librarian: Mary McGlade. Math: Joseph Miller. Adaptive PE: Delbert Mravik. Business Education: Jonathan Wisniewski and Jeanelle Hughes. Science: Mark Johnson, Lisa Rezash, and BreEnna Gates. English and Literacy: Kristi Reed. LPN: Karen Chartrand. Social Studies: Lauren Shaler. Special Education: Thomas Spieker, Elizabeth Mahnke, Kevin Krekling, Gerrit Hengeveld, Margaret Ballantyne, and Danielle Luczak. Tech Ed: John Pfeiffer and Justin Pitz. Family and Consumer Ed: Shelly Doering. Special Education Assistants: Carol Cote, Pamela Miller, Elizabeth Tanner-gray, Julie Neau, Valarie Huckabee, Margaret Mehring, and Annie Hayes. World Languages: Meghan Mota. School Psychologist: Scott Johnson. Student Support and Transition: Doris Szejna. Also, welcome Kelly McClanahan to her new role as Park's Virtual School Mentor.

### November Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 4th - first day to receive a permit for winter sports
- Nov. 7th -Jostens Sr. presentation in the theatre during HR
- Nov. 11th -Boys basketball start date
- Nov. 18th -Girls basketball, wrestling & boys swim start date
- Dec. 2nd-Winter Sports Hotdog Night
- Dec. 5, 6 & 7th -Fall Play in Theatre
- Dec. 10th: Orchestra Concert 7-10 Theatre
- Dec.12th: Band Concert 7-9
- Dec. 17th: Holiday Choir concert 7-9 Theatre
- Dec.16, 17 & 18th: Musical auditions

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Freshman were greeted on the first day of school by the new LINK Crew, a peer mentoring program designed to engage 9th graders early on in their high school career. This will be a great addition to our successful Freshman Mentoring Program entering its second year. This year's Freshmen, with the support of their Link Crew mentors, were privileged to see former Park student and NBA basketball star Caron Butler discuss his trade to the Milwaukee Bucks on the center at center court of the Park Fieldhouse on September 5th. It was a great homecoming. We are also looking forward to year two of Parks PBIS program which has been instrumental in promoting positive behavior building wide. Make sure you stop by and visit Park's new school store set to open this fall for Panther apparel!

While we have much work ahead of us in terms of school improvement and efforts to meet the academic needs of our greater community, I am truly optimistic. Park High School has the dedicated staff, the necessary academic programming, and the wide array of extracurricular activities and clubs, supportive of ongoing school improvement and academic success. I am truly excited about this school year!

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## HOMECOMING UPDATE

Park students celebrated the 2013 Homecoming **"UNDER THE BIGTOP"**.

Presiding over the festivities of jugglers, acrobats and cotton candy were our 2013 Homecoming King, Anthony First, and Homecoming Queen, Daijah Perry.

They were joined by the 2013 Homecoming Court of Joey Butler, Jarin Miller-Jones, Isaiah Rogers, Omar Young, Liz Brau, Jasmine Funderburg, Leah Nelsen, and Haley Schonter.

Some students may have been inspired to run away with the circus!

# November Counselor Connection

Your Park High School Counselors are here to serve you and find ways to help your son or daughter become more successful and Park High School and beyond. Many of your questions can be answered at the Park High School Website:

<https://sites.google.com/a/rusd.org/park-counseling-site/>

## ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadlines
December 14, 2013	November 8, 2013

## SAT Test Dates

December 7, 2013	
January 25, 2014	Testing at Park

See your counselor for more test dates or information on how to register for the ACT or SAT test. You can also go on line at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to register for ACT testing. You can go online at [www.Collegeboard.org](http://www.Collegeboard.org) to register for SAT testing.

Students that receive free or reduced lunch can see their counselor for an ACT or SAT fee waiver to take the ACT or SAT test for free.

College application Prep Days-Park High School Counselors will be available to help November 5 & November 6, at 9:30 a.m. in the Library.

Keep in mind college/university admission requirements are likely more rigorous than high school graduation requirements. For example, Colleges typically require an extra year of math, Algebra II and one more year of science than required for your high school diploma. Some colleges require 2 years of a single World Language. Students should also strive to achieve a competitive ACT or SAT test scores.

Washington Park's College Financial Aid night is January 14, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the John Burn's Theater.

See your Counselor for more details.

Bottom line: Students should take challenging courses that will prepare them for the rigors of 2 and 4 year colleges.

Students can apply to University of Wisconsin schools online at [www.apply.wisconsin.edu](http://www.apply.wisconsin.edu)

## School Store

The school store is now open!! The school store is located in Room 124. The store sells various items such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, performance shirts, hats, coffee mugs, travel mugs, childrens shirts, and many other items. It is open to the public on Fridays. Show your school spirit by purchasing Park items.

## LINK

Information from the Library Media Technology Center

Common Core Standards and 21st. Century Skills require students to create and collaborate virtually. The following websites are from the Best Websites for Teaching and Learning 2013 by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL).



**smore** - <https://www.smore.com/app>

The free account allows you to create basic flyers and share them with up to 1,000 emails monthly.



**easelly** - <http://www.easel.ly/>

Create and share infographics and visual ideas online. Download your infographic or embed a link to what you've created.



**myHistro** - <http://www.myhistro.com/>

Use text, video, and pictures to create a dynamic timeline.

For a full list of recommended sites go to <http://www.ala.org/aasl/standards-guidelines/best-websites/2013>

"Best Websites for Teaching & Learning 2013." AASL. American Association of School Librarians, 2013. Web. 14 Oct. 2013.