

Yearbook

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This is two-fold part class that students have to sign up and get credit for, and part co-curricular club/organization. They have to be in the class to be considered part of the yearbook staff; however we'll probably offer opportunities throughout this school year for other students, who might be interested in joining the class next year, to get involved. The students in this class/organization are responsible for creating the school's annual yearbook. They take a majority of the pictures as well as collect pictures from outside sources, then select and edit the pictures that appear in the Yearbook. They also conduct interviews, write stories, captions, and headlines, and design the pages as they appear in the book. There's a place on the yearbook staff for all types of students, including those who are business minded, creative, computer savvy, journalistic, and team-oriented. Skills gained in Yearbook help the students achieve higher in post-secondary education and careers.



2018-2019

Clubs & Activities

7th Heaven

Jan Knutson

7th Heaven is a select vocal ensemble that performs jazz and pop music. Rehearsals are scheduled outside the school day. The group performs in Janesville and the surrounding area. Auditions will be held September 16-20 for all students who are interested. Please see Mrs. Knutson in the Choir Room for more information.

The Alliance

Julie Grandeffo & Jenny Pratt

The Alliance (*f.k.a.* the Gender/Sexuality Alliance) is a student-led organization that offers education, support, and friendship to the LGBTQ+ population. This group also concerns itself with additional social justice issues that interfere with the rights and freedoms of others. It is a group of students who have joined together because they want to be the generation that affects change. The Alliance sponsors an awareness week and Day of Silence. Members may also participate in GSAFES Youth Unity Conference and LGBT Youth Conference. We meet on Tuesdays, and Michelle Lange is the advisor.

Anime Club

Steven Mickelson

Anime Club is a place for students to share in their joy of anime, and play games or take fun quizzes about different animes. We typically meet Thursdays after school until 5pm.

Badger State Boys

Steve Strieker

Badger Boys State recipients travel to Ripon College and participate with 870 young men from Wisconsin in a week-long state government immersion experience. Students chosen for this program learn the workings of government "by doing." Students carry out all the main functions of city, county, and state government using basic laws and fundamental procedures of the State of Wisconsin as their guide. Through this prestigious program, students develop a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation.

Badger State Girls

Gina Kerbal and Amy Venuti

Badger Girls State is a week long program in June sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Badger Girls State recipients travel to the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh and participate with hundreds of other young women from Wisconsin in a state government immersion experience, learning about state government and practicing their

Spanish National Honor Society is an honorary group as well as a service organization. Our goal is to celebrate and promote the Spanish culture and language. Students are eligible for entrance into the Spanish National Honor Society after maintaining an honor average (3.6) in Spanish for at least three semesters while maintaining an overall academic GPA of 3.3. Students also must complete 10 hours of service work, attend regular Spanish Club/ Spanish National Honor Society meetings, and participate in a least one fundraiser per year.

Step Above

Gabrielle Hankins

Step Above is a dance group that is stepping above the expectations of high school dance groups through different dance types. You don't have to be a fan of dance, just come and have fun with us! The dances range from slow to fast-paced highly-choreographed to low-choreographed group dances that all levels of dancers can learn. We are here to teach dance to anyone, even if you can only tap your foot.

Student Leadership Council

Amanda Olson

Student Leadership Council (SLC) is Parker High School's student government. We are a student centered organization. SLC does many things throughout the school year, but one of our BIG response

abilities is running Homecoming (the week's activities and pep assembly, the parade, and the dance). SLC is made up of 9th-12th grade students with an elected Executive Board. We are a service organization who gets involved in the community. Freshmen who are interested in becoming part of SLC should listen for announcements in their homeroom or announcements from their Link Leaders to become a part of SLC after the school year begins.

Viking Volunteers

Rob Eastman & Nicole Walters

Is a service base organization that will meet probably every other week (every week when necessary). Students can volunteer their time to help both here in Parker and in the community.

classes being taken in order to give students motivation to pursue life time hobbies and science related careers. SNHS recognizes good science students for their outstanding scholastic work in high school. Members are encouraged to pursue a science related career. Students completing the requirements of membership are eligible for scholarships as well as honor cords to wear at high school graduation.

Skills Wisconsin

Tom Heiss

Skills Wisconsin is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives, working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. It helps each student excel. SkillsWisconsin is a non-profit organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. It was formerly known as VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America).

Spanish Club

Angie Smalley & Kayla Rausch

The purpose of Spanish Club is to promote knowledge and awareness of the Spanish language and culture through activities that allow participation by all levels of Spanish speakers and those interested in the language and culture. Membership is open to all students interested in participating in and experiencing the Spanish culture. Students that choose to join Spanish Club will be provided the opportunity to experience activities that do not normally take place in the classroom such as: music and dancing, food, fiestas, movies, guest speakers, field trips, etc. Club activities are designed to promote the study of Spanish and its related culture in a relaxed, social atmosphere. Some activities also provide students the opportunity to be of service to the community.

Spanish National Honor Society

Angie Smalley & Kayla Rausch

After students have completed at least one semester of Spanish III, students are invited to apply to the Spanish National Honor Society. The purpose of the Spanish National Honor Society is to recognize high achievement in Spanish and to promote the continuity of interest in the study of Spanish language, literature, and civilization. The Society is classified as a National Honor Society and is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. The

leadership skills. Badger Girls State is open to all eligible junior females. Students are chosen based on teacher recommendations, grades, extracurricular activities and an essay detailing their interest in learning about government.

The Barn (School Store) **John Zimmerman and Mike Wick**
School spirit merchandise, Beverages, Snack Items, and Discounted Bus tokens are available at The Barn.

Hours: Tues-Thurs Before School 7:25-7:50 am & After School 3:20-3:40 pm

Chamber Orchestra

Sarah Lidholm

A group of dedicated string students who meet once a week before school to play more advanced music that will be featured in various normally-scheduled Orchestra concerts. Please see Mrs. Lidholm for more information.

Cheerleading

Liz Wilson

Varsity and Junior Varsity. Each squad has approximately 13 athletes on the squad, and we practice 3-4 days per week. We cheer for the PHS football, boys basketball, and girls basketball teams' home games. We also plan to go to competition every year.

Chess Club

Bob Getka

We meet every day during lunch near room 1025. We have competed in past years in March for the Wisconsin State Chess Championship. We start from beginners all the way to grand masters!

Choir

Jan Knutson

Auditions are held at the beginning of each semester for students in Grades 9-12. Singers, actors, and dancers are needed. Students may also be involved with tech crew. The PHS Musicals have won Tommy Awards for Outstanding Musical, Performers, and Technical awards for the last several years. Please see Mrs. Knutson in the Choir Room for more information or email her at jknutson@janesville.k12.wi.us

Computer Club

Bob Getka

The computer programming club is run through the upper level programming classes. We participate in a number of programming competitions throughout the school year including the Milwaukee School of Engineering Programming competition, the Marquette programming competition and the Zero Robotics MIT/NASA programming competition.

Culture Club

Julie Grandeffo and Edna Feldman-Schultz

Culture Club is open to any Parker student and new members are always welcome. We meet at least twice a month and explore various cultures from around the world. Our activities include cooking, guest speakers, community events, field trips, etc. Our most recent activities included a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration complete with tamales and Spanish film. We also had a guest speaker discuss Japanese culture and students were able to order sushi from Fuji Restaurant in Janesville. We will also be visiting the National Museum of Mexican art in Chicago very soon. This is a wonderful club if you are interested in international studies or might be pursuing the Global Education Achievement Certificate. Senora Edna and Mrs. Grandeffo are the advisors for the club, so please contact them for further information.

Debate Team

Brian Devine

Debate team members research an assigned topic and prepare arguments for and against implementing changes in current policy. They travel to meets around the state competing against teams from other schools.

DECA (An Association of Marketing Students)

John Zimmerman, Nancy Potter, Molly Mickelson, and Mike Wick

A student must be in Marketing I, Marketing II, Marketing Co-op, Sports & Entertainment Marketing, Entrepreneurship or special consideration to be a member of DECA. Students participate in Business & Marketing Competitions, Leadership Development Activities, and Community Service Activities throughout the school year.

Performances are scheduled as part of the club activities. Mr. Biester is the advisor.

Parker Playhouse

Gabrielle Hankins

Parker Playhouse is a student thespian troupe that centers around both the growth of students in the art of theatre and a connection to the community. We are open to all grades and welcome anyone to the fold.

PAST (Parker Autism Student Support Team) Laura Muetz

The Parker Autism Support Team (PAST) meets every other Wednesday afternoon from 3:30-4 pm (or longer) in room 1104. Our big month is in April because April is Autism Awareness Month. We are trying to get everyone involved with the Light it Up Blue campaign. Students with Autism participate as well as those who support them. We also encourage all those who have an interest in Autism to come to meetings. All are welcome.

Robotics

Tom Heiss and Bob Getka

The Varsity Sport for the Mind," FIRST Robotics Competition combines the excitement of sport with the rigors of Engineering. Under strict rules, limited resources, and time limits, teams of students are challenged to develop teamwork skills to design a robot and build and program a robot to perform prescribed tasks against a field of competitors. It's as close to "real-world engineering" as a student can get. Volunteer professional mentors lend their time and talents to guide each team. Students get to: Learn from professional engineers Learn and use sophisticated software and hardware to build and compete with a robot of their own design. We build and program robots to compete at regionals. Teams competed and cooperate in alliances and tournaments which they earn the team a place in the World Championship Qualify for college scholarships. We meet on a biweekly basis in the fall and then meet almost daily during build season which is January through the end of February.

Science Club/Science National Honor Society (SNHS)

Dave Groth

Science Club / Science National Honor Society is a student driven club where members participate in activities to supplement science

Odin (Newspaper)

Mackenzie Deese

This course is a laboratory experience in the production of the student newspaper. Students may write, edit, and proofread stories; write headlines; lay out pages; sell and lay out advertisements; draw cartoons and other art works; take and develop photographs; and distribute the papers. This course occasionally meets outside of class time, to complete newspaper layout.

Open Art

Rebecca Diener

Open lab time after school on Wednesdays from 3:30- 5:00 pm in the art department. Students are able to use any art room for extra time on their projects. One art teacher will be available.

Parker Closet

Deri Eastman & Amy Venuti

This program assists economically disadvantaged students at Parker High School with obtaining school supplies, toiletries, clothing and much more. The program also helps with prom dresses, tuxedos, and graduation gowns. Bus tokens are also available, during the winter months, to those who qualify. If you would like to donate to the program or would like more information about your son/daughter being part of the program, please contact Mrs. Eastman in room 1151 (email at deastman@janesville.k12.wi.us) or Mrs. Venuti in room 1153 (email at avenuti@janesville.k12.wi.us).

Parker Green Squad (reduce, reuse, recycle)

Krista White

Parker Green Squad is a diverse group of students and faculty with the common purpose of raising the environmental awareness of the Parker High School community. See Mrs. White if you have questions or require more information.

Parker Jazz Club

John Biester

is an extra-curricular group that meets in the mornings before school twice a week. It is open to instrumental musicians. The group rehearses a variety of styles of jazz music from big bands to progressive. Instrumentation needs include but are not limited to brass (trumpet, trombone), woodwind (alto, tenor and baritone saxophone) rhythm section (guitar, bass guitar and drum set, mallet and auxiliary percussion). Guitar, bass and drums are accepted by consent of instructor.

FFA

Janet Meister & Krista White

A national student organization which promotes premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agriculture education and involvement in the school and community. Why join? By becoming an FFA member you will join over 557,318 students from across the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands in the largest youth organization in the world. FFA will help you cooperate with others, improve your leadership skills, and give you a chance to explore career options in agriculture. Check out our website: www.janesvilleparkerffa.weebly.com or find us on Facebook Janesville Parker FFA.

Flat Earth Society

Michelle Lange

The Flat-Earth Society is a satirical group that promotes the Earth is flat, not an oblate spheroid. This group harbors freethinkers and encourages the intellectual exchange of ideas. And while we are intellectualizing, we hope others join us for the grand ping pong tournament to raise money for an environmental or other charitable cause. We meet on Wednesdays, and Michelle Lange is the advisor.

Forensics

Brian Devine

This club competes at tournaments during February and March. The categories for competition include: reading/interpreting literature (prose, poetry, group); acting (solo or group); radio (news broadcast); and speeches (persuasive, informative). Forensics participants work with a coach to prepare and rehearse their presentations, then compete at meets for medals and trophies. The season culminates with the State Speech Festival at UW-Madison. For more information, see Mr. Devine in room 1116.

French Club

Andrea Behn

Parker French Club is an organization which promotes French and francophone culture. We organize events with food, crafts, and films. Anyone can join French Club, even if he or she is not currently in French! Meetings are at least once a month, sometimes more. Student can follow French Club on Twitter: @ParkerHSFrench, or like us on Facebook- Parker High School SHF/French Club, for more information.

Global Education Achievement Certificate (GEAC) Andrea Behn and Julie Grandeffo

“GEAC” is a cohort of Parker students that are interested in global citizenship and are pursuing the Global Education Achievement Certificate. This is a four year program with both academic and extracurricular requirements. The academic requirements are that students must take four years of the same world language and must have four credits in courses with global content. Students are also required to complete eight reflections demonstrating cultural competence. The extracurricular requirements include participating in school wide global activities and completing twenty hours of work on a global service project. In order to join the GEAC cohort, students must apply and also be added to the GEAG Google Classroom. The advisors will have office hours where students can receive feedback on reflections and discuss progress toward their certificate. Advisors will also post opportunities and information on Google Classroom to help students complete the reflection and extracurricular pieces. Please contact Madame Behn or Mrs. Grandeffo for more information.

JSOL **Kathy Hudy**
JSOL is a cooperative project between the Janesville High Schools and Janesville 4th grade classes. Parker students participating in JSOL will have passed biology/animal science; or be currently enrolled and passing biology/animal science. Students attend one day of training at the Janesville Schools Outdoor Laboratory (JSOL). Students then sign up for outings with the individual elementary schools, where they guide 4th graders through activities chosen by the elementary teachers to teach students about nature and ecosystems. The training day always occurs in September and outings take place during the fall and spring semesters.

La Société Honoraire de Français (SHF) Andrea Behn
This honors society is open for all students in French 2 (including freshmen) and higher with GPA and service learning requirements. SHF is the organization that sponsors French Club, the National French Contest, and the Concours Oral. It is a national honors organization which encourages the promotion of French and academics. SHF has an induction ceremony and awards and cords ceremony

in the spring. Our biggest initiatives are National French Week and Immersion Nights. Students can follow SHF on Twitter: @ParkerHSFrench, or like us on Facebook- Parker High School SHF/French Club, for more information.

Link Crew

Bill Conway, Karen Hill, Stacie Nichols, Nikki Woerth
Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and helps them to assimilate to life at PHS. Link Crew Leaders are selected from incoming junior and senior students through an application and interview process each year. As positive role models, Link Crew Leaders learn through periodic training sessions with the Link Crew Coordinators show how to be positive mentors and student leaders who then guide freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful at PHS. Link Crew Leaders not only facilitate freshmen orientation on the first day of school, but they also visit freshmen ACP advisories once a month to lead character and team building activities and connect with freshmen outside of the school day through social activities twice each semester.

National Honor Society Deri Eastman
The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Application into Parker NHS takes place after 1st semester for juniors and in October of 1st semester for seniors. A 3.3 GPA, 9+ challenging academic courses, and attendance requirements are all necessary in becoming part of the Parker chapter. If you have any questions regarding NHS, please Deri Eastman 743-5804 or email deastman@janesville.k12.wi.us.

National Art Honor Society (N.A.H.S) Rebecca Diener & Sam Vangalder
A service organization that focuses on volunteering in the community with art projects like murals and other activities, like making ceramic bowls for the Empty Bowls fundraiser for ECHO food bank.