



## PARKDALE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parkdale Scholars and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! As we plan for a new school year, we remain committed to maintaining high standards of learning for every student. The collective experiences and expertise of our teachers, our students' willingness to engage in learning and the support of our parent community help make Parkdale High School the best school in PGCPS. We are excited about the possibilities ahead for this school year. We believe that great schools are the result of great teachers. The teachers and staff members at Parkdale High School are dedicated to educating all of our students in an engaging, supportive, and collaborative environment. We look forward to partnering with you to ensure the social emotional well being and academic success of our students. We will welcome new and returning students to Parkdale High School on Monday, August 29, 2022.

### Safe and Supportive School Environment

In light of the highly contagious COVID-19 BA.5 variant, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will return to a mandatory mask policy in all schools and facilities until further notice, effective Monday, August 15. This decision was recommended by the Prince George's County Health Department. We continue to strongly encourage students and employees to get vaccinated and boosted against the coronavirus.

### Student Orientation

Parkdale High School will host an in-person orientation on Friday, August 26, 2022 for all new 9th grade students. All are encouraged to attend. Students will be transported to Parkdale via school bus. During the orientation, students will have an opportunity to meet teachers/staff, review classroom expectations and tour the building. Students must be in full uniform, which consists of khaki colored pants, shorts and/or skirt, a white polo shirt with collar, a face mask that covers their entire nose and mouth and their student ID. If you were unable to obtain your student ID, during the scheduled picture days in August, you will have an opportunity the first week of school to obtain an ID.

### School Uniforms

Parkdale student uniforms with student ID badges will be strictly enforced to maintain a safe and secure environment that fosters learning. Enforcement will begin at the incoming 9th-grade student orientation on Friday, August 26, 2022. Returning students should wear their ID badges on the first day of school.

### Mandatory Uniform Policy

Bottoms:

- Khaki-colored pants, skirts, or shorts
- No leggings or sweatpants

#### Tops:

- Plain polo shirts, either short sleeve or long sleeve
- Approved Colors by Grade level (please see SchoolMAX for grade level)
  - **9th Grade** - White
  - **10th Grade** - White
  - **11th Grade** - Black and/or Forest Green
  - **12th Grade** - Black and/or Forest Green

#### Student ID:

- A student ID badge must be worn at all times, suspended from the student's neck on a breakaway class color lanyard. NO EXCEPTIONS!

#### Outerwear:

- Black, Green or White HOODLESS sweaters, sweatshirts, or jackets. Outwear can not have any inappropriate language or designs.
- No HOODED items will be allowed to be worn in school.

#### Headgear

- Headgear is allowed for religious or medical purposes only.
- Headgear worn for emergency circumstances must have written administrative approval.

#### Shoes

- Closed-toe shoes only. For safety reasons, No CROCS.

#### Book Bags

- **Only clear or mesh book bags may be carried while transitioning in the school building.** All other book bags must be placed in lockers.
- Students may carry PGCPs-issued Chromebook cases.

Please refer to the [Parkdale High School website](#) to view our uniform expectations commercial.

### Staying Engaged and Connected

PGCPS alert system called [School Messenger](#) is an important means of school-to-home communication. All contact information in this alert platform is imported directly from the School Max Family portal. It is important that we have the correct phone numbers, email, and home addresses for your scholar. Click here to learn how to [register](#), reset your password, or change your [address information](#).

## Student Technology

Prince George's County Public Schools has become a one-on-one device district during the Worldwide Pandemic. Labeled devices and chargers need to be carefully carried from home to school each day. Only PGCPS devices will be able to access the internet at school. For those of you who have yet to receive a PGCPS device from either Parkdale High School or a previous school, we will facilitate the distribution (or redistribution) of devices during the first two weeks of school. [Click here](#) to read the PGCPS student device usage agreement that we ask you to sign upon receipt of a device. It outlines your liability for non-working devices. Students who did not receive a Chromebook case will get a cover for their device during the first two weeks of school. Please be reminded it is your child's responsibility to keep their Chromebook clean and functioning.

## Breakfast and Lunch Information

Food and nutrition services will resume normal operations of the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, and Afterschool Supper Program next school year. Students must complete a lunch application to determine eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals. Households can complete an application online at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>. Online applications are processed within 24-48 hours. Students not eligible for free or reduced-priced meals must pay for their meals.

### Meal prices for School Year 2022 - 2023

- Students eligible for free or reduced-price meals – no cost
- Paid breakfast for all grade levels - \$1.60
- Paid secondary lunch - \$3.00

### Student Lunch Accounts

- Students will receive new PIN numbers.
- The new 6-digit PIN number will remain with the student until they graduate.
- Parents and guardians are encouraged to prepay for meals and snacks by depositing funds into their student accounts via online payment at Myschoolbucks.com. FNS accepts cash, certified checks, or money orders at the register. FNS does not accept personal checks.

## Transportation

To secure school bus transportation for the start of the 2022-23 school year, students must be registered for school by August 10, 2022. Registrations completed after August 10, 2022, will have transportation in place no earlier than September 6, 2022. Please make sure your address and contact information is correct in [Scribbles](#) no later than Wednesday, August 10, 2022. A postcard with students' bus information for the 2022-2023 school year will be mailed out by the PGCPS Department of Transportation.

Transportation continues to have a shortage of school bus drivers countywide. This will lead to delays, as we experienced this past school year. Please be patient as the district works diligently to fill each bus route. Transportation concerns can be sent to the Transportation Resolution System at <https://apps.pgcps.org/pls/apex/f?p=358:1>. Frequently asked questions about transportation can be found [here](#).

Please help us to ensure your scholar's academic success by:

- making attendance to school a priority - instruction begins promptly at 7:45 a.m. daily.
- expecting and monitoring homework Monday through Friday and projects on a regular basis.
- monitoring weekly academic progress through SchoolMAX.
- allotting time for reading and reviewing lessons on a nightly basis.
- communicating on a regular basis with teachers.
- stressing the importance of following all school policies and procedures.
- Remaining respectful and appropriate while participating in virtual learning.

We look forward to a very positive and productive year. Parent(s)/Guardian(s), we want, we need, and we value your involvement and support in your scholar's education, for it is key to the success of all of our Parkdale Panthers. Thank you for your commitment to your child's education.

### Important Dates to Remember

- **August 26, 2022** - Student Orientation Day (½ day) In-Person
- **August 29, 2022** - First Day of School for All Students
- **September 2, 2022** - 4th Quarter [Grade Appeal](#) Window Closes. Please direct all appeals by email to the classroom teacher and copy Dr. Graves, Principal and Mr. Tucker, Assistant Principal.
- **September 5, 2022** - Labor Day - Schools and Offices Closed
- **September 15, 2022** - Virtual Back to School Night - 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Grade Level Assistant Principals and Professional School Counselors

#### Grade Level Administrators

- **Grade 9 (A-L)** - Ms. Yolanda Cosby
- **Grade 9 (M-Z)** - Dr. Roney Wynn
- **Grade 10 (A-L)** - Dr. LaTanya Catron-Simpson
- **Grade 10 (M-Z)** - Dr. Leroy Alicea-Cabassa
- **Grade 11** - Mr. Thomas Childs
- **Grade 12** - Mr. Garrett Tucker
- **Special Education Program** - Dr. Eric Vaughan

## Professional School Counselors

- **Grade 9 - (A-G)** Ms. Debra Morrow  
**(H-Ra)** Ms. Racal Hammond  
**(Rb-Z and IB)** Ms. Annie Zhang
- **Grades 10 - 12 - (A-Ch)** Ms. Annece Flood-Wright  
**(Ci-Ha)** Ms. Chyvante Floyd  
**(Hb-Mem)** Ms. LaShon Jenkins  
**(Men-Roj)** Dr. Willie Stroble, Department Chair  
**(Rok-Z)** Ms. Marsha Bastien

There's a lot of excitement ahead of us, including new teachers to meet, new books to read, new friends to meet and new skills to master...and I look forward to you sharing in those exciting times. With all stakeholders' working together, we know our scholars will be ready to meet the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

Sincerely,

*Tasha Graves*

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Principal