



PARSONS VIKING NEWSLETTER



VITAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL

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SEMESTER FINALS

- Dec 17 7th hour final extended until 3:15
- Dec 18 Finals in hours 1, 3, and 5
- Dec 19 Finals in hours 2, 4, and 6

*Schedule for December 17th:

- 7:55-8:45 1st hour
- 8:50-9:40 2nd hour
- 9:45-10:35 3rd hour
- 10:40-11:30 4th hour
- 11:30-12:00 Lunch
- 12:05-12:55 5th hour
- 1:00-1:50 6th hour
- 1:55-3:15 7th hour final

*Schedule for December 18th:

- 7:55-9:25 1st hour final
- 9:25-9:35 Break
- 9:40-11:05 3rd hour final
- 11:05-11:10 Break
- 11:15-12:45 5th hour final
- 12:45-1:15 Lunch

*Students dismissed at 1:15; 12:45 if not eating lunch at school

*Schedule for December 19th:

- 7:55-9:25 2nd hour final
- 9:25-9:35 Locker clean out
- 9:40-11:05 4th hour final
- 11:05-11:10 Locker clean out
- 11:15-12:45 6th hour final
- 12:45-1:15 Lunch

*Students dismissed at 1:15; 12:45 if not eating lunch at school.

WINTER BREAK

The winter break for students in USD #503 will be from December 20th through January 6th. School will resume on Tuesday, January 7th.

WINTER VACATIONS

Parents who are planning a winter vacation, please notify the office in advance of the student's absence. We will consider vacations excusable as long as the student's academic success is not in jeopardy. Otherwise, the absence may be considered unexcused. Any student leaving prior to the end of 1st semester is required to take **all** finals. **Finals cannot be taken early so please plan accordingly.** Any missed finals must be completed after school beginning January 7th and completed by January 10th.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 5- 7:00 p.m. Parsons Christmas Parade
- Dec. 12- 7:00 p.m. Holiday Favorites Concert
- Dec. 17- 7:55 a.m. Final Exemption forms due
- Dec. 17- Final exams, Hour 7
- Dec. 18- Final exams, Hours 1, 3, 5
- Dec. 19- Final exams, Hours 2, 4, 6
- Dec. 18-19 School dismissed at 12:45 p.m.
- Dec. 18-19 Lunch served until 1:15 p.m.
- Dec. 20- Grade cards will be mailed
- Dec. 20-Jan. 6- Winter break
- Jan. 20- No School
- Feb 10 & 11-Parent Teacher Conferences @ PHS

No School

USD #503 will not have classes on Monday, January 20th.

FINANCIAL AID FORMS (FAFSA)

Attention Parents of Seniors: Financial Aid forms require information from your 2018 federal tax return. It is helpful to have tax returns completed and financial aid applications submitted as early as possible after October 1, 2019. You may complete the application online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

HOLIDAY FAVORITES CONCERT

The HS/MS All Ensemble Music Concert will be held on December 12th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium featuring the high school and middle school bands, choirs, and orchestras.

SHARE THE WARMTH

We have a Sharing Tree that has gone up in the lobby area of the HS, where we are accepting donations of new winter accessories (scarves, hats, gloves, etc.) for students who may require these essentials. If you would like to donate to the tree, donations may be dropped off at the HS office.



PROJECT PROM 2020

Plans are well underway for another exciting after prom party in 2020!

All parents are invited to join Project Prom. No artistic ability is required. We need ideas for fund raisers and fun ideas for Project Prom! Please join us! We appreciate and need all the help we can get! You may contact Tyler Manners, Project Prom coordinator, at tyler.manners81@gmail.com if interested in volunteering.

CLASS OF 2020



If your student didn't make it to the cap and gown announcement meeting in November, you may go online at Jostens.com

Reminder: All outstanding debts must be paid prior to May 1, 2020.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Driver Education classes will start next Spring 2020. Remember there is no classroom session in the summer and you must be in a class to drive. Only driving takes place in the summer. Cost is \$125.00 per student and no completion/permit paperwork is received until paid. So keep your eyes open for more information as spring approaches. Contact Mr. Krull at Parsons Middle School for more information.

NEW WEBSITE

Check out the new USD 503 website! It can be found online at usd503.org To view the Athletics and Events calendar, simply click on the Menu Tab, Athletics, and then the Athletics and Events Calendar. You can also download the app at the app store and on Google Play.

SPRING PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES



Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up on February 10th and 11th at Parsons High School.

Conferences will be limited to **10 MINUTES**. If necessary, feel free to schedule additional time for an alternate date.

JUNIOR CLASS CONCESSIONS

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who so willingly gave their time and energy to work at the high school football concession stand. A special “thank you” to all the juniors and everyone else who helped with concessions.



We are grateful for your personal and visible support of the Class of 2020.

Nikki Brownell and Tyler Manners
Junior Class Sponsors

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Federal law requires all young men to register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Seventeen year old men can also submit their registration information early on the Internet (www.sss.gov). Selective Service registration is required to be eligible for a federal student loan, job training, most federal jobs, and U.S. citizenship.

DEBATE DATES

District Tournament at Pittsburg, Dec. 13-14
Regional 4-speaker at Wellington, Dec. 20-21
State Debate at Ft. Scott, Jan. 17-18

SPEECH AND DEBATE PROGRAM

Speech and Debate is an inclusive activity available for all high school students.

Currently, we have several students preparing for the National Qualifying Tournament. At this tournament they'll compete against other schools for two spots at the National Tournament in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Forensics will also have the opportunity to compete for a trip to Nationals in April. We're excited for the conclusion of debate season and another successful forensics season.

Special thanks to school administration for their constant support of this program.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS REGARDING MEAL ACCOUNTS

- Q. My child told me they have to remember their meal account number this year. What if they forget the number?
- A. Students and adults are entering their personal ID numbers at the terminals. Each student has been issued a personal ID number for their use only! Our terminals allow us to search for your student's number in the line. The cashier will assist the student with this.
- Q. How do I apply for meal benefits?
- A. Applications are available in the main office. **All household members and their incomes must be listed on the applications.** Families will receive notice via mail of their approval or denial. Families are responsible for any purchases charged until applications are approved.
- Q. Can my child allow another student to use their account number?
- A. No! The account numbers must not be given to friends or others to use under any circumstances. The United States Department of Agriculture allows only one meal per child per day. The terminals advise the cashier when an account is being used twice in the same meal period.
- Q. Everyone was running late this morning and I forgot to give my student lunch money. I know he/she is out of money—will he/she be able to eat?
- A. Yes & No. **Students are permitted to charge only meals up to a maximum of \$10.00.** The cashier will have to approve the meal charges at the terminals, either on the north, south, or east serving line. Students are not permitted to charge any items on the a la carte line. Students are encouraged to ask the cashiers at any time to check their account balances.
- Q. Our family received a letter advising us that we would receive reduced price meals. Should I send \$.50 each day for my student's lunch?
- A. We prefer students pay for their meals by the week or month. The USDA requires us to maintain confidentiality for our families receiving meal benefits. Therefore, we are not able to accept \$.40 from a student in the meal line because that identifies the child as being on reduced price meal status.
- Q. I sent a check for \$20.00 just the other day. My son tells me he is low on funds. How can I find out what he is buying?
- A. You can access your student's account information through Infinite Campus and you can print out a history of their account. These history reports will show the credits and purchases for your student.

All lunch accounts need to be paid in full by December 20, 2019.

K.M.E.A. SOUTHEAST DISTRICT AUDITIONS AND CLINIC

Parsons High School music students hosted the KMEA Southeast District Auditions in Parsons on November 9th. The following students were selected to participate in the District Honor ensembles:

Orchestra: Zoe DiVall, Bella Dominguez, Julia Haegele, Olivia Jerred, Natalie McIntosh, Annette Ozier, Carleigh Valdez, Katelyn Valdez- Violin; Ashlyn Brownwell, Alexis Cooper, Leticia Mota, and Blaise Villano- Viola; Baxter Finley and Charis McSherry- Cello; Ricky Ellis- Bass

Choir: Bryce Bolt, Will Daniels, Ethan Florence, Olivia Martinez

Band: Alexis Harper



All honors ensemble students will participate in a day long rehearsal at PSU during the Southeast District KMEA Music Educators Convention on Saturday, December 7th at the PSU Bicknell Center. The ensemble will present a concert at 4:30 p.m. There will be a \$3.00 admission charge for adults, and \$1.00 for children.

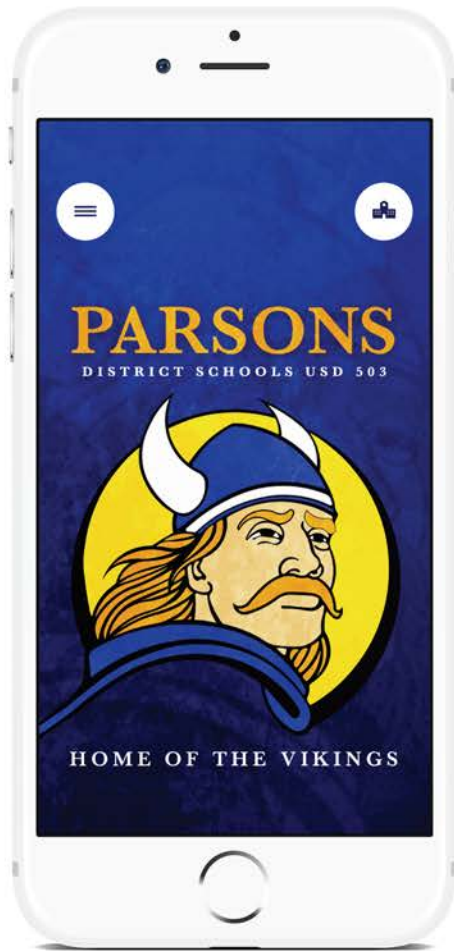


Vikings Give Back to Lil'Vikings

Communities in Schools of Mid-America and Parsons High School students are taking donations of non-perishable food items, toys and hygiene care products now through Dec. 13th. All proceeds will be given to USD 503 elementary students in need during the Christmas season. The donation box is located in the front office at PHS. Contact Mrs. Hopper at 620-421-3660 Ext. 114. Happy Holidays!

It's everything Parsons, **in your pocket.**

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🔍 USD 503 Parsons Vikings



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