Mark Your Calendar

Dec 9 - Basketball Game at Southside, 6:30 PM
Dec 16 - Basketball Game at Southside, 6:30 PM
Dec 22 - Last Day of School for first Semester
Dec 23 - Jan 5 NO SCHOOL, Winter Break
Jan 6 - Students return to school

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Yearbook
It’s time to order yearbooks!! Yearbooks are $17 each and may be ordered online. Visit https://inter-state.com/order and enter code 63971B. All yearbooks will be sold online. Don’t miss your chance to have the 2021/22 Parkside Yearbook! Ordering will end on Friday, March 11, 2022.

Lost and Found
If your student has lost a coat, jacket, or other items, please have them check the lost and found that is located in the totes by the cafeteria. Each day more and more items are being left and there are many items that students are not taking home. Items that are left at the end of December will be donated or thrown out. Parents may come to school from 3PM to 6PM each day to look thru the lost and found for their child’s items. We will not be setting items out in the front hallway for students to look thru.

Winter Break
The last day of school before Winter Break will be Wednesday, December 22. School will be closed on Thursday, December 23 to Wednesday, January 5. STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022.

Dress for Recess
It is getting colder outside, please dress your child appropriately for the weather. We go outside for recess daily as long as the temperature is over 20 degrees.

Background Checks
In order for you to volunteer in the classroom or attend a field trip with your child’s class, you must complete a background check every year. You may download a form from the Parkside website. Forms are also available in the office. Once your background check is complete, you will receive an email from Safe Visitor with your visitor badge. The email will be from info@safevisitorsolutions.com

Lunch and Breakfast Menus
Follow the link below to see what is for lunch and breakfast at Parkside!
https://bcsck12.nutrislice.com/menu/parkside-elementary

Change in Dismissal
If your child is not going home their regular way after school, please send a note to your child’s teacher in the morning with your student. You can also use the Remind app or Class Dojo if your child’s teacher uses those resources. Teachers are the ones who get your child to the correct place in the afternoon.
Notes From the Office

Notification of School Cancellation

If you would like to receive notifications when there is a school closing, delay, early dismissal, or an emergency announcement, please register on the Parkside website: [https://www.bcscschools.org/parkside](https://www.bcscschools.org/parkside). At the bottom of the website will be a place for you to click and register. If you do not receive a validation email after you register, please email the BCSC Webmaster for assistance at webmaster@bcsc.k12.in.us. Please do not contact the school if you need help or have forgotten your username or password. Please email the BCSC webmaster.

2022 Edna V. Folger Outstanding Teacher Award

Edna Folger set the early standard for teachers in Columbus. In her honor the Edna V. Folger Outstanding Teacher Award was created to renew awareness of the immeasurable influence teachers have on their students and recognize the traditional image of the teacher as a community role model. The award was established by Arvin Industries and is currently sponsored by SIHO Insurance Services, the Community Education Coalition, and the IUPUC Center for Teaching & Learning. Any full-time, elementary, or secondary teacher or educator working at a Bartholomew County public, private, or parochial school is eligible to be nominated for this award. Classroom, special education, or specials teachers; certified educators; counselors; and administrators are all eligible.

- Any individual or group may nominate a Bartholomew County educator.
- Download the [nomination form](https://www.bcscschools.org/parkside).
- Forms are also available at the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation administrative offices and in the main office of schools throughout Bartholomew County.

Nominations are due to the Center for Teaching and Learning by 4:00 pm on Friday, January 21, 2022.

For more information on the Edna Folger Outstanding Teacher Award, contact Marsha VanNahmen at the IUPUC Center for Teaching and Learning (mvannahm@iupuc.edu; 812-375-7576).

If you would like to nominate a Parkside teacher, please visit [https://www.iupuc.edu/ctl/folger-award/index.html](https://www.iupuc.edu/ctl/folger-award/index.html) for more information. Information is also on the Parkside website.

Voicemail:

If you do not have your voicemail set up on your phone, please do so. We have over 50 phones in the building and if someone tries to call you from any of them, it shows the same number. If you call the office asking who called you, we won’t know unless they have left you a message.

Appointments:

If your child has an appointment and needs to leave school, please come into the office to sign them out. When you arrive at school, we will call the classroom for your child to come and meet you in the office. We will not call the child down early....we want your child to be in class as much as possible so we will call for him/her when you come in to sign them out.
Grade Level News

Third Grade - Miss Bodkins

Miss Bodkins’ Third Graders:
Dominique Espejel
Jay Glick
Madeline Yancey

Pre-K - Mrs. Morlok

Mrs. Morlok’s Pre-K enjoyed some time outside raking up beautiful fall leaves. The best part of raking leaves, of course, is throwing them up in the air!
Pre-K - Mrs. Edwards

Mrs. Edward’s Pre-K made butter for our feast that we shared with Mrs. Morlok’s class.
The Spell Bowl team participated in the State Spell Bowl competition on November 15th. Though the competition was virtual, all students met in the Forum with a large group of parents to cheer them on. Each speller took a turn spelling 8 words. All spellers scored a perfect round! Congratulations to this amazing group of dedicated students: Kevin Chen, Usham Gandhi, Nita Hurlie, Alisha Jasiya, Grace Lodhi, Margaret Myers, Vibhashri Nagiligari, Anand Neely, Lucy Nevins, Reyarish Nighojkar, Shavi Nighojkar, Rishika Rajesh, Rohan Sathish Babu, Pranav Subramaniam, Mischelle Sun.

Below are the state standings! As you see we were the only school in the state to get a perfect score. [Click here](#) for a short video of competition day. Thank you Weizhong Chen for creating the video!

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They will enjoy a breakfast celebration on **Thursday, December 2nd** at 7:15 in the Forum.
Math Bowl

Do you have a 4, 5, 6th grader interested in math? Math Bowl CLUB might be the perfect after school activity! This year we will start a club to learn several math concepts including geometry and measurement. This CLUB group will meet on Dec. 9th, Dec. 16th, and January 6th, 13th, and 20th. Students will then take an assessment to determine the final 20 students that will be on the Math Bowl Team on Jan. 27th.

Math Bowl Team practices will begin on Thursdays in February and March from 2:30-4:00.

Area Contest: Tuesday, April 12 Start Time: 5:30 p.m. The competition will be 4 rounds, 8 questions per round; 3 students per round compete at one time 2 students may sub in after question 4 in each round (20 students total)

Those interested in Math Bowl should plan to stay after school on Thursday, December 9th from 2:30-4:00. Please bring a snack, a notebook, and pencil. Parents should plan to pick students up at the west side door.

Chess Club

Remember that Chess Club meets on Friday Mornings from 7:15-8:00 in the forum. We have about 30 students attending on a regular basis. There is room for more and we welcome parents to come help! Please let Mrs. Logston know if you are interested in helping!
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year Parkside Families!
Please help your child/ren keep track of their Library books over winter break as they will have them for 3 weeks.
Happy reading!
-Mrs. Andrews
Parkside Library

STEM Lab

The STEM Lab would like to invite parents to join its Facebook group where we share pictures and videos of things the students are doing in STEM. There are questions to answer to be admitted to the group, and you will not be admitted without answering the questions. Thank you for helping to keep our kids safe online. The link to the group: Parkside STEM Lab

At this time, the STEM Lab does not need anything, but we are happy to take donations of clean bottles and cardboard that has been broken down.

PTO News

Thank you everyone who volunteered at and visited the Book Fair in November! Our turnout was fantastic and Viewpoint Books was the perfect partner.

PTO is working on some events to take place after the holidays and we would love your input! Please email parksidePTObcsc@gmail.com if you would like to be placed on the PTO email list for ideas and volunteer opportunities. You will receive approximately 2-3 emails per month including a meeting reminder and meeting minutes. Meeting minutes are also posted on the Parkside website. PTO meetings are currently being done via Zoom.
Parkside Bonus Programs

Box Tops
Thanks for turning in your physical Box Tops so we could meet the November 1\textsuperscript{st} deadline! The amount earned will be shared soon.

Currently, we have 13 families scanning receipts in the app. Extended family and friends can scan for the school too. As you see family for the holidays, ask if they can scan receipts for Parkside. Don’t forget, that is an easy way to earn money for the school anytime of the year. Just scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

New to Box Tops? Check out this link: \url{https://youtu.be/Hh94b2BvFK4}
Not sure how the scanning works? See this link: \url{https://youtu.be/v-bNcykyK5Y}

Current App offers

![Images of various products with text: Earn 5 Bonus Box Tops. While supplies last. SEE DETAILS](image)

Kroger Community Rewards
We currently have 146 households that have signed up for Parkside to benefit from Kroger Community rewards. Remember, your friends and family can also set their Kroger Community Rewards to benefit Parkside!
Here’s a link to sign up for Kroger Community Rewards: \url{https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards}

Kroger Community Rewards CONTEST!
For the month of November, please turn in your Kroger receipts showing that your family, friends, and/or extended family are signed up for Parkside Community Rewards. Each receipt earns a point for the class and the class with the most points will win a pizza party lunch. Please make sure to put your student’s name and teacher on your receipts.

This contest will run from November 1\textsuperscript{st} through December 3\textsuperscript{rd}. 
COLUMBUS NORTH
CAN DRIVE 2021

Lend a Hand, Give a Can

Parkside is helping North with their can food drive. Please donate only non-perishable items. Place all items in the boxes in the front hallway. Peanut butter, canned meat, and beans are appreciated. Collections will run until Friday, Dec. 17.
COLUMBUS NORTH CAN DRIVE 2021

Presta una Mano, Da una Lata

Parkside esta ayudando a North con su manejo de alimentos entalatados.
Por favor dona alimentos no perecederos solamente.
Coloca todos los artículos en las cajas que están en el pasillo de enfrente.
Peanut butter, canned meat, and beans are appreciated.
Collections will run until Friday, Dec. 17.