



PARK CITY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2011

Happy holiday season! This is my favorite time of the year; when we spend time with our family and friends and recall the many things for which we are so thankful. And, a time when we win Region and State championships! In case you have not heard, it's another winning year for PCHS Miner athletic teams!

I want to express my sincere thanks to the many dedicated parents who help our school in so many ways. We have a better scholarship program because of your support. We come together as a faculty when you celebrate us with a luncheon or for breakfast during a late start. We think of better solutions, communicate better and make our school better because of the volunteer time you devote to meetings and committees. We focus time for better teaching and learning because of your support of late start mornings. Our athletic team websites are supported by our parents and are amazing. Thank you. I know there are things I have unintentionally not highlighted; we are very fortunate for all you do for us and we appreciate you!

I am also very thankful for our faculty and staff. I am fortunate to work with these truly amazing educators every day.

I am always thankful and proud of our students. I enjoy greeting our students every morning, spending as much time in classrooms with them as possible and talking with them at lunch; they will represent our futures well. I am also thankful in getting to know more students all the time. I am proud of the way they represent our school and our community in their community spirit and team representation.

I hope you enjoy time off with your amazing student(s). I wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

Hilary Hays

Principal, Park City High School

Contacts: Contact teachers through e-mail or a phone message through the office (645-5650). Every teacher has voice-mail and an e-mail account: first initial last name@pcschools.us.

Accessing your Student's Information on Powerschool

PowerSchool, a web-based student information system, is used by the Park City School District to give parents and students direct access to grades, assignments, attendance, and more. If you know your confidential user ID and password, you can simply go to the website: www.pcschools.us, click on "parent resources" and "check your student's grades". If you don't know your User ID and password, then you should contact the office.

Newsletter Deadline: Send articles by the 24th of each month to Patsy Barnes, pbarnes@redstarworldwide.com 645-9270 or place in the main office.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTO PRESIDENT

Welcome back from fall break!

Thank you to everyone who attended the last PTO meeting on October 11th. It's always nice getting so many ideas and opinions from all of you.

We have so many great volunteers with the PTO. I would personally like to thank the following people...

1. Patsy Barnes and Laura Monty for taking on the huge project of the directory and the e-blasts.
2. Joanne Vincent for providing homemade cookies for the Health Fair. They were a big hit.
3. Kelly Thomas for chairing the "Staff Appreciation" committee. She and her volunteers provided meals for the teaching staff during conferences.
4. Sue Frost for helping out with the Homecoming bonfire. She and her helpers provided freshly popped popcorn and lemonade.
5. Lisa O'Brien for chairing the mini grant committee. She awarded \$2500 in grants to the High School teachers.

Please remember to re-enroll in the Smiths grocery store rewards program. This is an easy way for the High School to make quite a bit of money.

The directories should be distributed to your student soon.

The PTO still needs someone to head up the "Stress Week" committee. This person would be responsible for distributing water/fruit to the students during finals week. Please let me know if you are interested.

The next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8th in the main conference room at the high school.

Thank you

Shauna Engen
PTSO President

Park City PTO meetings will be held every month on the 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the main conference room.

Nov 8
Dec 13
Jan 10
Feb 14
Mar 13
Apr 17
May 8

The PCHS PTO would like to thank **Wasatch Bagel & Cafe** and the many parent volunteers who supported the faculty breakfast on Wednesday, October 26. The staff was very well fed due to their efforts. **THANKS!**

Counseling November 2011

PLEASE VISIT THE COUNSELING AND SCHOLARSHIP LINKS ON THE PARK CITY HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE. THERE IS VALUABLE INFORMATION ABOUT COLLEGE PLANNING, APPLICATION PROCESS, COLLEGE VISITS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS!

WWW.PCHS.PCSCHOOLS.US

- Counselors have enjoyed meeting with each senior and getting a view into their plans for life after high school! Parents should have received a letter in the mail detailing remaining credits required for participating in the PCHS graduation ceremony on June 8th.
- **Reminder to seniors!! If any of your colleges require a recommendation letter, all requests to counselors and teachers must be made no later than November 30th. Remember to allow 4-6 weeks prior to your first deadline (excluding vacations). Please also remember to provide a stamped & addressed envelope when requesting a transcript or portion of a college application be mailed.**

If you have a January 1st or January 15th deadline, your requests for recommendation letters should be in NO LATER than November 15th.

- Counselors will be delivering the sophomore curriculum to those enrolled in first semester Health classes December 2-9th. Be sure to ask your student about using the Utah Futures website! We will be teaching students to use career interest inventories, college search programs, and we will be talking about preparing for junior and senior year. For sophomores enrolled in second semester Health, we will see you in February!
- Our next Latino Parent Night will take place on Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30pm at PCHS. We will be discussing how to pay for college.
- Thank you to the Share a Book foundation for sponsoring our Parent Latino Night program. Please donate books in the big green recycle book container in the PCHS parking lot. www.share-a-book.net
- The next ACT test is December 10th. Register on time by November 4th. The next SAT test is December 3rd. Register on time by November 8th. Our school code is: 450-290
- Students who took for the PLAN and PSAT tests in October can expect your results around the third week of December.
- Information about the University of Utah ACT prep classes coming in the winter will be included in the December, January and February newsletters.
- Looking to learn more about financing a college education?
SCHOLARSHIPS/FINANCIAL AID Discussion Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the PCHS Lecture Hall

You Are Now Entering the

Identity

Vs.

Role Confusion Zone

Identity vs. Role Confusion. Your teenager's process of transitioning from childhood to adulthood is most developmental task of the teenage years. Teens are becoming more independent, and beginning to look at the future in terms of career, relationships, families, housing, etc. During this period, they explore possibilities and begin to form their own identity based upon the outcome of their explorations. Experimentation is often a normal part of this phase. This sense of who they are can be hindered, which results in a sense of confusion ("I don't know what I want to be when I grow up") about themselves and their role in the world.

What can I do as a parent to support this phase in development???

- ✓ *Talk to your teen- If you don't...remember...their friends are talking to them.*
- ✓ *Spend quality time together as a family. Teens who report a close family relationship have less drug and alcohol abuse issues.*
- ✓ *Include your teen in family decision making and decisions about their future.*
- ✓ *Set clear expectations for your teens behavior including school and social expectations as well as drugs and alcohol use.*
- ✓ *Talk to them about the dangers of drinking or drug use and driving.*
- ✓ *Be warm but firm. Give consequences that are reasonable, time limited and tied to the target behavior you are trying to reduce.*
- ✓ *Contact your pediatrician, therapist, school counselor or Samantha Walsh, Intervention Counselor in the PCHS Counseling Office if you have questions or want to discuss concerns about your teenager.*

Attention all parents of PCHS students, please submit photographs taken of your children during the summer. We are looking for pictures of them working, traveling and enjoying other fun group activities. Please make sure the photos contain more than one student in them, the more the merrier. Summer pictures must be submitted electronically to Kelly Yeates at kyeates@pcschoools.us. Please do so ASAP. Also remember to PURCHASE A YEARBOOK! Look for the November newsletter to find out more about how to purchase a memorable grad ad for your senior.

--Yearbook Staff

PCHS SCHOOL MUSICAL

Pippin!

November 17 and 18 at 7pm

November 19th at 2pm and 7pm

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults

Takes place in the Eccles.

Park City High School Girls Basketball

"The 2011-2012 Park City High School Girls Basketball Team will be hosting a Turkey Trot 5K this year on November 12th at 9 a.m. to help raise money for the upcoming season. Walkers, Joggers, and Runners of all ages and abilities are welcome to come out and enjoy the beautiful mountain scenery and fresh air as they participate in this year's event. Participants will receive a PCHS Basketball 5K t-shirt and all proceeds go towards helping the team. You can register online at <http://www.active.com/running/park-city-ut/park-city-girls-basketball-turkey-trot-5k-2011>, or you can contact a member of the team in your neighborhood and they can sign you up! Pre-Registration will be \$20 online or through a team member, Registration at the event will be \$25. For more information, visit the Park City High School Girls Basketball webpage (<http://pchs.pcschoools.us/index.php?page=302.1>), or contact Coach Sam White - swhite@pcschoools.us We look forward to seeing you there!"

Thanks,

Sam White

PCHS Physical Educator/Girls Basketball Coach swhite@pcschoools.us

COWBOYS, INDIANS AND ALIENS DANCE PARTY!!!! Party Rangers BIG FIRST DANCE PARTY of the year is on Saturday, November 5th from 8:30-11:30 p.m. at the National Ability Center Barn. You Don't Want to MISS!!!! Mechanical Bull, Big Sound, Light, Video Show with DJ Mac, Cowboy/Indian/Alien Tug of Wars, Greased Pumpkin Race, Prize Giveaways, "Cow Pie" Eating Contest, Body Paint Artist, Prizes for best costumes and door prize giveaways. Part of proceeds will benefit Heifer International, purchasing a goat or cow to help sustain a community in need. 8:30-11:30 p.m. \$5 before 9, \$7 after. High School+ (Find invite on Party Rangers on [facebook](#))

November 2011 PCHS ARTS CALENDAR

First Week of November - Tickets for PCHS Musical Go on Sale

PCHS Musical: *Pippin*, November 17-19

Tickets: Students/Children - \$5, Adults - \$7

On sale beginning the first week of November

Before & after school & during lunch in the commons
or through any cast member

11/17-19 PCHS Musical: *Pippin*

Thursday-Saturday, November 17-19, 7:00 PM, Eccles Center &

Saturday Matinee, November 19, 1:00 PM, Eccles Center

A production of the PCHS Theatre, Music, and Dance Departments

Tickets: Students/Children - \$5, Adults - \$7

On sale beginning the first week of November

before & after school & during lunch in the commons or through any cast member

11/30 PCHS/TMIS Orchestra Concert

Wednesday, November 30, 7:00 PM, Black Box Theatre, FREE

PCHS Chamber & Symphony Orchestras and TMIS 8th Grade Orchestra

ONGOING EXHIBIT: AP Studio Art Students' Work

PCHS Gallery Space

LOOKING AHEAD:

12/1 PCHS/TMIS Holiday Choir Concert

Thursday, December 1, 7:00 PM, Eccles Center, FREE

PCHS Concert Choir

12/7-8 First opportunity to purchase tickets for the Sweetheart Gala

8th Annual Big Band Dinner Dance band fundraiser

February 10, 6-11:00 PM, St. Mary's Catholic Church, featuring Varsity Jazz Ensemble

Tickets on sale before and after PCHS/TMIS concerts: 12/7 (jazz) & 12/8 (concert band)

12/7 PCHS/TMIS Jazz Concert

Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 PM, Eccles Center, FREE

PCHS Varsity & JV Jazz Ensembles and TMIS Jazz Ensemble

12/8 PCHS/TMIS Band Concert

Thursday, December 8, 7:00 PM, Eccles Center, FREE

PCHS Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band and TMIS 8th Grade Band

PCHS PARENTS! Our local Smith's store has been very helpful in giving the local schools. **PLEASE PRINT THIS PAGE AND TAKE IT WITH YOU TO SMITH'S NEXT TIME YOU VISIT! GIVE THE CASHIER YOUR SMITHS REWARDS CARD TO SCAN AND THEN HAVE THEM SCAN THE BARCODE AT THE BOTTOM.** **Keep in mind – your card needs to be linked to a school EVERY AUGUST – each school in the area has their own code. SO MAKE SURE YOUR CARD IS LINKED TO PCHS (you can also have your card split between two or more schools, i.e. Elementary and High School).** PLEASE HELP US WITH THIS EFFORT – SMITH'S HAS A PHENOMENAL RECORD DONATING \$\$\$ TO HELP OUR STUDENTS!



Smith's is giving \$1,000,000 to Schools!

Dear Parents:

Earn money for your child's school every time you use your **rewards** card at Smith's! With your support, Smith's Earn & Learn program has already contributed \$14.8 million to schools. This school year, Smith's will be contributing another \$1,000,000 to local participating schools.

Sign-Up is Easy!

To enroll, simply present this letter and your **rewards** card to your cashier during your next visit to Smith's. Your cashier will scan the barcode on this letter to link your child's school to your card. Then, use your **rewards** card every time you shop to help earn money for your school! Your enrollment will be valid until 7/31/2012.

If you have participated in Smith's Earn & Learn before, you must re-enroll each year. Enrollment for school year 2010-2011 expired 7/31/2011.

How Your Earnings Add Up

Smith's is giving \$1,000,000 to schools this year. Your school's share will be based on the percentage of purchases made by Earn & Learn participants linked to your school compared with purchases made by all Earn & Learn participants. The more purchases made by participants linked to your school, the more your school will earn. The points earned towards Earn and Learn will in no way affect any other points you may be earning i.e. fuel, or other programs.

For example, if Earn & Learn participants linked to your school purchase 1% of all Earn & Learn purchases, Smith's will donate 1% of \$1,000,000 to your school, or \$10,000.

How Are Funds Distributed?

The accumulation period for this year is 8/1/11 through 7/31/12. Next August, a check will be mailed to your school.

Note: Schools must register with Smith's Earn & Learn to receive a donation. Eligible schools must be a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit, state-accredited, K-12 school located within Smith's operating areas in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, New Mexico, and Elko / Wendover (Nevada).

To sign up or learn more about Smith's Earn & Learn, visit our website at www.SmithsFoodAndDrug.com.



Cashier: To enroll **rewards** card in Smith's Earn & Learn program for this school, scan customer's **rewards** card, then scan this barcode.

If you have difficulty scanning the barcode above, the school code to enter is: 81034