

Dear Parkside Families,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year at Parkside School! We hope you had a restful and joyful summer and are as excited as we are to begin another year of learning, growth, and community together. A special welcome to our new families—we are thrilled to have you join the Parkside community and look forward to seeing you for our New Family Welcome on August 15th at 10:00AM in the Parkside Cafe.

We are also excited to welcome several new staff members to our Parkside team:

- **Mrs. Angela Ganito-Bellar** - Main Office Secretary
- **Ms. Andrea Cordova** and **Ms. Kaitlyn Merker** – Kindergarten
- **Ms. Emily Mau** and **Mrs. Abbie Combs** – Grade 1
- **Mrs. Sierra Mathews** – Grade 3
- **Ms. Grace Clinton** – Grade 4
- **Mrs. Mariana Barnhart** and **Ms. Megan Murtaugh** – Intervention
- Additionally, **Mrs. Ally DePalma** will be joining our Grade 1 team this year and **Mrs. Kelly Brent** will be moving from IR to general education Intervention.

To find out your child's teacher placement, families will need to log in to the **PowerSchool Viewer**. You will receive an email when class assignments become available. If you do not know your PowerSchool login information, please contact Angela Ganito-Bellar at angelaganitobellar@solonboe.org. Please be aware there may be a delay in response. Class lists will also be available at the Ice Cream Social. Our Kindergarten families will receive a separate email with a sign-up for orientation times.

We kindly ask all families to **regularly check your email for our weekly Parkside updates**. These updates will keep you informed about classroom news, events, and other important information throughout the school year. We are eager to begin another successful year at Parkside and look forward to working together to support your child's success. Thank you for being an essential part of our community.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 15 at 10:00am-11:00am: New Family Welcome (Grades 1-4 only) in the cafeteria

August 18 at 6:00pm - 7:30 pm: PTA Ice Cream Social / Supply Drop Off

August 19 at 2:00pm – 2:45 pm: Meet Your Teacher / Supply Drop Off (Grades 1-4 only)

August 20 at 8:00 am – 2:30 pm: First Day of School (Grades 1-4) & K Orientation

August 22 at 8:00 am – 2:30 pm: First Day of School (Kindergarten)

Go Parkside Panthers,

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Important Information for Back to School:

Please visit the [Back To School Hub](#) on the Solon Schools homepage for important resources referenced below.

Bus Routes: Your child's bus route will be emailed to you prior to the start of school. Please note that students are still enrolling and additions and changes may need to be made to bus routes. Bus notes to alternate locations will not be permitted. **Daycare transportation forms needed for the start of school were due online in July.** Any form received after the July deadline will not be processed for the start of school. A separate form must be submitted for each child and can be found at the [Back To School Hub](#). Any questions please call the transportation office at 440-349-6250 or e-mail at transportation@solonboe.org.

New Family Welcome on August 15th at 10 AM: This event is held in person in the Parkside cafe for any first through fourth grade families that are new to Parkside and have not had a chance to see our building and meet Mrs. Sullen (Principal) and Mrs. Petrie (Guidance). We ask that Kindergarten families wait to attend a separate orientation in their child's classroom during the first week of school.

Ice Cream Social on August 18th at 6:00 PM: This event is for all (K-4) Parkside families. It will be held in the Parkside Gym and Café as well as the playground. Come and see the school, meet many of our staff members and enjoy a cold treat! **You may also drop off your child's supplies at their classroom if you wish during this time for grades 1-4. We ask that K families wait to drop off their supplies until their scheduled orientation.**

Meet the Teacher and Supply Drop Off on August 19th from 2:00pm-2:45pm: Students in grades 1-4 can meet their teacher and other students in their classroom as well as drop off school supplies. The building will be open and teachers will be in their classrooms to greet families at this time. Kindergarten families should plan to attend their scheduled orientation time, supply drop off/meet the teacher will not occur for kindergarten families on this day.

Opening Week Routine: The first day of school for grades 1-4 will be Wednesday, August 20th. The school day begins at 8:00 AM (drop off and bus arrival begins at 7:45) and ends at 2:30 PM. During the first week of school we will dismiss students from classrooms about ten minutes early, allowing the buses to keep on schedule. **The first day of Kindergarten classes will be Friday, August 22nd.** Small group Kindergarten orientation times are scheduled for each student on August 20th and 21st. Please check your email after August 13th to learn more about kindergarten orientation.

Student Drop off & Pick-Up: Drivers form a car line around the perimeter of the playground parking lot. Morning drop off occurs from 7:45-8:00. It is helpful if your child can sit on the passenger side of the car for easy exit. Adults should not exit the car. A car line will form similarly for dismissal at 2:30 PM. Students will be dismissed from the GYMNASIUM doors and walked to the car line. Cars will be identified by using a hanging tag on the rear view mirror. This tag will have an ID number that will also match a number assigned to your child(ren). Drivers without a current, original, school-issued carpool tag for the current school year will need to present a PHOTO ID in order to receive their child(ren). Any changes in transportation must be made by the child's parent/legal guardian by contacting the main office. **Please do not exit the vehicle during drop off or pick up.**

Lunch: Students may choose to pack lunch each day or purchase lunch from the cafeteria. Please read the [school lunch information](#) carefully for more information.

School Supplies: Supply Lists are posted on the [Back To School Hub](#). On August 18th during the Ice Cream Social **OR** August 19th from 2:00 to 2:45, parents for grades 1-4 can drop off their child's school supplies in their classroom. If you are unable to drop them off at this time, please send them with your child on the first day of school. **Kindergarteners should only drop their supplies off during their designated orientation time.**

PTA: As we kick off the new school year, the Parkside PTA Executive Board would like to encourage all of our families to consider joining the PTA. The PTA helps plan and execute schoolwide activities, hosts school parties and assemblies, and supports our staff and students however we can throughout the year. Dues from your PTA membership support Solon's district wide PTA initiatives as well as Ohio's PTA. On a local level, dues are used towards district wide events including Budget Bin, Spring Fling, and a SHS football community tailgate. On state and national levels, your dues allow PTA to help children reach their full potential by empowering families. Additionally, you will be added to our Parkside PTA email list, which guarantees regular communication about PTA activities and volunteer opportunities. **Our first PTA meeting will be Tuesday, September 16th at 9:00 AM in the cafeteria. [You can join PTA here!](#)**

Forms & Resources: (bus schedules, lunch menus, supply lists, medication forms, day care transportation forms, planned absence form, etc.) Forms can be found online at the [Back To School Hub](#). Each fall the district uses an online eForm system to collect and update student emergency contact information and parent notifications. **Students will need at least two emergency contacts in addition to parents or guardians. These individuals are the only adults that students would be released to for rides home or in case of illness or emergency situations.** This information must be completed online. Directions and log in credentials will be sent to you. If you have difficulty, please contact the main office. **Be sure that you are providing the district with updated email addresses and cell phone numbers so that a parent/guardian can be reached at any time.**

Parkside P.A.W.S. is our Parkside Positive Behavior Incentive plan: Our Parkside PAWS expectations are: To do your **Personal** best. **Act** with responsibility. **Work** and play safely. **Show** respect.

In the first week of school, Mrs. Petrie (Guidance) and I will meet with each grade level. During that time, we will be sharing the attributes above and talking about how each one looks in different parts of the students' day. During this meeting, students will be given a bookmark with the P.A.W.S. attributes and school pledge as a reminder. To help students understand the expectations, posters will be displayed throughout the school as a visual reminder. In addition, students will recite the school pledge and PAWS statements each day with the morning announcements. Whenever a staff member sees a student going out of his/her way to exemplify one of the attributes of the P.A.W.S. program, they will issue a PAWS ticket to the student. Each Friday, tickets will be drawn from each grade level box, and those students will be invited to pick an item from the prize box.