Principal's Perspective

Parkers Chapel High School – Dec/Jan 2026

Robby Frizzell, Principal

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

Parents must contact the school by 10:00 a.m. on the day of their child's absence or the absence is considered unexcused.

The parent contacting the school and communicating the reason for their child's absence is required regardless of the reason. The student is considered truant and punished accordingly if no parent contact is received.

Students receive no credit for grades missed due to an unexcused absence.

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TROJAN COMPETITION CHEER WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!



Trojan Competition Cheer Team: Top L to R – **Cayden Pauley, Landen Rivers, Octavio Rodriguez, Tre Atkins**. Middle L to R – **Heather Drummond, Payton Bradley, Annabell Ochs, Lizzy Junior, Kenlee Honeycutt, Maycie Kate Taylor, Aaliyah Kemp, Ella Bryant, Blayne Wreyford, Audrey Robertson, Courtlynn Butler, Cambrey Stegall, Coach Cindee Mason.** Bottom L to R – **Emma Claire Owens, Emma Stone, Karley Koon, Jade Stewart, Tinsley Barbaree, Lily Kate Robertson**. **See "Cheer" P. 2.**



PCHS Student Of the Month - November

Micah Cates, a sophomore at PCHS, is our student of the month for November. Micah is an "A" student and earned proficient scores on all of his ATLAS state exams. He is a member of TSA and the Trojan Marching Band. Micah as also a "Trojan Way" qualifier in the first two quarters of this year by being on the honor roll and having no unexcused absences, no tardies, and no discipline referrals! Along with his strong academics, Micah was nominated by his teachers for his respectful and positive attitude. Congratulations, Micah! You are a great representative of our school! Keep up the great work!

COMING SOON

Jan 12	South Ark – Start of 2nd Semester
Jan 14	Fall Athletic Awards Ceremony
Jan 19	No School – MLK Day
Jan 22	Sweetheart – 1:30 dismissal
Jan 23-25	Cheer Nationals
Jan 23	High School Spring Pictures
Feb 5	Parent/Teacher Conf. – 1:30 dismissal

Clark Accepted to Brown, Receives National QuestBridge Scholarship!



Evan Clark, a senior at Parkers Chapel High School, has been accepted into Brown University. An Ivy League school located in Providence, RI, Brown consistently ranks as one of the worlds top universities and one of the top ten colleges in the U.S., accepting only 5% of its annual applicants.

Evan also has been awarded the QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship. Recipients for this prestigious scholarship have demonstrated that they are prepared to excel at the nation's top colleges and have positioned themselves to make a positive impact in their lives, families, and communities. Evan's excellent academic record including a score of 36 on his ACTE was also a major factor in his being selected for this scholarship. He will be receiving a total of $392,696 in scholarship funding.

Evan plans to study Mathematics but says he is keeping an open mind. Brown's Math PhD program ranks 4th in the world. On behalf of the entire Trojan Family, congratulations Evan! Your accomplishments further prove the education at Parkers Chapel is second to none!

A HOLIDAY "BOOK TASTING"

To generate interest in reading, Mrs. Burns, PCHS Librarian, hosted a "book tasting" at the high school library. Each English class visited the "Starbooks Holiday Café" and sampled books that were new to the library. Student visitors were treated to refreshments as they browsed the new library titles.



Below – Students sample new titles at the Starbooks Holicay Café.



CHEER

On December 20, the PCHS Trojan Competition Cheer Team continued its dominance by winning its second consecutive cheer state championship at the 1–2A Game Day State Competition in Hot Springs. The team earned the top score in all three categories: band chant, fight song, and crowd leading, besting all of the 17 schools in their division.

The state title is a continuation of an already impressive season. The squad took the mat for the first time on November 15 at the Bank OZK Competition in Hot Springs, where they earned 1st place overall, along with the top score in fight song and band chant. On December 6, the team placed first again at the Lake Hamilton Cheer Competition, earning the top score in crowd leading.

"I am incredibly proud of this team—not just for what they accomplished on the mat this season, but also for the way they represented our school and community," Cindy Mason, the Trojan Cheer Coach exclaimed. "This season was special because it was built on trust, and at times some tough love and the decision to show up for each other every day and to give everything they've got in their tanks."

With the state title, The Trojan Cheer Team earned a bid to the NCA National High School Competition in Fort Worth later this month, where they will look to improve on the second-place national finish by last year's team. The team is currently raising funds for this trip and asks that anyone interested in helping to contact Mrs. Mason at masonc@parkerschapelschool.com. Congratulations to our Trojan Competition Cheer Team and good luck at nationals! We are PC proud of you!

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT – MR. CHARLES "CHUCK" DOWNEY

Mr. Downey is one of the new members of our PCHS instructional team who is currently teaching U.S. History, AP U.S History, and U.S. Government. He is a 1970 graduate of Smackover High School and received his Bachelors in Political Science with a minor in History in '74 from SAU, then Southern State College. He also attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for a year.



Mr. Downey has over 40 years of teaching experience at El Dorado, Smackover, and one year at Sparkman where he taught 8 different classes. He explains that one of his main goals in teaching is to help students learn to think for themselves, otherwise all they "know" are other peoples' thoughts. Among his favorite quotes is "Snowballs hit people, but avalanches wipe out towns" (working together we can make a greater impact).

He has been married to Vicky for 45 years. They are the parents of three daughters who have blessed them with 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Mr. Downey describes himself as a "book hound" who enjoys reading, writing, and walking/running as hobbies. He has had a poem and several short stories published, and has completed a novel, "Farewell USA", which is currently unpublished.

When asked, Mr. Downey remarked happily, "I am very excited about the opportunity to teach here at Parkers Chapel High School and I look forward to making a positive impact here." The entire PCHS Team welcomes Mr. Downey to the family and looks forward to the great things he will do for our students.

Trojan Way Qualifiers for 2nd Quarter

Each quarter (9 weeks) students that make the honor roll (all A's and B's) and have no unexcused absences, no unexcused tardies, and no discipline referrals are rewarded with a pizza party. We call these celebrations "Trojan Way Parties". We commend and celebrate the following Trojan students for truly doing it the Trojan Way in the second quarter!

9th

1. Bailey, Rocky
2. Bryant, Ella
3. Bullock, Kha'Liyah
4. Butler, Courtlynn
5. Carelock, John
6. Dunn, Adelei
7. Eads, Emma
8. Foster, Kayley
9. Francis, Blaine
10. Haynes, Levi
11. James, Destiny
12. Koon, Wesson
13. McGhee, Jordan
14. McGoogan, Braylee
15. Morris, Addison
16. Murray, Parker
17. Nations, Jackson
18. Padgett, Abylee
19. Pichardo, Alejandra
20. Pumphrey, Kamya
21. Rhodes, Za'Rhia
22. Stone, Emma
23. Taylor, Kaylynn
24. Underwood, Makenli
25. Welch, Kinley
26. Welch, Melanie
27. Wilson, Rylan
28. Wilson, Zoie
29. Winchester, Colten
30. Wood, Noah

10th

1. Bates, Bentlee
2. Booth, Malia
3. Braswell, Carter
4. Brown, Mia
5. Carter, Reynolds
6. Cates, Micah
7. Eudy, Brayden
8. Farris, Dalton
9. Golden, Addison
10. Greer, Austin
11. Martin, Logan
12. Mayweather, E'Eliyah
13. McGriff, Kaden
14. Morgan, Lexie
15. Rainwater, Wesley
16. Scott, Johnathan
17. Smith, Ethan
18. Stegall, Kambrey
19. Stewart, Jade
20. Stringfellow, Emeri
21. Thomas, Parker
22. Tillman, Trenton
23. Whitefield, Madison
24. Wylie, Landon

11th

1. Atkins, Aleeah
2. Bain, Tannor
3. Battisto, Jackson
4. Carelock, Brilee
5. Cheatham, Hunter
6. Clark, Lainey
7. Grissom, Roen
8. Junior, Qua'Lizabeth
9. Krishnan, Nivedha
10. McDougal, Alexandra
11. Moss, Evan
12. Ochs, Annabelle
13. Phillips, Sarah
14. Rodriguez, Laylah
15. Rowland, Kaylei Brielle
16. Smith, Jake
17. Tomlinson, River
18. Ward, Emily
19. Ware, Emma
20. Welch, Lilah

12th

1. Allen, Tate
2. Ashbrook, Amber
3. Bailey, Brendon
4. Barbaree, Tinsley
5. Barnes, Lorali
6. Bussey, Brayden
7. Cummins, Daniel
8. Dees, Emma
9. Donagustin, Alondra
10. Fife, Sy
11. Hayes, Hope
12. Hayes, Natalie
13. Haynes, Ethan
14. Holly, Cezaria
15. Norris, McKenzie
16. Rodriguez, Octavio
17. Sinclair, Eli
18. Tanner, Tes