



# **PARK CITY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2010**

Happy New Year to all!

It is hard to believe, but the end of the first semester of this year is January 15th! Please be in contact with your students' teachers and with your student to ensure a successful end to the second quarter and first semester.

With February just a few weeks away, it is important to ALERT you to a change in our schedule, Tues, Wed, and Thurs., February 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. The change will affect juniors and seniors only; classes will begin with first period at 9:30am each day. These days are the UBSCT: Utah Basic Skills Competency Test, testing dates. UBSCT is a mandatory test for every student to take, until each of the three sections (math, reading and writing) is passed. Every sophomore, and any student who has not passed each section, will take this test February 2nd-4th. If you are not certain your junior or senior has passed this test, please contact your counselor.

Sundance is fast approaching beginning January 21st. Our students will have outreach opportunities during the festival, please make sure they are attending classes and getting involved with the events offered through Sundance. Students still have the opportunity to sell their parking passes, for the full price, during the Sundance festival. Contact Donna McManus, in the front office, to sell the pass.

I wish everyone a happy and safe new year. It is my new year wish that every PCHS student were involved, outside of classes, with a PCHS club or activity. We have many opportunities to be involved and believe that when students are involved with school, they are more successful at school. Insuring your student is attending everyday and involved in some way will help bring this wish to fruition. Thanks for your attention and involvement at this important time in your students' life.

Happy 2010!

Hilary Hays

**Sundance is Coming! Sundance is Coming!**

Sundance Film Festival will be here January 21st through the 31st. This will affect how our afternoon bus pickup works. Like last year PCHS and TMIS will release 10 minutes early at 2:15 on the 22nd and the whole week of the 30th in order to get the students onto the busses and to keep the bus schedule running smoothly. The high school busses will pick up the students at the back of the school in the horseshoe drive way along Lucky John. As a result we ask that parents not use the horseshoe to pick up their students until after 2:45. On another note if at all possible please encourage your student to car pool we have a reduced number of parking spaces during the festival. We appreciate all that Sundance brings to the district and hope that the week runs smoothly.

Sincerely,

Dave McNaughtan PCHS Assistant Principal

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTSO PRESIDENTS

Welcome to 2010!

The break was way too short. Frances Alexander and Pam Carazo organized an awesome lunch (Southern Style) for the teachers right before we the break. A big thanks to everyone that brought a dish, donated an item or their time. The PTSO gave the teachers a stainless steel water bottle to thank them for all their hard work.

We are still looking for a co-president to work with Shauna Engen for the next school year. The position of PTSO president at Park City High is not time-consuming because of all the wonderful committee chairs we are lucky to have. It would be helpful to be computer and internet savvy because a big part of the job is communicating. It is also a tremendous help to share the responsibilities of the position with a co-president. Take some time and consider volunteering for this crucial position.

JJ Ehlers and Claudia Klawe are chairing our Grad Night committee. Details on a meeting in January will be forth-coming. There are many ways to help make grad night successful so please volunteer.

The PTSO sends out a weekly eblast with all the latest happenings; if you would like to receive the eblast please email [parkcityptso@gmail.com](mailto:parkcityptso@gmail.com).

*Connie Whitworth & Kristen Ryberg*  
PTSO Co-Presidents  
[parkcityptso@gmail.com](mailto:parkcityptso@gmail.com)

## **SMITHS DONATIONS NEEDED!**

If you already have a Fresh Values card with Smiths—PLEASE RENEW IT TO DONATE THE EARN TO LEARN \$\$ TO PARK CITY HIGH SCHOOL (CODE: 10000081034). This can be done very easily at the Customer Service counter or online. The Earn to Learn program NEEDS TO BE RENEWED EACH YEAR!! Your participation contributes thousands of dollars to PCHS and is needed to help with our student and teacher programs!!

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](mailto:firstinitiallast@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](http://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 Kirsten Kobler at 645-5650 ext. 2025 or e-mail her at [kkobler@pcschools.us](mailto:kkobler@pcschools.us). If you would like to set up a system where the grades are e-mailed to you weekly, please contact Karen Grooms at 645-5650 ext. 2062 or [kgrooms@pcschools.us](mailto:kgrooms@pcschools.us).

Newsletter Deadline: Send articles by the 24th of each month to Patsy Barnes, [pbarnes@cmcpc.net](mailto:pbarnes@cmcpc.net), 645-9270 or place in the main office.

## COUNSELING NEWS

### IMPORTANT MONTH IN COUNSELING OFFICE

Welcome to 2010! Counselors will speak in all junior English classes on Thursday, January 8, and Friday January 9. Our intent is to begin the planning process for senior scheduling and post high school planning.

In conjunction with this classroom presentation, we would like to invite you to schedule an individual meeting time with your son or daughter's counselor. The appointments begin on February 2 and continue through the last day in March. Please call our secretary, Nancy Scott, right away to schedule a 45-60 minute appointment. The counseling phone is (435) 645-5657. Visitor parking is available in front of the main entrance to the high school. Please check in with the counseling office when you arrive.

#### Counselors by Student's Last Name

Ms. Smith        A-G

Ms. Moskal      H-O

Ms. Beaty       P-Z

Ms Paskoski – Park City Learning Center

The University of Utah will be offering it's annual ACT/SAT Prep Class taught in Park City beginning the week of February 23. It will run for six weeks. Specific information regarding cost and times will be provided in the junior class presentations. If you want to sign up for the course, please go to the website [www.youth-utah.edu](http://www.youth-utah.edu) and click on high school.

The next ACT test is on Saturday, February 7 (if you signed up by January 6) at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

The next SAT Reasoning or SAT Subject Tests are on Saturday, January 24 (if you signed up by December 26) at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

Our school code is 450250

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### From the Nurse's Office

I have viewed this in the recent issue of the National Association of School Nurses and found the information valuable.

*"The technology that has so dramatically changed the world outside our schools is now changing the learning and teaching environment within them."*

*Some teens say and do terrible things to each other online because they do not see the direct effects of their actions.*

*Please visit*

[www.netsmartz.org/netparents.htm](http://www.netsmartz.org/netparents.htm) for comprehensive information about Internet safety and technology

Sincerely,

Gina Agy, RN  
School Nurse  
Park City High School  
435-645-5650 ext 1750

## YEARBOOK STAFF – ATTENTION PARENTS!

Ever wished the Yearbook Staff included the amazing pictures you have of your student? Now, you can download pictures of your kids when they are involved in PCHS activities directly to the yearbook staff. All pictures go straight to the advisor for approval and the general public will not have access to your pictures, unless they are used in the yearbook. By sending in pictures, you agree to allow publication in the PCHS Yearbook. Please add photos by going to the Park City High School webpage and clicking on the Quick Link titled "Yearbook Image Share".

Thanks!

2009/10 Yearbook Staff

## Attention Parents and Friends of Seniors!

This is your final chance to submit a "GRAD AD" for the 2010 Yearbook of your student. As the parents and friends of senior students at Park City High School, GRAD AD's give you the platform to recognize the accomplishments of these students. You can turn in your pictures and personal messages directly to Jostens by going online to [www.JostensAdService.com](http://www.JostensAdService.com). The templates are easy to use and give you the freedom to design the personal message just right for your senior. The deadline for all orders is January 22, 2010. DON'T MISS OUT!

## PARK CITY HIGH SCHOOL FILM DEPARTMENT

Park City High School's Film Department is hosting the annual Miner Film Festival April 29th. We are looking for student film submissions; this is a great opportunity to showcase your work. The film department is also looking for donations from local businesses and other private sectors in our community to help fund the event. Any donations are greatly appreciated, including prizes or financial support. All entries or donations should be submitted to Chris Maddux or Noah Willingham. You can reach Mr. Maddux by e-mail at [cmaddux@pcschoools.us](mailto:cmaddux@pcschoools.us) or phone at 435-645-5650 x.2091. Noah can be contacted at 435-659-9481.

-PCHS Film Dept.

Mr. Maddux, Noah Willingham, Sebastian Hooker, Ian Quill and Chris Chrisenbery

## SUMMIT ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED AND HIGH ABILITY CHILDREN

The Summit Association for Gifted and High Ability Children (SAGHAC) formed in the spring of 2009 with the intention of partnering with parents and educators who are dedicated to raising awareness and providing challenge for gifted and high ability students.

SAGHAC is not only a support network to families with gifted and high ability children, but also an organization dedicated to improving programming for advanced learners. Our top priorities include:

- Foster implementation of Paul Shepherd's Gifted & Talented program recommendations in the Park City School District
- Investigate the use of Sandra Kaplan's Complexity Icons for use in differentiating instruction for PCSD's GATE children
- Improve relations with Utah legislators and increase legislative support of Gifted and Talented Education in our public schools
- Organize community meetings featuring guest speakers on topics in Gifted and Talented education

Without membership support, we cannot accomplish our goals. We need your help! We urge you to strongly consider joining us in our mission. Please contact any of our board members with questions or for more information on how to become a member.

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## JANUARY ACTIVITIES

- Jan. 5: Girls' basketball at Payson  
Boys' basketball at Spanish Fork  
Freshman boys' basketball vs. Judge
- Jan. 6: Swimming vs. Layton & Davis
- Jan. 7: Girls' basketball at S. Summit  
Hockey vs. Timpanogos in Provo
- Jan. 8: Wrestling at Highland Duals  
Girls' basketball vs. Uintah  
Diving at S. Summit
- Jan. 9: Wrestling at Highland Duals
- Jan. 12: Basketball vs. ALA
- Jan. 15: Basketball vs. Wasatch
- Jan. 16: Wrestling at Ben Lomond  
Diving at Bear River  
JV Hockey vs. UCI at the Peaks in Provo
- Jan. 19: Basketball vs. Carbon
- Jan. 20: Wrestling vs. N. Summit  
Hockey vs. Bingham at PCIA
- Jan. 22: Wrestling at N. Sanpete Tournament  
Basketball at Union
- Jan. 23: Wrestling at N. Sanpete  
Region Swimming at Wasatch  
Region Diving at PCAC  
JV Hockey vs. East at SLCRC
- Jan. 27: Region wrestling at Union
- Jan. 28: Girls' basketball at ALA
- Jan. 29: Boys' basketball at ALA
- Jan. 30: JV Hockey vs. Judge at PCIA

## Scholarship News/Upcoming deadlines

John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay – 1000 word essay for students in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade. [www.jfkcontest.org](http://www.jfkcontest.org) – Deadline 1/10/2010

Gates Millennium Scholars- For Hispanic, American Indian, Asian Pacific Islander or African American with GPA of 3.3. [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org). Deadline 1/11/2010

Create-A-Greeting Card Contest- online or mail in submission of design. One \$10,000 prize awarded. [www.gallerycollection.com/greetingcardscontest.htm](http://www.gallerycollection.com/greetingcardscontest.htm)  
Deadline 1/15/2010.

National MS Society Scholarship- Essay on how MS has impacted your life. Based on needs and grades. [www.nationmssociety.org/get-involved/programs-and-services/scholarship](http://www.nationmssociety.org/get-involved/programs-and-services/scholarship). Deadline 1/15/2010.

The Sam Walton Community Scholarship. A \$3,000 college scholarship available to graduating seniors with at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and a demonstrated financial need. Applications available now online- deadline 1/29/2010. <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8736.aspx?p=236>

Washington Crossing Foundation- Renewable, merit-based awards available to high school seniors who are planning a career in government service. Must write essay. Min 3.0 GPA required. Deadline 1/15/2010. [www.gwcf.org](http://www.gwcf.org)

Juniors: The Discover Scholarship program awards 10 scholarships of \$40,000 each to high school juniors. Application available in December. Juniors with a 2.75 cumulative GPA and demonstrates accomplishments in community service and leadership and has faced a significant roadblock or challenge is eligible. Email [info@applyists.com](mailto:info@applyists.com) or call 1-866-756-7932. <http://www.discoverfinancial.com/community/scholarship.shtml>

Utah High School Seniors of Italian Ancestry- the Women's Italian-American Civic League is giving a \$1,000 scholarship based on ACT or SAT scores, exceptional high school academic ability, extracurricular involvement. Deadline February 3, 2010. See Nancy Michalko for more information.

Dr. Paul L. Carmichael Endowment \$250 scholarship for high school seniors with a high school GPA of 2.5. No citizenship or proof of family need required.

Check out other Scholarship Opportunities at the Park City High School under the Scholarship tab or come see Mrs. Michalko in the counseling office.

Reminder:

FAFSA. [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) - You can begin filing out the on-line form January 1<sup>st</sup>. The (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*), or FAFSA, is the first step in the financial aid process. Use it to apply for federal student financial aid, such as the Pell Grant, student loans, and college work-study. In addition, most states and schools use FAFSA information to award their financial aid.

Deadline coming- for Regents' Scholarship - Seniors must apply for the scholarship online at <http://www.utahsbr.edu/scholarships/>. The scholarship application and all other requested documents which comprise a complete application file, are due, postmarked, February 1, 2010, for priority consideration the deadline is January 8, 2010.