



Park High School Announcements

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Interested in Rugby?

Spring sport Rugby pre-registrations are now open at Facebook site East Metro Rugby or email coaches at EastMetroBulldogs@gmail.com for registration or inquiries. COVID safety protocols are set for participation and are reviewed at social distance meetings and practices. East Metro High School Rugby is based in So. Washington Co Schools in 30th year for boys team and 23rd year for girls team.

Contact EastMetroBulldogs@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Park Boys Lacrosse fundraiser:

The Park Boys Lacrosse team is hosting a fundraiser at Wahlburgers at HyVee Friday February 26th through Sunday the 28th. 10% of every sale, both dine-in and take-out, will be donated to the team. Please join us in helping the team have a successful season!

SAVE THE DATE!

What: **ACT- Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

Who: Juniors (& any seniors who missed the opportunity in the Fall 2020)

Where: On-site at Park High School

More information will be coming soon.

Families and Students Registered for IB Exams in May 2021:

From the International Baccalaureate Organization:

- “We have reviewed the data and had extensive conversations with school administrators globally to ensure consistency and fairness to all our students and schools. Based on the information your school provided and in line with local or national health and safety restrictions you (South Washington County) are considered unable to administer examinations, therefore your students’ results will be awarded using coursework marks (from IB Internal Assessments) and predicted grades for the May 2021 examination session.”
- **Advantage of this model:**
- Teachers will be able to slow down the pace of their instruction and focus on the students’ Internal Assessments. This will alleviate a large amount of stress that has been placed on our students in advanced classes. Students will still receive an IB score which may make them eligible for college credit. Each college or university determines what scores they will award credit for.
- **How will the results be calculated?**
- We (the IB) will be using vast historical assessment data to ensure that we follow a rigorous process of due diligence (similar to the format used in May 2020). We will be undertaking significant data analysis from previous exam sessions, individual school data, subject data as well as comparative data of schools who have already completed uploading requirements and those who have not.

- We will require schools to submit the coursework for all candidates. We will externally mark work that is usually marked by teachers, instead of taking samples and applying moderation. **How will a student be awarded an IB Diploma or Certificate?**
- Using the information above the IB will be able to provide official documentation of the students' diploma or certification. We will require schools to submit the coursework for all candidates. We will externally mark work that is usually marked by teachers, instead of taking samples and applying moderation.
- **Some students perform better in exam conditions than coursework, can we be sure they are not being disadvantaged?**
- We (the IB) will use a calculation that is based on the relationship between coursework marks, predicted grades and subject grades to estimate the subject grades candidates would have received if the exams had gone ahead. If the relationship between these elements shows that in previous sessions candidates globally tended to achieve higher outcomes on their exams than their coursework, the calculation used this session will reflect that.
- **Important Note:** A teacher awards a predicted grade based upon how they gauge a student would score based on exams and their Internal Assessments as if IB exams were to occur. A student's Park High School grade in an IB course does not necessarily reflect how they would score on an IB exam. All IB teachers worldwide have to submit predicted grades each year in case of adverse circumstances. Park High School predicted grades have been historically very accurate compared to student IB exam results.
- **Can I still choose to take the IB exam?**
- This decision is based on an entire district, and the ability to safely conduct exams. Either the entire district is granted clearance to administer exams, or to go the non-exam route. The IBO has deemed our district unable to conduct exams this spring.
- **How does this affect AP exams?**
- AP exams are administered through a separate organization from the IB. While IB determines a student's score based on a combination of exams and coursework, AP scores are determined solely by exams. The only way a student can receive an AP score is to take an online or paper AP exam. More information on AP exams will be released next week.
- If you have any questions regarding this announcement, please contact Lisa Martineau, IB Program Coordinator at Park High School.

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YSB Chem Health February Newsletter:

<https://www.smores.com/nkz3t>

College Visits:

Sign up in Naviance to attend a virtual visit with the school(s) you are interested in learning more about:

*** Northern Michigan University, University of Wisconsin (Superior), SW Minnesota State University, Bethany Lutheran College, Colorado State University-Pueblo, University of Daytona Beach, Lake Superior College (MN)**

Scholarships for Seniors:

Many local scholarships are now available! The ASL (NOT affiliated with American Sign Language), Bieter Eye Center, Flint Hills Resources, Old National Bank, Oral Surgery Center

(Super Hero), Michael Ogunfolami, Matt Neely, Ashland Credit Union, and the Trades/Vocational SWC and many more scholarships are available.

Scholarship criteria, applications, and deadline dates can be found on Naviance under the Scholarship List.

If you have any questions contact Ms. Schrankler in the Counseling Office at 651-425-3722 or pschran2@sowashco.org.

Attention Class of 2021:

In an effort to make sure all seniors and their families are aware of important and helpful information we want to bring your attention to the senior handbook, the senior website and the Class of 2021 course in Schoology.

Be sure to use these resources throughout your senior year. If you have questions that are not answered, be sure to contact your school counselor or see Ms. Deiman in the principal's office for more information.

<https://phs.sowashco.org/students/seniors - graduation 2021>

The Park High School Mathematics Department recommends the following calculators:

Algebra 1 and geometry: TI-30XIIS (a scientific calculator)

If you are considering purchasing a graphing calculator: Texas Instrument 83 and 84 series: (these will take students through their college math and science courses)

TI-83, TI-83+, TI-83 silver

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TI-84 + C Silver - has a colored screen

TI-84CE - has a colored screen and rechargeable batteries

***Save your receipt and write the calculator off on your taxes as an educational expense!