OREFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL (OMS) AND SPRINGHOUSE MIDDLE SCHOOL (SMS) SUMMER COURSES FOR ENRICHMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION DETAILS SUMMER 2024

This packet is for students in grades 6-8 at OMS and SMS who are looking to participate in enrichment study during the summer months. Summer enrichment is for a student who demonstrates high ability who wishes to complete single subject acceleration OR who wants to pursue individual course study for their own benefit through a college/university during the summer months. To do this, students must adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1. Students will meet with their guidance counselor for course registration for 2024-2025 starting in spring 2024. During this meeting, students who may be considering summer enrichment should discuss the criteria for acceleration along with the possible options, including:
 - a. Coursework at an accredited 2- or 4-year college/university
 - b. Online study (through an accredited program like Keystone School Online, CTY, etc.)
 - c. Online coursework in math through PHS.
- 2. Students should have an 85% average or higher in their current course (math, World Language, etc.) to be eligible for participation in summer enrichment in the next course in the sequence. Proficiency on PSSAs and/or Keystone Exams (where applicable) is also highly recommended. Other standardized test scores, including PSAT/ACT/SAT Scores, along with attendance and student discipline will also be considered in the application process.
- 3. Any student who decides that he/she wants to enroll in a summer enrichment course (either outside of PSD or at PHS during the summer months) must complete the Summer Enrichment Application- Summer 2024 by going to the appropriate link.

OMS Students- https://forms.gle/pCxFZuewx7ZtfiGG8
SMS Students- https://forms.gle/ro3RVRsX2sRRvmiX8

Note that the deadline for completing this application and remitting payment (if taking a summer enrichment course through PHS) is Friday, April 19, 2024.

Forms and payments received after April 19th will require a \$50 late fee in addition to the course cost.

- 4. When students submit the Summer Enrichment Application- Summer 2024, it does not guarantee that they will be able to move forward with their studies. All requests will be carefully reviewed by the respective middle school administrator (Mr. Stoudt at OMS and Mrs. Abdelaal at SMS) and the student's middle school guidance counselor.
- 5. If a student is not approved to take a summer enrichment course, he/she will be notified by Mr. Stoudt (OMS) or Mrs. Abdelaal (SMS) by June 7, 2024.
- 6. For students completing summer enrichment courses outside of PHS:
 - a. Students are responsible for all tuition, costs, and/or fees for the course(s).

b. Students must complete the Parkland High School Comprehensive Exam to demonstrate acquired skills and concepts.

c. <u>For current 8th grade students who will enter grade 9 (at PHS) as of the 2024-2025 school year:</u>

- i. Students must schedule a day between Monday, August 5– Thursday, August 8, 2024 to complete their Comprehensive Exam at Parkland High School. (Report to the Main Office on your test day.) Exams will only be administered on these days. The exam session will last 2 hours, starting at 9:00 AM 11:00 AM.
- ii. Students will be notified of their Comprehensive Exam date prior to leaving for summer break. Should a student need to change the date of his/her exam, the student and/or his/her parent/guardian must contact Mrs. Bennick, Assistant Principal at Parkland High School, by phone at 610-351-5606 OR by email at bennickt@parklandsd.net no later than Thursday, August 1, 2024 to reschedule the exam date. If something changes with the administration of the Comprehensive Exam, Mrs. Bennick will be in touch.
- iii. In order to complete the exam, students must provide a transcript that shows the successful completion of the summer work. This transcript must be submitted to Mrs. Bennick (hard copy or via email) by the day that the student is scheduled to complete the exam. Students will not be able to complete their exam if they have not supplied Mrs. Bennick with a copy of their transcript.

d. For current 6th and 7th grade students who will enter grades 7 or 8 as of the 2024-2025 school year:

- i. Students must complete the comprehensive exam by Thursday, August 8, 2024. The date for the exam must be arranged with the student's middle school guidance counselor and is limited to the schedule that the counselor works during the summer months.
- ii. Students must provide his/her middle school counselor with a transcript that shows successful completion of the summer course prior to taking the exam.
- e. Students who earn an 85% or higher on the comprehensive exam(s) may move on to the next Honors/AP in the sequence. Students who earn a 75% or better may advance to the next CP/GHP course in the sequence.
- f. The grade received for this course will not be used in determining the student's yearly or cumulative average. Also, credits earned through these courses may not be used toward fulfillment of Parkland's required courses for graduation (i.e. Three years of high school math and a minimum of three credits are required for graduation.).
- g. If a student decides to cancel their outside study during the summer of 2024, please be sure to notify the respective administrator/counselor as follows:
 - i. For students entering 9th grade in 2024-2025- please notify Mrs. Bennick at bennickt@parklandsd.net.
 - ii. <u>For students entering grades 7 or 8 in 2024-2025</u>, please contact your assigned middle school guidance counselor (grade level assignments for 2023-2024):

Orefield Middle School

Mrs. Elaine Letoski, Grade 6 Mr. Greg Poremba, Grade 7 Ms. Lynda Strohl, Grade 8

Springhouse Middle School

Mrs. Megan Bauer, Grade 6 Mrs. Megan Jenkins, Grade 7 Mr. Michael Gross, Grade 8

7. For students completing summer enrichment courses at PHS:

- a. Students are responsible for any and all tuition, costs, and/or fees for course.
- b. The online math courses that will run through PHS during the summer include: Algebra II GHP, Geometry GHP, College Algebra GHP, and Precalculus.
- c. These courses will run June 17 August 1, 2024. (Dates are subject to change should the 2023-2024 be adjusted due to winter weather and/or other changes to the school calendar.) Note that schools will be closed on July 4th 5th in observance of the July 4th holiday.
- d. Students may only register for one course.
- e. The course has a required final exam that must be completed in-person on Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 9 AM 11 AM at PHS.
- f. Students who earn an overall 85% may move on to the next Honors/AP (available at PHS for incoming 9th graders) course in the sequence. Students who earn an overall 75% or better may move on to the next CP/GHP course in the sequence.
- g. Students who fail to successfully complete the summer course will not be able to enroll in another program for enrichment purposes.
- h. The grade received for this course work will not be used in determining the student's yearly or cumulative average (for students in grades 6-8 during the 2023-2024 school year only).
- i. Please review the information found on the last two pages of this packet for additional details about summer enrichment courses offered at PHS.

8. If a student successfully meets the stated criteria:

- a. The student will have satisfied the pre-requisite necessary for course advancement.
- b. A copy of the transcript (for outside coursework) or final grade (for course work offered live at PHS) will be placed in student's file.
- c. The student will be scheduled for the next course in the sequence at the appropriate level.

If you plan to enroll your child in a summer enrichment math course through PHS this summer, please consult the next two pages. Otherwise, you can complete the application for summer enrichment as listed in item #3 located on page 1 of this document.

If you have additional questions/concerns or need assistance determining if summer enrichment is appropriate for your child, please contact your child's guidance counselor or Mr. Stoudt, Assistant Principal at OMS, stoudt1@parklandsd.net, or Mrs. Abdelaal, Assistant Principal at SMS, abdelaala@parklandsd.net.

OREFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL (OMS) AND SPRINGHOUSE MIDDLE SCHOOL (SMS) SUMMER COURSES FOR ENRICHMENT SUMMER 2024 OFFERINGS AT PHS

Four math courses will be offered for enrichment during the summer of 2024. All courses will run in an online format and will be facilitated by PHS math teachers. The courses that will be offered include:

- 1. Algebra 2 GHP
- 2. Geometry GHP
- 3. College Algebra GHP
- 4. Precalculus

Students who register for these courses typically do so to advance to the next Honors/AP course in the sequence, and our summer courses will prepare students for study at that level. We do not offer any Honors, AP, or CP classes for enrichment.

Please also make note of the following:

- 1. The cost is \$450 per course (check or money order payable to Parkland School District or cash for receipt).
- 2. The courses will start Monday, June 17– Friday, August 1, 2024. (Schools will be closed July 4th July 5th in observance of the July 4th holiday.) Students will receive initial access to the course on or before June 17th, and the online content will close as of 12:01 AM on August 1st.
- 3. Edgenuity is the online environment through which the courses are presented. However, the courses are aligned to the PHS Math Curriculum that is covered during the traditional school year. For more details, please consult the descriptions found in the PHS Digital Coursebook, https://phscoursebook.parklandsd.org/
- 4. As these are accelerated courses that cover the same material that is taught during the traditional school year, students should anticipate having to work 4-6 hours per day on the course. Course content and skills are taught in the online environment and consists of videos, readings, practice problems, and various assessments. The PHS teacher is a facilitator and does not provide daily instruction. However, he/she does provide help and support.
- 5. The course may have a required midterm exam and will have a required final exam.
 - a. If a midterm exam is administered, it will be taken online and synchronously. The date and time of this exam will be communicated by the teacher before the course begins.
 - b. The final exam will be taken in person on Thursday, August 1, 2024, from 9 AM 11:00 AM at Parkland High School. All students taking a PHS summer enrichment math course must attend this exam session. Classroom assignments will be communicated by your child's teacher prior to the exam.
- 6. Before the start of class, the teacher will notify students of important due dates for work completion along with the midterm and final exam dates and times. While the course is self-paced and students have access to the course 24/7, the due dates are required and will help students with their plan for work completion. In addition, teachers will inform students of their online office hours, which are designed to help answer questions and/or provide supplemental instruction for course content.

- 7. Students may only register for ONE summer enrichment course.
- 8. Students are responsible for all tuition costs. Financial assistance is not available.
- 9. Upon completion of the summer course, students will be automatically scheduled for the appropriate math course for the fall of 2024. Scheduling is based on the student's final grade in the course AND on their requested subsequent course placement in the online summer enrichment application.
- 10. Students who plan to move on to the next AP or Honors level course in the math sequence are responsible for completing all summer assignments that are required prior to the start of the school year. NOTE: This applies to current 8th grade students who will enter PHS as 9th graders during the 2024-2025 school year.

To register your child for one of these courses:

1. Complete the Summer Enrichment Application- Summer 2024 by going to the appropriate link:

OMS Students- https://forms.gle/pCxFZuewx7ZtfiGG8
SMS Students- https://forms.gle/ro3RVRsX2sRRvmiX8

2. Submit payment (\$450, made payable to Parkland School District) with the last form from the online application (which you must print out and send in with your payment) to the attention of your child's middle school counselor as follows:

Orefield Middle School 2675 PA-309 Orefield, PA 18069 Mrs. Elaine Letoski, Grade 6 Mr. Greg Poremba, Grade 7 Ms. Lynda Strohl, Grade 8 Springhouse Middle School 1200 Springhouse Rd. Allentown, PA 18104 Mrs. Megan Bauer, Grade 6 Mrs. Megan Jenkins, Grade 7 Mr. Michael Gross, Grade 8

The deadline for completing the online application and submitting payment is Friday, April 19, 2024. Forms and payments received after this date are subject to a \$50 late fee in addition to tuition. If a student is not approved for one of the PHS summer courses, he/she will be notified on or before Friday, June 7, 2024. Those who are approved for a PHS summer course will receive a confirmation email during the first two weeks of June 2024.

If you have additional questions about the summer enrichment programming, please contact the assigned administrator at OMS and SMS as follows:

OMS- Mr. Stoudt, <u>stoudtt1@parklandsd.net</u> SMS- Mrs. Abdelaal, abdelaala@parklandsd.net