



# Welcome to PARKSIDE

**W**e're proud to have you as a Viking! This packet provides useful information for students and parents who are new to Jackson Public Schools.

Many more resources are available online at [www.jpsk12.org](http://www.jpsk12.org), or feel free to call the office at **517-841-2300** at any time.



## WHERE AM I?

Use the map (the last insert in this folder) to locate your classrooms.

## IMPORTANT

backpacks are not permitted in the classroom. Take only necessary class materials, and leave your bags/backpacks in your locker.



## How to OPEN your LOCKER:

*To start, turn the dial a few times to the right to reset. Go slowly. If you mess up, you'll have to start over!*



While turning right **STOP** on your **FIRST#**: \_\_\_\_\_

Now turn your dial to the left and go **PAST** your **SECOND#**: \_\_\_\_\_ the first time around then **STOP** on the number on the second time around.

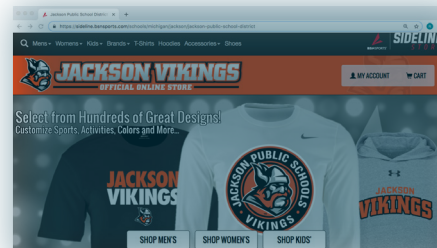
Lastly, turn the dial the right and stop on your **THIRD#**: \_\_\_\_\_

*For cool things to go **IN** your locker ►*

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com>

Select your school and choose from hundreds of great designs, or visit The Viking Store located at Jackson High and online here:

[www.jhsvikingstore.com](http://www.jhsvikingstore.com)



# VOLUNTEER Opportunities at Parkside

**PAVE** Group (**P**arkside **A**dult **V**olunteers for **E**ducation), Parkside's PTO group, hosts monthly meetings and invites all family members and staff to become involved in school activities and more.

The goal of PAVE is to support Parkside through volunteering, donations & fundraising. We believe that the school *needs* parents & community members involved to be successful and to enrich the children's learning experience.



**POPCORN** Help us make and sell popcorn. Every other Tuesday we pop all morning and sell through lunchtime. Hours are approximately 7:30 am - 12:00 pm.



**LUNCH MONITORING** Be an extra set of eyes and ears in the cafeteria during lunch. Chat with students and guide them through the red/green/yellow system, and alert staff to any issues requiring immediate attention.



**DANCE CHAPERONES** Dances are planned and produced by the Student Council, but we also need parent chaperones to help monitor and work the concession stand.



**FAMILY FUN NIGHTS** PAVE runs this family event. We need volunteers to help at check-in, monitor activities in the gym and running the concession stand.



**BOOK FAIR** Help is needed to help students locate items, monitor and direct traffic and work the register.



**CLASSROOM HELPERS** Teachers occasionally require help in the classroom. Sign up as a helper and we will call you when the need arises for short-term classroom assistance.

*If you are interested in any of the these or other volunteer opportunities, please call or email:*

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## PARKSIDE COMMUNITY CLOSET

Parkside maintains a Community Closet to serve the needs of our students and families.

The Community Closet provides food, clothing, shoes, basic hygiene supplies, and laundry facilities to students and families in need.

Visit our Facebook page (Parkside Community Closet) to see what donations we are currently in need of. If you know a student that would benefit from our closet, message us on Facebook.



## JPS HEALTHY FOOD POLICY

JPS only allows **HEALTHY** treats or **NON-FOOD** treats for classroom birthday or award celebrations. (Please no cupcakes). If cupcakes are brought to school, we will keep them in the office and send them home with the students at the end of the day. As a school, we are responsible for helping students learn lessons about good nutrition and healthy lifestyles.

Also, we enforce a **NO CANDY** and **NO POP** rule. This includes breakfast, lunch, and throughout the school day. Please do not pack these items in lunches.

**A**t Jackson Public Schools, we are committed to delivering accurate and timely information to all families, so that you may support your child. JPS uses a variety of methods to communicate with you. Please familiarize yourself with the following. Copies of this guide can also be found on our social media and website.



### DOWNLOAD THE JPS APP ▶

**IT'S FREE!** Download the official Jackson Public Schools App for access to your school's news, calendars, important notifications and so much more. The Jackson Public Schools App can be found in the App and Google Play Stores on both iOS and Android devices.



### JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT WEBSITE: [www.jpsk12.org](http://www.jpsk12.org)

In addition to information about the district, you will also find a website for each of our schools, agendas and minutes from the School Board meetings, District Services, as well as information for families and students. Individual school websites can be easily accessed from the JPS home page under "Select a School."



### SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow Middle School at Parkside on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/JPSParkside](http://www.facebook.com/JPSParkside) and JPS on Twitter at: [twitter.com/jpsvikings](http://twitter.com/jpsvikings) and Instagram: [www.instagram.com/jpsvikings](http://www.instagram.com/jpsvikings) Social media feeds are included on the JPS home page: [www.jpsk12.org](http://www.jpsk12.org).



### MIDDLE SCHOOL AT PARKSIDE ONLINE EVENT CALENDAR

The Middle School at Parkside Calendar can be found on our homepage:

[www.jpsk12.org/parkside](http://www.jpsk12.org/parkside) ▶

JPS district calendars can be accessed from any device that supports the iCal format, such as Android and iOS devices, Google Calendar, Microsoft Outlook and other calendar programs. To access the Calendar from other applications such as these, use this link: <https://www.jpsk12.org/site/handlers/icalfeed.ashx?MIID=1>



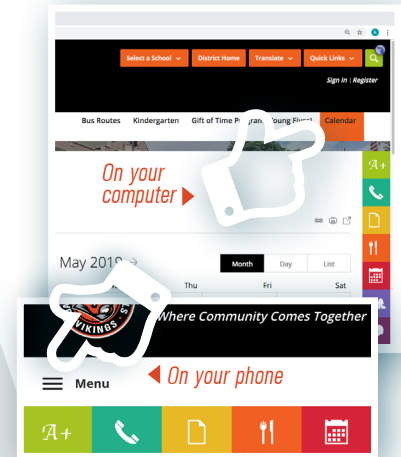
### SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

If school is closed, JPS will notify families and employees through the JPS App, the JPS website, ([jpsk12.org](http://jpsk12.org)), Facebook, Twitter and on local TV and radio stations.

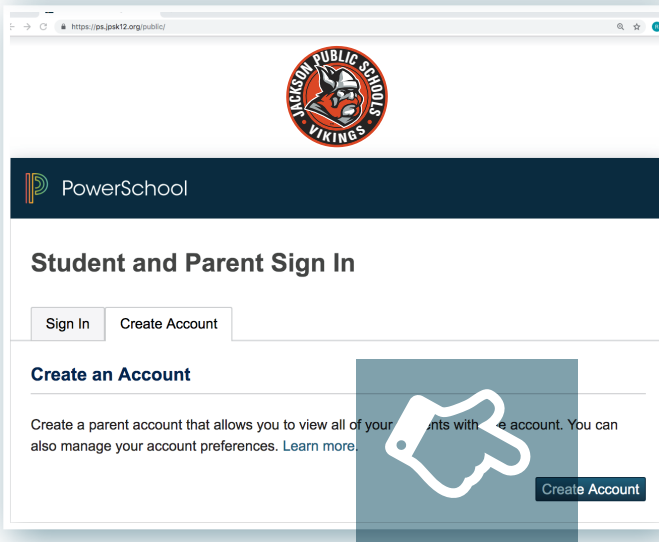
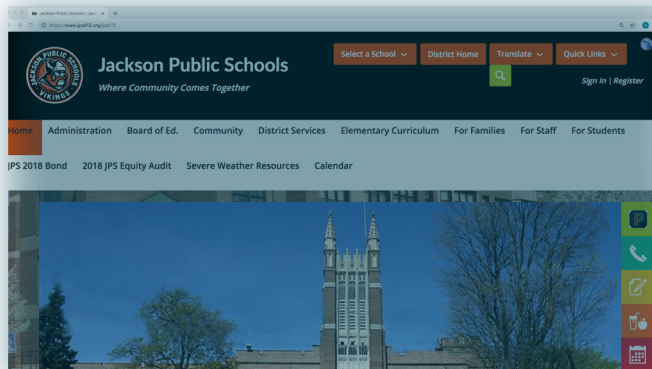


### FAMILY-STUDENT HANDBOOK AND CALENDAR

Families and students can access Student Handbooks from their school's home page. Registration information, the JPS Social Media Policy and Guidelines, Technology Use Agreement for Students, handbooks and policies are available online at [www.jpsk12.org](http://www.jpsk12.org), under "For Families" and "For Students."



**PowerSchool** is the district's online student information system. PowerSchool provides a way for parents and students to track attendance, grades, class schedules and more.



## CREATE AN ACCOUNT

*In order to access PowerSchool you will need to establish an account.*

To create an account you must have your

**Parent Access ID** and **Parent Access Password**.

- ▶ The ID and Password can be obtained from the main office of your student's school.

Go to the **PowerSchool** link on the JPS home page at: [www.jpisk12.org](http://www.jpisk12.org)



Next, click on the **Create Account** tab, then the **Create Account** button. This page allows parents/guardians to establish their own account.

*\*All fields in this section are required.*

The **Link Students to Account** ▶ **to Account** section establishes your student's information.

NOTE: *Access ID is case sensitive.*

Complete these fields for all of the students you have in Jackson Public Schools. Then click the **Enter** button.

On the **Sign In** screen, enter in the newly created User Name and Password. Click **Submit**.

Parent Account Details			
First Name	<input type="text"/>		
Last Name	<input type="text"/>		
Email	<input type="text"/>		
Desired Username	<input type="text"/>		
Password	<input type="password"/>		
Re-enter Password	<input type="password"/>		
Password must: <span style="float: right;">•Be at least 6 characters long</span>			
Link Students to Account			
Enter the Access ID, Access Password, and Relationship for each student you wish to add to your Parent Account			
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Student Name	<input type="text"/>		
Access ID	<input type="text"/>		
Access Password	<input type="password"/>		
Relationship	<input type="text"/>		



*If you need assistance with PowerSchool please contact:*

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**T**he Middle School at Parkside offers a wide variety of sports and activities for all students during the course of the school year.

The Middle School at Parkside's philosophy for athletics and co-curricular activities is as follows:

### SEQUENTIAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Emphasis at the middle school level will be on the basic motor and mental functions necessary to perform at a high level in a chosen sport or activity.

### POSITIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Students will leave all sports and activities with positive growth and a feeling of pride in themselves and Parkside.

### COOPERATION

Students will be expected to use proper etiquette with teammates, coaches, and officials at all times. Proper etiquette will be modeled and taught by all Parkside coaches and staff.

Parkside has a longstanding tradition of excellence in music education and achievement.

Strong leadership and high student participation allow Parkside to offer a wide gamut of musical and performance opportunities.

For more information about the Parkside Music Department visit: <https://parksidebands.weebly.com>

## FALL SPORTS



CROSS COUNTRY



FOOTBALL



VOLLEYBALL

## WINTER SPORTS



BASKETBALL



CHEERLEADING



SWIMMING



WRESTLING

## SPRING SPORTS



TRACK & FIELD



BASEBALL



SOFTBALL



TENNIS

For schedules and more information on Vikings Athletics visit:

<https://jacksonvikings.com>



## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Students may participate in a variety of extracurricular activities\* including:

- **ACADEMIC GAMES**
- **ART CLUB**
- **BREAKTHROUGH 52**
- **DRAMA CLUB**
- **FRENCH CLUB**
- **G.S.A.**
- **INTERACT CLUB**
- **MOST TEENS DON'T**
- **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY**
- **ROBOTICS**
- **STUDENT COUNCIL**
- **SUPERINTENDENT SUCCESS CHALLENGE**

*\*Clubs and activities available are dependent on participation and subject to change.*

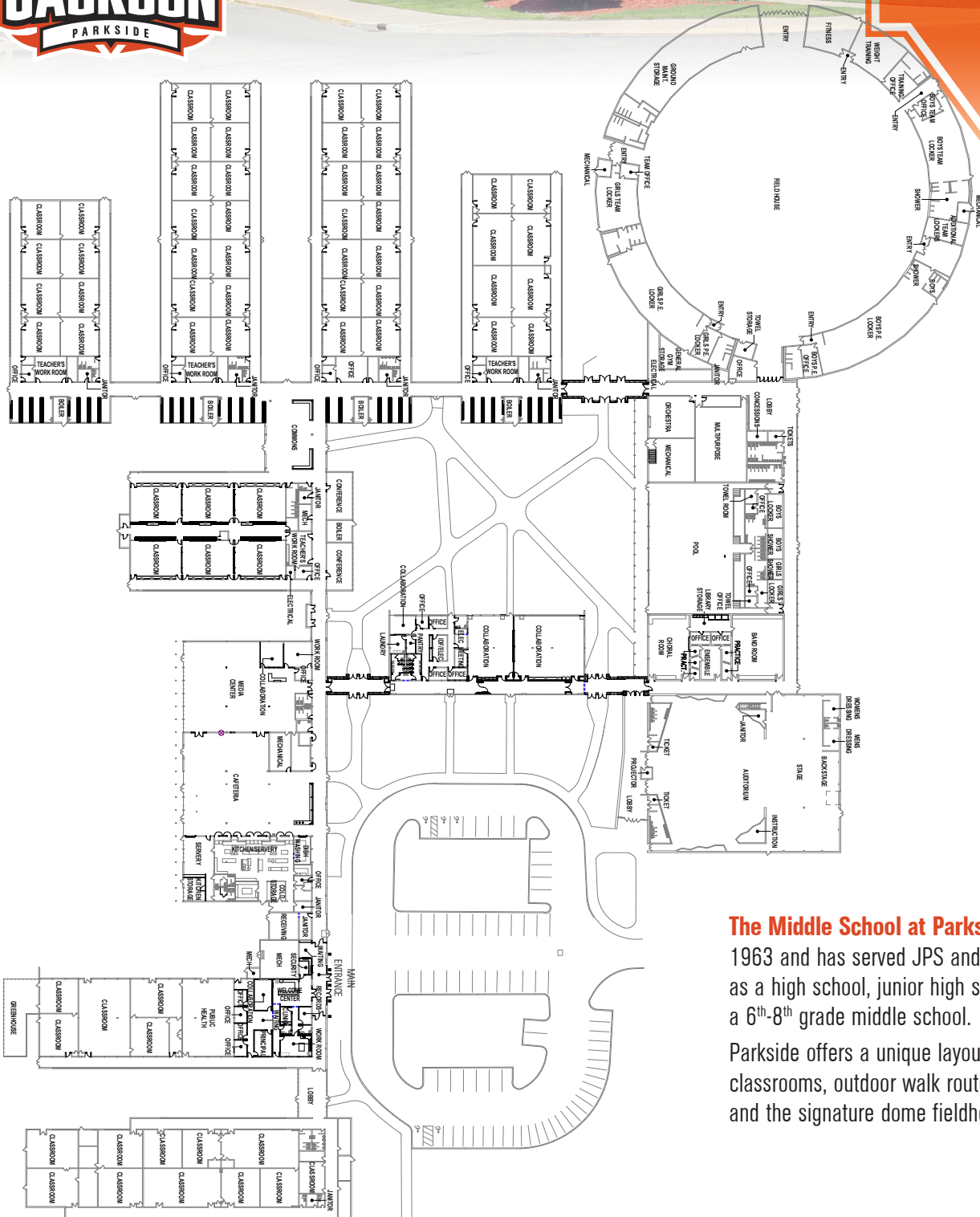
*Parkside offers a wide variety of beginning, intermediate and advanced music classes including:*

- **VARSITY BAND**
- **SYMPHONIC BAND**
- **MARCHING BAND**
- **JAZZ BAND**
- **CHOIR**
- **ORCHESTRA**





# MIDDLE SCHOOL AT PARKSIDE



**The Middle School at Parkside** was built in 1963 and has served JPS and our community as a high school, junior high school and today a 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school.

Parkside offers a unique layout with spacious classrooms, outdoor walk routes, courtyard and the signature dome fieldhouse.