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Fall semester at Parkland College in full swing

Stefanie Schott
| Reporter

One of the many clubs that students can get involved in is Parkland’s own Astronomy Club. The Astronomy Club meets weekly, starting in room L-146 in Parkland’s science wing. Meeting discussions include various astronomical and scientific topics and encourages scientific understanding on campus. The club’s main purpose is to promote the study of astronomy to the public through outreach, whether that be through meetings, events or advertising. The club’s main advisor and advocate of the Parkland Astronomy Club, Erik Johnson, says that the club “tries to share its love of looking at the stars, the moon, and the planets with everybody.” Johnson advises the students and encourages them to share ideas. He also shares free knowledge from his classes with the club members, and tries to get the students hands on as possible.

Johnson states that a few of the ways the club advocates for the love of astronomy is through outreach opportunities, and social events such as role playing games like Dungeons and Dragons. They don’t have a set schedule, yet, but interested students can visit them across from the campus radio station. For more information, check out their Facebook or Instagram pages or email them at scienceclub@parkland.edu to join.

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Located in D-Wing room D120, the Center for Academic Success is the special place at Parkland that offers a multitude of study services to students looking for help with coursework, for academic support, or simply for a designated study space.

"I always go to CAS. We offer a place where students can study independently or with structure," says Academic Coach Jessica Jackson.

At CAS many different amenities are offered to students, such as computers for study use, private study rooms that can be reserved for group or individual work, Academic Coaches for academic motivation and accountability, faculty tutors to help students with math and English coursework, and peer tutors to assist students with many different courses.

"Although CAS offers several organized student services from clubs to academic enrichment programs, the Center’s study areas consist of three major programs: an Academic Development Lab, a Writing Lab, and Math Faculty and Peer Tutoring. The Academic Development Lab is a space for students who are enrolled in developmental courses including pre-college-level reading, English, and math to come to study or receive tutoring from Parkland math and English faculty who specialize in those courses.

In the Academic Development Lab students can work to obtain a passing grade for a higher placement. The lab is also open to non-student community members who are looking for help to boost their literacy score for placement testing.

The lab offers different ways to prepare for placement tests. One of the ways is through software such as Reading Plus and Math Lab, that students can access with a logic obtained from Academic Development Lab.

Free printing is available for students enrolled in developmental courses, and free study snacks provided by Parkland’s pantry with the Woody Snack Fund. Additional resources are also available upon request.

The Academic Development Lab is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00am to 6:00pm, Wednesdays through Fridays from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Students seeking help with college-level math and other multi-subject courses can receive tutoring from Parkland math faculty and also from carefully chosen peer tutors in the Math Faculty Tutoring and Peer Tutoring program.

"Math instructors provide free walk-in tutoring for students taking pre-college-level math (MATH 099 through 099/crafts), as well as MAT 124 College Algebra and MAT 143 Calculus for Business and Social Sciences," states Parkland’s "Trained student tutors, carefully chosen based on their academic performance, previous experience, and interest in helping others, will help you with math (all levels), physics, chemistry, biology, computer science, accounting, business, economics, Spanish, and more."

Parkland Math Faculty, Wayne Clark, Kevin Hutchings and Soy Lee can be found tutoring in CAS during the Fall 2018 semester Mondays through Fridays from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Peer tutors, identifiable by their green vests, are available in CAS Mondays through Fridays from 9:00am to 4:50pm, and Fridays from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Many students who utilize the resources at CAS find it to be a great resource for maintaining good grades or for obtaining better grades. "If a student comes down here more than 4 or 5 times, their likelihood of academic improvement for success is significant," says Parkland Student Academic Services Advisor.

"Students that use our tutoring services tend to earn higher grades," says Tracy Hildebrandt, Director of CAS. According to data compiled by CAS for 2018 provided by Hildebrandt, 83% of students that see tutors 4 times or more in a semester earned a grade of C or higher in the course in which they were seeing help for.

CAS welcomes new and returning students and will help all who seek assistance for a successful Fall 2018 semester.

I want last year and I loved it," says Russel. "The architecture is beautiful and the actual telescope itself is huge; it is just a really awesome trip." The visit of Yerkes Observatory is something that many of the Astronomy Club members anticipate. Yet another one of the fun and unique events the club is promoting is a movie night. Russell describes movie nights as not merely club meetings, but a time where people can meet up to enjoy some captivating Sci-Fi flicks, "We get together and watch Sci-Fi movies, and [the movies] do not have to be the latest releases." Russell states, "Sometimes it is just funny to say that is super wrong, and here’s why." To find more information about the club, contact Erik Johnson or visit the Parkland Astronomy Facebook Page. The Astronomy Club is working on special things for the school year begins. Club members are converting advertising, planning key events, and advocating for astronomy in the community. The group encourages all to join and participate in the intriguing scientific topics and affairs.

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The charging stations and lockers are relatively new additions to the library. Most students might not have heard of or seen these stations since they were installed between the end of the spring semester and early on over the summer. Deb Probasco, Operations Assistant at the Parkland Library, has this to say about the new charging stations: “we’re gonna see how they’re used over the semester. We did a soft launch over the summer, but we are doing more promotion. [We] work a lot on the promotion side of things that are going on in the library so, they’re gonna really be pushing that out for the fall semester. Then, we’ll see how it goes. If they’re used, if they’re not used. If we need another locker, that kind of thing, and then we’ll decide if we’re going to expand or get additional ones.” While these stations in particular are new, the library has had desks to charge at and chargers to check out and borrow. The stations have the benefit of being easily accessible even without a charger and they’re open to use while at the library. The charging locker on the other hand is just as convenient in its own way.

If you’re like most people you might be wondering, “What in the world is a charging locker?” Well, the general idea is that you can safely leave your device charging while you are at class or studying. As the library Technical Assistant, Sarah Meilike puts it, “The advantages with the locker are that if your laptop is running low on battery, but you have to go take a test. You can put it in the locker, plug it in, lock it, leave it there, and know that it’ll be there when you come back.” It’s that simple. The locking mechanism is a PIN combination that the user manually chooses before using the locker. There is also a key that overrides the PIN number lock in the event that the user forgets their combination. This idea did not originate from Parkland Library, but was adopted after Library Staff, Erica Stark and Eric Sizemore, witnessed one being used at the Urbana Public Library.

The charging lockers can be found on the wall to the right of the main desk at the library. On top of the lockers are instructions on how to use them. The library also has a binder at the main desk with a list of electronic items that can be checked out. Some items include phone chargers, calculators, computers, laptops, tripods and more! There is no question that the Parkland Library is a great resource for students and Parkland staff alike. If there are any questions on the lockers, charging stations, or anything else related to the library, feel free to ask the main desk or call at (217) 351-2223. Remember, as Sarah says, “If you need it charged we can probably do it!”

Imagine staying up late on Sunday night when you have class in the morning. It’s Monday, you wake up and look at your phone. You slept in and class starts in five minutes! You rush out the door after quickly getting dressed and grabbing your backpack, phone, (hopefully some deodorant), and anything else of importance that might come to mind. You didn’t even have time to eat. Once you get to school, you check your phone again. The phone doesn’t turn on. You forgot to charge it last night and you forgot to grab your charger this morning. Now, nobody’s gonna die if you are not carrying a phone, but most people can agree that it can be very inconvenient. It doesn’t have to be the end of the world, because luckily, the Parkland Library can help students with newly implemented charging stations and lockers.
Parkland women’s soccer suffer defeat in season opener

Savannah Hileman - Reporter

Parkland women’s soccer finally kicked off their season after weeks of intense training. The game was held Saturday Aug. 25 on Cobna home turf. In a close, hard fought battle, Savannah Smith scored in the 82nd minute to give Central a 1-0 win.

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Unfortunately, the quick lead did not last as long as the first half wore on. One of those shots resulted in a one-on-one with goalkeeper Savannah Wieshaar. Unfortunately, before center-backs could not quite catch up as the forward dribbled their third shot into the net and the score 1-1.

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2018 VOLLEYBALL


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"It was great to see our first goals of the season in our first game,” remarks Head Coach Tina Niz. “With a sense of new hope, door by door, and hoping to lie the game, Parkland increased pressure from the get-go scoring two corner kicks and having one shot on goal in the final minutes of the match. However, the cobras were unable to capitalize on any of these opportunities. However, the Cobras could not find the back of the net on a second time leaving the Cobras with a score of 7-2 for the final."

Coach Niz stated, “The girls battled injuries in a close match today... We need to stay focused and get healthy. This is an obvious issue for the Cobras through the game 10 vs. 11. These injuries could be detrimental to the start of the season and there are only 10 players this year. Fortunately, the injured as well as the rest of the team still work to be done, but the girls have responded positively to our progress.”

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