

The Panther Paw

A Newsletter Celebrating Park Century's Best and Brightest



Welcome Back, Park Century Panthers

We are thrilled to have kicked off another dynamic school year at PCS and looking forward to celebrating our 50th year!

We're proud to put out the inaugural issue of **The Panther Paw**, a bi-annual newsletter published in the Fall and Spring to celebrate the big happenings on campus, update you on our ongoing projects, and share some highlights and updates from our uncommonly bright community.



Student Enrollment

This Fall, Park Century welcomed 108 new and returning students to our Landmark campus



PCS Turns 50

Details to follow on how we're celebrating our exciting "golden" year



October is Dyslexia Awareness Month

Have you shared your story with us yet? #shareyourstory by tagging us on social media, or by reaching out to Leah Kayajanian in our Communications Office for details

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NOVEMBER 7

Parents' Association Next Monthly Meeting

Let our Parents' Association keep you up-to-date on the latest PCS happenings

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NOVEMBER 8

Board of Trustees Open House

Meet your Board during an evening cocktail party with the Trustees

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DECEMBER 19

Park Century's 50th Birthday Party

Join us to celebrate our big year and bury the next PCS time capsule

Dear Park Century Community,

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Park Century School- a monumental achievement for an educational establishment such as ours. It also represents the start of our next chapter at PCS. We enter into this celebratory year with Head of School, Judith Fuller, and Chief Operating Officer, Jennifer Palmer, who stepped seamlessly into their new roles at the end of the last year and are embarking on their first full year with great aplomb.

Judith's more than 26 years of dedicated service to Park Century are nothing short of the finest advantage to our school - her service in a variety of roles, most notably as Director of Admissions and Community Outreach, and as Dean of the Lower School, make her a seasoned and experienced leader who more than capably understands the social-emotional and educational needs of our vibrant students.

Joining her in co-leadership, Jennifer has been an invaluable asset to Park Century as the Director of Development and Community Affairs, although many would tell you that the title doesn't begin to cover just how much she knows about running PCS. She can be credited with strategically advancing the school's mission internally and externally by overseeing communications, facilities, and our plans for campus expansion, and has taken on countless new responsibilities in managing the operations and logistics of our school.

This dynamic team has carried the school through the whirlwind of September, filled with back-to-school coffees and welcome breakfasts, the Welcome Back BBQ, New Parent Reception, a few school holidays to catch our breath, and finally Open House. With Judith and Jennifer at the helm, we are excited to continue the celebration of our 50 Uncommonly Bright Years in our community with so many more events to come.



DID YOU KNOW...

How did Park Century Get its Name?

After finding no suitable school for her son Noah to attend due to his learning differences, Sheila Cohn joined forces with Noah's LD tutor Lael Horwitz to found "Park Century School"- named for the first location of the school, Lael's apartment in "Century" city, and one of Noah's prior schools in England, Putney "Park." Noah may have been the first PCS student, but as the school has grown, hundreds and hundreds of students have followed him, growing Park Century into the community it is today!

Annual Fund Thank You!

As we kick off our Annual Fund for this school year, we want to say a special Thank You to our friends and families who gave so generously to last year's Annual Fund for 2017-2018.

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ANNUAL FUND 2018-2019: 50 DAYS FOR 50 YEARS

Kicking off at Open House, this year Park Century is embarking on an ambitious challenge: 50 Days for 50 Years. Our goal is to commemorate a half century of Park Century by attaining gifts or pledges towards the Annual Fund from 100% of our current families, in time for the celebration of our school's birthday on December 19th. We've already reached 100% participation from Faculty & Staff and from our Board of Trustees, and we want to show our community that we are fully committed to celebrating the last 50 years of success and ensuring the next 50 as well!

Welcome New Students & Families!

This year we welcome 24 new families to our PCS community, coming from our local neighborhood schools and even from international destinations. Park Century has always been a school that serves the uncommonly bright, and it is with open arms that we embrace our new students and their families, from a wide range of schools:

Limespring School (London)
Richmond Street School
Wildwood
Kenter Canyon
The Willows
Hancock Park Elementary
Village School
Pressman Academy
Pilgrim School
Carlthorp School
Mar Vista Elementary
Da Vinci Innovation Academy
Campbell Hall
The Oaks School
Curtis School
Homeschool
Westside Neighborhood School
PS1 Elementary
Sierra Canyon
Stephen Wise School
Palisades Charter Elementary

BON VOYAGE 8TH GRADERS

In June, we celebrated the graduation of 20 PCS students from the 8th Grade- one of Park Century's biggest classes to date!

Take a look at where our talented and promising alumni are continuing their journeys:

Tyler Beffa- *Junipero Serra High School*
 Olivia Buckler- *Renaissance School*
 Justin Crawford- *Renaissance School*
 Brian Curtis- *New Roads School*
 Juliet Eidelman- *de Toledo High School*
 Eddie King- *New Roads School*
 Rose Lebow- *New Roads School*
 Lawson Lowe- *Pacifica Christian HS*
 Walter Maynard- *Pacifica Christian HS*
 Jeremy Mirkin- *Palisades High School*
 Mara Mirkin- *Palisades High School*
 Noah Monjaze- *de Toledo High School*
 Deija Reeves- *Summit View School*
 Leni Samuel- *Palisades High School*
 Jake Sheer- *Westmark School*
 Bowan Sheinberg- *Tree Academy*
 Mia Tausik- *University High School*
 Matthew Venit- *New Roads School*
 Josie Ward-Lombardo- *Pilgrim School*

PARK CENTURY SCHOOL IS CELEBRATING!

This year, Park Century celebrates its 50th anniversary. In commemoration of the rich history that has led PCS to where it is today, we have created a "Birthday Logo" to kick off a year of celebration. The trees and stars featured in the logo echo those located on the front of our iconic building here on Landmark Street. They represent the growth of our school and of our students, deeply rooted in a supportive and highly collaborative community and reaching toward the bright and hopeful future that awaits them.

We look forward to every member of our community including students, friends, families, faculty, staff, and our trustees, joining us for one of many opportunities to memorialize this monumental year with events such as Park Century's Birthday party in December, our Anniversary Gala in the Spring, and many other occasions for confetti along the way! We hope that all of you who have helped us to shine so brightly will support us in celebrating Park Century's **50 Uncommonly Bright Years.**



COMMUNITY NOTES

Our Park Century community members make us proud every day- here's what some of them have been up to lately!

Interested in being featured in the next edition of Community Notes or know someone who should be? Send an email to alumninews@parkcenturyschool.org and tell us about your accomplishments, successes, or anything else you want to share. We can't wait to hear from you!

Wilson Harris, Class of '14



After playing on the National Team and in the Sporting KC Academy, 18 year-old Wilson was recently drafted over the summer to the Swope Park Rangers, a professional soccer team in the United Soccer League.

Rose Lebow, Class of '18



Recent PCS grad Rose, currently at New Roads, spent her summer surfing up a storm at Venice Beach. She's prepping for a surfing Competition in the South Bay in December. We're rooting for you!

Sarah Spiwak Gelbart, Class of '96

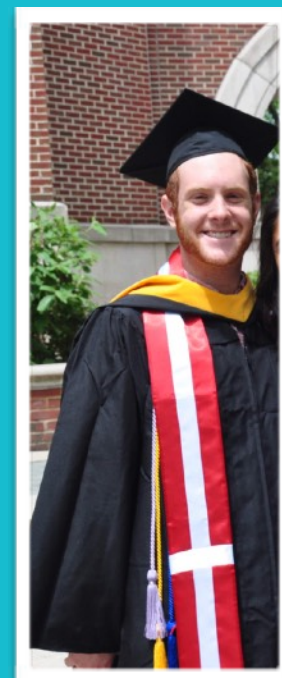


PCS would like to send a special congratulations to past staff member and Alumni Sarah Spiwak Gelbart, who recently welcomed her second child to her beautiful family!



Leo Emanuel, class of '16, currently at de Toledo High School, spent his summer attending wrestling camp, and also volunteered his time as a Camp Counselor at The Painted Turtle, a summer camp program for children with serious medical conditions. The Painted Turtle has long been a favorite service learning program for our PCS students, who have volunteered there many times over the years. Leo carries on the Park Century tradition of service, helping to empower campers and build their self-confidence.

Jonah Joffe, class of '10, graduated in May from Muhlenberg College with a major in Environmental Sciences and a minor in Economics. Having just taken the MCAT in preparation for medical school, Jonah is excited to be focusing on his passion for helping and empowering kids who have been impacted by learning differences like his own- specifically focused on those with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder. In November he'll be off on yet another adventure-teaching ski school in Vail!



BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT: OPEN HOUSE AT PCS

On Thursday, October 4th, we welcomed our parent body to an Open House, to experience the classroom environment and learn more about each classroom’s curriculum. After hearing from Head of School Judith Fuller, parents had a chance to take a look at Music, Art, Library, Super Shop, Science, and Executive Functioning Tables, as well as an opportunity to make a leaf for our Park Century Community Tree. Parents were welcomed into their child’s classroom, where they heard from their teachers about what the kids have been up to so far this semester, and what the

rest of the year will bring here at PCS!



Panther Pics

Make sure to follow us on Instagram @ParkCenturySchool and on Facebook to keep up to date on fun happenings around PCS this fall!

