

Welcome to Parker's Wednesday Flex Activity Hub!

Please look below to find the week-by-week offering of Wednesday Flex activities and clubs. You will be able to find the meeting link to your activity/club's gathering EACH WEEK – so always come here!

[CLICK HERE FOR THE MEETING LINKS!](#)

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Offerings are generally offered on a weekly basis, but activity organizers may cancel or modify meetings, so always reach out to the organizers to see what's going on.

There is a possibility, as the semester and year go on, that our offerings will *change*, so keep your eyes and ears open for announcements and updates!

Book Chat

"I have never known any distress that an hour's reading did not relieve." — **Montesquieu**

Enjoy reading and socializing? Join your fellow readers for the inaugural meeting of Book Chat! This will be a no-stress time to get together to talk about your favorite books and authors. We'll also spend time on one agreed upon book of your choosing. Let's discuss it and get lost in a good book.

Organizers: Carolyn, Sam, Emilie

Flex Block # 2

Starting on: October 14, meeting every week

Weekly Photo Challenge

If you enjoy taking photos as much as I do, I hope you will join our *Weekly Photo Challenge*! Each week will have its own theme or topic. Simply use the theme or topic idea for your photo and share your results, interpreting the theme or topic any way you want! Miss a week? That's okay – rejoin us whenever you can! Click [here](#) for more details.

Organizers: Cindy

Flex Block # 2

Starting on: October 14, meeting every week

Draw with Me!

Are you a little shy? Do you like to draw? Join the Parker Draw with Me group! This is a quiet and calm shared communal space in which to draw and connect with one another over art. We will pool together drawing subjects/categories each week, and then we will draw and doodle to our heart's content and share our masterpieces (if we choose to do so). This can be digital art, pencil/pen and paper, or even paints! This will be artist's choice of medium. Come enjoy a calm drawing session with us!

Organizers: Tess

Flex Block # 2

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Dungeons & Dragons

Dungeons & Dragons at Parker is back! Whether you are a long-time player of Dungeons & Dragons or are simply curious about what D&D is all about, come join us and find out. Parker D&D is open to players and DMs alike. We hope to have a number of games taking place simultaneously during the Wednesday Flex hours.

If you are hoping to participate in Parker D&D this year but expect to have a conflict with another commitment during Wednesday Flex time, please let David know at dtodisco@theparkerschool.org.

Organizers: David, Morena

Flex Block # 1 (usually continuing into 2)

Starting on: October 14, meeting every week

Equity and Antiracism at Parker

This group will focus on equity and social justice issues, with the goal of promoting anti-racism at Parker. We will reflect on how racist power structures affect our lives at Parker and beyond, while also discussing current events related to race and racism. Together, we will devise action steps to affirm that Black Lives Matter and to ensure that all People of Color at Parker are safe and supported. Please join us if you are passionate about social justice and making our community an equitable place!"

Organizers: Lia, Cordelia

Flex Block # 2

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GSA

The Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA) of Parker Charter School fosters a positive and inclusive atmosphere for all people in our community. The group strives to create a supportive setting for students where individual growth and understanding can occur by improving visibility and support for LGBTQ+ people. Allies of LGBTQ+ people are also welcome to join the Parker GSA. In addition to weekly GSA meetings, the Parker GSA also hosts several wonderful community events and fundraisers throughout the year.

Organizers: Sheila, Amy

Flex Block # 1

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Justice Committee

The Justice Committee at Parker is responsible for fostering the culture of trust and decency at Parker. JC members interpret school policies and are trained in restorative justice practices to facilitate mediation and discipline. You should join the JC if you are interested in restorative justice, helping to solve issues of school culture, and learning to facilitate meetings to resolve conflicts. It's a great skill to have! To start the year, the JC will meet weekly to learn about and complete trainings on restorative justice. After completing the initial training, the full JC will move to meeting once a month to check-in about school culture issues and members will serve on JC cases, as needed.

Organizers: Matt L.

Flex Block # 1

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Parker Ambassadors

What happens when students help people learn more about the Parker School? Parker experiences 400+ visitors each year from Hong Kong, to the Netherlands, India, regional educators, and our state's representatives, too. Parker has a strong reputation as a center of progressive and research-based learning for students, as well as teaching practices for educators. See how you can use your voice and experience to help this year's virtual visitors learn more about Parker, what project-based learning looks like, understand Advisory, our integration of skills, reflection, revision, and what it means here to be a self-advocate and own your own learning. Through conversation, games, and more, we'll connect to surface how Parker works, how it works for you, and how we can help visitors experience Parker in this unique year.

Organizers: Colleen

Flex Block # 2

Starting on: October 21, meeting every week

Song Circle

If you have written a song or even have ideas for writing songs, the Song Circle is for you. Each week we will meet to share our experiences in writing and playing, share tips, and of course share songs. The sharing can happen in ways that suit your preferences and comfort: you could just play for the group or you could ask people for feedback if you'd like to workshop the song. It will also be a place where you can meet other songwriters and musicians and talk about how you like to create. You may even look for someone to play bass with a song you've recorded. We will follow the group's desires and make some music. Come on by if you're interested!

Organizers: Jim

Flex Block # 2

Starting on: October 21, meeting every week

Student Advisory Council

During this unique year in the world, student government at Parker is also going to look different. Instead of the traditional Community Congress and Justice Committee groups, we want to have a Student Advisory Council that will honor the 10th (Democracy and Equity) and 7th (Tone of Decency and Trust) Common Principle and be as a way for students to provide input and ideas, share their opinions on how things are going, and help build a sense of school community. The Student Advisory Council will be led by the Moderators (who are elected by the student body) and will have a core group (or "steering committee") that will help guide the conversations that happen. The meetings will also be open to the larger community, and individuals can attend specific meetings based on that week's topic(s). We would love to have your voice be a part of this group and be part of making the school year a successful one at Parker!

Organizers: Matt S.

Flex Block # 1

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Youth Venture

Youth Venture is program where students make meaningful change by identifying a problem, designing a plan, and implementing solutions. You may join an already existing group of students that are creating change through service or use your passion and talents to create something new. Some active Ventures are addressing women's' rights, foster care, and cat welfare. Youth Venture can provide up to \$500 to kick start your service project. It is a rewarding way to spend your time and a great opportunity for you to build experience for future jobs, college applications, and scholarship opportunities. Open to all students- drop in for just one day or join for the entire year! There will be workshops such as dealing with anxiety, budgeting, safe social media practices, and more. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays during the first afternoon flex block.

Organizers: Emilie, Carolyn

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