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## Parkview Middle School Celebrates Second Annual Jag Jog

Ashwaubenon, WI – May 6, 2024 – On Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Parkview Middle School students will be participating in the second annual Jag Jog. Parkview students have been fundraising for the past month to promote the Parent Faculty Club-sponsored Jag Jog, a one-mile fun run around the grounds of the school, Klipstine Park, Goelz Field Track, and the streets adjacent to the school. All 729 students and 55+ staff will be participating in the fun run which begins at 7:45 a.m. in the school's east parking lot. Nick Vitrano will be emceeing and kicking off the Jag Jog for each grade level of students and congratulating them as they cross the finish line with each grade wearing their own individual color.

Parkview's Parent Faculty Club Board members, in conjunction with Parkview's Principal, Kris Hucek, and Associate Principal, Michael Heim, have been talking for years about finding a "one-and-done" fundraiser that could support the PFC's financial goals throughout the school year. The Jag Jog continues to be exactly what they've been looking for as contributions from local sponsors in conjunction with individual student fundraising efforts have brought in more than \$22,000 thus far! Principal Kris Hucek said, "This event wouldn't be possible without Bonnie Vangalis's vision of holding the annual fun run at Parkview." Vangalis, an alumnus of the Ashwaubenon School District, moved back to the area from Florida where she organized a similar annual fun run fundraiser for her daughter's elementary school. All proceeds raised will be used to promote wellness within our building by improving common spaces for our students and staff such as cafeteria seating, Fitness Center equipment, flexible seating in classrooms, and recess equipment! We will also use the funds for lowering the cost of off campus field trips.

Parents, relatives and community members are invited to cheer on the students along the Jag Jog route on Friday morning. Grade levels of students will be running as follows: 8<sup>th</sup> grade @ 7:45 a.m., 7<sup>th</sup> grade @ 8:50 and 6<sup>th</sup> grade at 9:55. The runners will start in the east parking lot of Parkview Middle School, heading west on Willard Drive, continuing through Klipstine Park to Anderson Drive before entering Goelz Field for a lap around the track. Runners will cross the finish line in the east parking lot and be welcomed by music from WIXX, a medal and a healthy snack.

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