

# Palisade High School



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## Important Dates

### Educator Effectiveness

Friday Sept. 1  
No School

### Labor Day

Monday Sept. 4  
No School

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

September 7  
3:30—7:30 pm

### Community Advisory Council

Sept. 12

### Saturday School

Sept. 16  
8—11am  
Room 174DR

### Homecoming

Sept. 16  
7—11pm  
PHS gym

### Booster Club Meeting

Sept. 18  
6 pm in the PHS library

## A Message From Principal Dan Bollinger



Hello Palisade Families~

It is good to have school back in session! Our back to school assembly went very well. Mr. Dave Carlo did an activity with our student body in a pitch black gymnasium; students lit up their phone flashlights to illustrate our unity even in challenging times. The purpose was to show students they are not alone. In addition, the Back to School Color Dance was a hit. Kids had a good time outside gliding down a slip and slide, launching color chalk into the crowd, and dancing for two hours.

You might have noticed a few changes this year. The bell schedule is different. All students have 8 classes scheduled. Each class meets three times each week for 50 minutes and once for 80 minutes. There are many reasons for the bell schedule change. First is the concurrency of learning, understanding how language arts relates to social studies, math with science and so on. The second is the balance of the class load. We have more students in the building this year than ever before, and classes are balanced at about 30 in each instead of 40 in one and 15 in another. As everything, we will see the outcome and adjust as needed.

Recently, in speaking with a parent about the struggles and frustrations her child was facing, I was reminded of an ever-important, fundamental parenting idea: We must allow our children to struggle and even fail. In fact, if your child does not face struggles and stress, we are not challenging them enough. When this happens, we must coach them to rebound and overcome their struggles and failures. Too often we attempt to rescue our children because it hurts to watch them struggle. I know I had my fair share of trials growing up and each of them made me stronger. Getting cut from a sports team or earning a low grade on an essay can be healthy learning opportunities if, we, as parents, can help our students properly deal with the initial hurt. We need to help our children use struggle as an opportunity to grow. If you were at the back to school night, you had the opportunity to see a TED talk video "Grit" by Angela Duckworth. If you weren't able to attend, you can access the video at the following web address: [https://www.ted.com/talks/angela\\_lee\\_duckworth\\_grit\\_the\\_power\\_of\\_passion\\_and\\_perseverance](https://www.ted.com/talks/angela_lee_duckworth_grit_the_power_of_passion_and_perseverance)

If you are unfamiliar with Palisade High School's progress toward Performance Based Learning, I invite you to attend a presentation at the beginning of our next Community Advisory Council meeting. Our IB Coordinators, Brooke Caster (Middle Years Programme) and Laura Meizen (Diploma Programme), along with our Counselors and Assistant Principal, Jackie Anderson, will give a presentation detailing our transition to a whole school International Baccalaureate (IB) model, which will serve as a vehicle for Performance Based Learning at PHS. It's a chance for *all* PHS students to receive an IB education. This meeting provides an opportunity to gain insight, ask questions, provide input, and engage in healthy discussion regarding Palisade High School as a whole. The next Community Advisory Council meeting is on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, in the library. The Community Advisory Council meets monthly and presentations like this are on each agenda.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are September 7<sup>th</sup> 3:30-7:30. Palisade High School also has a football game against Montrose at 7:00pm. Please be aware our coaching staff and game workers will be unavailable for conferences, but can be reached by email.

Lastly, a friendly reminder while the weather is still warm – following the dress code helps maintain a healthy learning environment, and we are enforcing the dress code as consistently as possible. A copy of our dress code can be found on our website or in your child's Dog Timer.

As in the past, I am having a wonderful time here with your children. The year is off and running, and, before you know it, we will send another 200+ kids off into their future.

Dan

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### PSAT/MNSQT – JUNIORS

**Who:** Juniors looking to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. National Merit is extremely competitive. More information can be found at: <http://www.nationalmerit.org>

**Date:** Saturday, October 14th

**Time:** Arrive at 8:45AM, testing STARTS at 9:00AM

**Location:** PHS – room 135A

**Cost:** \$20 – Payments need to be made to Ms. Pennock in the accounting window

Or call 254-4800 ext. 25107 to pay by credit/debit

**Registration Deadline:** September 20th – You register by paying the test fee to Ms. Pennock.

**Additional Information:** If you qualify for a fee waiver, contact Mrs. Borgmann.

*If you need to test on an alternative date, see Mrs. Borgmann for other testing locations*

**Number of tests are limited and must be reserved by September 20th!**

### ALL STUDENTS

Log on to your Naviance account to make sure that your current email and phone number listings are correct. Check your Naviance account regularly for information on upcoming college visits. If you add colleges you are thinking about to your Naviance list, you will get an automatic invitation to meet with that college's rep when/if they visit PHS. If your email is up-to-date, you will receive several notifications throughout the year about scholarships and college information.

To get started, go to the PHS home page at <http://phs.mesa.k12.co.us/>. Click "Naviance Family Connection" in the right-hand column. Students: Use your Student Vue username and password to log on. Parents who want their own account can have one set up by emailing Mary Jane Seriani at [MaryJane.Seriani@d51schools.org](mailto:MaryJane.Seriani@d51schools.org).

### ASPEN COLLEGE FAIR

Sunday, October 1st from 11 am to 2 pm at Aspen High School. This is the largest college fair for hundreds of miles in all directions. Learn about a variety of schools and their programs, talk with admission representatives from around the country, and learn more about the college admissions process! **Please sign up in the Counseling Office BEFORE September 25th to register for this event.** If you are riding the bus, seats are limited!

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### DISTRICT #51 COLLEGE FAIR

This College Fair will take place on September 8th from 8:30am to 10:30am at Palisade High School

### CMC COLLEGE ROAD TRIP

On Friday, Sept. 29th, we will be visiting Colorado Mountain College in Glenwood Springs. If you are interested, please stop by the counseling office to sign up.

### SENIOR WORKDAY

Tuesday, October 3rd, will be Senior Workday. Counselors will be available in the library to help students with college applications throughout the school day. This is Free Application Week for Colorado Mesa University and several other colleges and universities in Colorado

### FAMILY NIGHT: How to Adult

Wednesday, November 1st, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Palisade High School, sophomores, juniors and seniors will get a jump-start on everything they need to know to be ready for life after high school. Get some tips on how to choose the right career and/or college, pay for college, and apply for college. **Sophomores and juniors: come learn what you can do NOW to help with your career/college plans.** **For seniors, Jostens will be there to take class ring and graduation announcement orders.** Non-traditional education options such as military and local trade union info will be available.

### ASVAB TEST

The ASVAB Military Career Exploration Test will be held on October 26th, from 9:00am -12:00pm at GJHS. Sign up in the counseling office.

### The Daniels Fund Scholarship

The Daniels Scholarship Program provides a four-year annually renewable college scholarship for graduating high school seniors in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming who demonstrate exceptional character, leadership, and a commitment to serving their communities. It is a "last dollar" scholarship that pays toward tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and miscellaneous educational expenses. Scholars may attend any nonprofit accredited school in the United States. For more information, visit [www.DanielsFund.org/Scholarships](http://www.DanielsFund.org/Scholarships). This is a highly competitive scholarship!

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### Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Grades	Information
Sept. 8th (Friday) 8:30-10:30	D51 College Fair	Palisade High School	Jr.-Sr.	This is the only college fair held in Grand Junction. Reps will be there from University, State, and Community Colleges.
Oct.1 (Sunday) 11am-2pm	Western Slope College Fair (Aspen)	Aspen HS	Frosh-Sr.	This is the largest college fair on the western slope. 200+ colleges from across the US. Busing is available. Sign up in the counseling office by <b>September 20<sup>th</sup></b> .
Oct. 26th (Thursday) 9am-12pm	ASVAB Test	GJHS Cafeteria	16 Years +	The ASVAB test is available for free in the Grand Junction High School Cafeteria. Students interested in military careers or wanting a good career assessment should take this test. Scores are NOT automatically reported to recruiters. See the PHS Counseling Office for more information and to sign up. <b>October 26<sup>th</sup> is a teacher in-service day so students will not be missing classes to take this test. Sign up by October 20<sup>th</sup>.</b>
Oct. 3rd (Tuesday) All Day	Senior Work Day	PHS Library	Sr. only	Seniors will dedicate one hour to work side by side with counselors completing college applications, searching for scholarships, planning a military career/training or searching for careers through the Colorado Workforce Center. Seniors will be mailed a form prior to the workday. <b>Please fill it out with parents and bring it with you on Oct. 3rd.</b>
Nov. 1st (Tuesday) 6pm-8:00pm	Family Night: How to Adult	PHS Auditorium	Soph.-Sr.	Students and families are invited to attend informational breakout sessions. Topics will include; <b>financial aid, military recruitment, high school course planning, what to expect in college, career and apprenticeship options in high school, application work sessions, and more.</b> Contact the counseling office your ideas for a breakout session not listed here.

College Visits in PHS Library: Northern Arizona University on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

University of Colorado Colorado Springs on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm

Grand Canyon University on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm

Nebraska Wesleyan University on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm

University of Northern Colorado on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00am

If you have any questions about any of these events please come by the counseling office or call us at 254-4800 opt 3.

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## College and Career Information

Dear Palisade High School Parents and Students,

My name is Maggie Personeus and I would like to introduce myself as the new Career and College Advisor working with Palisade High School students. Through the joint efforts of Colorado Mesa University, Mesa County Valley School District #51, the CMU Foundation, The Mesa County Workforce Center, and the GJ Area Chamber of Commerce, this role will help address the needs of the students and families in this community as they strive for learning after high school. I am truly excited to be in this important role and a part of this community-wide effort.

A little about my background and experience. I grew up in Grand Junction and have recently returned to the valley with my husband and twin daughters. We are excited to again be a part of the wonderful, family oriented Grand Valley community. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Family Studies and Human Development from The University of Arizona and worked within higher education for nine years as an Academic Advisor and in Early Academic Outreach. Access to post-secondary education is something that I am passionate about and I look forward to helping all Palisade students set and reach their career and educational goals.

Please contact me with any questions related to career or college exploration. I can be reached at 520-609-4069, or by email at [mpersoneus@coloradomesa.edu](mailto:mpersoneus@coloradomesa.edu).

Sincerely,

Maggie Personeus

### Upcoming College Fair Dates

**September 8th**, 8:30-10:30am in the foyer and cafeteria – Day/Night College Fair at Palisade High School

**September 11th**, 9:00am in the library – Northern Arizona University visiting PHS – Students sign up in the Counseling Office

**September 12th**, 12:30pm in the library – University of Colorado, Colorado Springs visiting PHS – Students sign up in the Counseling Office

**September 14th**, 12:30pm in the library – Grand Canyon University visiting PHS – Students sign up in the Counseling Office

**September 14th**, 12:30pm in the library – Nebraska Wesleyan University visiting PHS – Students sign up in the Counseling Office (these last two are at the same time but in different parts of the library)

**September 29th** – Colorado Mountain College Tour in Glenwood Springs, Colorado – Students sign up in the Counseling Office. Transportation will be provided.

**October 1st** – Colorado Western Slope College Fair in Aspen, Colorado – Students sign up in the Counseling Office. Transportation will be provided.

**October 3rd**, 9:00am in the library – University of Northern Colorado visiting PHS – Students

**Sign up in the Counseling Office**



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## Attention Class of 2018!



### Senior Pictures are due!

**Deadline:** Friday October 13th, 2017

**Late Fee:** any photos turned in after Friday October 13th will be subject to a \$20.00 late fee.

**Photos WILL NOT be accepted after Friday November 17th, 2017—no exceptions!**

Note: If you turn in a photo that does not meet the requirements and it is rejected, then any other pictures submitted after October 13th will be subject to the \$20.00 late fee. Keep in mind, these photos are meant for identification purposes.

- Do not turn in your one and only copy
- Do not turn in a CD/USB with more than one photo on it
- The CD/USB will not be returned until after final proof approval from the yearbook staff. Digital photos from professional photographers will only be returned with permission from the photographer.
- All photos submitted are up to the yearbook staff and/or administration discretion.

### Senior Photo Requirements

- Digital copy only
- Senior's name is printed and spelled correctly on CD or Flash Drive
- **\*\*NEW\*\*** school appropriate senior quote with author's name is attached in a word document on CD/USB
- Photo is saved as a .jpg file
- Photo is a minimum standard of 3.0 mega-pixel resolution (300 dpi)
- Photo is vertical
- Only one person is featured in the photo
- Photo does not have any of the following: soft focus, black and white, double images, or clothing inappropriate for school
- Photo does not include: hands on the face, busy backgrounds and excessive shadows that obscure identification

## Purchase a Baby Ad and/or Buddy Ad Today!

**Deadline:** Friday November 3rd, 2017

**Late Fee:** any ads turned in after November 3rd, 2017 will be subject to a \$10.00 late fee

**Photos WILL NOT be accepted after Friday November 17th, 2017—no exceptions!**

### Baby Ad Requirements:

- Only applies to those graduating during the current school year
- Only one student per ad (unless they are siblings)
- Inappropriate photos will not be allowed; please use your discretion

### What is a Buddy Ad?

We are allowing friends, sport teams, family members etc. to purchase ads to show their support of a special group or individual.

This applies to any student attending Palisade High School.

- Please abide by the word limits: messages that are too long will be edited to meet the standard.
- Photos, dedication and payment must be sealed in an envelope for submission
- Payment must accompany the photo (with or without message)

### Prices for Baby/Buddy Ads

- **One-Eighth Page = \$50**
  - 45 words & 1 photo
  - 50 words & no photo
- **Quarter Page = \$85**
  - 50 words & 2 photos
  - 75 words & 1 photo
  - 125 words & no photo
- **Half Page = \$165**
  - 125 words & 4 photos
  - 150 words & 3 photos
  - 175 words & 2 photos
  - 200 words & 1 photo
  - 225 words & no photo
- **Full Page = \$320**
  - unlimited photos
  - unlimited words

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**From the  
Library**

## Where is your data saved?

**Your documents do NOT automatically save to your H drive.**

Places where you can save & access later:

- ◇ OneDrive – Mesa County Valley School District
- ◇ H:
- ◇ Network drives such as P:

**Get to your work from anywhere you have internet access!!**

### Office 365 and Google Drive (GAPPS)

#### PROS

- ◇ Pro: Automatically saves your work
- ◇ Pro for 365: If you start your work in the browsers, it will automatically go back there when you click on the save button when you have downloaded to the desktop version.

#### CONS

- ◇ Con: Both of these are bare bone software because they are housed "in the cloud". You will need to download/open work in Microsoft Office desktop versions to finalize your homework for many PHS classes.

### Microsoft Office 2016

Desktop version – software housed "off the cloud" has a lot more strength and can make your life much easier. If you started your document in the cloud (Office 365) but opened it in the desktop version, the save button automatically saves it back to the cloud.

Con to desktop: If there is a power outage, you will lose some if not all your work if you haven't been saving.

**ClassLink - MyFiles** You can view your H and P drives from any internet connected device. However, you can't always work with it or print away from the school district.

I strongly recommend transferring H drives to OneDrive. When you have been working on a personal device, it is easy to open a document from OneDrive when you have to print from a school device.

Currently, you may want to keep using P drives for shared information because of organization.

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## WHO IS PALISADE HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB?

Palisade High School Booster Club is a group of parents, coaches, school administrators and community members who support all clubs, teams and extracurricular activities of Palisade High School. Our mission is to enhance, assist and encourage enthusiastic support for all Palisade High School programs. The Booster Club provides financial support, athletic fee scholarships, assists with travel expenses, fulfills wish lists and promotes school spirit. Fundraising efforts and contributions enable the Booster Club to achieve our mission. Without fundraising we would not exist. We provide this through a program that encourages participation.

The parents and volunteers who are involved make such an impact for Palisade High School. They help our kids achieve their clubs and sports dreams by stepping in to raise funds to provide the necessities and frills that school budgets do not. In addition, being a part of the Booster Club allows you to “get to know” other parents, coaches and administration. With that said, let this be a formal invitation for you to become a valuable part of the Palisade Booster Club.

Our first meeting this year is Monday September 18th at 6:00pm in the PHS library. We hope to see you there!

**1** PHS Booster Club has a fundraiser at Dos Hombres in Clifton on the first Wednesday of every month.

Families come to Dos to eat and a portion of their receipt is donated to the Booster Club by Dos Hombres, at no extra expense to the customer.

The hours are 4pm to 9pm. This month the date is September 6th.

**2** PHS Booster club will also be doing a fundraiser selling pretzels in the PHS parking lot on September 16th from 10am—5pm



**3** Our monthly meeting is Sept. 18th in the PHS Library at 6pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.