

Palisade High School

February 2018



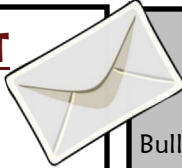
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IMPORTANT DATES



February 1st

Parent/Teacher
Conferences 3-7PM

February 3rd

Saturday School
8AM-3AM

February 5th

Booster Club Meeting
at 6:00 PM in the library

February 6th

Community Advisory
Council Meeting at
6:00 in the library

February 17th

Saturday School
8AM-3PM

February 19th

No School

A Message From Principal Dan Bollinger

Bulldog Families~

Earlier, I commented that I can't believe we are halfway through the year and now, now we are well underway in the second semester. I have already had a couple of planning meetings to prepare for graduation, as well as, some very intense and exciting master schedule discussions as we look ahead to students selecting their classes for next year.

Our next Community Advisory Council meeting on February 6th will be a district accountability meeting. This annual meeting gives us the opportunity to look at our past, where we are now, and where Palisade High School is headed. We have been fortunate to have grown academically and culturally over the past 10 years; however, this growth has not been by happenstance, but rather by deliberate planning as our foundation. As we prepare for this meeting, we reflect on our data to make changes based on what is best for our kids. Then we rely on the commitment and dedication of all of our staff to move Palisade High School forward. So, as a parent, if you want to be part of shaping our future, come visit on February 6th, at 6:00 PM, in the PHS library.

If you missed the musical *Oklahoma*, you missed out on a great opportunity to see a wonderful performance. As I watch the kids perform, I continue to be astonished at the professionalism of our students. It is so well done that I forget I am sitting in a high school auditorium. The combination of talent, hard work, and great leadership in the performing arts creates an environment of excellence in front of, and behind, the curtain. This year the director of the musical, Mr. Doty has earned our praise. Each year I anticipate seeing the musical, our premier production and, as always, I am a little sad that it is over. I always leave wondering what next year will bring, as well as how we possibly replace the seniors that are so incredible, every year it happens. It was a night to remember. This group is not only made up of the performers on stage, but a pit that is equally amazing consisting of band and orchestra students.

Speaking of the musical, it brings to mind the values that we hope to instill in our students. High school can be an exploration of many different interests and pursuits. Woven through these activities (music, athletics, Knowledge Bowl team, Speech and Debate, clubs, etc.) are lessons in work ethic, team, commitment, leadership, integrity, passion for life, and many others. Without the support of our parents that sacrifice so their students can participate in these activities, Palisade High School could not be the school that it is. I acknowledge you and thank you for that.

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A Message From Principal Dan Bollinger (continued)

Around the corner is the state mandated testing for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. If you are not aware, last year the state converted from taking the ACT test to the SAT test for juniors. The state mandated testing is our “accountability check” on how we are doing and is part of our data review in planning our future. To maintain an accurate accounting of how we are doing, we need our students to show up on test day and to do their best.

As a building administrator, I appreciate the diligence the state used last year to minimize the disruptions that testing can cause in a school environment. By reducing the test schedule to only two days, it indicates that we can always learn and make adjustments to fulfill our responsibilities while making the education of our students a priority. Please join us in making this a positive culture, by working alongside Palisade High School to encourage your child to participate and perform their best on their standardized test.

Since proficiency on the state test is a graduation requirement, we are holding all students accountable for attempting proficiency on these tests. If the student does not test, we will have other opportunities during the summer or next year prior to them receiving their next tier ID.

My hope, as you read my newsletters, is that it is clear that I believe that it takes all of us to make our students’ high school career a positive experience and prepares them for their future. My door is always open.

Dan



It is just about time for School of Choice!

This year we will begin the process at 10:00 in the morning on March 5, 2018 and close the window at 4:00 p.m. on March 30, 2018.

IMPORTANT: Parents you will apply for SOC through ParentVue this year, therefore you will need to make sure that you have an active ParentVue account.

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Counselor's Corner

COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTS

2017-2018

State Mandated SAT date for **ALL Juniors** is **April 10, 2018** at PHS- no registration necessary! Each PHS Junior will be taking the SAT on this date at the school. Most colleges require the ACT or SAT for admissions (check your college's website to admission requirements). Some colleges and universities require the writing or essay portion of these tests as well.

If you are a junior and want to add the optional essay portion of the SAT to the April 10th school-based test, you can do this at no cost. The deadline to sign up for the essay is Wednesday, February 14th. You can sign up for the essay two ways: (please refer to the chart on the left)

Register for the SAT with Essay

You can take the SAT with Essay at no additional cost. You must register between January 16 and February 14, 2018.

REGISTER ONLINE:

Register online before 10:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on February 14, 2018 using your College Board account.

- 1 Go to sat.org and sign into your College Board account. If you've forgotten your username or password, click the link to recover them. Please do NOT create a new account. Once you're signed in, click on your username in the upper right-hand corner. Then select "My SAT."
- 2 If you do not have a College Board Account, go to sat.org and click "Register Now." Choose "Sign Up" and complete the required fields (name, sex, DOB, email address, expected HS graduation date) to create your account. Click "Continue" on the SAT Registration page. Review and complete the "Personal Info," "Your High School," and "Your Mailing Address" screens. You may be asked to provide "Your Previous Registration Number." Choose "Yes" and enter the registration number provided by your counselor.
- 3 Select "Change Registration" from the My SAT homepage. If you don't see your registration listed here, call customer service at 866-917-9030 for assistance.
- 4 Select "Add the essay to my registration" from the Change Your Registration page."
- 5 Once the "Add the essay to my registration" link is selected, a confirmation message will appear. Click "OK" to continue. Congratulations! You're registered for the SAT with Essay. If you decide later on that you would like to remove the essay from your registration, sign into your College Board account and select "Remove the essay from my registration" before February 14, 2018. Test day changes to add or remove the essay will not be allowed.

To sign up by phone:

REGISTER BY PHONE:

1-866-917-9030, select Option 2.
Hours: Monday – Friday
6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. MT

You may be asked to provide your personal SAT registration number either with the online sign up or on the phone. You can get your personal SAT registration number in the PHS counseling office.

If you want help signing up online, come to the library:

*February 1 after school,
or*

February 8 during lunch

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To re-take the **ACT** or to register for an additional **SAT** (not the school-based one on April 10th):

Register online at: **ACT--** www.actstudent.org & **SAT--** www.SAT.org

Next ACT test is April 14th – registration deadline is March 9th

Next SAT test is March 10th – registration deadline is Feb. 9th

FREE PREPARATION FOR THE SAT

To help students practice the timing of the test, the Mesa County Central Library is providing free full-length, practice SAT's on Saturday, February 10th, and Saturday, February 17th. Seating is limited and preregistration is required either via the Mesa County Library online event calendar or by calling 970-243-4442.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Naviance is kept current and is an excellent source for scholarship information. Make sure you check your email for scholarship alerts.

Students should check Naviance frequently. Go to the college tab, scroll to the bottom of the page for scholarship list and search.

Check with the college you plan on attending for scholarships they offer.

SENIOR PARENTS

If your student is planning to attend college next year, you will need to help him or her fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA.gov). It is important to complete the FAFSA as soon as you can, since many colleges are planning to start processing financial aid packages in December. Make sure you go to the correct website, FAFSA.gov and NOT FAFSA.com. Filling out the FAFSA is free! Also, make sure you select that correct college semester: Fall 2018. You will need your 2017 tax forms in order to complete the FAFSA.

HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS

Students are responsible to schedule and pass the appropriate classes during their four years at PHS. If you did not pass a course that is required, it is your responsibility to meet with your counselor to reschedule.

Mrs. Curtin-Sellden (A-F) Mrs. Starr (G-N) Mr. Burke (O-Z) Mrs. Borgmann & Ms. Bagwell (IB & Pre-IB)

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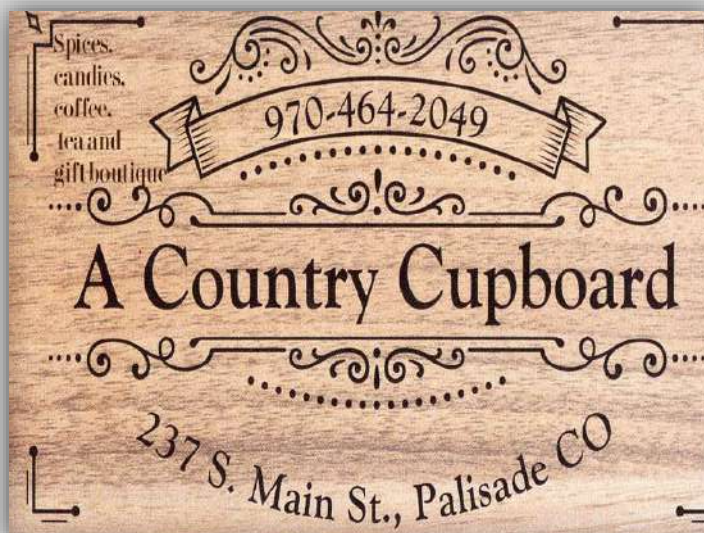
SOPHOMORES – WCCC Interviews

WCCC Interviews will take place at PHS on February 8, 2018 from 8:00-10:30am on the PHS campus. Please feel free to call WCCC at 970-255-2600 if there are any specific questions about their programs. If you cannot make it to the interviews, they will be holding make-ups at WCCC on Feb 19th, March 1st, March 6th. More questions? Attend the WCCC open house on February 1st from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

CAREER EXPERIENCE THAT PAYS \$\$

Mesa County Valley School District 51 is in our second year of the CareerWise youth apprenticeship program. Sophomores can apply via an online application tool to local businesses for the opportunity to train and work at their company and develop real career skills, while earning money! Apprenticeships begin next fall, with a required summer "bootcamp" class to build some social competencies needed for being successful in the workplace. The four pathways targeted for this program are financial services, information technology, advanced manufacturing, and business operations. We already have eight local businesses that have committed to training and mentoring our students in high-demand career fields! Information can be found at www.careerwisecolorado.org.

Students who are interested in applying need to sign up in the counseling office to receive instructions and application support. For more info about this unique opportunity, please contact your student's counselor.



Seniors!

Are you graduation ready? Sophomores and Juniors-Do you want to show off all of those cool things you do?

Seniors-Jostens will be on campus handing out your graduation announcements and taking cap and gown orders for those who haven't ordered yet.

Sophomores and Juniors-Customize your PHS class ring online at jostens.com, print out the order form, turn it in and receive a free t shirt hoodie with your grad year on it.

Your Jostens team will be on campus Thursday Feb. 1st from 11-6:30 and Tuesday Feb. 6th from 9:30-12.

Any questions please call 1-800-JOSTENS.

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2017-18

AP SATURDAY STUDY SESSIONS

8:00 A.M. – 12:05 P.M.



ALL D51 AP STUDENTS
ARE STRONGLY
ENCOURAGED TO

ATTEND

**SEE YOUR AP TEACHER FOR
MORE INFORMATION**

**FEBRUARY 3 (FMHS) &
MARCH 3 (CHS)**

AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
AP BIOLOGY
AP PHYSICS
AP CHEMISTRY

**JANUARY 27 (GJHS) &
MARCH 24 (CHS)**

AP STATISTICS
AP CALCULUS

**JANUARY 20 (GJHS) &
MARCH 31 (FMHS)**

AP LANGUAGE
AP LITERATURE

**FEBRUARY 17
(CHS)**

AP U.S. GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

**JANUARY 13 (GJHS) &
APRIL 7 (PHS)**

AP SPANISH



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Spring Testing Schedule: Parents and students, please be aware of the testing schedule for the week of April 9th and plan ahead.

April 10th: SAT for all Juniors. PSAT 10 for all Sophomores.

April 11th: PSAT 9 for all Freshmen. CMAS 11 Science for all Juniors.

April 9th, 12th, 13th: Regular school days for all students

On **April 10th**, all Juniors and Sophomores are expected to report to school at our regular start time. Freshman and Seniors should not report to school on April 10th.

On **April 11th**, all Freshman and Juniors are expected to report to school at our regular start time. Sophomores and Seniors should not report to school on April 11th.

On April 10th and 11th, buses will run on their regular schedule; however, most students will finish testing before noon. The cafeteria will be open to students after testing. Following testing, students may stay on campus in our commons areas and await buses, as needed.

Career Center *will not* be in session. WCCC *will* be in session, and those buses will run at their regularly scheduled times.

Any student who does not report for testing on April 10th and 11th will be pulled from class for make-up testing. As a reminder, students must attempt these standardized tests in order to earn the next level badge, for demonstrating proficiency on the state's standardized tests is a graduation requirement.

2018 April Test Schedule: SAT/ PSAT/CMAS

Monday – April 9 – Regular School Day

Regular Early-Release Monday Schedule
All Students expected to attend

Tuesday – April 10- SAT 11 and PSAT 10

SAT Testing beginning at 7:25 – Grade 11
PSAT 10 Testing beginning at 7:25 – Grade 10

Students should bring a calculator, ID, and #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)

Wednesday – April 11- PSAT 9 and CMAS Science 11

PSAT 9 Testing beginning at 7:25 – Grade 9
Bring a calculator, ID, and #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)
CMAS Science Testing beginning at 7:25 – Grade 11
Bring your ID

Test Schedule by Grade

Grade 9: Report to school every day but Tuesday, April 10

Grade 10: Report to school every day but Wednesday, April 11

Grade 11: Report to school on *all* days

***School begins at the same, regular time all week.
Buses will run on their regular schedule all week.
Career Center will NOT be in session on April 10th or 11th.
WCCC expects students to attend when they are not testing.***

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Dude. Be Nice! Kindness is Contagious [KIC] WEEK is coming up at PHS!

The week of Feb. 12th-17th, we will be holding the third annual KIC week throughout the Grand Valley. Palisade will be holding various activities and events throughout the week and members from the KIC Campaign will be hosting events within the community.

During the week, we will be focusing on the theme of empowerment as well as having a kind mindset. We believe that by empowering students to stand up, speak up, and speak out, that we will be able to create a positive culture of inclusion.

We will be posting videos about empowerment and many other issues throughout the week. Make sure to check out our social media, especially our website at grandvalleykic.org.

Kindness can be generosity. Kindness can mean reaching out to others. And, kindness can mean loving yourself. We hope you find meaning and positivity throughout the week. Please reach out to our PHS Student Council members if you have any questions.

Ultimately remember, kindness is contagious!



PHS KIC Week 2018

February 12-17 2018

Monday

Generosity Day
-
Announcement about RAOK Raffle and Compliment Tree
-
Pass out donuts @Central
-
Beach ball Pass around

Tuesday

Reach Day
-
#PHSEats (*permission slips for off campus)
-
Assembly Speaker

Wednesday

Self Love Day
-
Heart Activity
-
Classroom Convo (Teacher Guided)
-
Mirrors covered w compliments

Thursday

You Do You Boo Day
-
Wear something that represents who you are
-
Yoga in Auditorium with Ms. V and Mrs. Raper

Friday

Reflection Day
Wear green in Support of Mental Illness
-
Smile Cards pass out
-

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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.

1 **PHS Booster Club** has a fund raiser at Dos Hom-bres 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 February 7th.



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This months Booster Club Meeting will be Monday, Feb. 5th at 6:00 in the PHS library.

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IT'S COMING...



THE DAILY
SENTINEL
GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

HIGH SCHOOL **SPORTS AWARDS**
2018

*Celebrating the accomplishments of
District 51 high school student athletes*

MAY 2, 2018

The Avalon Theater



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