



Palisade High School

April 2023

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A Message from Principal Dan Bollinger

Hello Palisade Families,

Spring has sprung, and it's a beautiful time of year in Palisade. As you drive to our campus, you're likely to pass peach trees in bloom. We and our students are lucky to live, work, and study in such an idyllic setting. This month's newsletter, like next months', is dedicated largely to outline upcoming events that all parents/guardians will want to note.

This month, I would like to look at perspective. What you see depends on what you look at, but also where you look from. As I used to watch my sons in baseball, or my daughter in soccer, I felt disappointed when a 3rd baseman made a great play taking away my sons base hit with runners in scoring position, but feel elated when he does the same. I was sure that the referee missed a foul when my daughter fell to the ground, but told myself that the other girl was "flopping" as my daughter would never push someone intentionally. Often, we seem irritated by others decisions without understanding their perspective. As a wrestling official, I probably have the only neutral perspective in the gym. As parents, please believe this. Coaches make decisions based on what they feel is best for the game, the program and the individual. Always coach your child through those moments that they are struggling, don't make excuses and don't allow them to make excuses, these are the reasons for athletics. I would also challenge us as parents that when our son/daughter wins, understand the other perspective so we can win with humility, or when our son/daughter loses, understand the other perspective so we can lose with grace.

Moving toward the close of the year, Seniors will be receiving their senior magazine with all of the information they need to get them to graduation day. Take a few minutes and go over the dates of important events. We are still allowing senior pictures for the senior slideshow, so please send them to lopezdesare@icloud.com or have your students send them to @palisade23niors on Instagram.

April 5: Walk-in Parent Teacher Conferences from 3:30-7:30pm.

April 12: SAT and PSAT 9 testing, required for Freshman and Juniors. No school for Sophomores or Seniors.

April 13: PSAT 10 testing, required for Sophomores, CMAS required for Juniors. No school for other grade levels.

UPCOMING DATES

April 5th

P/T Conferences
3:30-7:30pm walk-in only

April 12th

P/SAT Testing
(see pages 4 & 5 of the newsletter for more information)

April 13th

PSAT & CMAS Testing
(see pages 4 & 5 of the newsletter for more information)

April 15th

PHS Prom
7:30-10:30pm @ the GJ Convention Center





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Other events this month include various Colorado West Music Festival performances, which give our students a chance to both showcase their talents and receive critiques; the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme CAS Expo (highlighting students' projects in the areas of Creativity, Activity, and Service) and banquet (an event celebrating our graduating DP Seniors); and NWEA testing in the areas of reading and math for all Freshmen and Sophomores (completed in a class period, giving teachers important data about how best to support their students).

More information about P/SAT testing times and dates can be found on the subsequent pages of this newsletter. However, I want to communicate how important it is that our students attend and give their best. These state tests are important because all students need to show testing proficiency for graduation and because PHS teachers and staff need to know how students are performing so they can better meet students' needs and help prepare students for their futures.

Even while PSAT is thought to be "only a practice test," it is high-stakes for the school and a valuable opportunity to practice for the SAT, which is high-stakes for students. Research shows students do much better on the SAT when they've had multiple opportunities to practice. Lastly, testing is important because the results reflect what's working at PHS and where we might make improvements. When students participate in testing and do their best, we have better data and therefore make more informed decisions.

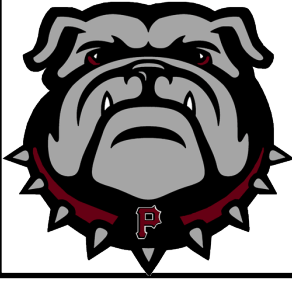
Because testing is so important for students and the school, we closely monitor attendance and will pull-in students for make-up testing in the event a student misses the first exam. Please do not schedule appointments on April 12th and 13th.

Additionally, students who do not attempt to demonstrate proficiency on our standardized tests—a graduation requirement—will not be eligible for their next tiered badge until they attempt to demonstrate proficiency. That means, for example, if you're a sophomore and you don't test, you won't get off-campus privileges until you do, and that opportunity won't come around again for one year.

Thank you,

Dan





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Counselor's Corner

Testing Information

All freshmen-juniors will be taking the Statewide assessments in April. Please avoid making appointments for your students on their testing days. Detailed information will be sent separately as we near testing time!

- Wednesday, April 12th 9th-PSAT (Pre SAT-test) 11th-SAT
- Thursday, April 13th 10th-PSAT (Pre SAT-test) 11th-CMAS

2023/2024 Scheduling

Students will be selecting their classes for next year through the month of April. We encourage families to visit with your students about their class choices and to reach out to your student's counselor with any questions!

Grade Level	Scheduling Paperwork Distributed	Students Enter Classes Into System
To Be Seniors	Monday, April 3	Thursday, April 6
To Be Juniors	Monday, April 10	Friday, April 14
To Be Sophomores	Monday, April 17	Thursday, April 20

Last Names A-F

Misty Sellden

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Last Names G-N

Meghan Ventling

Meghan.ventling@d51schools.org

Last Names O-Z

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Kelsie Steves

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SENIOR FAMILIES

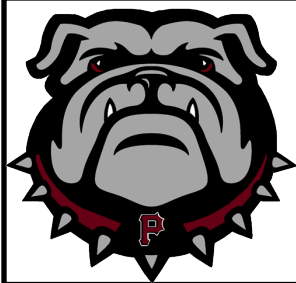
If your student is planning to attend college next year, you will need to help him or her fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA.gov). It is important to complete the FAFSA as soon as you can, as college aid monies are limited. Make sure you go to the correct website, www.FAFSA.gov and **NOT** www.FAFSA.com. Filling out the FAFSA is free! Also, make sure you select that correct college semester: Fall 2023. You will need your 2021 tax forms in order to complete the FAFSA.

Scholarship Insert for Graduation

Seniors, please bring a copy of any scholarships awarded or offered from ALL colleges (even if you do not plan to attend that school) to the counseling office before the April 18th deadline.

Military-Bound Graduate Recognition

Attention Seniors of the 2023 Graduating Class! If you have enlisted in the Armed Forces after graduation, Western Slope Blue Star Moms invites YOU and your family to join us as we honor graduating seniors that have chosen to serve our country. Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the Western Slope Vietnam Memorial in Fruita. Please RSVP at wsbluestarmoms.org



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**Parents and students, please be aware
of the testing schedule for the week of April 11th and plan ahead**

Grade	Test	Test Date	Time *For most students
9	PSAT 9	Wednesday, April 12	8:00-11:30
10	PSAT 10	Thursday, April 13	8:00-11:30
11	SAT	Wednesday, April 12	8:00-11:30
11	CMAS Science	Thursday, April 13	8:00-11:30

Day	Test	Grades
Wednesday, April 12	SAT 11 & PSAT 9	10 th & 12 th NO SCHOOL 9 th & 11 th TESTING
Thursday, April 13	PSAT 10 & CMAS Science 11	9 th & 12 th NO SCHOOL 10 th & 11 th TESTING

All students must bring their own calculator to testing, no cell phones will be permitted.

On **April 12th and 13th**, 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 on April 12th and 13th

WCCC will be in session, and those buses will run at their regularly scheduled times. If students are testing they should communicate with their instructors ahead of time. Students are expected to attend WCCC if they are not otherwise testing.

Any student who does not report for their scheduled testing on April 12th and/or 13th will be pulled from class for make-up testing. As a reminder, demonstrating proficiency on the state's standardized tests is a graduation requirement.



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2023 April Testing Schedule: SAT/PSAT/CMAS

Monday, April 10th: Regular School Day

- Regular Early-Release Monday Schedule
 - All students expected to attend

Tuesday, April 11th:

- No testing all students expected to attend.
- Bell Schedule Odd Blocks

Wednesday, April 12th

- Grade 9: PSAT Testing beginning at 8:00am
 - **Bring a calculator, ID, #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils), and erasers**
- Grade 11: SAT Testing beginning at 8:00am
 - **Bring a calculator, ID, #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils), and erasers**
- Grades 10 and 12: No School at PHS or Career Center, attend WCCC and CMU as scheduled

Thursday, April 13th

- Grade 10: PSAT Testing beginning at 8:00am
 - **Bring a calculator, ID, #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils), and erasers**
- Grade 11: CMAS Science Testing beginning at 8:00am
 - **Bring your ID**
- Grades 9 and 12: No School at PHS or Career Center, attend WCCC and CMU as scheduled

Friday, April 14th:

- No testing all students expected to attend.
- Bell Schedule Even Blocks

Grade 9: Report to school every day except Thursday, April 13th.

Grade 10: Report to school every day except Wednesday, April 12th.

Grade 11: Report to school every day.

Grade 12: Report to school Monday, Tuesday and Friday. No school for seniors on Wednesday and Thursday, April 12th and 13th.

School begins at the same time all week, 8:00am.

Buses will run on their regular schedule all week.

Career Center will NOT be in session on April 12th and 13th

WCCC expects students to attend when they are not testing.



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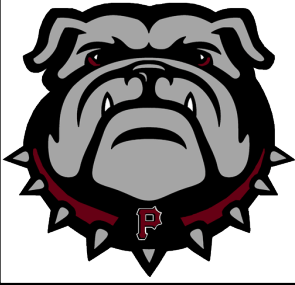
6:30–8:00
in the evening
thursday
APRIL 6 2023

join us and watch
student-made
productions!
refreshments provided

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NHS ANNOUNCEMENT

National Honor Society Induction Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:00pm
in the Kamas Auditorium at PHS.

Announcement from Orchestra

PHS Orchestra has their Pre-Festival Concert on April 18th at 7:00 pm at PHS
and their Colorado West Music Festival on April 21st:

8:00am Concert Orchestra

2:00pm Symphony Orchestra

4:15pm Full Orchestra



Military-Bound Graduate Recognition

HONORING LOCAL 2023 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
THAT HAVE COMMITTED TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Western Slope Blue Star Moms invites all families of recruits to join us as we honor graduating seniors that have chosen to serve our country. Join us to meet other local military families from all branches, connect with the Western Slope military community, visit with local recruiters and honor the commitment your child has made.

You are proud of their decision to serve, and so are we!

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

WESTERN SLOPE VIETNAM MEMORIAL

340 Hwy 340 Fruita Colorado

11:00 - 11:30 Recognition Ceremony

11:30 - 1:00 Family Picnic

Please RSVP at wsbluestarmoms.org





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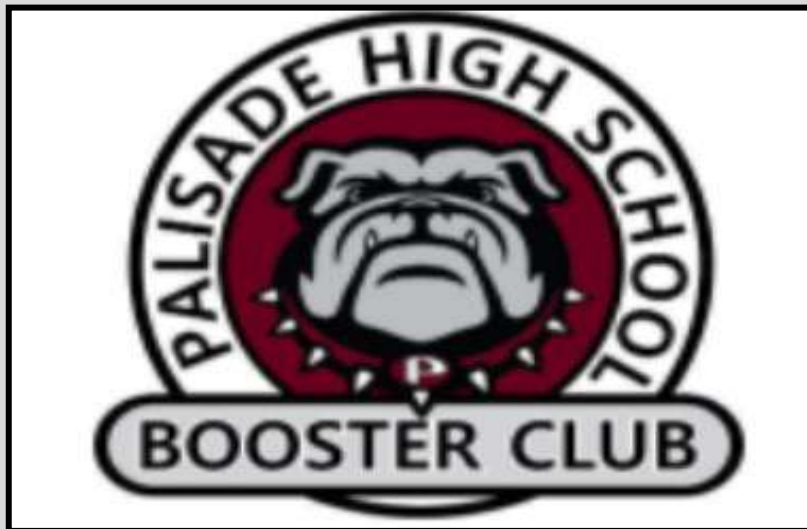
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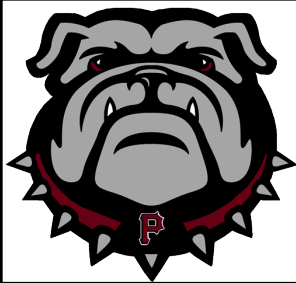
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Information from the PHS Booster Club



The Booster Club meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Library at PHS 6pm-7pm. Anyone interested in learning about Booster Club, who we are, and what we do as well as upcoming events & volunteer needs can join.

Parents, student and faculty can also reach Booster Club members by emailing palisadebooster@gmail.com with any questions, concerns or comments.



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PALISADE FOOTBALL LAWN AERATION



SATURDAY APRIL 15TH, 2023

PHS Football Lawn Aeration Fundraiser

The Palisade High School Football team will be aerating lawns for their spring fundraising project on Saturday, April 15th. If you would like your lawn aerated by the PHS football team [click here](https://forms.gle/iwX9JU2WxQDPfSMJ7) <https://forms.gle/iwX9JU2WxQDPfSMJ7> sign up on our webpage or email Coach Mohr at Brandon.Mohr@d51schools.org. We greatly appreciate your support and we look forward to seeing you on April 15th. Go Bulldogs!



Want a healthy
green lawn for the
summer?

Get your lawn
aerated by the PHS
Football players!

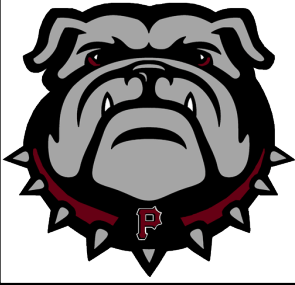
Scan the QR code to
sign up.



PALISADE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Contact:
Coach Mohr at
Brandon.Mohr@d51schools.org
or
Coach Steele at
Patrick.steele@d51schools.org

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254-4800 ext. 25291



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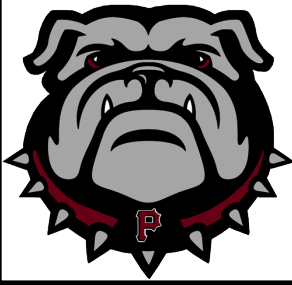
Email us at info@elevatekids.org

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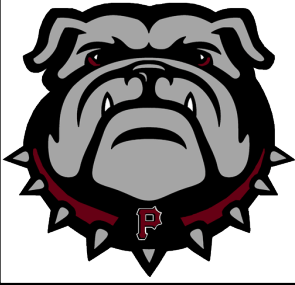


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