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IMPORTANT DATES

December 13th

MORP Dance from 7-9PM in the PHS Aux. Gym

December 14th

Saturday School
8-11AM in 174DR

Finals Week

Dec. 16th-20th

December 17th

5th & 7th Block Finals

December 18th

6th & 8th Block Finals

December 19th

1st & 3rd Block Finals
-All students with C's or better will be released for the day after 3rd block at 10:35
-All students with D's or F's in one or more classes are expected to go to those classes and make up work for the afternoon

December 20th

2nd & 4th Block Finals
-All students will be released after 4th block at 10:35
-End of 1st Semester

Winter Break

December 21st-Jan. 8th



A Message From Principal Dan Bollinger

How time is flying!

Welcome to December and welcome back from our extended Thanksgiving break! I hope the time away was restful and that we'll all be able to enjoy three weeks of health before the end of the semester. That's right... only three weeks left of instruction and only three weeks before grades are submitted.

Some Seniors are finishing early; however, most are about to start their final semester of High School. Understandably, this time of year Seniors get a little anxious. When students start their Senior year, they often say something like, "Finally, it's my Senior year. I can't wait to graduate!" But now it sounds more like, "I am not sure about next year. What am I going to do?" They are asking themselves: What are my passions and strengths? What's my calling? What pays? Am I going to be ready for college? If so, what college? How much will it cost? How am I going to pay for it? How do I apply for financial aid? Do I take a year off? Is the military for me? What will be my career path? Are there programs or apprenticeships for that? And so on.

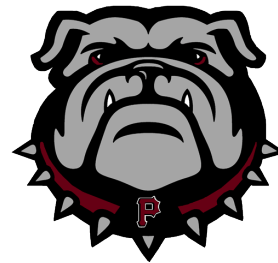
Parents and guardians, I am sure you can empathize, knowing those questions sometimes persist long after High School. Realizing your Senior student might be feeling stressed, please remember that your student's school counselor is a critical resource in this regard. Always check the counseling section in this Newsletter for information and upcoming events for students and parents.

Our counseling staff and College-to-Career liaison have already had individual conversations with our Seniors to help them navigate some of those questions, but please know they are available if you have questions about how to help your student through this last phase of their K-12 journey.

On that note, I also want to celebrate Mr. Jon Burke, our lead counselor at PHS for the last 15 years. Mr. Burke, a graduate of PHS, is now, in a way, graduating from Palisade again as he transitions to a District administration role, that of Coordinator for Mental Health and Crisis. Students at PHS have long benefitted from Mr. Burke's care, compassion, and expertise. Now all D51 students will benefit, too. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Burke! He will be a support to us all year but will officially take up his new post just as soon as we hire his replacement.

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For our Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshman, please note that it's never too early to start thinking about what you want to do after High School and what you might be doing now in order to be prepared. PHS requires all Juniors to take a College and Career Planning class (CCP) for that reason! Undoubtedly, it pays off to pay attention to your grades now. Consistent attendance and effort come first, though, and if you know inconsistent attendance and effort are negatively affecting your grades now, it's not too late to make a change. Again, we have three weeks left. Talk to your teachers. Set some reasonable, short-term goals. Work backwards from there, breaking it down into steps. Write down exactly what you need to get done and calendar it. Keep checking your progress and adjusting. You'll find the feeling of crossing items off your list is very gratifying, and, as a Senior, you'll be glad for the difference it makes on a transcript!

For me and members of our staff, that sort of backwards planning is always happening and, currently, we're planning for next year's master schedule. I am also eager to begin my collaboration with our Senior class leaders as we plan Baccalaureate and Graduation. Working alongside this group of students is a real joy for me and one of the perks of being the Principal.

As Winter Break approaches, I hope the holidays find you in the company of family and good friends. I look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



-Dan

JUNIORS and SENIORS! (and parents)

Do you want individualized help with college?

- Best-Fit college list
- Scholarships
- Financial Aid
- Deadlines
- Applications
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- Tips and Strategies

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There is more to the college going process than just a flyer regarding a parent webinar or a bus tour to a local college. I give my clients the individual attention throughout the entire school year and summer to maximize their chances. You can't afford to wait.

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Counselor's Corner

SPRING CMU CONCURRENT CLASSES

Students interested in taking CMU courses in the spring should see their counselor to check on class availability and scheduling. In order to take college courses, students must meet the following requirements:

College courses must align with the student's ICAP (Individual Career and College Plan as noted in Naviance).

Students must be on track to graduate and have an English PSAT/SAT score of at least 470 (for CMU English courses) and at least a 500 in math (for all CMU math classes).

ICAP DAY-FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Our annual ICAP Day will take place on Friday, January 17 from 8:00-11:30. This morning focuses on all things career and future-focused!

Freshmen & Pre-DP Sophomores-Career Day-Students will hear from community members representing a wide range of career fields. Students will sign up for sessions in their Academic Mentor classes in December.

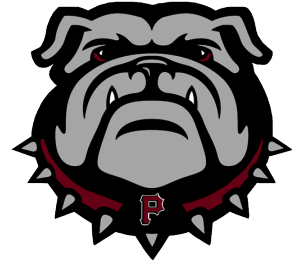
Sophomores-WCCC Tour-All non-DP sophomores will tour the Western Colorado Community College (WCCC) campus to learn more about all of the Tech Scholars programs. Students are able to attend WCCC as Tech Scholars students during their junior and/or senior years. Students will receive applications during the tours. Applications are due to the Counseling Office by the end of January/first part of February. WCCC faculty come to PHS to interview applicants in February and students find out about their acceptance around Spring Break.

Juniors-Practice SAT Test-All Juniors will take a full-length practice SAT test. This is a great way to prepare and to begin to formulate a study plan for the April Statewide SAT test that they will take.

Seniors-We have an optional tour of CMU arranged from 9:00-11:00. Students will need to provide their own transportation to the campus. Students must have signed permission slips turned into the Counseling Office in order to attend.

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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 the 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 on the counseling tab then go to "Naviance Student" at the bottom. Students: Use your Student Vue username and password to log on. Parents who want to be added to their students account can have one set up by emailing MaryJane.Seriani@d51schools.org.

Colorado Leadership Seminar (HOBY)

The HOBY Colorado Leadership Seminar's goal is to provide sophomores from Colorado high schools with the opportunity to improve their leadership skills through education, understanding and individual responsibility.

The 2020 seminar will be held on June 20th – 23rd at the University of Denver.

If you are interested in nominating your student for this experience, please email Ms. Borgmann in the counseling office. Lisa.Borgmann@d51schools.org For more information, see the HOBY website at <http://www.hobycolorado.org/>



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Students in Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

The window to register and pay for AP exams has closed, and now that you've committed to testing, you also need to commit to preparing and studying. Don't forget that College Board has many study guides and resources posted online.

You can access those through your account at myapcollegeboard.org.

Additionally, District 51 offers free test-prep sessions for a number of AP courses. Please see the flyer in this month's newsletter for more information and, if there's a session for you, plan on attending!

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AP SATURDAY STUDY SESSIONS

8:00 A.M. - 12:05 P.M.

**ALL D51 AP STUDENTS
ARE STRONGLY
ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND**



FEBRUARY 22 at FMHS

AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
AP BIOLOGY
AP CHEMISTRY
AP PHYSICS 1

MARCH 7 at CHS

AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE
AP ENGLISH LITERATURE

MARCH 22 at GJHS

AP PSYCHOLOGY

MARCH 28 at GJHS

AP STATISTICS
AP CALCULUS

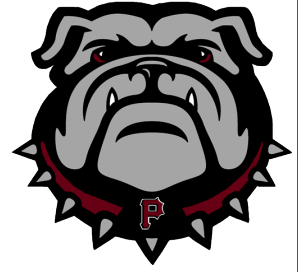
APRIL 4 at CHS

AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
AP BIOLOGY
AP CHEMISTRY
AP PHYSICS 1

**SEE YOUR AP TEACHER FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

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The Choral Music Program at Palisade High School
Proudly Presents their Ninth Annual

Sounds of the Season

Under the Direction of Matthew J. Doty



Tickets & Info at SoundsOfTheSeason.com

December 6 & 7, 2019

Friday at 7:30pm
Saturday at 2:00pm and 8:00pm

Reserved Seating

\$12 in advance
\$11 at the door

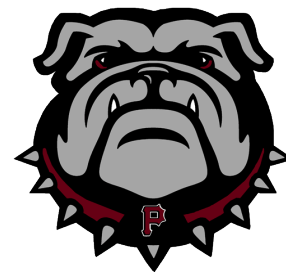
Limited engagement. Price includes performance, dessert and beverage. Seating goes fast, reservations are highly recommended. Limited premiere seating is available.

Doors open & dessert service begins 30 minutes before showtime.

First Presbyterian Church, 3910 27 1/2 Rd., Grand Junction, CO 81506

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NEWS FROM...

THE YEARBOOK STAFF

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

Yearbooks are on pre-sale now for \$60!
Prices will go up after Christmas break.

Hurry and get yours TODAY!

Attention Parents of Seniors!

Baby Ads are all digital this year! You can design your own to look exactly how you want for your Senior. There are flyers with step-by-step instructions located in the main office and also outside of room 190C. The pricing and size options are also on the flyer.

Please call the Yearbook Staff at 254-4800 ext. 25242 with any questions!

THE LIBRARY

Our students have been busy creating and we are getting low in our yarn/embroidery floss supply. We could also use some styrofoam balls such as those that you might be tossing from your Christmas ornament stash. If anyone has any craft supplies they would like to get rid of, we would love to have them!

If you would like to have them picked up, please call Ronda Scroggins at 254-4800 x25250.

Please see our Makerspace Donation page at <https://phs.d51schools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=78075&pageId=1418148> for some of the items we use.



Thanks so much!!

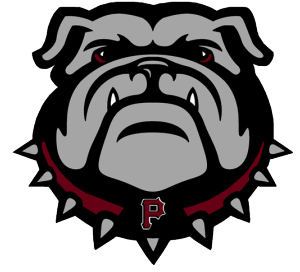
Are you interested in advertising in our newsletter?

It goes out at the beginning of every (school) month to over 1,100 families as well as to some of our Palisade Community !

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PHS Booster Club

Come Join Us!

Wednesday, December 4th

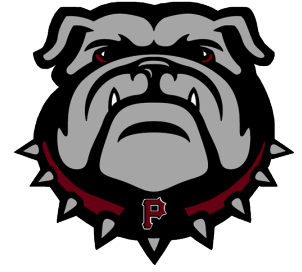
for this month's Dining at Dos night! These occur on the first Wednesday of each month from 4-9 p.m. at the Dos Hombres Restaurant in Clifton. A portion of the receipt is donated to that month's

PHS organization at no extra cost to the customer.

This month's Dining at Dos will benefit the Girls Soccer Team!

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6th Annual Palisade High School Orchestras

Arts and Crafts Festival

Local Artisans and crafters offering unique items for sale. Music and Holiday Events for the whole Family. Local School groups will be performing during the event times for your holiday enjoyment. Please come and enjoy all that the town of Palisade has to offer during the holiday season.

Where: Palisade High School / 3679 G Road/Palisade, CO 81526

When: Friday December 6th, 5:30pm-8:00pm
Saturday December 7th, 8:00am - 4:00pm

Please come join us for the Arts & Crafts Festival on Friday, December 6th!



The PHS Booster Club will also be selling baked goods at the festival!

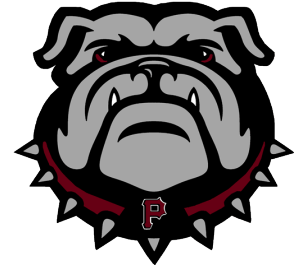


Vendor Space Available

To join our vendor list please contact Troy Raper via email at: troy.raper@pshschools.org

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