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Important Dates

Finals Week
Dec. 14th-18th

End of 2nd Quarter
December 18th

Winter Break
Dec. 18th-Jan. 4th

Teacher Workday
No School
Jan. 5th



A Message from Principal Dan Bollinger



How time is flying!

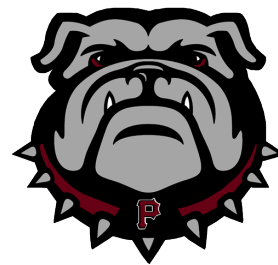
Welcome to December and back from Thanksgiving break! I hope the time away was restful and that we'll all enjoy three weeks of health before the end of the semester. That's right... only three weeks left of instruction and only three weeks before grades are submitted.

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, and that may be especially true in the time of Covid. 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? While those are good questions for all Juniors to be asking of themselves, some Seniors are still looking for answers.

Parents and guardians, I am sure you can empathize, knowing those questions sometimes persist long after High School. If you're realizing your Senior student is feeling stressed, please remember that your student's school counselor is a critical resource. Always check the counseling section in this Newsletter for information and upcoming events for students and parents. Prior to our transition to remote learning, our counseling staff and College-to-Career liaison had individual conversations with our Seniors to help them navigate next-steps, but please know counselors are still available, now, if your students have questions or need extra support.

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While feeling anxious or stressed may be a sign of the times, often, the way we feel is a choice. The more I think of our country and community's current situation, the more I realize we have a choice in how we react. To be angry or frustrated is a choice. Or living in denial- that's a choice, too. Feeling upset with the governor or our local health department for restrictions put in place... well, that's your choice. But I invite you to consider the benefits of making a different choice. So much good can come from the extra time we have to spend at home, for example. Personally, I'm spending more time with family and exercising. I'm playing cards and board games with my wife and children, and I have even learned to play Pickle ball! Similarly, educators could be consumed with complaint and worry, but, instead, we're learning to adapt and expand our repertoire of teaching tools. In the long run, we will be better teachers and administrators because of this. I'm excited for our eventual return to face-to-face learning and to see how much more effective we will be at staying connected with students who are out with excused absences or who learn best when they see material presented in different ways. So, just as we do in athletics, let's focus on what we control and embrace our 'loses' as true opportunities for growth and new learning.

As mentioned in my last email, over the next three weeks we will continue to take attendance during synchronous learning from 10am-2pm, but students are expected to be working during regular school hours, from 8-3:15pm. Please ask your students how they're budgeting their time. They may need extra encouragement or added accountability in an effort to get organized and stay on top of assignments.

We're also continuing with our call center. In an effort to make sure students are logged on and engaged in their live classes, we are calling home throughout the day on each unexcused absence. If your student has been referred to truancy or is in the process of being referred to truancy for non-attendance, we will remove you from our call list. Again, please note: if students don't demonstrate that they're participating (camera on, answering questions, etc) nor attend for at least 20 minutes, they'll be marked absent.

Finally, if you aren't already accessing Schoology to check your student's progress, please do so as soon as possible. For more information on how to access Schoology, please see the resource posted under announcements on the PHS homepage.

Thank you,

Dan Bollinger



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Please click on the following link to access the
[Remote Learning Schedules for
November 30th through December 18th!!!](#)

Please Complete the Student Panorama Survey

Parents, please have your student complete the Panorama Survey. The Panorama Student Survey measures student perceptions of teaching and learning, culture and climate, and student experience in the classroom and school. Student perceptions of their classroom and school experience helps identify a school's strengths and areas for growth. This is information that we use to shape our school mission and vision to create the best academic and communal environment possible.

The survey is now live through this link: [Panorama Survey](#) , or accessible in the announcements section on our website. Student's will need to use their student ID number to access the survey.

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Counselor's Corner

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.

The Naviance atom is found in students' Classlink accounts. Students: Use your StudentVue username and password to log on. Parents who want to be added to their students account can contact MaryJane.Seriani@d51schools.org.

ORDER YOUR 2020-2021 YEARBOOK NOW!!!

Hurry! The pre-sale price of \$60 only goes until December 18th!!!

THIS IS A YEAR YOU DO NOT WANT TO FORGET!

After December 18th the price goes up to \$75.00

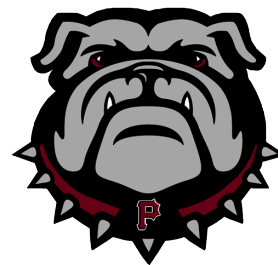
YEARBOOK



You may call and purchase a yearbook by calling the PHS Accounting Office at 254-4800 ext. 25107, by logging into your My Payments Plus account or through Jostens.com

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ATTENTION CLASS OF 2021 SENIORS

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DEADLINE: 02/11/2021

Dear Parent or Student,

Yearbook recognition ads are a great way for parents, families and friends to commemorate student achievements and important milestones. In addition, revenues from recognition ads help our school to create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions on the form below. Jostens is managing your school's yearbook ad sales so please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please take into account our school's ad content guidelines on the bottom of this form during the creation of your ad online. All ad orders must be placed online by 02/11/2021

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IT'S EASY! Create your ad online at
www.jostensadservice.com

1. Choose your ad size and layout.
2. Enter your text and upload your photos.

Important information about Yearbook Recognition Ads

- Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines.
- We retain the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.
- For the ad to appear in the yearbook, your ad must be purchased by the order deadline.
- Color photographs uploaded for black-and-white ads will appear in black and white.
- We will make every effort to use your layout and text as indicated. A proof will not be provided and no changes can be made after purchase.

GUIDELINES SURROUNDING RECOGNITION AD CONTENT.

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

Frequently Asked Questions

How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?

Ad prices are determined by our school. The revenue from Recognition Ads helps support our yearbook and keep it affordable for everyone.

How is the ad deadline determined?

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.

Can I send my materials to the school?

No, please do not send your materials to our school. Our school has selected Jostens to assist with our ad program. Please call our customer service number (800-358-0800) if you have questions or need assistance in creating your ad.

More questions? Call Jostens at (800) 358-0800.

SENIOR PICTURES

Can still be
turned in
until
Friday,
December
4th!

NOTE: A \$25.00
late fee will be
applied to your
PHS fees account.

Please email
Hanah.Martinez@
D51schools.org
with any ques-
tions!

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A Message from Ski & Snowboard Club

Students, you can (and must) pick up your Ski Club
Powderhorn Season Passes at Powderhorn Mountain Resort.

They will not be administered at school by Mr. Torfin.

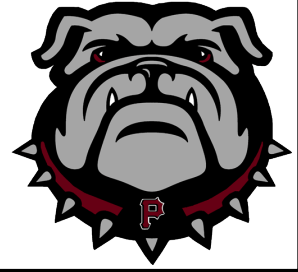
Are you interested in advertising in our newsletter?

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

Call 254-4800 ext. 25242 for pricing and more
information today!

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COLLEGE AND CAREER THOUGHTS

December Reminders

If your student is planning on attending college- make sure you file your FAFSA!

Be on the lookout for local scholarships

Don't wait. Take initiative.

**CORI WARD
PHS COLLEGE AND
CAREER ADVISOR**

Work Cell: 970-852-7310

e. cori@d5lschools.org

Instagram: palisade_collegeandcareer



What's Next?...

The future can be an illusive and overwhelming thought. When thinking about what's ahead for our Seniors, we want the best. Whether that's higher education, internships, certifications or pursuing their careers, there is something hopeful about watching our students dream!

If your student is unsure about applying to college for this upcoming year, I would encourage them to pursue filling out even one application. Keep their options open and empowering them to see possibility.

FAFSA

What's Next?...If your student has applied for college PLEASE make sure you have filed your FAFSA! FASFA.gov This free application is so important to fill out and takes an average of 25 minutes to complete. If you need help, please email me! Even if your student is unsure if they will attend college, this Federal Aid is given on a first come, first serve basis. Make sure you don't miss out!

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Career Focused:

If college is not in your students foreseeable future, here are a couple of helpful thoughts.

- Be forward thinking. There are so many trade jobs and career opportunities out there, but some require certifications. Research and be prepared, talk to people in the field they want to pursue. Bo Tobin is our Career Liaison in the valley and would love to connect then with a job shadowing opportunity. Finding a job that can provide future benefits and security often takes initiative.
- Work on their resume! Resumes and interviews are incredibly important. Don't wait to create one.
- Look into technical colleges or trade schools, many of these schools are a great place to not only get certifications, but to find local job connections.

Tips for applying to scholarships:

There are so MANY scholarships out there. It's wise to manage ones time equity when applying. Look for scholarships that have a high number of awardees or a low number of applicants (local scholarships). Also look for scholarships that have more specific requirements or are targeted towards a specific career or interest. Last but not least! Keep track of deadlines. Don't procrastinate! You don't want to be asking for letters of recommendation or working on an essay the its due.



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Are You Bilingual?

District 51 awards a Seal of Biliteracy in recognition of a student who has attained proficiency in English and one or more other world languages (Spanish, French, or German). The Seal serves to certify attainment of biliteracy for students, employers, and universities and is a statement of accomplishment. Students may obtain recognition in fifth, eighth, and twelfth grades

Biliteracy Benefits our Students

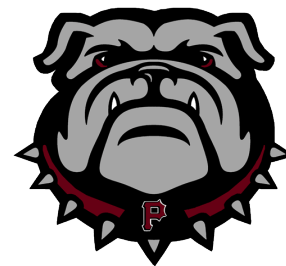
- Biliterate students are recognized by employers, universities, grants and scholarships
- Increases cognitive and academic advantages
- Stronger family cohesion and heritage connections
- Strengthens cross-cultural competency
- Honors multiple cultures and languages in our community.
- Prepares students for 21st Century careers

If you are interested, contact Mrs. Wynkoop (Luna) in room 316W or email dluna@d51schools.org



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School Merchandise For Sale

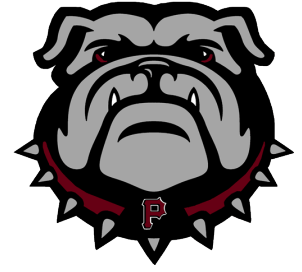
We have new MAROON sweatshirts, assorted baseball caps and YOUTH t-shirts, as well as, existing GRAY sweatshirts and short/long sleeve shirts for guys and gals!

All items are available at the Athletic office or by emailing palisadebooster@gmail.com for questions and pricing.

*We are always looking for volunteers and assistance with supporting our students through the Booster Club.
Please email palisadebooster@gmail.com for more information!*

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