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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 will 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, that particular class of students get a little anxious. When seniors start this 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 at this point in their life, some seniors are still looking for those answers as well.

Parents and guardians, I am sure you can empathize, knowing that 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. Our counseling staff and College-to-Career liaison have had individual conversations with our seniors to help them navigate next-steps, but please know counselors are still available if your students have questions or need extra support.

My wife and I have been engaging in a book "Atomic Habits" where James Clear speaks about how to make small changes that transform your habits and achieve remarkable results. He speaks about adding positive new habits, but also losing the bad ones. Personally, my mindset is a small change, while feeling anxious or stressed may be a sign of the times, often, the way I 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. Although, 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 are learning to adapt and expand our repertoire of teaching tools. In the long run, we will be better teachers and administrators because of this. So, just as we do in athletics, let's focus on what we can control and embrace our losses as true opportunities for growth and new learning.

Thank you, Dan Bollinger

UPCOMING DATES

Dec 17th

End of first semester Start of Winter Break

January 3rd Teacher Workday

January 4th

2nd Semester Begins—Welcome Back!



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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. 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.

ICAP DAY-FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Our annual ICAP Day will take place on Friday, January 14 from 8:00-11:30. This morning focuses on all things career and future-focused! We will run an alternate bell schedule in the afternoon.

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-Planning is in the works-We will update this when details are confirmed!

Are you interested in advertising in our newsletter?

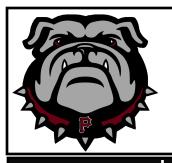
It goes out at the beginning of every (school) month to over 1,100 families as well as to some of our Palisade Community members! Call 254-4800 ext. 25242 for pricing and more information today!

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

Sounds I the Season.

Under the Direction of Matthew J. Doty



Tickets, Livestream Link & Info at SoundsOfTheSeason.com

December 10th & 11th, 2021 Friday at 7:00pm Saturday at 2:00pm and 7:00pm Reserved Seating \$10 in advance At the door seating is limited

Limited engagement. Seating goes fast, reservations are highly recommended.

Doors open 30 minutes before showtime.

Video livestreams of the evening performances will be available.

Kamas Auditorium at PHS, 3679 G Road, Palisade, Colorado 81526

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DEADLINE: 02/11/2021

Attention Class of 2022 Parents, Families, & Students

Parents and Families of 2022 Gradates,

Don't forget to take the opportunity to honor your student in a special way in their senior yearbook. Go to Jostens.com today to design, create and purchase a baby/ recognition ad.

Please email us with any questions!

DUE:

February 11th, 2022

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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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1/4 Page	\$85.00	
1/8 Page	\$50.00	

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

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



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Frequently Asked Questions

the money used for?

Ad prices are determined by our school. The revenue from Recognition Ads helps support our vearbook 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.

Late Submission for Senior Photos and Quotes Have Been Extended!

Any student who hasn't turned in their senior photo or quote may do so until January 19th by 3:30 to Ms. Martinez. However, you must still pay the \$25 late fee with submission. Please email photos and quotes to Hannah.Martinez@d51schools.org

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Visit Jostens.com or the Accounting

Office to Buy a Yearbook Now!

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1009053/Palisade-High -School/

Pre-Sale Ends on December 19th!

Buy your yearbook before December 19th to get it for only \$60!

After December 19th, the price will go up to \$75.



ATTENTION 8TH Graders !!

Applications opening for IB Diploma Programme

Class of 2026

Opening: December 1st, 2021

Deadline: February 19th, 2022

For more information go to: www.palisadeib.org



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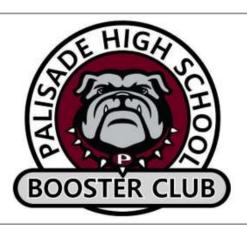
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Support your high school and BUY LOCAL!

Think PHS Bulldog gear for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS* (while supplies last)!

*No shipping costs or delays

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Trucker hats - \$25

T-shirts - \$15

Long sleeves - \$20

Maroon hoodie (cotton) - \$30

Gray hoodie (poly/cotton with zipper pocket) - \$40

Lanyard - \$3

Nerf football - \$10

Looking for a way to support students? Join the PHS Booster Club!

Please email palisadebooster@gmail.com for more information!

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