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IMPORTANT DATES

February 2nd

Saturday School

8:00 AM –11:00 AM

February 5th

Community Advisory
Council Meeting at 6:00
PM

February 6th

PHS Booster Club Meeting
at 6:00 PM at Dos Hom-
bres in Clifton

February 16th

Saturday School

8:00 AM-11:00 AM

February 18th

No School—President's
Day

February 23rd

Winter Formal Dance

8:00-11:30PM

PHS Gym

A Message From Principal Dan Bollinger

Bulldog Families~

Earlier, I commented that I can't believe we are halfway through the year and now, well, we are well underway into second semester. I have already had a couple of planning meetings to prepare for graduation. The guest speaker for graduation is someone we are very excited to have as part of the ceremony, as she is a former PHS graduate that went on and is doing great things, Mrs. Carly (Turner) Harper. Likewise, she is very excited to be a part of such a special evening for our graduates. We are also in the thick of 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 is on February 5th. Among a packed agenda, we will hopefully be able to take a quick tour of the new gym area. On February 28th, there will be a district accountability meeting at the Harry Butler Board room at R-5 High School. 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.

If you missed the musical *Chicago*, you missed out on a great opportunity to see a wonderful performance. Each time 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.



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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. The director of the musical this year, 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. It was a night to remember. This group is not only made up of the performers on stage, but also a crew of hard workers behind the scenes, and for the first time this year, there was an amazing pit up on stage 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 mentality, 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.

Dan



INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL OF CHOICE

Dear Parents:

The School of Choice window for the 2019/2020 school year will open on March 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and it will close on March 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Please watch for the information letter to parents, as it will be coming to you electronically. You will find the information letter on your ParentVue, Peach Jar, District 51 Home Page, Social Media, etc. The letter will be available in both English and Spanish the week of February 18, 2019.

Contact Jo Pifer (970-254-5323) or your school office.



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Counselor's Corner

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ZAPS TEST PREP

Give your student significant testing advantage and register for the ZAPS Test Prep seminar held at Palisade High School on Sunday, March 3rd from 12:30pm-6:00pm! ZAPS teaches students a proven method to improve their SAT score. Seminar Fee is \$89.99. Sign up at the SBA window with Mrs. Hawkins.

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.

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.

DECEMBER EARLY COMPLETERS

We encourage all seniors who completed their coursework in December to keep in touch with the Counseling Office and/or the Class of 2019 Facebook page/Instagram for information on senior meetings, graduation practice, and important deadlines!



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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.

Scholarship Brochure

Seniors, please bring a copy of any scholarships awarded or offered from ALL colleges (even if you do not plan on attending that school) to the counseling office before the April 19th deadline.

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 already processing financial aid packages. 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 2019. You will need your 2017 tax forms in order to complete the FAFSA.

ATTENTION ACCEPTED SENIORS


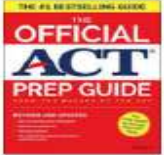
Colleges communicate important information with you through your student online portal (ie: MavZone @ CMU or MyCUBoulder @ UC Boulder). Don't miss out on scholarships, housing information, class registration or important dates and activities. Check your portal at least once a week!

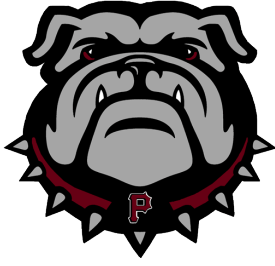
"Suzanne's class helped me learn a simpler way to study correctly and manage my time when taking the test. My score increased 220 points!" Isabelle, Fruita Monument High School

ACT/SAT Prep

SAT & ACT Prep Workshops Start Soon!
\$340 for four 2-hour sessions
(book included)

For more information or to reserve a space, call or text
 Suzanne Bergen, (970)433-3473.



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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 2 at GJHS

AP PHYSICS

FEBRUARY 9 at FMHS

AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

AP BIOLOGY

AP CHEMISTRY

MARCH 30 at CHS

AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE

AP ENGLISH LITERATURE

APRIL 6 at GJHS

AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

AP BIOLOGY

AP CHEMISTRY

AP PHYSICS

APRIL 13 at CHS

AP U.S. GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

APRIL 20 at GJHS

AP STATISTICS

AP CALCULUS

SEE YOUR AP TEACHER FOR MORE INFORMATION

It's Almost AP Testing Time!

AP TESTING: REGISTER NOW!

All registrations must be complete by March 6, 2019

Register Online:

www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/061140

If your teacher advises you take an AP exam, please begin the registration process as soon as possible. All registrations must be complete, online, by March 6 at midnight. No late registrations accepted.

Fees: \$99 per exam. \$20 per exam if eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch.

See your teacher or Mrs. Anderson, in the main office, for more information on study sessions or registration

Don't forget to register for your tests now!



Also, don't forget that you can prepare for your tests by attending some of the available AP study sessions!



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Dining at Dos

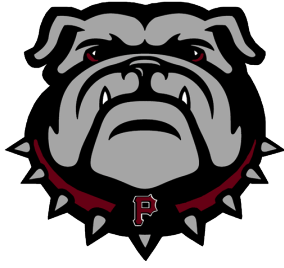
The Dining at Dos nights occur on the first Wednesday of each month from 4-9 p.m. at the Dos Hombres Restaurant in Clifton. A portion of the receipt is donated to that month's PHS organization at no extra cost to the customer.

This month's Dining at Dos will be on February 6th from 4-9 p.m. and it will benefit the PHS Booster Club.

Club Meetings

This month's Booster Club meeting will be held on February 6th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Dos Hombres in Clifton at the Dining at Dos night.





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The poster is framed by a decorative border of red and grey triangular bunting. At the top center is the bulldog mascot logo. Below it, the text reads: PALISADE SPEECH AND DEBATE, **CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER!**, Come and enjoy a dinner with your family and visit with the Palisade Speech and Debate team!, Tuesday, February 19th, 4PM to 8PM, Chipotle on 6 & 50. At the bottom, it says: Help your Speech and Debate team raise funds to be able to go to bigger and more exciting tournaments! A portion of the proceeds will go to our team. Make sure and say you are there for Palisade Speech and Debate!



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News from the PHS Yearbook Staff...

Attention Seniors:

Please stop by room 190C between Friday, February 1st and Friday, February 8th to check that your Senior photo and quote were put into the yearbook correctly before the pages are sent to print. At this point, you may not change your picture or quote, but you may confirm that your picture and quote are how they were intended to be.

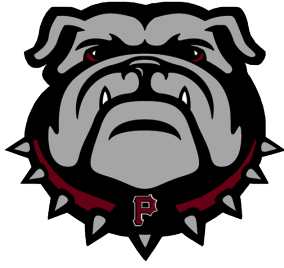
Also, don't forget to purchase your yearbook in the Accounting Office for \$75 to make sure you get one this year!

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GRADUATION INFORMATION

Seniors and Senior Families:

WHAT

It's time to start getting excited for graduation, if you haven't already!
Below are some important dates and info, to help you enjoy this fun process.

WHEN

Your Jostens team will be on campus on the dates below.

Thursday Feb. 7th from 10-3.

Thursday Feb. 14th from 10-3.

Haven't ordered your cap and gown, traditional and photo announcements?

Need to pick up your graduation announcements?

Need to order more graduation announcements?

Want to take advantage of too much inventory and get discounted senior items?

The above dates are the time to do all of the above.

HOW

Or you can order and pay your balance right now at www.jostens.com or by calling 1-800-JOSTENS.

There will be 500 graduation announcements available on the days Jostens will be on campus, if you want to wait until then.

But, are on a first come first serve basis.

PRICES WILL INCREASE SOON, SO PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS YOU CAN.

Your cap and gown will be handed out at school, closer to graduation.

Graduation Gifts

\$5- 2019 t-shirt hoodies available while supplies last, during the two delivery days only.

\$10- PHS bulldog spirit scarfs.

Class rings are also still available at Jostens.com and make a great graduation gift and only take approximately 3 weeks.



Jostens contact info-
1-800-JOSTENS

www.jostens.com



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