

Palisade High School

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IMPORTANT DATES

February 3rd

P/T Conferences
3:30-7:30pm

February 11th

Community Advisory
Council meeting at
6:00pm in the library

February 15th

Unity Dance
8:00-10:30pm in the
CMU Ballroom

February 17th

Presidents' Day—No
School



A Message From Principal Dan Bollinger

Bulldog Families~

In last month's newsletter, I commented on how quickly we made it through the first half of the year and now the second semester is well underway. I have already had a couple of planning meetings with Seniors to prepare for graduation, and we are also in the thick of some master schedule discussions prior to students building their class schedules for next year.

February may not be as busy a month as May, but there's still plenty to note on your calendars. Parent-teacher-conferences are February 3rd from 3:30-7:30pm. Importantly, February 3rd, just prior to conferences, our Community Advisory Council and other interested parents are invited to speak with the evaluation team visiting our campus from the IB. The evaluation team will be interviewing our staff, asking questions like, "In what ways do you ensure teaching and learning builds on what students know and can do? In what ways do you support students developing ownership of their learning in your class? What activities do you have in your classroom for you students to be actively involved in reflection?" They will also be interviewing students, asking questions like, "In what ways does your teacher get you engaged as a thinker? In what ways do you work with other students in the classroom? In what ways do you get feedback on how you are doing?" Following their two-day visit, we'll get feedback and, likely, official approval of our Middle Years Programme. The feedback will include both commendations, recognizing and validating our strengths, as well as recommendations, giving us guidance on areas for improvement. We look forward to sharing that information once it gets made available!

Our next Community Advisory Council meeting is on February 11th at 6:00pm in the PHS library, and, also noteworthy, is an all-high-schools Unity Dance on February 15th at 8:00pm in the CMU Ballroom. Lastly, for 8th graders interested in applying for the Class of 2024 Diploma Programme, applications are due online on February 15th. If you're looking ahead to Spring and making plans, please be mindful of April's standardized testing window as a time not-to-miss. April 14th is the SAT for Juniors and the PSAT 10 for Sophomores. April 15th is the PSAT 9 for Freshman and CMAS for Juniors.

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If you didn't see the musical, *The Music Man*, you missed out on a great opportunity to see a wonderful performance. As I watch our students perform, I continue to be astonished at their professionalism. It is so well done that I forget I am sitting in a high school auditorium. 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. Not only is such a performance the result of excellence on stage, but also in the pit, where our equally talented band and orchestra students showcase their skills. Each year, I look forward to the musical, our premier production, and, as always, I am a little sad that it is over. I always leave wondering what next year brings as well as how we will possibly fill the void our Seniors will leave.

The performance of this year's musical 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, FBLA, Speech and Debate, clubs, etc.) are lessons in work ethic, teamwork, commitment, leadership, integrity, perseverance, 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. For that, I want to pause to acknowledge and thank our parents.

-Dan



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 !

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

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Counselor's Corner

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 1st from 12:30pm-6:00pm! ZAPS teaches students a proven method to improve their SAT score. Seminar Fee is \$95.00. 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 Mar-Jane.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 2020 Facebook page/Instagram for information on senior meetings, graduation practice, and important deadlines!

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

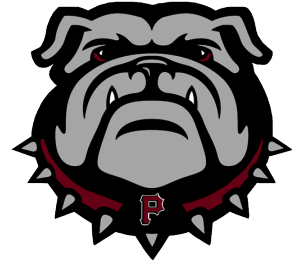
Naviance is kept current and is an excellent source for scholarship information. **Make sure you check your email for scholarship alerts.**

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.

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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.

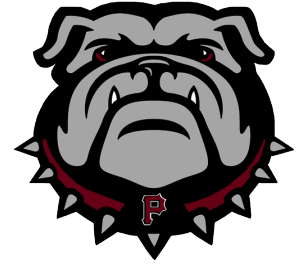
ATTENTION ACCEPTED SENIORS

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!



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SPRING TESTING SCHEDULE

**Parents and students, please be aware
of the testing schedule for the week of April 13th and plan ahead**

April 14th: SAT for all Juniors. PSAT 10 for all Sophomores.

April 15th: PSAT 9 for all Freshmen. CMAS 11 Science for all Juniors.

April 13th, 16th, 17th: Regular school days for all students.

On **April 14th**, all Juniors and Sophomores are expected to report to school at our regular start time. Freshman and Seniors should not report to school on April 14th.

On **April 15th**, all Freshman and Juniors are expected to report to school at our regular start time. Sophomores and Seniors should not report to school on April 15th.

On April 14th and 15th, 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 14th and 15th; however, interested 9th graders may interview at Career Center, by appointment, on April 14th. Sophomores can do the same on April 15th. Transportation *will not* be provided. Visit Career Center's webpage for more information.

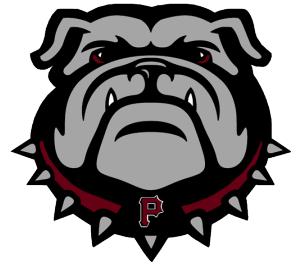
WCCC *will* be in session, and those buses will run at their regularly scheduled times. Students are encouraged to attend if they are not otherwise testing.

Any student who does not report for testing on April 14th and 15th will be pulled from class for make-up testing. As a reminder, students must attempt these standardized tests in order to earn their next level badge, for demonstrating proficiency on the state's standardized tests is a graduation requirement.

Please see page six of the newsletter for more information

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2020 April Test Schedule: SAT/ PSAT/CMAS

Monday, April 13: Regular School Day

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

VALLEY STUDENTS ONLY

Students attending Valley will test AT VALLEY following the schedule outlined here.

Tuesday, April 14: SAT 11 and PSAT 10

- SAT Testing beginning at 8:00am – Grade 11
- PSAT 10 Testing beginning at 8:00am – Grade 10

Bring a calculator, ID, #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils), and eraser(s)

Wednesday, April 15: PSAT 9 and CMAS Science 11

- PSAT 9 Testing beginning at 8:00am – Grade 9
 - Bring a calculator, ID, #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils), and eraser(s)***
- CMAS Science Testing beginning at 8:00am – Grade 11
 - Bring your ID***

Thursday and Friday, April 16, 17: Regular School Days

- Regular School Schedule
 - All students expected to attend
- Students may be pulled from class for make-up testing

Test Schedule by Grade

- Grade 9:** Report to school every day but Tuesday, April 14th
- Grade 10:** Report to school every day but Wednesday, April 15th
- Grade 11:** Report to school on *all* days
- Grade 12:** Report to school on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. No school for Seniors on Tuesday and Wednesday.

***School begins at the same, regular time all week.
Buses will run on their regular schedule all week.
Career Center will NOT be in session on April 14th or 15th.
WCCC expects students to attend when they are not testing.***

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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

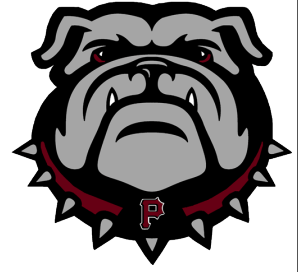
APRIL 4 at CHS

AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
AP BIOLOGY
AP CHEMISTRY
AP PHYSICS 1

**SEE YOUR AP TEACHER FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

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Dear Parents and Families,

With the year underway, February is a great time to re-engage and refocus on what matters to you and your family in 2019. As a parent of a senior, one area of life that you are likely thinking about is how to support your student as they transition into life after high school.

Here are three simple things to consider at this point in the year.

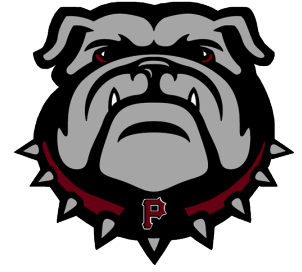
- 1. It isn't too late to apply for college admission.** If your student is considering post-secondary education or training such as college or technical school, it is not too late to apply. Reach out to me, your college and career counselor to see how to start the process. Make a game plan about how your student is going to dedicate their time between graduation in May and potential enrollment.
- 2. Make sure you've filled out the FAFSA—The Free Application for Federal Student Aid.** This form considers your student for financial aid from the federal government to go to college. Plus, many states, colleges, and scholarship organizations use the results from the FAFSA to award their funds to students. Make sure that you go to www.fafsa.gov because any other version of the website is fraudulent. Again, please feel free to see me for help!
- 3. Give yourself permission to ask for help.** Transitioning out of high school is a big change; there are many elements of this journey that are new to both students and parents. When you or your student run into these moments of confusion, please ask for help. My job is to help answer any questions you have (no matter how basic it may seem!) and ensure your student gets where he/she wants to go after Palisade High School. Hopefully, your student knows where to find me by now, but if not, my contact information is below.

Higher education is not a guarantee for success, but it does help set the foundation for your student to discover—then pursue—what they are good at and what they enjoy doing. Keeping these three things in mind will help along the way.

Sincerely,
Zach Clute-Reinig
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Senior Parents Mark Your Calendars!

Parents of Seniors: LAST CHANCE!!!

Baby Ads are all digital this year! You can design your ad 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 steps listed below will help get you started:

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. All recognition ads must be placed online. If you need assistance, please call Jostens or contact your Palisade High School yearbook staff.

Baby Ads for the
yearbook are due by
February 13th

ORDER BY Feb 13 2020

COLOR AD

Full Page	\$320.00
1/2 Page	\$165.00
1/4 Page	\$85.00
1/8 Page	\$50.00

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

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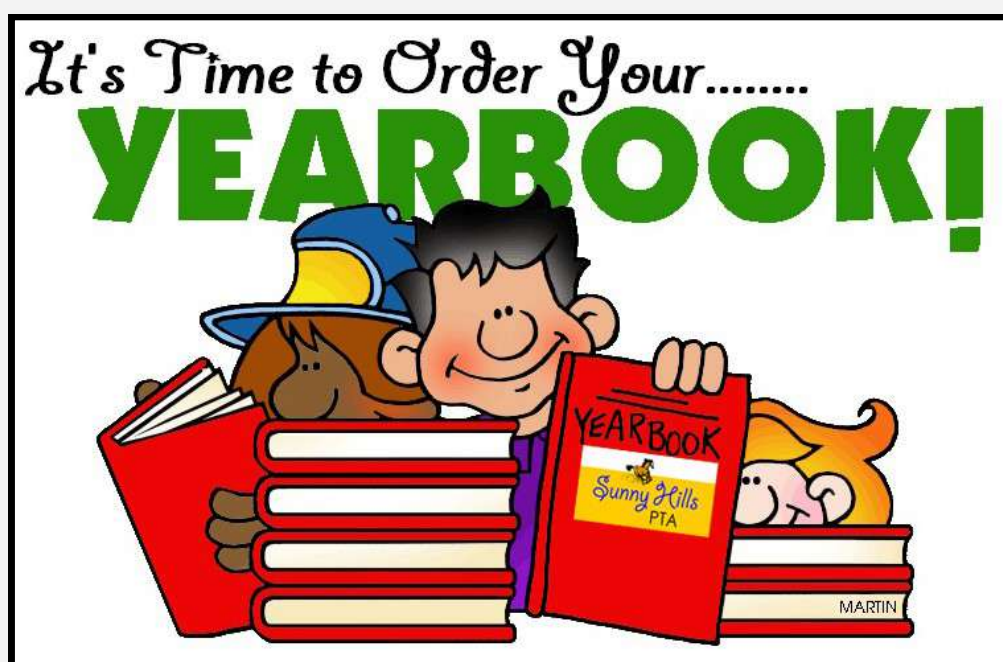
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**LAST
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Yearbooks can be purchased for \$75.00 in the **Accounting Office** or online through **Jostens.com**

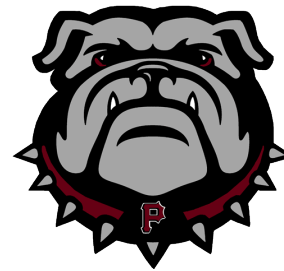
Order yours today to guarantee you get a 2019-2020 yearbook! You may order them through **February 27th**. Orders will be turned into Jostens on that date and then we only order a certain number of additional yearbooks for people to purchase at the end of the year.

Also, this year you may personalize your yearbook with your name printed on the front cover for only \$10.00!

Please stop by room 190C for more information

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PHS Booster Club

Come Join Us!

Wednesday, February 5th

for our Booster Club meeting and 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.

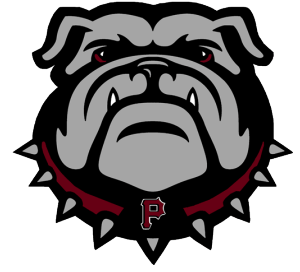
**This month's Dining at Dos
will benefit the
PHS Speech and Debate Club!**

We are always looking for volunteers and assistance with supporting our students through the Booster Club.

Please email palisadebooster@gmail.com for information!

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Kindness is Contagious Week 2020

“Unity - We stand together”

This year students throughout the Grand Valley will be conducting the 5th annual Kindness is Contagious week. With the help of local businesses, the Kindness is Contagious Organization (KIC) will be holding a week to focus on promoting the importance of unity through school activities and community-wide events. The week of events will be held February 10th - 16th, 2020.

KIC believes that kindness is the forefront of all good that occurs. This year the theme of the week will be *Unity: standing together and making a change. Everything you do has a lasting impact on yourself and the people around you. We hope by promoting this message along with kindness and positivity it will help stomp out the stigma of mental illness within D51 schools and the Grand Valley.*

KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS 2020 WEEK SCHEDULE (February 10th - 16th)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES-	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
U U & ME DAY	N NOSTALGIA	I I LOVE YOU	T TOGETHER	Y Y?	UNITY DANCE
Teacher Look-Alike Day	Circle of Life Day - wear something from your childhood	CMU Ballroom Community Event @ 5	Take Your Friend to Lunch Day Wear Green for Mental Health Awareness	Glacier Ice Arena Community Event @ 4	7:30 -10:30 CMU Ballroom \$15 presale \$25 at the door

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