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### A Message from Principal Dan Bollinger

Bulldog Families,

Earlier, I commented that I can't believe we are halfway through the year and now, now we are well underway in the second semester. I have already had a couple of planning meetings to prepare for graduation, as well as, some very intense and exciting master schedule discussions as we look ahead to students selecting their classes for next year.

If you have an opportunity to see the musical *Once Upon a Mattress*, (Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, or 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM) you will not regret the opportunity to see a wonderful performance. 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. 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. Each year I anticipate seeing the musical, our premier production and, as always, I am a little sad that it is over. It will be a night to remember. Last week, I had the opportunity to travel to Colorado Springs to introduce Palisade High School's "Chamber Choir" perform in front of the Colorado Music Educators Association. I am blown away each time at the talent and work these student's put into their performances. This group is not only made up of choral students who like to sing, dance, and perform, but those who are involved with award winning programs at Palisade High School that include our marching band, the speech and debate team, thespians, and our International Baccalaureate Program.

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, 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.

Around the corner is the state mandated testing for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. If you are not aware, the state mandated testing is our "accountability check" on how we are doing and is part of our data review in planning our future. To maintain an accurate accounting of how we are doing, we need our students to show up on test day and to do their best. Please join us in making this a positive culture, by working alongside Palisade High School to encourage your child to participate and perform their best on their standardized test.

Since proficiency on the state test is a graduation requirement, we are holding all students accountable for attempting proficiency on these tests. If the student does not test, we will have other opportunities during the summer or next year prior to them receiving their next tier on their ID.

My hope, as you read my newsletters, is that it is clear that I believe that it takes all of us to make our students' high school career a positive experience and prepares them for their future. My door is always open.

Dan

### UPCOMING DATES

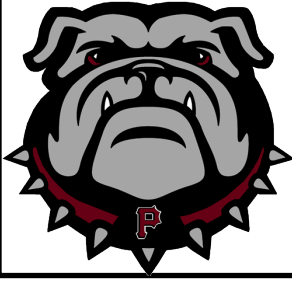
**February 4th**  
Winter Formal  
7-10pm at the  
Lincoln Park Barn

**February 15th**  
P/T Conferences  
3:30-7:30pm

**February 20th**  
No School

**February 28th**  
Last day to purchase the  
2022-2023 yearbook  
(they will arrive in May)





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## Counselor's Corner

### SENIOR FAMILIES

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, as college aid monies are limited. Make sure you go to the correct website, [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov) and NOT [www.FAFSA.com](http://www.FAFSA.com). Filling out the FAFSA is free! Also, make sure you select that correct college semester: Fall 2023. You will need your 2021 tax forms in order to complete the FAFSA.

### Scholarship Brochure

Seniors, please bring a copy of any scholarships awarded or offered from ALL colleges (even if you do not plan to attend that school) to the counseling office before the April 21<sup>st</sup> deadline.

### WCCC Tech Scholars Interest Application Open for 2022/2023!

We had a great trip with all of our non-DP sophomores to the WCCC campus on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Students were able to see all the Tech Scholars program they offer first-hand! Sophomores and juniors may submit their interest form through February 17<sup>th</sup>. Information on all the Tech Scholars programs as well as a link to the interest form can be found on the WCCC site [here](#). Our friends from WCCC will be at PHS on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> to visit with those who applied and help them with the next steps!

### ASCENT 5<sup>th</sup> Year Program Information Session for Seniors and Families-Wednesday, February 15 6:30 PM

Invites will be sent to seniors (and their families) who potentially qualify for the ASCENT 5<sup>th</sup> year program to find out more about this great opportunity to further their learning while having the State of Colorado cover tuition costs for the first year of college! In order to qualify, students must complete nine college credit hours by the end of their senior year and meet GPA and test score requirements.

Those who meet these requirements are able to attend CMU as a "5<sup>th</sup> year senior", and the State covers the cost of tuition. Students are able to walk with their class at graduation in May, however they earn their official diploma at the end of their ASCENT year in May 2024.

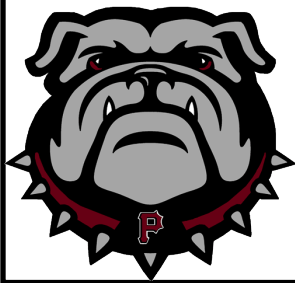
### Spring Financial Aid Workshop-Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 6-8 PM at CMU, Dominguez Hall

CMU is hosting a FAFSA completion workshop and information night for all D51 seniors and their families. Families are invited to complete their FAFSA, ask questions about next steps such as verification, understanding financial aid, and accepting financial aid. Families are welcome to stop in anytime between 6-8 pm! Food and beverages are provided.

### Concurrent Enrollment at CMU/WCCC for Fall 2023

We will be visiting with students interested in taking concurrent classes at CMU or WCCC in the fall in March. Students need to let their counselor know they are interested in the program, and we will include them on the interest list. We will visit with students in March about the process, qualifications, and details!

Concurrent enrollment is a great way for students to take challenging courses and earn college and high school credit, all while having their tuition covered by the District!



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## Attention Class Families of 2023 Graduates

Dear Parents of Seniors Graduating in 2023,

Graduation is coming and we want to help you make this final year of your students' high school career special with a baby ad in their yearbook. Baby ads are a way to show off your student, their achievements, and how proud you are of their past 18 years. You can put together photos, and write a sweet message to your senior to have for many years.

### What are the prices?

Full page: \$320.00

Half a page: \$165.00

Quarter of a page: \$85.00

Eighth of a page: \$50.00

Easy payment plan: Credit card installment plan available for orders \$30 or more.

### How to create the ad:

It's so easy! Just go to [www.jostensadservice.com](http://www.jostensadservice.com), choose your ad size as well as your layout, then write your message and upload your photos!

### Frequently asked questions:

What does the ad money go towards?

The revenue from recognition ads help support our yearbook and keeps the books affordable for everyone

How is the ad deadline determined?

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

Can I create my students' baby ads on my mobile phone?

Yes! You can use both mobile devices or a desktop.

Can I send my materials to the school and can you construct it?

No, please do not send your materials to our school. Our school has selected Jostens to assist with our ad program.

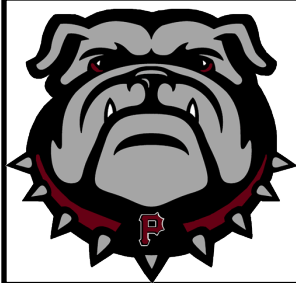
### Final and important information:

Please make sure all photos and materials sent in or written are school appropriate, we do reserve 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.

Color photographs uploaded for black-and-white ads will appear in black and white.

If you have any other questions feel free to call Jostens at (800) 353-0700 or email PHS Yearbook Adviser, Hannah Martinez at [Hannah.Martinez@D51schools.org](mailto:Hannah.Martinez@D51schools.org)

**More information on the following page...**



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### Palisade High School

Dear Parent or Student,

Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. In addition, revenues from Recognition Ads help our school create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions listed below. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please also consider our school's ad content guidelines below during the creation of your ad online. All orders must be placed by 02/09/2023.

**DEADLINE: 02/09/2023**

### PLEASE NOTE:

The deadline of February 9th (by 10:00pm) is set by Jostens and is a firm deadline that we cannot change or bypass. No late submissions will be able to be accepted.

## ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY!



#### ORDER BY 02/09/2023

#### COLOR AD

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

\*Tax, service and delivery fee(s) will be added if applicable.  
\*Credit card installment plan available for orders of \$30 or more.

**IT'S EASY! Create your ad online at [www.jostensadservice.com/student](http://www.jostensadservice.com/student)**

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.

### EASY PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE\*

#### 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?

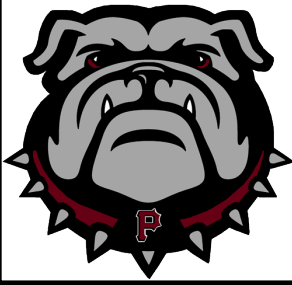
No, please do not send your materials to our school. Our school has selected Jostens to assist with our ad program. Please call our customer service number (800-358-0800) if you have questions or need assistance in creating your ad.

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

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After School Tutoring and Enrichment

## RIVERSIDE EDUCATIONAL CENTER @ PHS

**FREE AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING  
AND ENRICHMENT  
MON-THUR- 3:15PM- 5:30PM**

**REGISTER HERE**

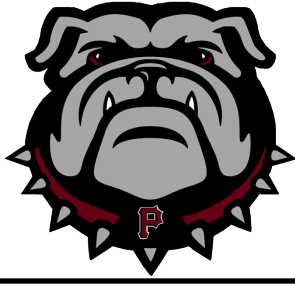
Join us for tutoring in any  
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and career prep, fun  
indoor & outdoor  
adventures, friends and  
more!



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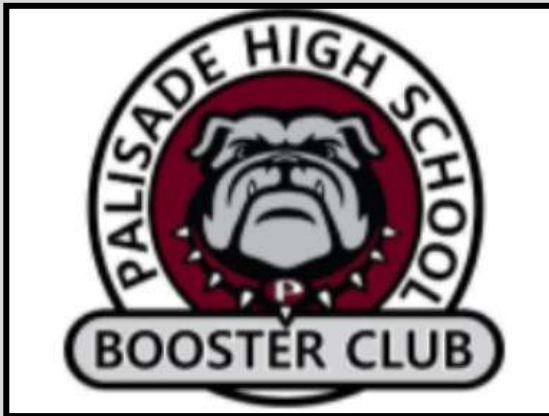
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### Information from the PHS Booster Club



We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month from Sept to April from 6:30-7pm at Clifton Dos Hombres. Anyone interested in learning about Booster Club, who we are, and what we do as well as upcoming events & volunteer needs can join.

Parents, student and faculty can also reach Booster Club members by emailing [palisadebooster@gmail.com](mailto:palisadebooster@gmail.com) with any questions, concerns or comments.



### Military-Bound Graduate Recognition

HONORING LOCAL 2023 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES THAT HAVE COMMITTED TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Western Slope Blue Star Moms invites all families of recruits to join us as we honor graduating seniors that have chosen to serve our country. Join us to meet other local military families from all branches, connect with the Western Slope military community, visit with local recruiters and honor the commitment your child has made.

*You are proud of their decision to serve, and so are we!*

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

WESTERN SLOPE VIETNAM MEMORIAL

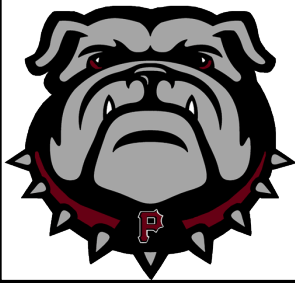
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11:00 - 11:30 Recognition Ceremony

11:30 - 1:00 Family Picnic

Please RSVP at [wsbluestarmoms.org](http://wsbluestarmoms.org)





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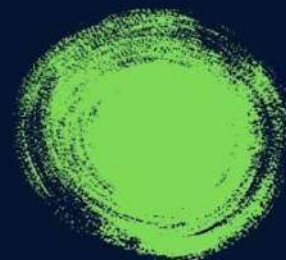
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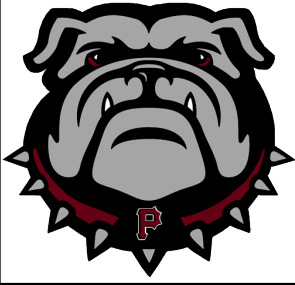
*Raise Your Score....Improve Your Future!*

### 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. 25247 for pricing and more information today!





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