

# Palisade High School

## March 2022

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### A Message from Principal Dan Bollinger

Dear PHS Families,

As we start March, the end of quarter three is just around the corner. Fourth quarter begins March 12<sup>th</sup> and before we know it, it will be over too.

Looking at our testing calendar for the final quarter this year, it is important to keep in mind that these test scores are used to help us make improvements in our school, as well as help students show proficiency for graduation in reading, writing, and math. I strongly encourage you to emphasize the importance of students doing their best on these tests. The testing schedule is posted in this newsletter on pages 5 & 6, as well as on the school website. Please review the schedule as there are days when only certain grade levels are expected to attend. Since proficiency on a state test is a graduation requirement, similar to credits earned, students need to attempt proficiency by testing their 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade years in order to be eligible for the next level badge in our tiered badge-privileges system.

During April 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, we will once again host our Live Above the Influence week at PHS. Historically, this week of events has been facilitated by students, for students. It always occurs the week prior to Prom. There will be several activities and speakers utilized to encourage our teenagers to make good choices.

Our counselors are planning for next year's course offerings. All 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students will soon be registering for their 2022-2023 academic schedules. As you work with your students to plan their schedule, encourage them to challenge themselves in preparation for their post-secondary plans.

Before I compose the most current newsletter, I often read what I wrote at the same time last year. Previously I spoke of officiating the state wrestling tournament and often hearing "Deduct 1 team point from a team for unsportsmanlike conduct" from the loud speaker. I noted that in life we receive bad calls and have to be able to learn and work through them. I will always pose the question, what is the purpose of athletics in high school? If we can't agree that it is to prepare young adults for their future and help guide...

### UPCOMING DATES

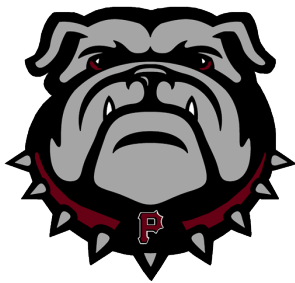
**End of 3rd Quarter**  
March 9th

**No School**  
**Teacher Workday**  
March 10th

**No School**  
**Teacher In-Service**  
March 11th

**Spring Break**  
March 21st-25th





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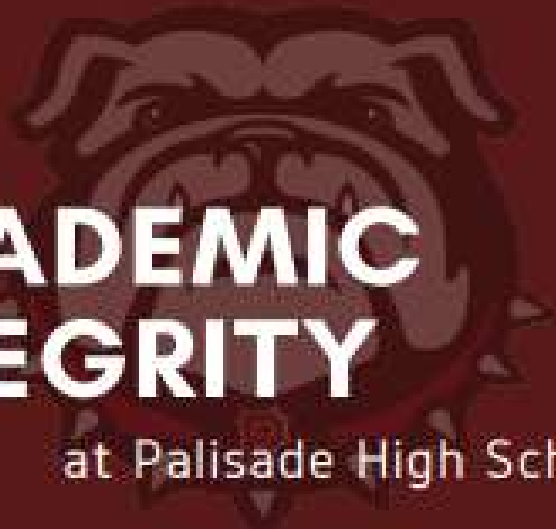
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...our students to be better employees, we are missing the whole purpose of high school. Their future is very rarely for a professional career in athletics. So what purpose is it?

It is to push through the difficult times, foster sportsmanship, win or lose, grow through those tough practices, understand how to adjust what you do when something is not working, learn from getting benched for messing up, then performing when you go back in, and overcoming those bad calls! Within the walls of Palisade High School, we run a mini society that I feel is much more protected. I have had many conversations with parents regarding school situations of another student "picking on their child," or a teacher that your child does not "get along with." Again, this is an opportunity for you, alongside us, to coach your child through these challenges. They need to learn how to navigate them. As they get older, the situations don't go away and sometimes, they intensify. They have to navigate a co-worker "being mean" or a boss that they "don't get along with." With your coaching, your child can discover how to work through these situations. Don't miss the opportunity to instill these valuable lessons now.

-Dan Bollinger

**ACADEMIC  
INTEGRITY**  
at Palisade High School

**P**

**Perseverance**  
We never give up.  
*Risk Taker, Reflective*

**A**

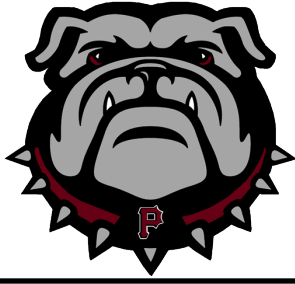
**Attitude**  
Our attitude dictates our direction.  
*Caring, Open-minded*

**C**

**Character**  
We act with integrity, honesty, and ethically.  
*Principled, Balanced, Open-minded, Risk Taker*

**K**

**Knowledge**  
We exercise initiative in applying our learning.  
*Reflective, Communicator, Inquirer, Knowledgeable, Thinker*



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## Counselor's Corner

### KIDS AID BACKPACK PROGRAM

Kids Aid is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing for the needs of children, with a primary focus on supplying food to hungry kids. Students in need are welcome and encouraged to stop by the Counseling Office on Fridays to pick up a bag of non-perishable food to help provide over the weekend. The Kids Aid program currently serves over 2,000 students across our valley, and we are very thankful for their support and help of our students!

### 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](mailto:MaryJane.Seriani@d51schools.org).

### 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 2022. You will need your 2020 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). Do not miss scholarships, housing information, class registration or important dates and activities. Check your portal at least once a week!

### 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 2022 Facebook page/Instagram for information on senior meetings, graduation practice, and important deadlines!



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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 to attend that school) to the counseling office before the April 18<sup>th</sup> deadline.

### Concurrent Enrollment at CMU/WCCC for Fall 2022

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!

**School District 51**  
MESA COUNTY VALLEY

**CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT**  
BUILD YOUR FUTURE HERE.

**WHAT TO CHOOSE?**

- Do you want to save money?
- Get a head start in a career?
- Earn credits toward your degree?

If you said yes to any of these concurrent enrollment might be right for you!

We offer three programs specifically designed for our students.

**OUR PROGRAMS:**  
High School Scholars  
Early Scholars  
Technical Scholars

**REGISTRATION IS HAPPENING NOW!**

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
DISTRICT 51 WILL PAY THE TUITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO TAKE COLLEGE COURSEWORK!

**HOW TO START?**  
Talk with your school counselor to see if any of these options are a good fit for you.

**School District 51**  
MESA COUNTY VALLEY

**HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS**

Take college classes at your school from your high school teachers!

Through a partnership with CMU you can earn college credits for free (see eligibility)

For more information:

**EARLY SCHOLARS**

Take college classes on a college campus with college professors!

Students must travel to CMU to participate in early scholars.

**TECHNICAL SCHOLARS**

Through a partnership with WCCC you can take advantage of college-level Career & Technical coursework that can help you earn a certificate or degree towards your career path.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Students must be enrolled and full time in a D51 High School.  
Students must meet College Readiness Benchmarks based on the test score requirement for the college class.  
Students must be on track to graduate:

- Maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher
- Earning a minimum of 6.0 credit per academic year
- Working towards a proficiency option on the Colorado Graduation Guidelines menu that aligns with a student's postsecondary plan





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## Parents and Students,

Please be aware of the testing schedule for the week of April 11th and plan ahead!

Grade	Test	Test Date	Time *For most students
9	PSAT 9	Wednesday, April 13	8:00-11:30
10	PSAT 10	Thursday, April 14	8:00-11:30
11	SAT	Wednesday, April 13	8:00-11:30
11	CMAS Science	Thursday, April 14	8:00-11:30

Day	Test	Grades
Wednesday, April 13	SAT 11 & PSAT 9	10 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL 9 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> TESTING
Thursday, April 14	PSAT 10 & CMAS Science 11	9 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> TESTING

On **April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**, 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 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>;**

**WCCC will be in session**, and those buses will run at their regularly scheduled times. If students are testing they should communicate with their instructors ahead of time. Students are expected to attend WCCC if they are not otherwise testing.

Any student who does not report for testing on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> will be pulled from class for make-up testing. As a reminder, demonstrating proficiency on the state's standardized tests is a graduation requirement.



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### 2022 April Testing Schedule: SAT/PSAT/CMAS

#### Monday, April 11th: Regular School Day

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

#### Tuesday, April 12th:

- No testing all students expected to attend

#### Wednesday, April 13th

- Grade 9: PSAT Testing beginning at 8:00am
  - **Bring a calculator, ID, #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils), and erasers**
- Grade 11: SAT Testing beginning at 8:00am
  - **Bring a calculator, ID, #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils), and erasers**
- Grades 10 and 12: No School at PHS or Career Center, attend WCCC and CMU as scheduled

#### Thursday, April 14th

- Grade 10: PSAT Testing beginning at 8:00am
  - **Bring a calculator, ID, #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils), and erasers**
- Grade 11: CMAS Science Testing beginning at 8:00am
  - **Bring your ID**
- Grades 9 and 12: No School at PHS or Career Center, attend WCCC and CMU as scheduled

#### Friday, April 15th:

- No testing all students expected to attend

**Grade 9:** Report to school every day except Thursday, April 14th.  
**Grade 10:** Report to school every day except Wednesday, April 13th.  
**Grade 11:** Report to school every day.  
**Grade 12:** Report to school Monday, Tuesday and Friday. No school for seniors on Wednesday and Thursday, April 13th and 14th.

*School begins at the same time all week, 8:00am.  
 Buses will run on their regular schedule all week.  
 Career Center will NOT be in session on April 13th and 14th  
 WCCC expects students to attend when they are not testing.*



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WITH  
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Doorway to College Foundation™ (D2CF) is the exclusive provider of ZAPS® Focused Test Prep.

In this five-hour seminar, your student will get to:

- Learn tips to improve scores in all subtests
- Practice strategies to eliminate wrong choices
- Take short practice tests that mirror the real test experience
- Reduce test anxiety and gain confidence
- Receive extensive materials for home practice

And much, much more!

**Spots fill up quickly, so sign up today!**

**Fruita Monument, Central & Palisade High Schools are partnering with us to bring ZAPS SAT Test Prep to your student!**

Receive the *Nation's Best Test Strategy Prep* at a special price of only **\$110.00!**  
We are excited to be back in-person in your school this Spring!  
Students will be taking the SAT on April 13, 2022

<b>SAT Test Prep Seminar</b> <b>Fruita Monument High School</b> Saturday, February 26, 2022 Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	<b>SAT Test Prep Seminar</b> <b>Central High School</b> Friday, March 4, 2022 Time: 8:30 AM - 2:15 PM
<b>SAT Test Prep Seminar</b> <b>Palisade High School</b> Thursday, March 10, 2022 Time: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	

Your Seminar: \$110.00

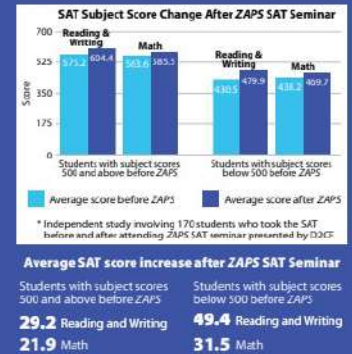
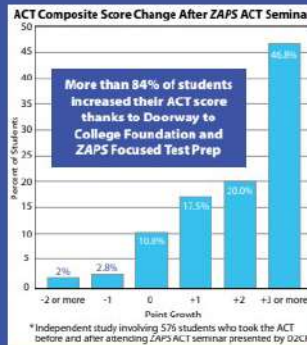
**Doorway to College Foundation**

Register at:  
[www.doorwaytocollege.org](http://www.doorwaytocollege.org)  
or call 877-927-8378

## ZAPS SAT Test Prep

- ⇒ Sign up through their website
- ⇒ Sophomores are also welcome to sign up
- ⇒ Students can sign up for any of the seminars, they don't have to just be the ones at Palisade

## PROVEN RESULTS



## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"I took a month-long class last year, and I thought that this one seminar was as useful and productive, if not more so, than the month-long class."  
-Matthew, Dos Pueblos H.S., CA

"Most test practice seminars are very boring and not that helpful. This one is the first where I learned valuable tips and information, and I actually can say I enjoyed it."  
-Jillian, Manhattan HS., KS

"I found this seminar very useful! I appreciate the time and enthusiasm that was put into the presentation, and now feel 100 times more confident about testing. Thank you!"  
-Olivia, Westford Academy, MA

**Help Your Student Even More**  
Check out other helpful prep resources available on our website:  
[www.doorwaytocollege.org/shop-doorway-to-college](http://www.doorwaytocollege.org/shop-doorway-to-college)

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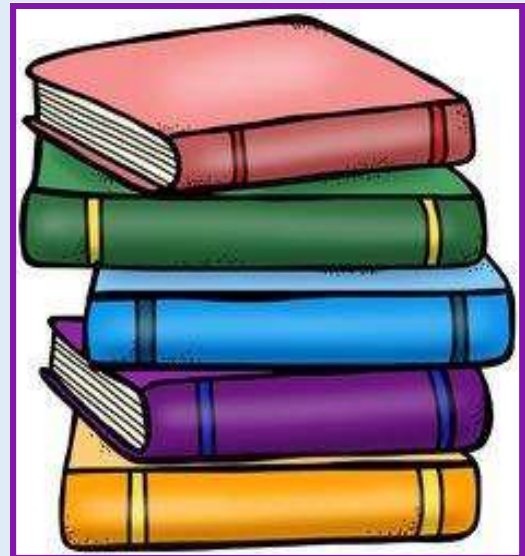
## Hey Senior Class,

Don't hold up your check out process!  
Please see Mrs. Vega in the SBA Office to see  
what fees/fines you may have attached to  
your account!



## NEWS FROM THE PHS LIBRARY

The district still has a lot of missing books from the last few years. If you come across any district textbook, novels, or library books, please return them to any school. We will get them where they belong. Your student can sign in to their library accounts from any computer to see what is on their account. For textbooks, have your student check with the textbook person in their building. At PHS, they will go to the library. Monies are limited and we'd rather spend on new resources rather than having to replace when the books are sitting at a house not being used. Thanks for helping your student get these resources back to the schools!



## 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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## SAT PREP COURSE

Taught By:  
Suzanne  
Bergen, M.Ed.

Starts  
March 7

Increased  
Scores =  
Increased  
Scholarships

To register, text or call  
970-433-3473

- Strategies
- Tips & Tricks
- Timing
- Content Tips
- Interactive Exercises
- 4 Sessions
- Two Hours Each
- Tuition: \$400
- Includes Official Prep Book



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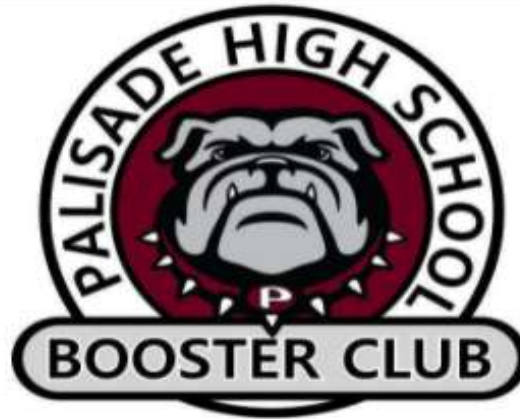
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## PARENTS AND STUDENTS

**Support your school and buy merchandise from the Booster Club!**

Our fundraisers help those students who need assistance to participate in school activities.

**This year's Bulldog gear is available for a limited time only  
(in the athletic office)**

Trucker hats - \$25

T-shirts - \$15

Long sleeve - \$20

Maroon hoodie (cotton) - \$30

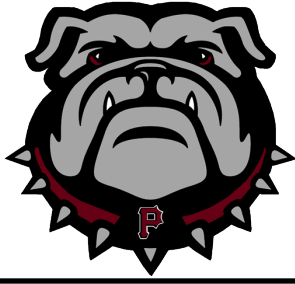
Gray hoodie (poly/cotton with zipper pocket) - \$40

Lanyard - \$3

Nerf football - \$10

**New styles will be available for Back to School Night in August 2022.**

Please inquire by contacting [palisadebooster@gmail.com](mailto:palisadebooster@gmail.com)  
to see if you qualify or would be interested in  
volunteering your time to our organization.



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