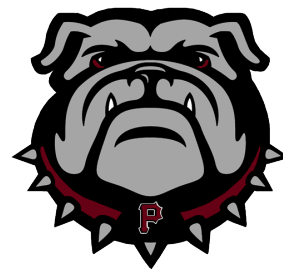


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Important Dates in November

November 15th

Sadie Hawkins from
7:00-9:00PM in the
Aux Gym

November 16th

Saturday School in 174
DR from 8-11AM

November 18th

Parent/Teacher
Conferences from
3:00-7:30PM

Thanksgiving Break

November 25th-29th



A Message From Principal Dan Bollinger

The seasons are changing, Holidays are nearing, and in six, short weeks, the first semester will come to a close. Though the first half of the school year seems to have passed quickly, the second half moves even faster. Seniors have been meeting with their counselors for graduation planning, submitting college applications on Naviance, and making plans for life after high school. Their day in May will be here soon enough!

Fall sports are either complete or winding down. All those involved in a sport/activity should be able to highlight some great moments or wins and reflect on some learning opportunities, too. I would challenge each and every one of you to attend both a sporting event as well as an activity like a play, musical, or concert. This year, the marching band is having a great year, heading into State seated 2nd. They perform at Stocker Stadium today, November 4th. The marching band, band parents, and Mr. Mason put in hundreds of hours to produce amazing performances, and we congratulate them!

The Community Advisory Council continues to be a rewarding and inspiring aspect to my position. The opportunity to meet and hear many voices outside of PHS is very insightful for both the parents as well as myself. I try to have a presentation each month so parents understand what is happening within the school and the complexities within. Many good ideas and advice come from the meetings. Our next meeting will be this Tuesday, November 5th. Dr. Sirko will be here presenting to our parents regarding her vision of the school district. I would love to increase the number of participants; getting more ideas and wider representation would be fantastic!

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I continue to have conversations with teachers and parents regarding the struggles these wonderful young people face and how healthy that is for their futures. High school should be a safe place to fail and move forward, failing forward. This is emphasized in everything we do: school, activities, and athletics. Allowing your child the opportunity to work through a struggle, whether it is a poor test score, not making first chair, a coach not playing them enough or in the right position creates a great opportunity to be a parent. This allows you to coach your student but allow them to work through it with your guidance. At some point in their lives, they will have to navigate this alone; now is a great time to start practicing. It is our job to guide our children whether we are teachers, parents, administrators or any other adult in a child's life. It is our job to allow them to learn from mistakes and continue to emphasize and encourage a growth mindset.

Dan



JUNIORS and SENIORS! (and parents)

Do you want individualized help with college?

- Best-Fit college list
- Scholarships
- Financial Aid
- Deadlines
- Applications
- Campus visits
- Tips and Strategies

Over 25 years of
experience, honest,
affordable, up-to-date,
individualized attention.

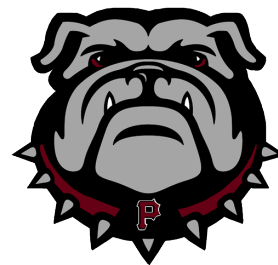


Kirk Golba
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There is more to the college going process than just a flyer regarding a parent webinar or a bus tour to a local college. I give my clients the individual attention throughout the entire school year and summer to maximize their chances. You can't afford to wait.

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Counselor's Corner

SPRING CMU CONCURRENT CLASSES

Students interested in taking CMU courses in the Spring should see their counselor to check on class availability and scheduling. In order to take college courses, students must meet the following requirements:

College courses must align with the student's ICAP (Individual Career and College Plan as noted in Naviance).

Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA and an English PSAT/SAT score of at least 470 (for CMU English courses) and at least a 500 in math (for all CMU math classes).

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.

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL: JUNIOR & SENIOR CAREER & COLLEGE NIGHT-NOVEMBER 18TH

November 18, 2018 from 5:30pm-7:00pm In our library

The workshop format will be as follows:

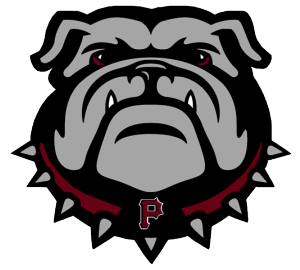
5:30-6:00 Future Planning Workshop-Learn about career, college and scholarships!

6:00-6:30 ASCENT Information

6:00-7:30 FAFSA Help from CMU-Room 217D- Bring 2018 tax forms and W-2s and file your FAFSA with expert help!

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EARLY SCHOLARS (CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT) HELP-NOVEMBER 18TH 3:30-7:30

Our friends from WCCC will be here from 3:30-7:30 to assist with the Early Scholars paperwork process.

Colorado Leadership Seminar (HOBY)

The HOBY Colorado Leadership Seminar's goal is to provide sophomores from Colorado high schools with the opportunity to improve their leadership skills through education, understanding and individual responsibility.

The 2020 seminar will be held June 20th – 23rd at the University of Denver.

If you are interested in nominating your student for this experience, please email Ms. Borgmann in the counseling office. Lisa.Borgmann@d51schools.org For more information, see the HOBY website at <http://www.hobycolorado.org/>

The Daniels Fund Scholarship

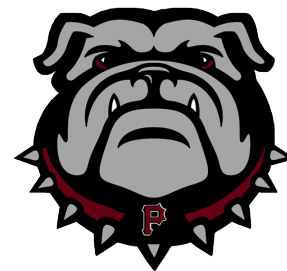
The Daniels Scholarship Program provides a four-year annually renewable college scholarship for graduating high school seniors in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming who demonstrate exceptional character, leadership, and a commitment to serving their communities. It is a "last dollar" scholarship that pays tuition, fees, room and board, books, supplies, and other miscellaneous educational expenses. Scholars may attend any nonprofit accredited school in the United States. For more information, visit www.DanielsFund.org/Scholarships. This is a **highly** competitive scholarship! **DEADLINE IS November 15, 2019.**

The Daniels Scholarship Program provides the opportunity for highly motivated students to earn a bachelor's degree that helps them build a successful career and rewarding life. Daniels Scholars are honest, respectful, self-reliant, and compassionate. They are proud Americans who value our free enterprise system and are prepared to give the world their very best shot. It is a "last dollar" scholarship that pays toward tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and miscellaneous educational expenses. Scholars may attend any nonprofit accredited school in the United States.



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News from the Yearbook Staff

Baby & Recognition

Ads for Seniors

Baby Ads are all digital this year! You can design your own 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 pricing and size options are also on the flyer.

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

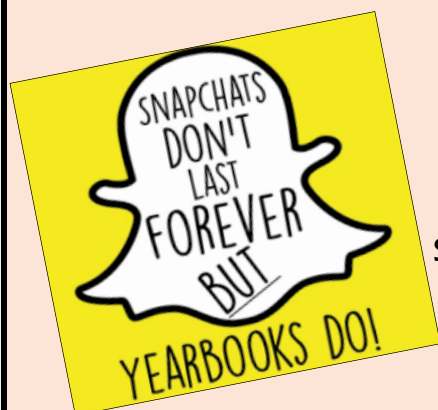
THEY ARE DUE FEBRUARY 3rd!

Senior Pictures & Quotes



Attention Seniors:

We would love to have your senior picture and quote in the yearbook! It is not too late to turn them in, just turn them into room 190C with your late fee of \$20 by December 4th! Please don't miss out on being in your Senior yearbook! Quotes may be turned in at no charge until November 22nd.



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

Yearbooks are on pre-sale now for \$60! Prices will go up after Christmas break.

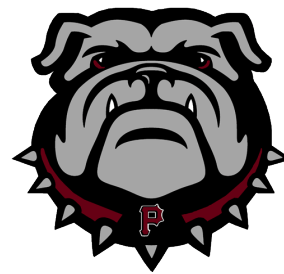
Hurry and get yours TODAY!

Yearbooks on SALE

Don't wait too late!

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Expanding IB at PHS with the Middle Years Programme

For the past 10 years Palisade High School has had a thriving Diploma Programme. Most in our school and community reference this as the IB programme. However, IB is a much broader framework for education, serving more students than just our 11th and 12th grade Diploma Programme students. The full IB continuum is a framework and philosophy for education that spans elementary through high school, and Palisade is excited to implement the MYP for all 9th and 10th grade students. This does not mean that we're preparing all students for the Diploma Programme. The Diploma Programme remains a select and rigorous pathway to graduation. Adding MYP simply means we're giving all our students access to a world class education characterized by specific approaches to teaching and learning, those that are supported by research and echoed in District 51's Teaching and Learning Framework.

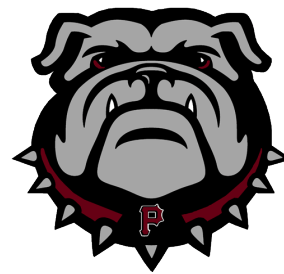


As a candidate school in the authorization process, PHS has undergone a rigorous analysis and revision of our vision, mission and instructional practices, in order to align our work with the mission and philosophy of IB.

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The PHS vision

Empower students to
make **authentic**
connections and
meaningfully
impact their world
as
balanced,
inquisitive,
reflective
individuals,
striving to achieve
their academic
and
personal **potential.**

The PHS mission states how we
will make that vision a reality.

At PHS our **culture** is defined by the **IB Learner Profile** and the **P.A.C.K. Program**.

The IB Learner Profile offers a holistic approach which challenges students to **grow in their personal and academic pursuits.**

The P.A.C.K. Program (Perseverance, Attitude, Character, Knowledge), a school wide system of interventions, supports students as they **challenge themselves to grow** while also holding themselves accountable for their learning progress and personal behavior.

Additionally, the **Cycle of Inquiry** engages students in the process of Inquiry, Action, and Reflection to **construct their own understanding** around key concepts through global contexts and across multiple disciplines.

These programs encourage students to become **active, compassionate and lifelong learners** who understand and **value other cultures and perspectives.**

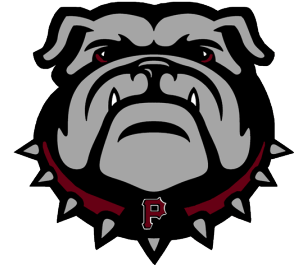
grow in their personal academic pursuits
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These statements come alive in classrooms where students engage in meaningful and applicable learning experience carefully and collaboratively planned by our staff. In math, while students continue to compute 5 number summaries and construct box plots, teachers also emphasize how statistical reasoning and modeling can be used to justify decisions. In history, students are challenged to explore themes such as national identity and inquire as to how specific historical events rewrote chapters of our shared narrative. In PE, students engage in team sports with a focus on communication strategies and how those strategies enhance or detract from team success.

These learning experiences, among many others across all content areas, demonstrate our commitment to providing authentic learning opportunities and to helping students develop skills which will allow them to meaningfully impact their world. These experiences challenge students to be balanced, inquisitive, and reflective learners who are striving to achieve their personal potential.

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SOURCES OF STRENGTH



Live Above has decided to make November **generosity** month! Throughout the month, Live Above will be arranging school wide activities and participation in order to raise money for local families in need. To properly support our local families in need for the holiday season, we will use the money raised to provide food and gifts for the upcoming holidays! Also, we will purchase needed clothing for families as well. So get ready to be generous in the month of November and get your school participation on!!

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Dear Parents and Families,

As the weather gets chilly and the senior class inches closer to graduation, pressure can begin to build on students and families alike. It seems like there are a million little things that students need to do to get ready for life after high school: apply to college, get accepted, apply for housing or orientation, get financial aid and/or scholarships, and the list goes on from there. In my experience though, the biggest question and worry is always about money and scholarships.

I am here to help you navigate the money and scholarship world with a few tips. First, you and your student should complete and submit the FAFSA. The FAFSA will not only qualify you for federal grants, but will keep the door open to many scholarships as well. There are various scholarships available that are need based, meaning they take information from the FAFSA. By not completing the FAFSA, students are closing doors on free money they could receive.

Second, students need to put in the work to find and apply to scholarships. If your student has been accepted to a school, then they most likely have access to the school's student financial aid and scholarship portal. For most schools there is probably a general scholarship application housed within this portal. This is an easy way to apply for many scholarships at once. In addition, the application pool will be smaller because students are competing with just other students going to that same school and not the entire nation.

Once students apply for scholarships to their respective schools, they can start searching elsewhere for more. Scholarships geared towards students from the Western Slope in particular can be found at www.WC-CF.org. Websites such as Naviance, cappex.com, and fastweb.com are a few other places to search. There are so many scholarships out there that it can be very daunting, so take things one at a time and don't overwhelm yourself with the search. When searching for scholarships, remember that filtering for scholarships can help you narrow down awards based on gender, race, academics, clubs or activities, financial need, etc. The internet is not the only place to find scholarships either. If your student has a job ask his/her employer if they give scholarships. Clubs and organizations, inside and outside school, will have scholarship opportunities as well. Remember that no is the worst answer your student can get, so it doesn't hurt to ask.

Finally, consider applying to one or two scholarships a day, and do not burn yourself out trying to apply to dozens in one sitting. One last tip: your counselors and college and career advisors may have opportunities out there for you so, please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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PHS Booster Club

Come Join Us!

Wednesday, November 6th

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 Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Club

6th Annual Palisade High School Orchestras

Arts and Crafts Festival

Local Artisans and crafters offering unique items for sale. Music and Holiday Events for the whole Family. Local School groups will be performing during the event times for your holiday enjoyment. Please come and enjoy all that the town of Palisade has to offer during the holiday season.

Where: Palisade High School / 3679 G Road/Palisade, CO 81526

When: Friday December 6th, 5:30pm-8:00pm
Saturday December 7th, 8:00am-4:00pm

Vendor Space Available

To join our vendor list please contact
Trey Raper via email at:
trey.raper@psd5schools.org

A winter-themed illustration featuring a snowman wearing a top hat, a red scarf, and red mittens. The snowman is holding a string of lights. In the background, there is a small cabin with a red roof and a chimney, surrounded by snow-covered trees and falling snowflakes.

Are you interested in advertising in our newsletter?

Our newsletter 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!