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#### IMPORTANT DATES

# Dog Day Wednesday, November 4th Please see Mr. Bollinger's

Please see Mr. Bollinger's letter for more information

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday, November 9th

Please see Mr. Bollinger's letter for more information

#### Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 23rd-Nov. 27th





#### 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!

I feel we are blessed to be writing about fall sports and theatre and music performances in this newsletter. Around the country, many schools are not in face-to-face learning, let alone hosting school events. Though we've had to limit audience sizes and take other precautions, Covid has led us to innovate and make the games and performances even more accessible by streaming and/or recording them. In fact, many of our students' distant relatives have been able to watch the performances and connect in ways they haven't been able to before. While those activities are now winding down, we're glad for the opportunities our students had to participate, and we will continue to seek safe opportunities for all our students and teams/groups to get involved.

At this time last year, I spoke about the struggles kids face and how healthy it can be to struggle. I wrote that, as adults, we need to allow struggle so our children can develop stronger coping skills. Well...who could have predicted the struggle Covid has presented to both students and adults alike? Every day, we adjust to changing conditions and restrictions while holding fast to our high standards of safety and principle commitments to providing a well-rounded and rigorous learning experience. That requires us to be both flexible and steadfast, and, by "us", I mean all of us. So please accept my gratitude for the cooperation and commitment that you, as parents, have shown. We're a community of varied opinions but, regardless of our differences, you've been patient, thoughtful, and supportive. Thank you for the united front you've helped us sustain! To date, it is working and we continue to be able to provide and celebrate face-to-face learning for our students. Though the challenges might grow in scale or number before this over, your flexibility and grace will help us navigate it together!

Lastly, please be aware that today, Nov 4th, we are running an alternative schedule for what we call a Dog Day. In the afternoon, beginning at 1:35pm, students will be required to work with their teachers to complete missing or incomplete assignments and raise their grades. When a student has all Cs or better and a teacher signs him/her out, the student can leave. Students who attend Career Center or WCCC at that time are still expected to go to Career Center/WCCC and will not participate in the Dog Day. Additionally, next Monday, Nov 9th, we will facilitate another round of parent-teacher-conferences, again by phone. Like October's conferences, teachers will call select parents; however, this time, parents can also reserve a time-slot with an individual teacher. Please look for forthcoming communication from each of your student's teachers. Phone calls will be made between 3:30-7:30pm on the 9th.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you are a Junior who missed the October 29 make-up PSAT/NMQST test because you were required to quarantine, you are able to test on January 26th without a fee. To register, you must see Mrs. Anderson prior to December 4th. Sophomores who want to participate in the January 26th NMQST are also able to register with Mrs. Anderson; however, a \$17 fee will apply. If you are a Junior or Sophomore who took the PSAT/NMQST on Oct 29, you may not test again on Jan 26.

#### Taking an AP class?

If you intend to test, you must pay for your exam before Nov 13th. Exams will not be ordered before payment is received. If you pay between Nov 13 and March 11th, a \$40 late fee applies. Otherwise, each exam is \$99 or, if eligible for free//reduced, \$20. All students must submit payment HERE, through Total Registration.

#### Congratulations to PHS Student Council!

Our own Student Council was nominated and awarded the Les Schwab Tires

Team of the month for the state of Colorado by CHSAA!

## 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

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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 begin the process. Students are able to register for CMU courses in early November. 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 2.0 GPA and meet test score minimums for certain courses. Students must be on track to graduate.

#### **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.

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.

#### 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 2021 seminar will be held in June 2021, more information will be released on their website at http://www.hobycolorado.org/

If you're interested in qualifying for a full ride scholarship, describe "what it means to be a leader" in no more than 300 words and email it to Maryha@q.com by November 24.

#### 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 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. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.DanielsFund.org/Scholarships">www.DanielsFund.org/Scholarships</a>. This is a highly competitive scholarship!

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## Pay Attention to Attendance Keep Your Teen on Track in Middle and High School

Even as teens grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure teens participate or get to school safely every day.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- Absences can be a sign that a teen is losing interest, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or fading some other difficulty.
- . By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a teen may drop out of high school.
- Missing 10% (or just 2 days each month) of school can drastically affect a teen's academic success.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your teen keep a job and graduate from college.



#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

#### Communicate with the School

- · Contact your teen's teachers and let them know how to reach you.
- Request a schedule of classes and log in information for your teen.
- Ask for help from school offidals, after-school program providers, other parents or community agencies if
  you're having trouble getting online or need help with food, housing or some other challenge.
- · Know the school's attendance policy and the consequences for absences.
- . Check on your teen's attendance to make sure they are attending all of their classes regularly.

#### Make School Attendance a Priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day so your teen knows this is your expectation.
- · Encourage your teen to maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework or getting a good night's sleep.
- Avoid scheduling non-urgent dental and medical appointments when classes are in session.
- · Post your teen's class schedule and log in information in a visible location, such as on the refrigerator or teen desk.
- Identify a quiet place for your teen to participate in class. Or ask your school or community agendes if they have created places for distance learning. If you have multiple children, make a schedule.

#### Help Your Child Stay Healthy and Engaged

- Make sure your teen wears a mask, as needed, and gets the flu vaccine and other required shots.
- Find out if your teen feels safe from bullying. Make sure that school discipline policies don't lead to your teen becoming disengaged or pushed out of school. If there are problems, work with your school to find a solution.
- Check in weekly about your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors.
- Stay on top of your teen's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping dass. Teens who have a hard time
  making friends can feel isolated.
- Ask for help when you need it. School staff, after-school program providers, and other parents or community
  agendes are available to help families access online learning, obtain food or housing and address other
  experiences that make it difficult to attend and participate.

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### **ATTENTION SOPHOMORES!**

Apply for full ride scholarship to HOBY Colorado to develop your leadership skills!



For more info about HOBY, visit http://www.hobycolorado.org.

All sophomores encouraged to apply!

To apply: describe "What it means to be a leader" in no more than 300 words and send to Maryha@q.com by November 24, 2020.

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#### Are You Bilingual?

District 51 awards a Seal of Biliteracy in recognition of a student who has attained proficiency in English and one or more other world languages (Spanish, French, or German). The Seal serves to certify attainment of biliteracy for students, employers, and universities and is a statement of accomplishment. Students may obtain recognition in fifth, eighth, and twelfth grades

#### Biliteracy Benefits our Students

- Biliterate students are recognized by employers, universities, grants and scholarships
- Increases cognitive and academic advantages
- Stronger family cohesion and heritage connections
- Strengthens cross-cultural competency
- Honors multiple cultures and languages in our community.
- Prepares students for 21st Century careers

If you are interested, contact Mrs. Wynkoop (Luna) in room 316W or email dluna@d51schools.org

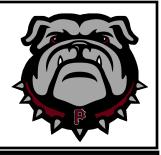
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## NEWS FROM the PHS YEARBOOK staff

#### **Senior Pictures**

Can still be turned in until

December 4th with a \$25.00

late fee to room 190C!

Please see Ms. Martinez or a Yearbook Staff member for any questions.

#### **Senior Baby Ads**

Don't miss out on the opportunity to have your Senior in the BABY AD section of the yearbook!

Ad submissions are due February 13th! More information about this will be available soon.

#### ORDER YOUR 2020-2021 YEARBOOK NOW!!!

Hurry! For a limited time our yearbook is being sold for the pre-sale price of \$60!

Take advantage of this great deal before December 18th when the price go up to \$75.00!



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## Palisade High School Ski Club

Your student qualifies for a discounted season pass when he/she participants in the school-sanctioned Palisade High School Ski Club. Students merely need to sign up with PHS Ski Club sponsor Andrew Torfin to receive Powderhorn liability and signature contract forms. Students can receive this paperwork by visiting Mr. Torfin in room 209D.

Completed forms and \$179 cash or check (make check payable to Palisade High School) are due on or before the date of November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Pass Price** 

\$179

Additional cost of insurance (optional) \$12.53

Insurance fee must be added at the time of club registration (optional insurance).

If your student has already purchased a pass for the 20/21 season but is now eligible for the discounted High School pass, please let your Mr. Torfin know. In some instances, a "Stored Value" credit may be issued for the difference in pass price. "Stored Value" is attached to a pass holders account and can be used to make purchases at Powderhorn in most departments (excludes lodging). If your student holds "Stored Value" from a previous year that you would like applied to your pass purchase, we must know at the time of registration. If a student is unable to use their pass for any reason, absolutely no refunds will be given by Powderhorn.

This is a full season pass and comes with some of perks associated with a regular full season Powderhorn pass including free and discounted tickets at Powderhorn's partner mountains but no additional discounts on-mountain at Powderhorn. Please be aware that all aspects of your pass can change should we encounter any new state or county mandated restrictions.

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#### **NEWS from the PHS LIBRARY**



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#### **NEWS from the PHS LIBRARY (cont.)**

AUDIOBOOK: You will see a pop up that says: Success! To listen to the book, click the Listen now in browser button.

(You can download IF you are using a phone/device and have the Overdrive app.)

This is what you will see. Press PLAY to start the audiobook.



To pick up where you left off previously, go to ClassLink,

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Sign in.

Click the books icon,

then click your book, and listen some more! TOTAL

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To return an audiobook early, click the Return icon at the bottom.



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#### Parent Introduction to Schoology

This year Palisade High School is launching the use of Schoology as our learning management system. While Schoology is much more than a grade reporting system for teachers, students, and parents, it is likely to be the primary use for parents.

Login: (your account has been created for you, so you will <u>not</u> need to create one or use a code) Your first step as a parent is to make sure you have access to your Schoology account. To do this follow these steps:

- In the Chrome or Safari browser, access Schoology by going to https://app.schoology.com
- 2. Click "forgot password"
- 3. In this screen, put in the email on file with the school district This is the email where you receive district information
- 4. You will received an auto-generated email from Schoology (check spam or promotional folders if you don't see it in your inbox)
- 5. Use the link in the email to set your password.
- 6. Use this email and password to access schoology at <a href="https://app.schoology.com">https://app.schoology.com</a>

# You have successfully logged out. Sign in to Schoology All fields are required gmmsfakept Mesa County Mesa County Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 555706973 Grand Junstion, CO 81501-8063

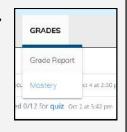
#### In Student Account:

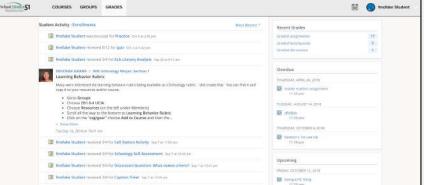
When you initially login, Schoology takes you to your student's account. If you have more than one student enrolled in D51 and Schoology, click on the arrow next to your students name in the top right corner and make the appropriate selection.

#### Getting to Grades:

From your home screen, click on **Grades** 

From the grades drop down, click on **Grade Report** 





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This screen shows an overview of all your student's classes. Click on a specific class to expand the information available for that class, the overall grade is at the end of the assignment information. More information about what is contained in this screen will come in a later communication.



Note: Keep in mind that a dash does not mean an assignment is missing.

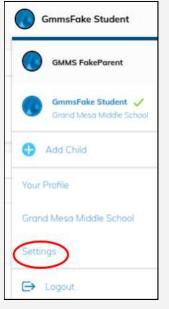
#### Schoology Settings:

There are some settings that you might want to set in Schoology. You can access the settings by clicking on the name in the upper right hand corner of the screen. Then choose Settings from the menu.

There is a notifications tab that allows you to sign up for weekly summaries for your student. It is recommended to set those to Tuesday or Wednesday instead of Friday.

Messages sent to parents through Schoology will come to the email you have linked

to Schoology as well as the Schoology account itself.



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#### Schoology vs ParentVue

Schoology is our Learning Management System (LMS). Currently all staff at Palisade High School are using Schoology to report progress and grades.

#### Schoology

Access assignments
See progress in course work
Access current course grades

—To be clear, Schoology is the place that you should check for the most accurate grades, NOT ParentVue and StudentVue

#### **ParentVue**

School registration information Access test scores (CMAS, PSAT etc.) Final semester grades Meal Balance

Mobile Access: There are two pathways to access Schoology on a mobile device.

- 1. Download the Schoology App from the App Store (iOS) or the Google Play Store (Android)
- 2. Open Schoology on a Mobile Browser (Safari/Chrome). To do this, follow the log-in directions above.

Many of the same features on the full site are available on the **mobile version**, and screenshots and details are listed below.

Course Dashboard Student View Enrollment Courses Grades

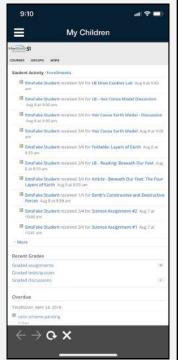
You can also select your student to

be able to see Course Materials & Grade Reports



<u>Schoology Mobile Menu Screen</u> to see courses, grades, and materials





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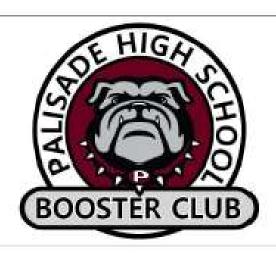


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#### School Merchandise For Sale

We have new MAROON sweatshirts, assorted baseball caps and YOUTH t-shirts, as well as, existing GRAY sweatshirts and short/long sleeve shirts for guys and gals!

All items are available at the Athletic office or by emailing palisadebooster@gmail.com for questions and pricing.

We are always looking for volunteers and assistance with supporting our students through the Booster Club. Please email <u>balisadebooster@gmail.com</u> for more information!

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