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A Message from Principal Dan Bollinger

Hello Palisade Families~

This month will bring the 1st Quarter to a close and that's a benchmark we're so excited to celebrate! We also concluded our Homecoming celebrations two weeks ago. Again, I want to thank our Student Council for their perseverance and thoughtfulness in coordinating so many safe and fun events for our student body and community. We also had a very successful night of parent/teacher conferences on September 29th, with some great feedback. I would like to thank all the parents that brought food for the staff, it is such a great partnership we have with our community, and the staff is so humbled to see the parents giving back.

In recent editions of the newsletter, I have written about the accidental diminishing traits described in Liz Wiseman's book, The Multiplier Effect: Tapping the Genius Inside Our Schools. Although with pure intentions, we, as parents, tend to disable our children when we don't allow them to navigate themselves. Recently while taking our son to Flagstaff, my wife downloaded a mystery book written by Olivia Isaac-Henry, Someone You Know. We spent the 7-hour drive guessing who we thought did the crime. When we finished, I asked her what she had for the drive home. I have to admit I might have felt a little disappointed when she said Think Like a Monk by Jay Shetty, but while driving, I was fascinated by what I was hearing. Often, we read on effectively running a school, ideas to improve test scores, etc. Think Like a Monk shows you how to clear the roadblocks to your potential by overcoming negative thoughts, accessing stillness, and creating true purpose. A part that really stuck out to me, as I often use metaphors, was when he spoke about a biosphere in Arizona where they created perfect conditions to raise trees. Unfortunately, these trees would reach a certain height then fall. They adjusted the conditions within the biosphere, and achieved the same results. After several failed attempts, they found that what was lacking was wind. It is the wind that caused strain and stress on the trees that made them grow larger roots and widen their trunk size. If you are like many people, you don't like the wind, but maybe understanding its purpose might change our feelings. As you might imagine, this is also true for our

UPCOMING DATES

October 13th End of Quarter 1

October 14th No School—Teacher Workday

October 15th No School—Teacher

No School—Teacher
In-Service

October 19th Academic Awards on assembly schedule



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struggles, friend issues, athletic struggles, or so much more. With the proper wind, it is actually making our children stronger and better equipped to be successful in society. If we create a biosphere for our children, they won't be able to face adversity when they leave your home.

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 our building. Many good ideas and advice comes from those meetings. Our next meeting will be this Tuesday, October 12th. The presentation will be an opportunity to meet your counselors and our College Career Advisor. They will talk about what you wish you would have known as an upper-class parent, timelines for applications, financial aid applications, scholarships, and grants. They are also going to bring a list of resources that are available in our community for mental health.

Thank you and happy Fall!





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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Counselor's Corner

2021 Colorado Free Application Day\$-October 19-21

The State of Colorado sponsors this week where all Colorado colleges waive application fees! While the admission application must be submitted during this three-day period to be eligible for the fee waiver, students are encouraged to begin working on their application(s) now so that they can submit their applications stress -free during Free Application Day\$. All online admission applications have the ability to save work inprogress. Click HERE for all the details!

SENIOR WORKDAY-OCTOBER 20th

Counselors will be inviting seniors to the Library to work on all things future-college applications, resumes, and job searching!

College & Money Night Info Night at CMU-Wednesday, October 27 at 6 pm

This is a great opportunity for students and families to learn more about all things financial aid-the FAFSA, ASCENT, scholarships and student employment! There will be a \$500 scholarship drawing as well!

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.

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 www.DanielsFund.org/Scholarships. This is a highly competitive scholarships.

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PHS 2021-2022 Yearbooks are on Pre-Sale Now!



Yearbooks are on sale now for \$60.00

Pre-order yours today before prices go up on December 20th!

Order it on Jostens.com today!

Palisade High School will be traveling to Costa Rica this Spring Break 2022!

As the trip was postponed from last year, we are able to recruit more travelers!

If you want to kayak in Lake Arenal, visit the Santa Elena Biological Preserve, spend time at coastal Puntarenas, and hike through Manuel Antonio National Park, please contact Mrs. Kessler.

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

Breakfast burrito sales are back! We are selling them every Thursday. You can pre-order your sausage or bacon breakfast burritos by scanning the QR code on the breakfast burrito posters around the school. We can deliver them to you during the 1st block, or you can pick them up during the passing period. Burritos are \$2.00 each and salsa on the side is an extra \$0.25. Happy eating!



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News from the Attendance Office

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This year we want to make sure every student misses no more than 9 days of school, or 1 day a month. We need your help.

Attending school has a huge impact on student success.

We realize some absences are for health or other reasons. But, when students are absent 2 or more days a month (or 18 days over the school year) they can fall far behind in what they learn. Excused and unexcused absences both mean missing classroom learning time.

Absences can add up. Missing just two days every month puts students at risk of falling behind.

Some Attendance Tips:

- Make sure your students keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Turn off all electronics including TVs, phones and tablets at bedtime.
- Make sure clothes and pack backpacks are ready the night before.
- Check with our school nurse or office staff if you are not sure about when to keep your child at home due to illness.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your student feel anxious about going to school.

Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your student to school.

Please let us know how we can best support you and your student so that they can show up for school on time every day.

Sincerely,

Attendance Advocate

Kim Bohrer

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Attention Class of 2022 Parents, Families & Students

Attention
Class of 2022!!!

SENIOR PICTURE & QUOTE INFORMATION

DEADLINE



Wednesday, October 20th by 3:15pm to Room 190C!!!

<u>Late Fee:</u> Any photos turned in <u>after Wednesday</u>, October 20th will be subject to a **\$25.00 fee**.

Photos WILL NOT be accepted after Thursday, December 2nd, 2021

Senior Picture Requirements

Both photos AND quotes must be turned in by the due date!

They cannot be changed once you have submitted them, unless you would like to pay the late fee of \$25

- -Digital Copies ONLY! (USB flash drive, CD, or email in a jpg file to: Hannah.Martinez@D51schools.org)
- -EARLY GRADUATES: you must also turn in your photos and quotes by this date. Please clearly indicate that you are an early graduate on your email or device when you submit your photo/quote!
- -Submitting a CD or USB flash drive: please only submit one photo. The student's first and last name must be clearly displayed on the CD or USB device; quote must also be turned in with the device. Devices will not be returned until yearbook distribution day (in May).
- -Submitting by email: email only one photo in a .jpg file format to the Ms. Martinez (please do not email it to other PHS staff members or to a yearbook staff member to get it to us). The email must also include your quote if you wish to have one.
- -Photo must be saved as a .jpg file. Do NOT submit a photo that has been pasted into a Word document. Photo is a minimum standard of 3.0 mega-pixel resolution (300 dpi). Any lower resolution will be rejected if not, photo will look extremely pixelated compared to other photos. Your photographer will know how to fix this!
- -Photo must be vertical, no horizontal photos can be accepted.
- -Photos cannot have any of the following: photographer watermark, double images, busy backgrounds and/or excessive shadows or anything that obscures identification of you.

IMPORTANT

Please respect the following dress/photo expectations for the photo & quote that you choose to submit:

- Photos/quotes submitted with any reference to guns/ weapons, drugs, gangs, or sex will be rejected
- Any strapless tops or exposure of butt cheeks will not be permitted
- Minimal or incidental cleavage and midriffs will be reviewed by the three-stage panel

NOTE:

Any photos or quotes that are in question, will be at the discretion of a three-stage panel of students, staff, and administrators to determine if a new photo or quote will need to be submitted.

Baby Ads for your Senior are due by February 10th, 2022

There will be more information regarding Baby Ads, how to create them, and available sizes for purchase in the November newsletter. If you are ready for that information now there is a flyer available outside of room 190C that your student may pick up for you!

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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 in room 316W or email dianira.wynkoop@d51schools.org

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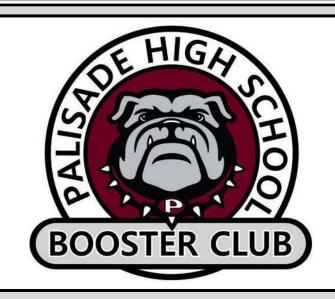
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NEW BULLDOG GEAR!

Baseball caps, shirts, hoodies, lanyards and Nerf footballs are available in the Athletic Office

Trucker hats - \$25

T-shirts - \$15

Maroon hoodie (cotton) - \$30

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

Lanyard - \$3

Nerf football - \$10

Looking for a way to support students? Join the PHS Booster Club! Please email palisadebooster@qmail.com for more information!

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