

Palisade High School

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IMPORTANT DATES

September 7th

Saturday School
8:00-11:00am

September 9th-14th

Homecoming Week
Events

September 14th

Homecoming Dance
7:00-11:00pm in the
PHS main gym

September 16th

- No School-Teacher In-service
- P/T Conferences 3:30- 7:30pm

September 21st

Saturday School
8:00-11:00am



A Message From Principal Dan Bollinger

Hello Palisade Families~

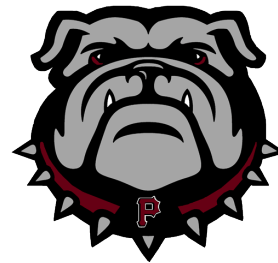
While I enjoy summer break, it doesn't compare with the enthusiasm I feel for the start of a new school year and the joy we share seeing all our students walk back through the front doors! This year's back-to-school assembly broke from tradition somewhat in that we moved it to Friday and paired it with an all-school barbeque on the football field. Instead of squirting freshmen with water and silly string, our seniors gave freshmen t-shirts and invited them into the gym. The atmosphere on campus was both spirited and welcoming, and we're very proud of how our students carried themselves.

We've started the school year with over 1100 students and the largest freshmen class in our history- about 370 students. If you had the opportunity to attend our back-to-school parent night, you probably got a good sense of how full our building is this year. If you were there, you might also remember hearing from our Assistant Principals, Mr. Hayward and Mrs. Anderson. Their messages are worth repeating, I think. Mr. Hayward spoke about failing-forward and encouraging students and parents to celebrate the failures in their days, taking each as a learning-opportunity and evidence of having tried, of having put forth effort. Similarly, Mrs. Anderson shared the four questions she asks in lieu of, "How was your day?" They are: "What risks did you take today?" "When, today, did you bring your voice into the room?" "What questions did you ask today?" "What kind thing did you do or see someone else doing?"

This month, we celebrate our academic letter recipients and homecoming. The week of Sept 9-14th, we'll run an assembly schedule Tuesday-Friday for various activities. There are softball, Boys Soccer, and volleyball games throughout the week, as well as a bonfire the night of the 12th. On Friday, the 13th, buses will run at their regular times, but classes will end mid-day so students and staff can participate in our annual homecoming parade in downtown Palisade.

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That evening, PHS will host a football game at Stocker Stadium, and the dance will start at 7:00pm at PHS on Saturday the 14th. Our alumni will be at many of these events in an attempt to make it a true 'homecoming,' and we hope our parents and community will turn-out for these events, too.

Lastly, a friendly reminder while the weather is still warm – following the dress code helps us maintain a healthy learning environment for students, and we welcome parent support in enforcing the dress code as consistently as possible. A copy of our dress code can be found on our website or in your student's Dog Timer.

Thank you,

Dan



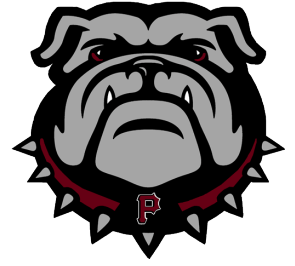
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Counselor's Corner

PSAT/MNSQT – JUNIORS

Who: Juniors looking to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. National Merit is extremely competitive. More information can be found at: <http://www.nationalmerit.org>

Date: Wednesday, October 16th

Registration Deadline: September 18th – You register by paying the test fee to Mrs. Hawkins.

Time: afternoon, time TBD

Location: At PHS – room TBD

Cost: \$20 – Payments need to be at the accounting window

Or call 254-4800 ext. 25107 to pay by credit/debit

Additional Information: *Bring calculator and extra batteries. Need fee waiver, email Ms. Borgmann.*

Number of tests are limited and must be reserved by September 18th !

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.

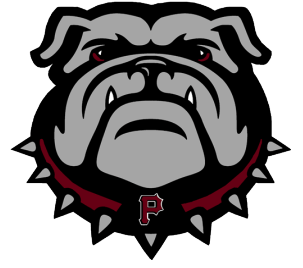
To get started, go to the PHS home page at <http://phs.mesa.k12.co.us/>. Click on the counseling tab then go to "Naviance Student" at the bottom. Students: Use your Student Vue username and password to log on. Parents who want to be added to their students account can have one set up by emailing Mar-yJane.Seriani@d51schools.org.

ASPEN COLLEGE FAIR

Sunday, October 6th from 10 am to 2 pm at Aspen High School. This is the largest college fair for hundreds of miles in all directions. Learn about a variety of schools and their programs, talk with admission representatives from around the country, and learn more about the college admissions process! Please sign up in the Counseling Office **BEFORE** September 25th to register for this event. If you are riding the bus, seats are limited!

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DISTRICT #51 COLLEGE FAIR-JUNIORS & SENIORS

This College Fair will take place on September 10th from 9:00am to 11:30am at Grand Junction High School. Students will visit with college and university representatives from Colorado as well as out-of-state. We will provide transportation via mini-buses for Juniors and Seniors. The buses will leave from PHS at 9 am and will return about 11:00am. **Space on the busses is very limited, and spaces will be on a first-come-first-served basis.** **ALL students MUST return a signed permission form.** Permission forms are available in the Counseling Office.

SENIOR WORKDAY-Taking Care of College Applications!

Wednesday, October 2nd will be Senior Workday. Our counselors will be available in the library to help students with college applications throughout the school day. This is Free Application Week for Colorado Mesa University and several other colleges and universities in Colorado.

ASVAB TEST

The ASVAB Military Career Exploration Test will be held on October 15th, from 9:00am -12:00pm at GJHS. Sign up in the counseling office.

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 scholarship!

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Grades	Information
Sept. 10th (Tuesday) 9:00-11:30am	D51 College Fair	Grand Junction High School	Junior-Senior	This is the only college fair held in Grand Junction. Students will visit with representatives from colleges and universities from Colorado as well as out-of-state.
Oct. 6th (Sunday) 11am-2pm	Western Slope College Fair (Aspen)	Aspen HS	Fresh-Senior	This is the largest college fair on the western slope. 200+ colleges from across the US. Sign up in the counseling office by September 20th .
Oct. 15th (Monday) 9am-12pm	ASVAB Test	GJHS Cafeteria	16 Years +	The ASVAB test is available for free in the Grand Junction High School Cafeteria. Students interested in military careers or wanting a good career assessment should take this test. Scores are NOT automatically reported to recruiters. See the PHS Counseling Office for more information and to sign up. October 15th is a teacher in-service day so students will not be missing classes to take this test. Sign up by October 10th.
Oct. 2 nd (Wednesday) All Day	Senior Work Day	PHS Library	Seniors only	Seniors will dedicate one hour to work side by side with counselors completing college applications, searching for scholarships, planning a military career/training or searching for careers through the Colorado Workforce Center. Seniors will be mailed a form prior to the workday. Please fill it out with parents and bring it with you on Oct. 3rd.

College Visits in PHS Library:

Johnson & Wales University Sept. 11th @ 9:00am

Northern Arizona University Sept. 11th @ 10:45am

Colorado Christian University on Sept. 12th @ 9:30am

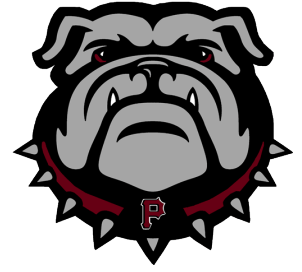
Colorado Mesa University Sept. 18th @ 10:00am

University of Colorado Colorado Springs on Sept. 19th @ 12:30pm

If you have any questions about any of these events, please come by the counseling office or call us at 254-4800 opt 3.

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PHS Booster Club

Come Join Us!

**Wednesday,
September 4th**

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 Hom-bres 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 Yearbook Staff!



Football season is upon us and the Booster Club sells PHS merchandise at many of the home games!



Mention that you saw this newsletter page and receive \$5.00 off any one item of merchandise being sold at a game!

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The PACK is Back!

PACK: Persistence, Attitude, Character, Knowledge —these are the core values of Palisade High School. PACK is the acronym for the culture and the climate we aim to create. It describes the behaviors that make learning possible at PHS, it describes the structures in place to support learning for all students, and it describes the Learner Profile traits that all IB world schools focus on developing as we prepare students to engage in their local and global communities.

The new school year brings an essential opportunity to strengthen the foundation of PACK and what it means to be a Bulldog. All freshmen are enrolled in an academic mentor class which meets four days a week. The focus of this class is on building relationships and a community of Bulldogs. Freshmen engage in lessons designed to make their transition to the Palisade family smooth and inclusive. They are provided opportunities to engage with their peers and develop understanding around our core values.

Sophomores have an academic mentor class which meets three days a week. The sophomore academic mentor class is an opportunity to put PACK into practice through the personal project. Personal projects are an independent exploration into a personal area of interest. Through the personal project students continue to grow in each of the core values of PACK- Persistence, Attitude, Character, and Knowledge —and the final product is a demonstration of that growth.

As PACK is a tiered system of support, the juniors and seniors have opportunities for increased responsibility and freedom. These opportunities are based upon their credits towards graduation and grades in their current courses. If juniors and seniors are on track to graduate they have the privilege to leave campus at lunch. If they have a D or an F in any class juniors and seniors are required to attend content tutoring during the first half of lunch for the week. Though required for students with Ds or Fs, content tutoring is available for any student needing additional time or support with their learning.

Each staff member at PHS plays an essential role in PACK as an academic mentor, content tutor, or campus security during the first half of their lunch. Volunteering this time is our commitment to our students, and our community, to provide opportunities for all students to be successful.

The Learner Profile and PACK—our core values—underpin our school systems and routines as well as what and how we teach. Ultimately, we want PHS graduates to enter into their communities as principled, reflective, inquiring, open-minded, engaged participants. We look forward to partnering with our PHS families in this endeavor.

Perseverance

We never give up.
Risk Taker, Reflective

Attitude

Our attitude dictates our direction.
Caring, Open-minded

Character

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

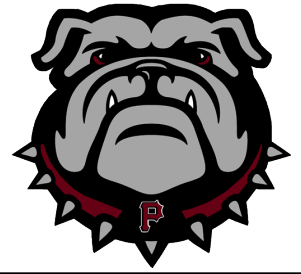
Knowledge

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

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For students enrolled in an AP (Advanced Placement) Class:

This year, the timeline for registering for AP exams has shifted from the Spring to the Fall. Actual testing will still take place in May 2020; however, registration is happening now!

All students enrolled in an AP class at PHS must also enroll online at: myapcollegeboard.org. Students have "join codes" provided by their teachers. If your student is struggling to create or access his/ her account, then he/she must call: 1-888-225-5427.

As students register, they'll be asked whether they intend to test. By Sept 27, all students need to confirm whether they'll test, and, at that time, students also need to pay for their exam(s). College Board's ordering deadline is Oct 4. We will only order an exam if it's been paid for, and, after Nov 15, there's a late fee for additional orders.

While it seems students cannot indicate their eligibility for a fee reduction when registering online (free/reduced), students are absolutely able to receive a reduced rate by confirming their eligibility with Ms. Hawkins, our SBA Secretary in Accounting. Ms. Hawkins will begin accepting payments the first of September. All students who intend to test must see and pay Ms. Hawkins directly. The fee is \$99 per exam unless free/reduced, then \$20. Students can pay with cash or by check or credit card.

If you're a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in an AP class, please check-in with him/her about this timeline:



-Aug 23: Deadline for enrolling online at myapcollegeboard.org.

Even if students miss the deadline, they can and must still register.

-Sept 27: Deadline for indicating whether students will test. Students log in at myapcollegeboard.org to make those changes.

-Oct 4: Payment and ordering deadline. Students must submit payment to Ms. Hawkins. Exams will not be ordered until payment is received.

-Nov 15: After this date, late exam orders will incur a \$40 fee.

If you or your student has questions, please speak to your AP teacher or contact Ms. Anderson, in the main office.

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College & Career Information

Dear Parents/Guardians:

What are your student's next steps *after* high school? Does he or she have a plan? Have you discussed your son/daughter's passions with him/her? What do they want to be when they "really" grow up? It is never too early to start the discussions.

I am here to help! My name is Zach Clute-Reinig, and I am the College and Career Advisor at Palisade High School. In addition to your student's guidance counselor, I am available as a resource for your student. My goal is to meet with every senior and work with them to find their passion for a career and then match that passion to education, apprenticeships, military, etc. after high school. Essentially, I am here to help them get to the next phase of their life.

As the PHS College and Career Advisor, I will be involved in the school in a variety of ways. I will be presenting to small groups or full classes, providing field trips to local businesses that have career opportunities, visits to community colleges and universities, providing guest speakers, inviting college counselors and military recruiters to the building, and most importantly, meeting with students on an individual basis. My focus will be on student interests, career and college goals, presenting options, and assisting the student in finding ways to change their goals into reality.

Concurrently, I will be working closely with your student, as they get closer to choosing a career path, community college, or university. I am here to guide them through, utilizing Naviance, career and college applications, assisting in finding internships, looking/ applying for scholarships, navigating financial aid, and just answering questions. I am here to answer *your* questions as well!

District 51 uses the Naviance software to assist students with Individual Career and Academic Plans. Parents also have a portal to this very helpful tool. Interest inventories, career searches, college searches, salary information, resume building, scholarship listings, letters of recommendation files, and much more are housed within Naviance. Every student from 8th grade to post-graduation will have an account and should be using it more and more as they grow toward graduation. We want you using it too! To sign up, get a registration code from the counseling office and then go to naviance.com and login in through students and families.

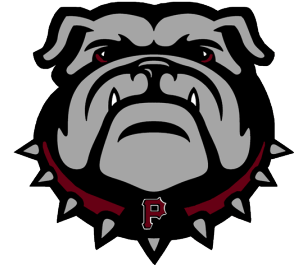
It is my hope to meet your student soon, if I have not already done so! If you have questions, please feel free to email or call me at my contact information below. My hours are from 7:30-3:30 each school day and I will be available at all Parent/Teacher Conferences.

The future is sooner than we think! Let's start planning!

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Seniors Mark Your Calendars!

**Attention
Class of 2020!!!**

SENIOR PICTURE & QUOTE INFORMATION



DEADLINE:

Wednesday October 23rd, 2019 by 3:15pm to room 190C

Late Fee: Any photos turned in **after** Wednesday October 23rd will be subject to a **\$20.00 fee.**

Photos WILL NOT be accepted after **Wednesday December 4th, 2019**
...no exceptions

Notes:

- Do not turn in your one and only copy
- Do not turn in a CD/USB with more than one photo on it
- The CD/USB will not be returned until Yearbook Distribution day. Digital photos from professional photographers will only be returned with permission from the photographer
- All photos submitted are up to the yearbook staff and/or administration discretion
- Quotes must be school appropriate and may be turned down if they are too long

Senior Picture Requirements – Digital Copies ONLY

- Senior's name is printed neatly and spelled correctly on the CD or Flash Drive
- Photo is 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 is vertical. No horizontal photos will be accepted
- Only one person is featured in the photo
- Photo does not have any of the following: photographer watermark, soft focus, black and white, double images or clothing inappropriate for school. These will not be allowed, busy backgrounds and excessive shadows or anything that obscures identification will not be accepted
- Props will be allowed however they must be school appropriate and meet the following guidelines: no weapons, drug affiliation, and inappropriate language on prop/clothing, signs of animal cruelty etc.

Attention Parents of 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!

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