



Palisade High School

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A Message from Principal Dan Bollinger

Hello Palisade Families,

Spring has sprung, and it's a beautiful time of year in Palisade. As you drive to our campus, you're likely to pass peach trees in bloom. We and our students are lucky to live, work, and study in such an idyllic setting. This month's newsletter, like next month's, is dedicated largely to outline upcoming events that all parents/guardians will want to note.

April 6: Telephone Parent Teacher Conferences from 3:30-7:30pm. (Scheduled)

April 13: SAT and PSAT 9 testing, required for Freshman and Juniors. No school for Sophomores or Seniors.

April 14: PSAT 10 testing, required for Sophomores, CMAS required for Juniors. No school for other grade levels.

April 12: Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting at 6PM in the PHS library, focused on goal setting for next year. Any parent/guardian is welcome to attend.

Other events this month include: various Colorado West Music Festival performances, which give our students a chance to both showcase their talents and receive critiques; the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme CAS Expo that highlights students' projects in the areas of Creativity, Activity, and Service and IB banquet (an event celebrating our graduating DP Seniors); as well as NWEA testing in the areas of reading and math for all Freshmen and Sophomores (completed in a class period, giving teachers important data about how best to support their students).

More information about P/SAT testing times and dates can be found on the subsequent pages of this newsletter. However, I want to communicate how important it is that our students attend and give their best. These state tests are important because all students need to show testing proficiency for graduation and because PHS teachers and staff need to know how students are performing so they can better meet students' needs and help prepare students for their futures.

Upcoming Dates

April 6th

P/T Conferences
3:30pm-7:30pm

April 7th

Academic Intervention Day
April 13th
PSAT 9
SAT

April 14th

PSAT 10
CMAS

April 18th-22nd

Live Above the
Influence Week

April 23rd

Prom from 7-11pm at the
CMU Outdoor Tent

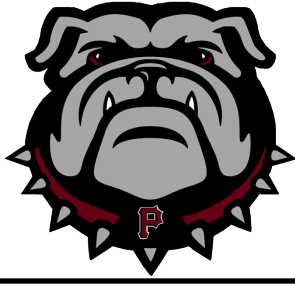
April 26th

NHS Induction Ceremony
at 6pm in the auditorium

April 27th

IB Art Show 6-7:30pm





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Even while PSAT is thought to be "only a practice test," it is high-stakes for the school and a valuable opportunity to practice for the SAT, which is high-stakes for students. Research shows students do much better on the SAT when they've had multiple opportunities to practice. Lastly, testing is important because the results reflect what's working at PHS and where we might make improvements. When students participate in testing and do their best, we have better data and therefore make more informed decisions.

Because testing is so important for students and the school, we closely monitor attendance and will pull-in students for make-up testing in the event a student misses the first exam. Please do not schedule appointments on April 13th and 14th.

Additionally, students who do not attempt to demonstrate proficiency on our standardized tests- a graduation requirement- will not be eligible for their next tiered badge until they attempt to demonstrate proficiency. That means, for example, if you're a sophomore and you don't test, you won't get off-campus privileges until you do, and that opportunity won't come around again for one year.

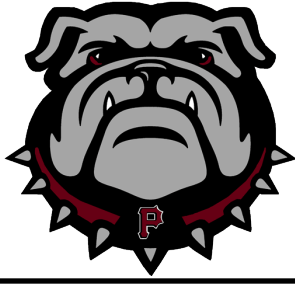
Thank you,
Dan



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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!

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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!

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 and **NOT** 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.

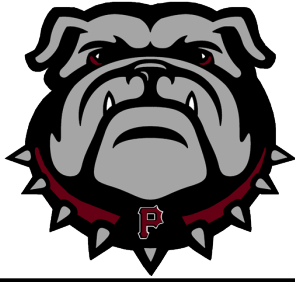
Click [HERE](#) for the link to the 2022 Senior Brochure-all the info you need as we head towards graduation!

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!

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 18th deadline.



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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.

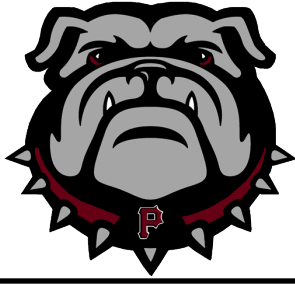
Grade 12: Report to school Monday, Tuesday and Friday. No school for seniors on Wednesday and Thursday, April 13th and 14th.

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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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 th & 12 th NO SCHOOL 9 th & 11 th TESTING
Thursday, April 14	PSAT 10 & CMAS Science 11	9 th & 12 th NO SCHOOL 10 th & 11 th TESTING

On **April 13th and 14th**, 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 13th and 14th;

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 13th and 14th 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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SAT PREP COURSE

Instructor:
Suzanne Bergen,
M.Ed.

April 13th SAT is approaching!!
May 7th SAT is around the corner!!
Up Your Score!



An investment in your child's future!

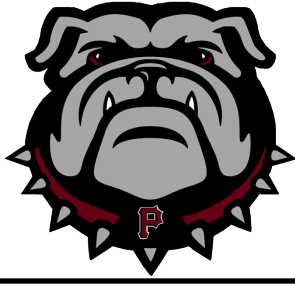
To register, text or call
Suzanne at 970-433-3473

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SUMMER EXTENDED LEARNING

JUNE 6-30



CREDIT
RECOVERY

MONDAY-
THURSDAY



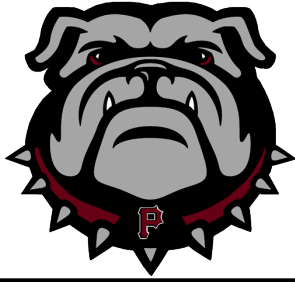
This year's summer extended learning program at Palisade High School is now accepting recommendations.

If you/your student did not pass a course during the 2021-22 school year, summer extended learning might be a good fit for you! If you are interested in recovering credit for a course, please talk to the course's teacher to obtain a recommendation.

- June 6-30, 9AM-1PM @ Palisade High School
- Monday-Thursday
- Buses and Lunch provided

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Lead Teacher
PHS Summer Extended Learning



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PALISADE FOOTBALL LAWN AERATION



SATURDAY APRIL 30TH, 2022

PHS Football Lawn Aeration Fundraiser

The Palisade High School Football team will be aerating lawns for their spring fundraising project on Saturday, April 30th. If you would like your lawn aerated by the PHS football team [click here](https://forms.gle/r3rfQXo4BzCCghZf7) <https://forms.gle/r3rfQXo4BzCCghZf7> sign up on our webpage or email Coach Steele at patrick.steele@d51schools.org. We greatly appreciate your support and we look forward to seeing you on April 30th. Go Bulldogs!



Want a healthy green lawn for the summer?

Get needed nutrients and air to the roots of your grass.

Support the Palisade High School Football Team

Get your lawn aerated by the PHS Football players!

Please contact us to get on the schedule.

PALISADE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Contact:

Coach Steele at Patrick.steele@d51schools.org

Palisade High School
254-4800 ext. 25291



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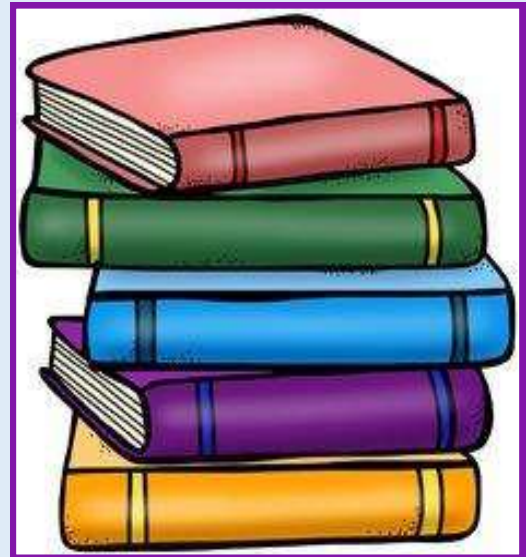
Hey Senior Class,

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



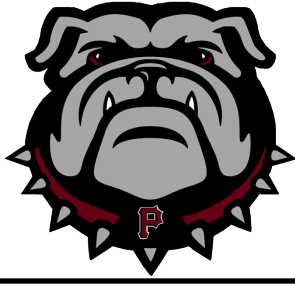
NEWS FROM THE PHS LIBRARY

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!



**Students: Do you love to talk about politics,
current events, or philosophy?**

Join us for a Speech & Debate interest meeting on Tuesday,
April 12 during the second half of lunch in room 198C.
Contact our coach, tracy.seremak@d51schools.org,
with any questions.



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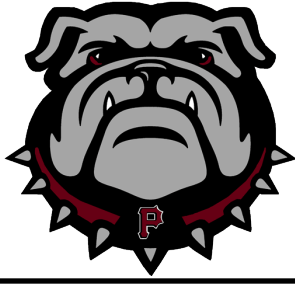
WELCOME FRESHMAN!!

**The Palisade High School Booster Club
will be selling hoodies and t-shirts
on April 6 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm.**

**Look for us in the main lobby
and purchase Bulldog gear
to show your school spirit!**

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

Please inquire by contacting palisadebooster@gmail.com
to see if you qualify or if you are interested in
volunteering your time to our organization.



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