

# Palisade High School

April 2021



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### April 7th

#### **P/T Conferences**

**3:30-7:30pm via phone calls**

### April 8th

#### **Dog Day**

Students with A's, B's & C's are released at 1:35pm.

Students with D's & F's stay for Dog Day Office Hours from 1:40-3:15pm.

### April 13th

**SAT Testing: 7:30-12:30**

**PSAT 9 Testing:**

**7:30-12:30**

### April 14th

**PSAT 10 Testing:**

**7:30-12:30**

### Snack and Study

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays after school in the library from 3:30-4:30**



## **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. While much of 2020-2021 has not been ideal, there's little that makes this Spring different from any we've known in the past, and there is much to celebrate in the near future, including the graduation of the Class of 2021. This month's newsletter, like next months', is dedicated largely to outline upcoming events that all parents/guardians will want to note.

**April 7: Telephone Parent Teacher Conferences from 3:30-7:30pm. (Virtual, or by phone)**

**April 8-23: Students begin building their schedules for next year, with support from our Counselors. \*D51 Online students registered at PHS, see note on page 2.**

**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. No school for other grade levels.**

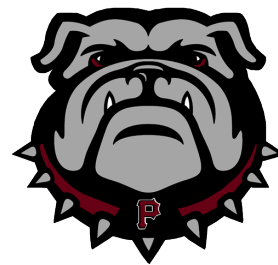
**April 13: Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting at 6:00pm in the PHS library, focused on goal setting for next year. Any parent/guardian is welcome to attend.**

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 (highlighting students' projects in the areas of Creativity, Activity, and Service) and banquet (an event celebrating our graduating DP Seniors); and NWEA testing in the areas of reading and math for all Freshman 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.

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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.

Lastly, Dr. Sirko has recently written to families about two important but non-related topics: masks and staff reductions. For the remainder of the school year, students and staffs will continue to be vigilant and wear masks so as to keep students in school and out of quarantine. While many (if not most) D51 schools are losing positions for the 2021-2022 school year, Palisade High School is not. In fact, we'll be adding a couple of positions in our core subjects. We're able to add positions because our enrollment remains high and PHS continues to be a school parents want their children to attend. We appreciate your commitment to your students, our staff, and our school community. We are honored to be stewards of your child's learning and future success, and we are committed to continuous improvement. Again, if you'd like to contribute to conversations about our current and future initiatives, please consider attending one of our CAC meetings (the next is April 13).

\*D51 Online students who are registered with PHS and plan to return to PHS next year, please check your school-email regularly. In the next two weeks, you'll receive a link to a google form, sent by our counseling department. Use the google form to indicate your preferred classes for next year, and your counselor will build you a schedule.

Thank you,

Dan



## 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

### COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTS – 2020-2021

**State Mandated SAT date for ALL Juniors is April 13, 2021 at PHS-** no registration necessary! Each PHS Junior will be taking the SAT on this date at the school. **Most colleges require the ACT or SAT for admissions (check your college's website for admission requirements).** Some colleges and universities require the writing or essay portion of these tests as well.

### ALL STUDENTS

Log on to your Naviance account to make sure that your current email and phone number listings are correct. 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 StudentVue username and password to log on. Parents who want to be added to their student's account can have one set up by emailing MaryJane.Seriani@d51schools.org.

### CAREER CENTER REGISTRATION FOR 2021/2022

The Career Center provides students with opportunities to learn valuable career skills while earning high school core and elective credit. Some programs also have college credits attached. Students spend half of the day at the Career Center, and their time at PHS in their core classes. Transportation provided. Students interested in attending the Career Center next year should complete an Enrollment Request through the Career Center's website [here](#). Students applying by March 31st will be given priority consideration.

### SCHEDULING FOR 2021/2022

Students will receive scheduling paperwork throughout the month of April. We will notify families of each grade level as we roll out the paperwork.

### 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, since many colleges are planning to start processing financial aid packages in December. Make sure you go to the correct website, [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov) and NOT [www.FAFSA.com](http://www.FAFSA.com). Filling out the FAFSA is free! Also, make sure you select that correct college semester: Fall 2021. You will need your 2019 tax forms in order to complete the FAFSA.

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### 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!

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Naviance is kept current and is an excellent source for scholarship information. Make sure you check your email for scholarship alerts.

Students should check Naviance frequently. Go to the college tab, scroll to the bottom of the page for scholarship list and search.

Check with the college you plan on attending for scholarships they offer.

### SENIORS

- All Seniors MUST complete their senior exit survey. You will receive a link to access the survey when you pick up your check out form.
- Senior check-out sheets will be available May 10th. The exit survey and check out must be completed prior to graduation practice.
- If you haven't done your FAFSA please come to the counseling office for more information.
- If you've received any scholarships or awards, please come to the counseling office with your information, even if you choose not to accept it.
- If you have been accepted in the armed forces, drop your accepted letter off in the counseling office.

Your last day of school is May 13th. Mandatory graduation practice is May 14th at 9:00 am in the gym. Caps and gowns are distributed following graduation practice.

### 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 23rd deadline.



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## 2021 April Test Schedule: SAT/ PSAT/CMAS

### Monday, April 12: Regular School Day

- ♦ Regular Early-Release Monday Schedule  
All Students expected to attend

### Tuesday, April 13: SAT 11 and PSAT 9

- ♦ SAT 11 Testing beginning at 7:50am – Grade 11
- ♦ PSAT 9 Testing beginning at 7:50am – Grade 9

**Bring a calculator, ID, #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils), and eraser(s)**

### Wednesday, April 14: PSAT 10 (no CMAS Science 11 this year)

- ♦ PSAT 10 Testing beginning at 7:50am – Grade 10

**Bring a calculator, ID, #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils), and eraser(s)**

### Thursday and Friday, April 15, 16: Regular School Days

- ♦ Regular School Schedule

### **VALLEY STUDENTS ONLY**

Students attending Valley will test **AT PHS** following the schedule outlined here.

### Test Schedule by Grade

**Grade 9:** Report to school every day but Wednesday, April 14

**Grade 10:** Report to school every day but Tuesday, April 13

**Grade 11:** Report to school every day but Wednesday, April 14

**Grade 12:** Report to school on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. No school for Seniors on Tuesday and Wednesday.

***School begins at the same, regular time all week.***

***Buses will run on their regular schedule all week.***

***Career Center will NOT be in session on April 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>.***

***WCCC expects students to attend when they are not testing.***



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## 2021 AP SATURDAY STUDY SESSIONS

8:00 AM – 12:05 PM

All D51 AP students  
are strongly  
encouraged to attend

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



**JANUARY 30 - FMHS**

AP BIOLOGY  
AP PHYSICS 1  
AP PHYSICS C

**FEBRUARY 13 - virtual or at FMHS**

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY  
AP US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

**FEBRUARY 20 - virtual or at GJHS**

AP US HISTORY  
AP PSYCHOLOGY

**FEBRUARY 27 - virtual or at CHS**

AP BIOLOGY  
AP PHYSICS 1  
AP PHYSICS C  
AP CS PRINCIPLES

**APRIL 10 - virtual or at CHS**

AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
AP ENGLISH LITERATURE

**APRIL 17 - virtual or at GJHS**

AP STATISTICS  
AP CALCULUS

**SEE YOUR AP TEACHER FOR  
MORE INFORMATION**

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## News From...

### From the Health Office

Here is important information should your child need to take medication during the school day:

- \*A medication request form must be completed by the student's parent/guardian and by a health care provider with prescriptive authority before a medication can be administered at school.
- \*Medication request forms are available in the health office or on the school district website under Nursing Services.
- \*All medication (prescription and nonprescription) must be in its original container. Ask the pharmacy for a second container for school if needed.
- \*All medication should be transported to the school by an adult and handed to a school staff member.

If you have any questions, please contact the Health Office at 254-4800 EXT 25114.



### National Honor Society

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

is going to be held on

Monday, April 26th at 6 PM in the Auditorium.



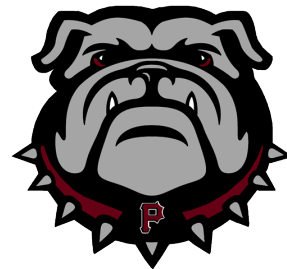
### IB Art

The IB Art Exhibition will be up in the PHS Library from  
April 21st -April 29th



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## News From...

### MRS. HAWKINS IN THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE:

Attention Parents & Guardians:

Your student's 2020-2021 and past fees are available for you to pay using your credit/debit card or your bank account on your MyPaymentsPlus account. If you do not have a MyPaymentsPlus account, you may set one up by following the steps below:

VISIT [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com).

**SELECT** "Register Now" to create a free account.

**FOLLOW** the on-screen instructions to create an account.

**ADD** your student using their student ID number.

If your student's school ID is only five digits, please add a 0 to the beginning of their ID number, for example 099999, to create your account.



Your student's fees may also be paid over the phone with a credit/debit card or in person with cash, check or credit card at the accounting window.

Please call Lisa Hawkins, Palisade High School Accounting Secretary, at (970) 254-4800 ext. 25107 with any questions.

### Mrs. Talley:

### PHS Italy Travelers are hosting a yard sale to help offset travel costs!

Please help us in two ways- donate your unwanted goods and/or shop our yard sale or both!!

Donation drop off: April 30th, 5-8pm

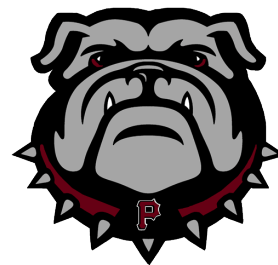


Yard Sale May 1st, 2021 from 8-2pm



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## PALISADE FOOTBALL LAWN AERATION



**SATURDAY  
APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

### PHS Football Lawn Aeration Fundraiser

The Palisade High School Football team will be aerating lawns for their spring fundraising project on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your lawn aerated by the PHS football team [click here](https://forms.gle/B3CE1akxssKGJfK27) <https://forms.gle/B3CE1akxssKGJfK27> to sign up on our webpage or email Coach Steele at [patrick.steele@d51schools.org](mailto:patrick.steele@d51schools.org). We greatly appreciate your support and we look forward to seeing you on April 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:Patrick.steele@d51schools.org)

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254-4800 ext. 25291

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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 not 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:

1. 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 <https://app.schoology.com>

✓ You have successfully logged out.

Sign in to Schoology

All fields are required

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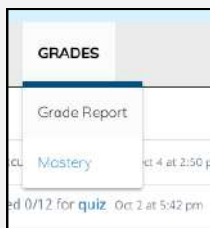
Log In

### In Student Account:

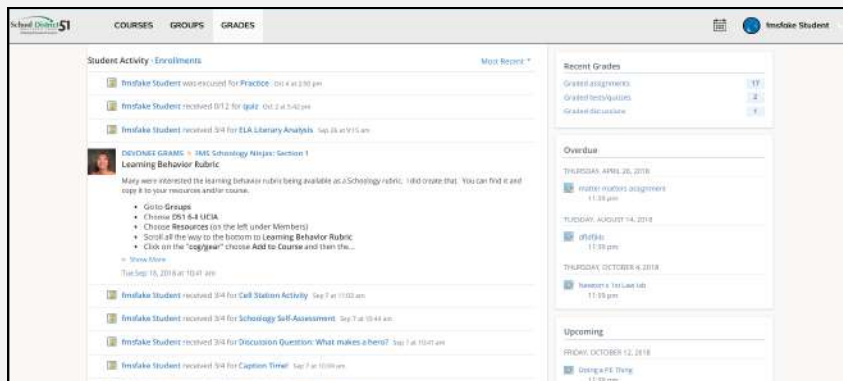
When you initially login, Schoology takes you to your student's account. If you have more than one student enrolled in D51 and Schoology, click on the arrow next to your students name in the top right corner and make the appropriate selection.

### Getting to Grades:

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



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



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## Schoology vs ParentVue

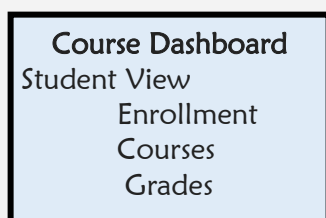
Schoology is our Learning Management System (LMS). Currently all staff at Palisade High School are using Schoology to report progress and grades.

Schoology	ParentVue
Access assignments See progress in course work Access current course grades <b>—To be clear, Schoology is the place that you should check for the most accurate grades, NOT ParentVue and StudentVue</b>	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.

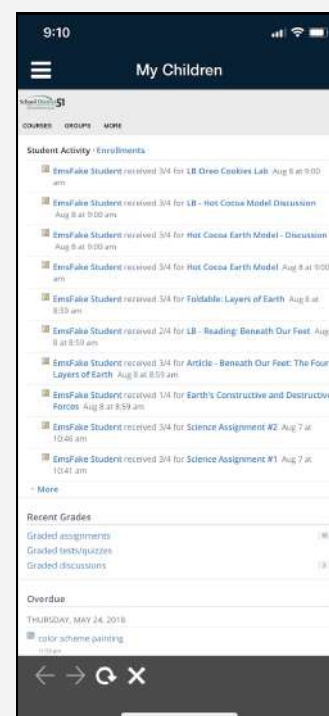
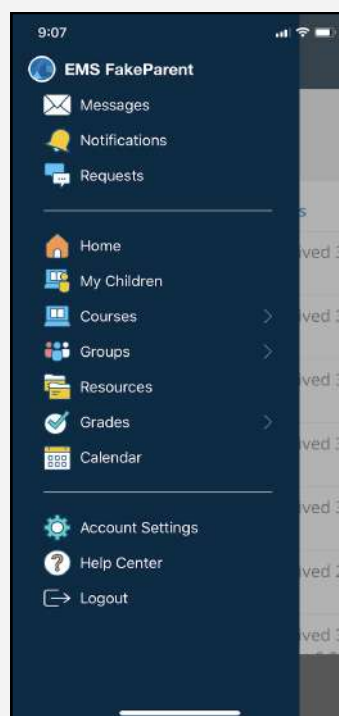
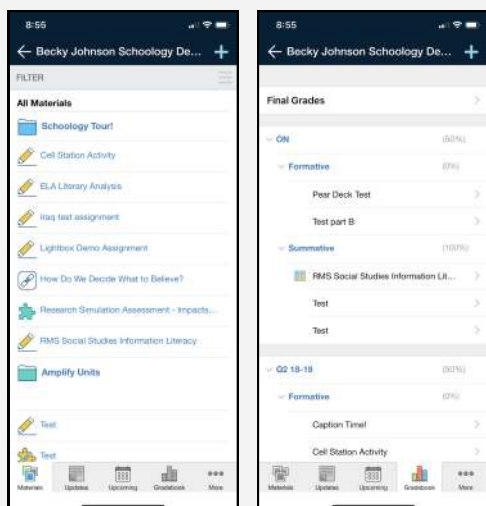
1. Download the Schoology App from the App Store (iOS) or the Google Play Store (Android)
2. Open Schoology on a Mobile Browser (Safari/Chrome). To do this, follow the log-in directions above.

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



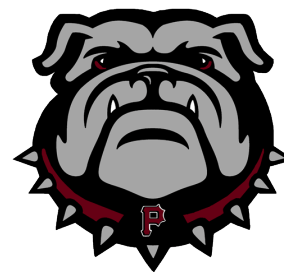
**Schoology Mobile Menu Screen**  
to see courses, grades, and materials

You can also select your student to be able to see **Course Materials & Grade Reports**



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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.

Global Studies A: (S1) Korte, A Global Studies A(6) - 34010-009		
▼ [S1] 2020-07-06 - 2020-12-18 (100%)		100%
▼ [Q1] 2020-07-06 - 2020-10-09 (50%)		100%
▼ Classwork		—
US Map 9/01/20 1:40pm		—
Formative Assessment		—
▼ Formative Assessments		100%
US and Canada 5 themes Project 8/28/20 12:10pm		A+ 25 / 25
Summative Assessment		—
> [Q2] 2020-10-12 - 2020-12-18 (50%)		—
> (no grading period) (0%)		—
Course Grade: 100%		

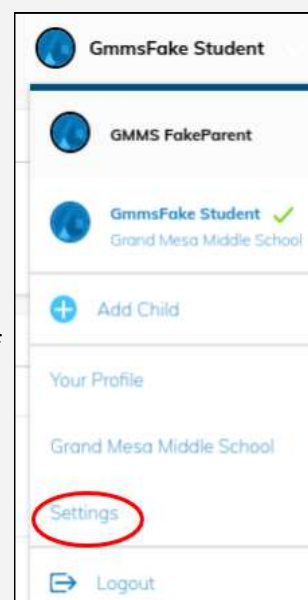
Note: Keep in mind that a dash does not mean an assignment is missing.

### 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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## 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](mailto:palisadebooster@gmail.com) for questions and pricing.

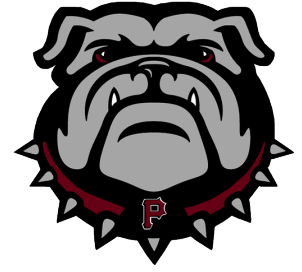
*We are always looking for volunteers and assistance with supporting our students through the Booster Club.  
Please email [palisadebooster@gmail.com](mailto:palisadebooster@gmail.com) for more information!*





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