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IMPORTANT DATES



September 7th
NO SCHOOL

September 21st
NO SCHOOL

PARENTS:

Please refer to pages 4-6 of the newsletter for information on how to use Schoology!

A Message from Principal Dan Bollinger

Hello Palisade Families~

Though we've been emailing you with our back-to-school plans and updates, this is our first official newsletter of the year, and it is a good time to thank you, our PHS families, for all the support you've given your students and our staff at the start of a most unusual year.

Normally, in this newsletter, I'd communicate all our Homecoming activities. Unfortunately, we don't get to celebrate the same things this year. There's no football games, yet, to get excited about. However, that does not mean we don't have things to celebrate or look forward to. For one, we're all still able to come to school each day! Three weeks in, we're maintaining a safe school and face-to-face learning, and, for that, we are very grateful.

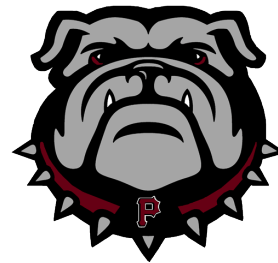
Over the weekend, our Student Council hosted a drive-in movie, and it was very well attended. Our students are finding community and showing their spirit in any way they can. They are working hard to create a homecoming week that might include activities similar to the past, and will present to the health department to get them cleared. To have a chance, we all need to continue to follow health guidelines. Thank you, Student Council, for thinking outside the box and finding new ways of bringing us together.

Some of our sports teams, too, have been able to play: softball, boy's golf, cross-country, and tennis. Though a lot of the performances and activities we're used to seeing in the Fall are either cancelled or on-hold, we're still keeping students involved and are preparing for opportunities to play/perform in case they become possible, as with our marching band practices and theatre auditions. The Fall play, *Clue*, could be shown virtually or maybe to small audiences. We don't yet know, but we will innovate wherever we can!

The hallways and face coverings certainly give our campus a different look, but, inside our classrooms, your students still have access to great teaching and learning. I can't say enough good about our teachers and

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how hard they're working to help students feel comfortable and get reacquainted with course content. I've also received many positive emails and phone calls from families, recognizing those efforts. If you'd like to know more about how we approach teaching and learning at Palisade, please take a look at the letter from Brooke Caster, our MYP Coordinator and Instructional Coach.

Some PHS students have moved to the D51 online school. We know those students and families want to get going with their online learning and will have more direction this week and next. We support the decision to access the D15 online option, and we want to let our students and families know that we also support you if/when you opt to return to PHS for face-to-face learning, the sooner the better.

Lastly, a friendly reminder while the weather is still warm, the dress code is still in play. 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



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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Being a Part of the PACK

At Palisade High School, PACK represents our core values, it is the foundation for the culture and climate we aim to create. PACK 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 two 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. Freshmen are provided opportunities to engage with their peers and develop understanding around our core values. The remaining days of the week all freshmen are required to attend a club (Thursdays) and office hours (Wednesday & Friday) with one of their teachers.

On Mondays and Tuesdays all sophomores at PHS have an academic mentor class. In this class, sophomores have the opportunity to bring 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 part of the tiered system, sophomores with good grades (Cs or better in all their classes) earn extended, on campus, lunch Wednesday - Friday; while those with Ds or Fs are provided an opportunity to get support from their teachers through office hours.

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.

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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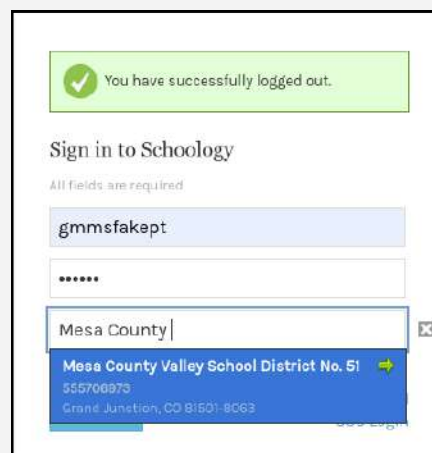
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Parent Introduction to **Schoology**

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>

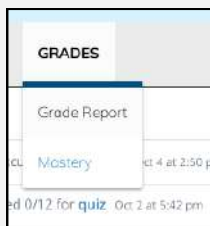


In Student Account:

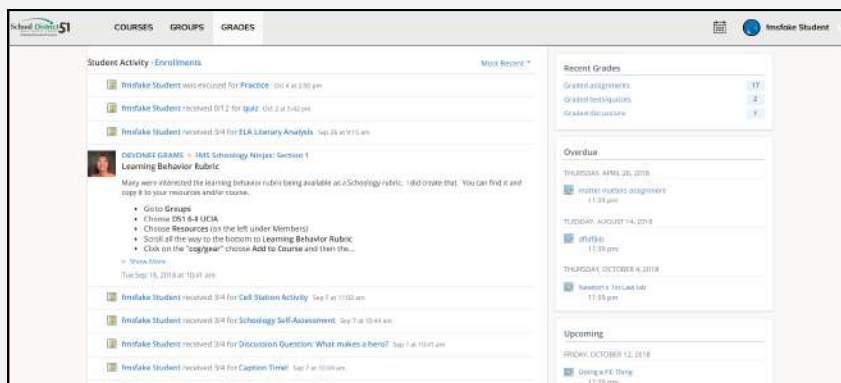
When you initially login, Schoology takes you to your student's account. If you have more than one student enrolled in D51 and Schoology, click on the arrow next to your students name in the top right corner and make the appropriate selection.

Getting to Grades:

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

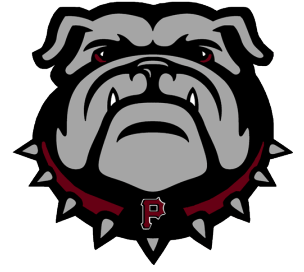


From the grades drop down, click on **Grade Report**



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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.

The screenshot shows a Schoology course page for 'Global Studies A: (S1) Korte, A Global Studies A(6) - 34010-009'. The page is organized into sections for different grading periods. The first section, '[S1] 2020-07-06 - 2020-12-18', shows a 100% grade. The second section, '[Q1] 2020-07-06 - 2020-10-09', also shows a 100% grade. Under the Q1 section, there are sub-sections for 'Classwork' (with a dash), 'Formative Assessments' (with a 100% grade), and 'Summative Assessment' (with a dash). A specific assignment, 'US and Canada 5 themes Project', is listed with a grade of 'A+ 25 / 25'. The bottom of the page shows the overall '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.

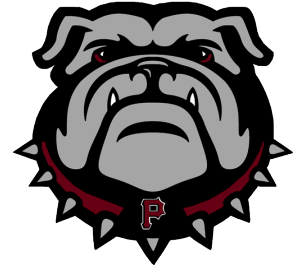
There is a notifications tab that allows you to sign up for weekly summaries for your student. It is recommended to set those to Tuesday or Wednesday instead of Friday.

Messages sent to parents through Schoology will come to the email you have linked to Schoology as well as the Schoology account itself.

The screenshot shows a user menu in Schoology. The menu items are: 'GmmsFake Student', 'GMMS FakeParent', 'GmmsFake Student' (with a green checkmark and 'Grand Mesa Middle School' below it), 'Add Child', 'Your Profile', 'Grand Mesa Middle School', 'Settings' (circled in red), and 'Logout'.

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

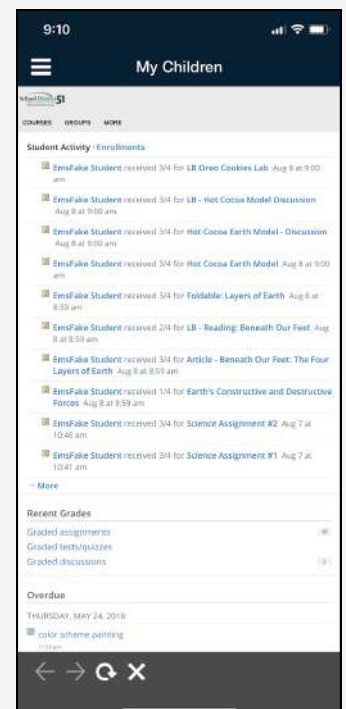
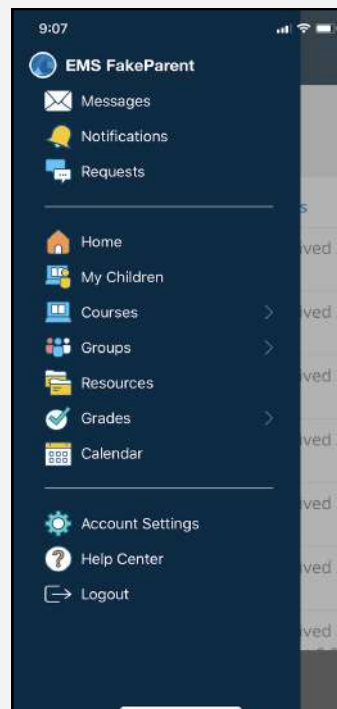
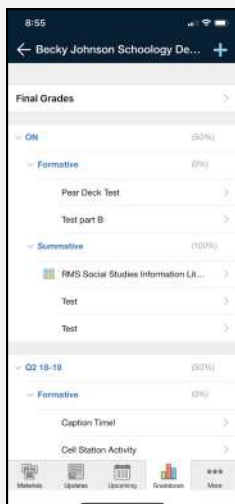
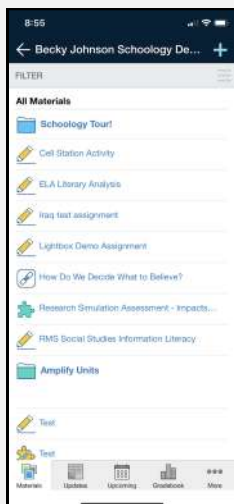
Many of the same features on the

Course Dashboard
 Student View
 Enrollment
 Courses
 Grades

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 for your student, select **My Children**.

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



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Save the Dates: Fall Testing 2020

PHS Students and Families,

The Spring 2020 SAT and PSAT exams would have taken place last April but were cancelled. This year, we will hold SAT and PSAT exams twice- once this Fall, as a make-up and once in the Spring, as we always do.

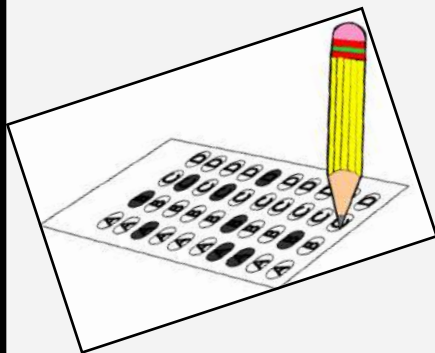
The make-up SAT for all Seniors is Wednesday, October 14th

Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors will not attend school on Oct 14th. This is for Seniors only.

The make-up PSAT 10 for all Juniors is Thursday, October 29th

Freshman, Sophomores, and Seniors will not attend school on the 29th. This is for Juniors only, and all Juniors will be taking a version of PSAT 10 known as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Sophomores will not take a make-up PSAT 9!



Spring tests will be announced at a later date!

Updated SAT School Day Dates

Students who registered for an SAT Weekend test administration before learning their school was offering SAT School Day can contact the Student Helpline to:

- Move their weekend registration to a future test date without incurring a change fee, or
- Receive a refund of their testing fee.

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Counselor's Corner

PSAT/NMSQT – JUNIORS-ALL Juniors will take the PSAT in October. It will also serve as the NMSQT PSAT.

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 14th

Location: At PHS

Additional Information: Bring calculator and extra batteries.

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 StudentVue username and password to log on. Parents who want to be added to their students account can contact

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COLORADO WESTERN SLOPE COLLEGE FAIR (ASPEN COLLEGE FAIR)

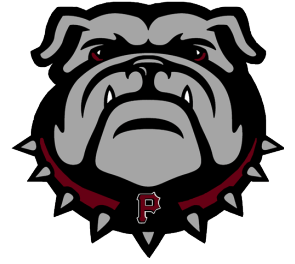
The Colorado Western Slope College Fair (Aspen College Fair) will be a virtual event this year. Students need to register to access the information. Student registration opens on September 1st at www.cwscollegeoutreach.org

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 scholarship!

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DISTRICT #51 COLLEGE FAIR

The Colorado Council Day/Night Fair Committee is excited to announce that we will be hosting a Virtual College Fair Week for ALL of the Colorado students this Fall in place of our in-person fairs. Please save the week of October 5th-9th, for the Colorado Council Virtual College Fair Week. The Virtual College Fair Week will be FREE to students and their families. We are hoping by offering the Virtual Fair for one week, that students and families from across the state will have time to participate in the fair when it is convenient for them.

So far, there are 61 colleges and universities registered including 21 in state institutions. There will be four features to this event, which include specific live chat times with colleges, individual college information sessions, panel presentation sessions with at least 3 institutions, and virtual fair booth students can visit at any time for information. Please see the following video with students that outlines the virtual fair website, https://drive.google.com/file/d/14KZFXL_kCGj-8wk7OGZKAfzHRkiZgmHW/view?usp=sharing

Reminder to Both Parents and Students:

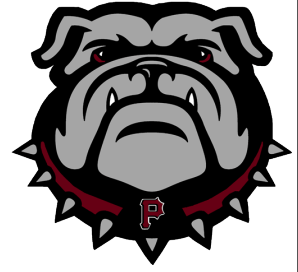
Please don't forget to fill out the Symptom tTracker each day before you get on the bus or before you arrive at school!

Also, don't forget to wear your mask properly throughout the day!



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STARTING OFF-

It is an honor to get to step into the shoes of Zach Clute-Reinig and continue running with your student! There are so many directions your student could go.

I am here to help as an additional resource, along with their counselor, to navigate through the jungle of college applications, financial aid, career choices, continuing education, vocational training and many more decisions that pop up along the way. I want to partner with you to help them succeed!

WE CAN DO THIS!

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you might have, no matter where you are in the process. We are living in one wild world, and to the best of my abilities, along with your counselor, I will help provide resources for your student. I am here to help and cheer them on!

CONTACT INFO:

I can be found in the PHS library behind the whiteboard during normal school hours. I am also available by email and phone. Also follow our Facebook page for important updates.

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NEWS FROM the PHS YEARBOOK Staff

Senior Pictures

Due: On (or by) October 30th!

More information on this will be available soon!

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 in February, but more information about this will be available soon!

ORDER YOUR 2020-2021 YEARBOOK NOW!

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School Merchandise For Sale

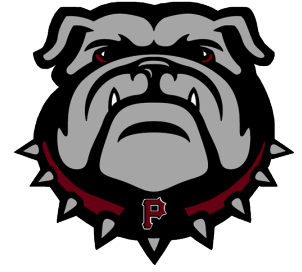
We have new MAROON sweatshirts, assorted baseball caps and YOUTH T-shirts, as well as, existing GRAY sweatshirts and short/long sleeve shirts for guys and gals!

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 palisadebooster@gmail.com for more information!

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