



# ODYSSEY ECCO NEWS

October 2018



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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&  
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719-328-2085**

### OCTOBER

9/25-10/9—Campus Pathway Students  
Complete Enrollment Count Day Forms

10/1/2018-10/31/2018—Accuplacer  
Progress Monitoring Window

10/1-24/2018—Counselor Student  
Advising

10/1/2018—School Accountability  
Committee Night (ALL staff and parents  
welcome), 4:30-6:00 p.m.

10/3/2018—Official Count Day

10/4/2018—Seniors: FAFSA Completion  
Night (ICAP Lesson), 5:00-7:00 p.m., TBD

10/5/2018—Deadline to register for  
November 3, SAT.

10/5/2018—Phoenix Family Friday /  
Morning Coffee with the Principal  
(Parents) 7:30-9:30 a.m.

**10/8/2018—RJWAC Student Picture Day**

10/8-12/2018—Accuplacer Testing

10/8-12/2018—Spirit Week

10/12/2018—ICAP Friday, 11:06-11:36  
a.m., Designated Rooms

10/12/2018—End of 1st Quarter

10/12/2018—Fall Formal Dance, 7:00-  
10:00 p.m.

10/13/2018—Seniors: FAFSA Completion  
(ICAP Lesson), 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon, TBD

10/15/2018—Teacher Work Day – (No  
Students)

10/15/2018—Quarter 1 Grades Must Be  
Posted in Q by Noon Today

10/16/2018—Quarter 1 grades are  
available online for students

10/16/2018—Beginning of 2nd Quarter

10/22/2018—PPCC Priority Registration  
Begins (Spring)

10/22/2018—PPCC Registration opens for  
all students. (Spring)

10/24/2018—In State College Fair 9:30  
a.m.-10:30 a.m., Coronado High School

**10/24/2018—Parent/Teacher  
Conferences, 3:30-7:00 p.m.**

**10/24/2018—Counselor Advising  
Meetings, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**10/25/2018—Parent/Teacher  
Conferences, 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. (No  
School)**

**10/25/2018—Counselor Advising  
Meetings, 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.**

10/26/2018—Parent/Teacher Conference  
make-up day or teacher comp day

*Events, continued...*

**UPCOMING EVENTS, *CONTINUED...*****NOVEMBER**

11/1/2018—Concurrent Enrollment Agreements Due

11/2/2018— Phoenix Family Friday / Morning Coffee with the Principal (Parents) 7:30-9:30 a.m.

11/5/2018—School Accountability Committee Night (ALL staff and parents welcome), 4:30-6:00 p.m.

11/6/2018—Off Campus Seminar 11:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon, Required for all students who will be going Off-campus for the first time.

11/8/2018—Career Panel, Computer Sciences, 9:30-11:00 a.m., RJWAC Auditorium

11/9/2018—ICAP Friday, 11:06-11:36 a.m., Designated Rooms

11/9/2018—Coffee House, 5:00-7:30 p.m., Black Box Theater

11/12/2018—Veteran's Day – Recognition in School

11/12/2018—Mid-Quarter 2 grades are available online for students

11/13/2018—RJWAC Picture Re-Take Day

11/13/2018—PPCC Tour, 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Centennial Campus

11/13/2018—PPCC Tour, 12:00 Noon-2:00 p.m., Rampart Campus

11/14/2018—Concurrent Enrollment Form Deadline for Spring

11/15/2018— PPCC Graduation Ceremony Application Deadline—Students completing Associates Degree in December.

(Students MUST apply in order to participate in the PPCC Graduation Ceremony)

11/19-23/2018—Thanksgiving Break, District 11 Closed

11/22/2018—Thanksgiving Day, PPCC Closed

11/23-25/2018—PPCC open, BUT NO CLASSES

11/26/2018—PPCC Withdrawal Date, Fall Semester (PPCC Campus)

11/28/2018—PPCC Withdrawal Date, Fall Semester (Odyssey/RJWAC Campus)

11/30/2018—Winter Formal, 7:00-10:00 p.m., Cafeteria



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...



Greetings from Odyssey Early College and Career Options,

The first quarter of the school year has been filled with great energy, exciting activities, and wonderful achievements from both our students and staff. As we work our way towards the second quarter, both students and staff continue to focus on creating meaningful experiences and relationships, as they build a positive culture in our daily lives.

Here are some reminders and reflections moving forward:

- Thank you to all the students, families and staff, for putting on such a great open house! The winners of the "best of" club tables were GSA club and Sudo Cyber Career and Technical Student Organization. We apologize to any families that had difficulty with parking that evening, due to multiple activities happening on and around the RJWAC campus.
- The RJWAC Car Show was a complete success! Mr. Chesire and his Career Pathway auto students did a fantastic job in sponsoring this event. It was one of the best-attended events to date. A special thanks to Darek Marino for donating \$1500 towards auto student scholarships.
- Seniors, if you haven't attended a mandatory senior meeting yet, please reach out to the Counseling Department. Part of your graduation requirement is to complete your ICAP. Counselors are ready and willing to help with anything you may have missed.
- Don't forget, next Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup> is picture day. On picture day, students also receive their physical student ID.
- Looking ahead, Parent-Teacher Conferences is almost here! Conferences will be held from 3:30pm-7: 00 pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 7:30am-7: 00 pm on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Conferences are on a first come, first served basis. Please join us!

Proud to be a Phoenix,  
Sean Norman, Principal



### PreK - 12 Colorado Teachers!

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#### Odyssey Early College & Career Options

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## OCTOBER STUDENT COUNT

The funding for Colorado schools is based on the **October Student Count**.

The October Count window opens on September 26<sup>th</sup> and closes on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Official Count Day is October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Attendance is important to your student's education and during the count window it is important to our funding.**



If your student will be late or absent, please remember to call **719-328-2020**, to ensure the absence or tardy is excused.



## STUDENT COUNCIL EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2018

*Anthony Beretta and Esperanza Lopez: Sponsors*

**SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!**

***DRESS UP FOR SPIRIT WEEK***

**MONDAY, OCT 8<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>!**

The Spirit Week schedule is as follows:

Monday 10/8:	Dress for success day: (10/8 is also picture day)
Tuesday: 10/9	Superhero T-Shirt Day
Weds.: 10/10	Meme/Vine Day
Thursday: 10/11	Cosplay Day (Dress as your favorite character)
Friday: 10/12	Class Colors Day: Freshman, White Sophomore: Grey/Silver Juniors: Black Seniors: Teal

***WE ARE Odyssey ECCO and WE RISE TO SHOW OUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!***

## SCHOOL DANCE ~ OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

*SPONSORED BY STUDENT COUNCIL*

Join us for the dance Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm-10:00pm! We want you here! Tickets are \$7 single and \$10 for a couple if you buy before the dance. Please see

Mrs. Kokes in the service center to purchase tickets. If you wait, prices are \$10 each at the door for each person. There will be snacks, food, and refreshments.

Come and enjoy!



## FROM THE COUNSELING CENTER

### ADVISING FOR SPRING 2019

Advising for Spring 2019 has begun! Counselors will be calling campus students down to the Counseling Office during the school day to discuss their course options for Spring 2019.

Mrs. Johnson or Mrs. Everette will be at the PPCC campuses for advising with off campus students per the schedule below. Off campus students may meet with either counselor for advising and are asked to bring their laptop and a pencil to their advising appointments. Off Campus students may make an advising appointment by contacting Ms. Taura at 719-328-2085. Appointments are highly recommended but walk ups are welcome!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Counselor</u>	<u>PPCC Campus</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, October 1, 2018	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Mrs. Johnson	Centennial	Aspen Building (Near the Café)
Tuesday, October 2, 2018	7:30 am - 11:30 am	Mrs. Everette	Downtown	Across from Bookstore
Tuesday, October 9, 2018	7:30 am - 11:30 am	Mrs. Everette	Centennial	Aspen Building (Near the Café)
Monday, October 15, 2018	7:30 am - 11:30 am	Mrs. Everette	Rampart	Main Entrance (Near the Fountain)
Tuesday, October 16, 2018	7:30 am - 11:30 am	Mrs. Everette	Rampart	Main Entrance (Near the Fountain)
Monday, October 22, 2018	7:30 am - 11:30 am	Mrs. Everette	Centennial	Aspen Building (Near the Café)
Tuesday, October 30, 2018	7:30 am - 11:30 am	Mrs. Everette	Centennial	Aspen Building (Near the Café)
Tuesday, November 6, 2018	7:30 am - 11:30 am	Mrs. Everette	Downtown	Across from Bookstore
Tuesday, November 13, 2018	7:30 am - 11:30 am	Mrs. Everette	Centennial	Aspen Building (Near the Café)
Tuesday, November 27, 2018	7:30 am - 11:30 am	Mrs. Everette	Rampart	Main Entrance (Near the Fountain)

## OFF CAMPUS OCTOBER COUNT

The 2018 October Count window begins on Wednesday, September 26th. Any students that are off campus full time and not attending Odyssey for any classes, are required to have an Enrollment Count Day Attendance Record filled out and signed by the course instructor for each off campus class. Please make sure that the form lists the time of the class, the instructor's initials next to each date you attend, and their signature and title at the bottom of the form. Forms can be found on the Odyssey ECCO homepage. Completed forms are due to the Counseling Center by Friday, October 12, 2018. Please contact Ms. Taura at 719-328-2085 if you have any questions.



## UPCOMING COUNSELING EVENTS

### SENIOR FAFSA COMPLETION NIGHT

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2018 5:00-7:00 PM**

FAFSA completion is a graduation requirement and ALL seniors need **to complete it annually, for as long as they are an Odyssey student.**

### ACCUPLACER INFORMATION NIGHT

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018 – 6:00-7:00 PM**

This is an informational session about how Accuplacer works and how Counseling uses it to determine classes. Many of the questions that new parents have about how our school works, will be answered at this event. **Attendance is strongly encouraged for all new families.**



### STRESS AND ANXIETY MANAGEMENT GROUP

Group starts Oct 4th at  
Lunch 12:15-12:45

The group will be informative, interactive and supportive.

Please consider sharing this information with students you know who might benefit from this group.

## D11 LAUNCHES THE NATION'S FIRST CYBERSECURITY CTSO

D11 in collaboration with Pikes Peak Community College and the National Cybersecurity Center has launched the first Career and Technology Student Organization (CTSO) for cybersecurity. The name of the new CTSO is sudo CYBER. Local school districts, those from the Denver and states including Hawaii and Tennessee will be launching chapters.

Our new Odyssey ECCO sudo CYBER CTSO officers are, Jacob Schmitt, Kyle Donahoo, Xavier Wilson and Alex Umana. They will participate in the inaugural sudo CYBER CTSO Leadership Conference which will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Catalyst Campus in Colorado Springs.



## CYBERSECURITY CAREER PATHWAY ROBOTICS

The Cybersecurity Career Pathway has been awarded 10 robot kits by the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education Research Center (NICERC) a program within the Cyber Innovation Center. The kits list for about \$243.00 each. Then NICERC robot kits will enable students to explore electronics, computer programming and robotics after school in our Cyber Lab. The lab is open on Thursdays after school for our sudo CYBER CTSO and student exploration. All students are welcome to participate in Open Lab on Thursdays.



## CLUB LIST FOR FALL 2018 ODYSSEY EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER OPTIONS

### Monday:

- Mr. Alarcon: Philosophy Club, during lunch, Room 196
- Mrs. Coil: Art Club, 3:00-4:00 pm, Room 178
- Ms. Weeks: Creative Writing Club, during lunch, Room 124

### Tuesday:

- Mrs. Lord: Link Crew, during lunch, Room 162
- Mr. Tomeo: Guitar Club 2:45pm-4:00pm
- Ms. Weeks: Speech and Debate Club, after school, Room 124
- Mr. Beretta/Ms. Lopez: Student Council, 3:00-4:00 pm, Room 174
- Mr. Berry: Cultural Awareness Club, during lunch, Room 176

### Wednesday:

- Ms. Rotunno, Mrs. Everette, and Mrs. Johnson: Sources of Strength, during lunch, Room 192
- Mr. Brown: Basketball Club, 7:15 am, Small Gym
- Mr. Tomeo: A + Security + Study Group, 2:45-4:00 pm, Room 175
- Ms. Weeks: GSA, Lunch and after school, Room 124
- Mr. Berry: Magic the Gathering, after school, Room 176
- Mrs. Friesma/Mrs. Aragon: FCCLA, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, during class. Room 154
- Mr. Beretta/Mrs. Kraft: Math tutoring, 2:50-3:20 pm, Room 174
- Ms. Lopez: Music Club, 3:00-4:00 pm, Room 116

### Thursday:

- Mr. Tomeo: Sudo Cyber CTSO/ Cyber Patriot and open lab Thursdays from 2:45-4:00 pm
- Ms. Weeks: Creative Writing Club, during lunch, Room 124
- Ms. Weeks: English tutoring, after school, Room 192
- Mrs. Banfield: Journalism, 3:00-7:00 pm, Room 192

### Friday:

- Mrs. Lord: Link Crew, Lunch/6<sup>th</sup> period, Room 162
- Mrs. Dallam: Spanish Club: First Friday of every month, during lunch, Room 121  
(Off-set Fridays are a study group)
- Ms. Weeks: Speech and Debate, after school, Room 124
- Dr. Owino: FFA, 3:00-4:00 pm, Lunch and after school, Room 41
- Dr. Clayton: Young Entrepreneurship Program, during lunch and after school, Room 179
- Mr. Berry: National Honor Society, 10:45 am, Room 176



# Picture Day is Coming

Order before Picture Day at **mylifetouch.com**

Picture Day is:

**Monday, October 08, 2018**

**RJW Academic Campus**

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## **PHOENIX FAMILY FRIDAY COFFEE WITH PRINCIPAL NORMAN**

Phoenix Family Friday is an excellent opportunity for families to meet with Principal Norman. This is a time set aside for you to ask questions, share ideas and discuss items in an informal setting. Mr. Norman will also share out information with you regarding upcoming events, items to celebrate and challenges ahead. This is an open time, so come and go as you are available. *Please join us for Phoenix Family Friday, October 5, 7:30-9:30 a.m., room 195.*

## **DANIELS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Over the last two years, Odyssey ECCO has proudly produced two Daniels Fund Scholars and one additional finalist. The Daniels Fund accepts applications from October 1 to November 29. Interested students should begin contacting potential teachers, staff and faculty for recommendations. Let's see if Odyssey ECCO can have a full scholarship award three years in a row.

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.



Contact  
Daisy Weeks  
719-328-3042  
for more  
information.

### RJWAC Student Picture Day

Mark your calendars... The RJWAC will be conducting student pictures on Monday, October 8. Picture order forms will be distributed two weeks prior to picture day.

Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable! Reach parents in your local community & a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school! Businesses that want to sponsor this school, please contact TSCA at [info@tscaschools.com](mailto:info@tscaschools.com)

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The School  
Communications  
Agency



## SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (SAC) MEETING NOTES FOR 1 OCTOBER 2018



**About the SAC:** This is a gathering of school staff, parents, and community members to discuss matters about the school and the path it is on. Students are also welcomed. You receive information about what is happening in the school and your feedback is welcomed.

**Attendance:** Mr Norman, Dr Lamphere, Steve Owens, Anni Mezzofante, Joseph Mezzofante

### Meeting Notes:

- Potential new hires: There are vacant positions that need filled. It looks like those positions will be filled soon.
- A new career pathway. Journalism will be the new pathway coming and it will be headed up by Mrs Banfield.
- Count window and count day. October 3<sup>rd</sup> is count day which will be for all students at the Wasson campus. The window is for those attending courses off of the Wasson campus. Counts are important because it determines funding for individual schools. There is a flat rate fee per student per education tier.
- Parent Teacher conference will be October 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:30PM to 7:00PM and October 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:30AM to 7:00PM. The 26<sup>th</sup> is an optional make up day. It will be a first come first serve basis. It is up to the teacher if they will make appointments.
- Evacuation drills were completed. There was only 1 emergency bag on the whole campus. Odyssey staff deemed 1 bag not enough in case of emergency and decided to take action. Odyssey ECCO now has 3 bags just within their school. This will help in the case of a real emergency because bags will be located throughout the Odyssey foot print.
- The staff should be getting an upgrade in their laptops. Currently, the staff has computers that can't easily handle their needs. They are looking at possibly getting laptops with more ram and faster processors to be able to handle their daily computing task. 8GB is considered an upgrade. With Windows 10, 4GB is on the low end. This is a welcomed idea among those attending the SAC meeting.
- Teachers may adopt Schoology as a teaching platform. It was recommended by the SAC that the teachers should have the option to use the platform instead of being forced to. Some teachers already have systems in place to assist with instruction. Having multiple system experience at the high school level would ready students for college courses off of the campus because the platforms will vary from teacher to teacher.
- Unified School Improvement Plan (USIP) was discussed. There is more of a focus on mathematics because there is more of a need for growth in that subject area. Initial USIPs were provided for those attending the meeting

*SAC, continued...*



## **SAC NOTES, *CONTINUED...***

- Accuplacer changes were discussed. There are now more accuplacer test, but students will only test in what they need to test in so the number of test taken will not change for students. The test are now more tiered for the level they are currently at. The point ranges are more broad and the school already has new targeted score values for placement into classes.
- The school budget was discussed. Each person was given a copy of the budget and time to look it over. Each department has their own budget and there were no issues.

### **DATES OF INTEREST FOR PARENTS**

- Senior FAFSA completion dates: Oct 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00PM or Oct 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM-Noon
- Coffee with the Principal – Oct 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:30AM
- Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> SAT deadline is Oct 5<sup>th</sup>
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> will have 1<sup>st</sup> quarter grades posted in Q
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, there is no school for students that attend classes at the Wasson campus. Offsite classes are not affected and will run as normal.
- Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> is the start of enrollment for the Spring semester.
- Parent Teacher conferences are on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The 26<sup>th</sup> is a possible make up day. Hours are in the meeting notes.
- Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – Concurrent Enrollment Agreements are due for the next semester.
- Coffee with the Principal for November is on the 2 of Nov from 7:30-9:30AM



**Next School  
Accountability Committee  
(SAC) meeting will be on  
Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM.  
If you can make it, please  
come, even if you are  
running late.**

If you have any questions  
or what more info about  
the SAC,  
you can contact me  
via e-mail at  
[mezzofantej@gmail.com](mailto:mezzofantej@gmail.com)