

Palisade High School

September 2024



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A Message from Principal Dan Bollinger

PHS Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and full of enthusiasm as we embark on a new academic year. I am happy to share that our first few weeks have been very successful as well as some struggles, but overall a positive atmosphere.

I want to extend a special thank you to our incredible team of educators. Their dedication and tireless efforts ensure that every child receives the best possible education. Their passion, commitment, and innovative spirit are truly inspiring, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a talented group shaping our students' futures.

I also want to highlight the importance of our advisory council meetings and the opportunity to become a PHS ambassador. These meetings offer valuable insights and a chance to voice your experiences and concerns, which can lead to meaningful changes within the school. For example, the creation of the senior timeline stemmed from parents feeling out of the loop regarding deadlines. Additionally, the meeting minutes include information on upcoming events, college road trips, and career fairs. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to stay informed and involved.

As we celebrate our achievements, it's important to recognize that challenges and struggles are an integral part of a child's educational journey. While we might instinctively want to shield our children from difficulties, it's crucial to understand that these challenges are not setbacks but rather stepping stones toward growth and development.

Facing challenges helps students build resilience, problem-solving skills, and perseverance—qualities that will benefit them throughout their lives. Just as a butterfly strengthens its wings by emerging from its cocoon, our children develop essential life skills by overcoming obstacles. Our role is to guide and support them through these experiences, helping them uncover their strengths and fostering a sense of accomplishment.

As we progress through the school year, I encourage you to engage in conversations with your children about their experiences—both their successes and their struggles. Let's celebrate their achievements and remind them that setbacks are opportunities for growth, not failures. Together, we can help them become resilient, confident, and resourceful individuals.

Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of educating your children. Your support, involvement, and partnership are vital in creating a nurturing and empowering learning environment.

Wishing you all a fantastic school year ahead!

Warm Regards,

Dan



UPCOMING DATES

Homecoming Dance

September 14th
7-10PM in the
PHS AUX Gym

P/T Conferences

September 18th
3:30-7:30PM

No School— Educator Effectiveness Day

September 30th



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Counselor's Corner

OPTIONAL NMSQT –Thursday, October 24th

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

How to Sign Up-Cost is \$20 (fee waivers available to juniors who qualify)
Students sign up and submit payment to the Counseling Office

Deadline to Sign Up: September 12th

Date: Thursday, October 24th

Location: At PHS Library-Test begins at 8:00 am-Students need to arrive by 7:45 am and meet in the Library

Additional Information: Bring calculator and extra batteries.

DISTRICT #51 COLLEGE FAIR

The Colorado Council Day/Night Fair Committee is bringing a college fair to the Grand Valley! Over thirty in state and out-of-state schools will be represented. Grand Junction High School is hosting the event this year

College Fair Part I for Students and Parents will be Monday, September 16th from 6pm-7:30pm @ GJHS

College Fair Part II for students (transportation provided) Tuesday, September 17th from 9am-9:30am @ GJHS

COLORADO WESTERN SLOPE COLLEGE FAIR (ASPEN COLLEGE FAIR)-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th 10:00-2:00

The Colorado Western Slope College Fair (Aspen College Fair) is a great way to meet with college reps from across the nation. All attendees are asked to register on their website at www.cwscollegeoutreach.org Carpooling recommended.

CONSTRUCTION TRADES CAREER TRIP-TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH 10:00-2:00

Students will have the opportunity to meet with experts and tradespeople from many areas of the construction and building trade worlds! This is a GREAT way for students to gain an understanding (and maybe even job offers!) of these in-demand and high paying careers! Sign up in the Counseling Office.

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SENIOR WORKDAY-Thursday, OCTOBER 17TH

Seniors will have dedicated time to work on college applications, search for careers and complete resumes.

The Daniels Fund Scholarship

The Daniels Fund 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, fees, room and board, books, 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! **APPLICATION WINDOW IS SEPTEMBER 16-OCTOBER 18.**

NMSQT

National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test JUNIORS



Date	Thursday October 24th
Time	Arrive at 7:45am Test STARTS at 8:00am
Location	Library
Registration Deadline	<u>Thursday September 12th</u> Register and Pay in Counseling Office with Mrs. Seriani
Cost	\$20-Must pay in Counseling Office upon Registration
Additional Information	If you need to test on an alternative date, see Mrs. Steves or Mrs. Caster for other potential testing locations.

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This year you can
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yearbook from
[jostens.com!](https://www.jostens.com)

This year PHS is transitioning to only being able to purchase yearbooks online through

[Jostens.com.](https://www.jostens.com)

PLEASE make sure you order your student's yearbook today! They are the lowest price of the whole year from now until **September 30th!**

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SPEECH AND DEBATE



SIGN UP HERE
UNTIL SEPT. 11



SCAN ME

SATURDAY

14

SEPT.

10:00 AM-1:30 PM

LOCATION:

PALISADE HIGH
SCHOOL

MATERIALS:

BRING A LAPTOP
AND WATER

LEARN:

ARGUMENTATION,
PUBLIC SPEAKING,
AND RESEARCH

WHO:

ANY D51 HIGH
SCHOOLERS

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