



December 13, 2024

Bulldog Families,

This past week our students participated in the middle of year NWEA assessments for Reading and Math. Many of our students were excited and proud to tell me about their growth and progress since the beginning of the year assessment. Please take some time to talk to your child about their results. You can ask them what conditions or actions they believe may have led to their growth, or what behaviors they will need to demonstrate next semester in order to show growth. I would also recommend that you ask them to set academic goals for the second semester. Help your child to *Begin With The End In Mind* as they start the second semester. These goals can be related to NWEA scores and growth, or grades in certain classes. It is important for students to set their own goals because only then will they truly feel motivated and want to achieve them. Parents can help keep them on track and offer feedback and support. We appreciate your participation in your child's academic growth and development.

I also want to remind parents that Kyrene School District and Pueblo Middle School are committed to student success and a big factor in achieving this success is regular attendance at school. This is why we are setting goals with our teachers and students around attendance, and being on time to class. Congratulations to Mrs. Duplessis and Mrs. DeRobles! Both of these teachers had classes earn a BINGO for their positive attendance this past month.

As we have shared in previous newsletters, we have been sending attendance letters when your child reaches 4, 8, and 13 absences. The purpose of this is to be proactive and keep you informed, so your children stay below 19 absences, which the state identifies as excessive. We understand that children get sick and family circumstances require your children to be absent from school. The portion of the letter that explains Arizona attendance law is required, but please know that our goal is always to support and partner with you. Please reach out to our office staff if you have any questions.

Did you know? Students who attend school regularly:

- Build relationships with teachers and peers
- Have higher self-esteem

- Achieve or exceed grade level standards
- Build lifelong attendance and punctuality habits

Remember, every absence matters. We need our students to be at school and on time to class on a regular basis. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Ashley Schutkowski

PUEBLO UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

16 Varsity Boys Basketball-tournament Game 2! Pueblo vs Akimel A-al, 4:30 pm AT AKI

17 Winter Band Concert, Corona del Sol

19 Pueblo Holiday Dance: 6th Grade @ 3:05-4:15 and 7th/8th @ 4:30-6:00

20 **LAST DAY** for the following:

- Registering for Quarter 3 Sports - info below
- Ordering 8th Grade Yearbook Ads - info below
- UMOM Donation Drive, sponsored by NJHS

Community Nights, City of Chandler - Jingle Bell Rock, Ugly Sweater Contest 6:00pm -8:30pm

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 6 - WINTER BREAK, SCHOOLS CLOSED

JANUARY 7 - SCHOOL RESUMES

****EVERY WEDNESDAY IS EARLY RELEASE @ 1:05pm****

Please see [district athletic webpage](#) for ALL current sport schedules and game locations.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

DID SOMEONE SAY HOLIDAY DANCE?

Student Council is hosting our Pueblo Holiday Dance on Thursday, December 19

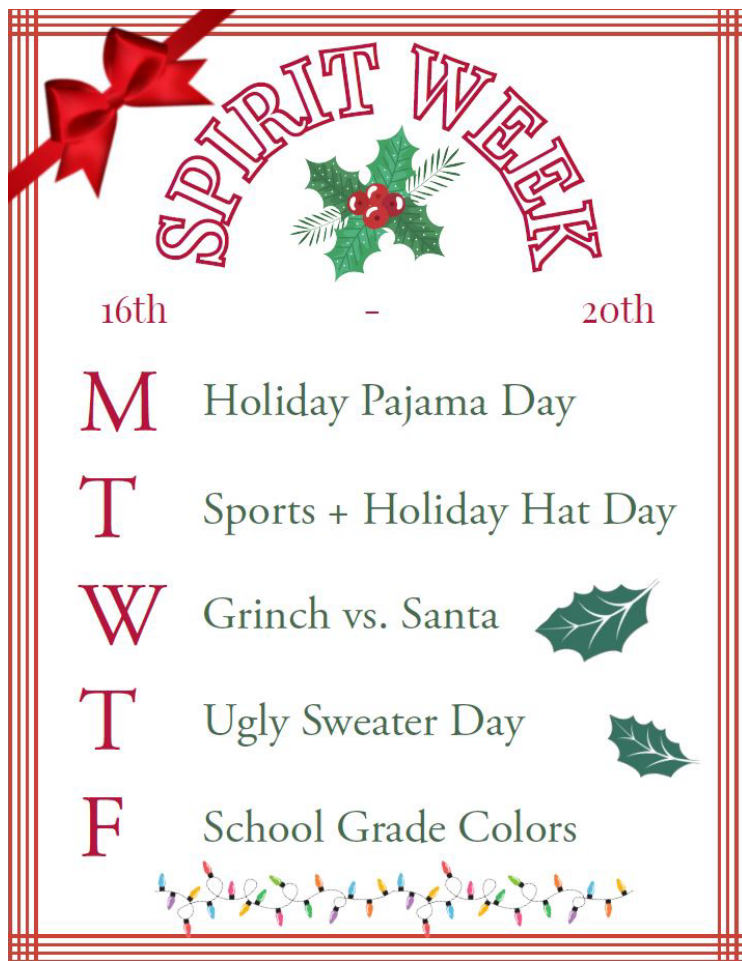
6th Grade - 3:05 - 4:15
7th & 8th Grade - 4:30 - 6:00

TICKETS SALES:

Pre-sale tickets are \$2.00
Sales start Monday, December 16th for \$2.00 during all lunches.

Tickets will be \$3.00 at the door.

Snacks will be available for purchase at the dance for \$1.00 (Soda, Water, Chips, Candy)



SCHOOL PICTURES

Parents, school photos were distributed to this week. Please check your student's backpack if you placed an order that was to be delivered to the school.





NJHS DONATION DRIVE FOR UMOM

LET'S FILL THE BOXES!!!

NJHS is still collecting donations in support of UMOM, an organization to help families facing homelessness find a place to stay while rebuilding their lives. The drive will begin on Monday, December 2nd and run through December 20th. Items which are needed the most are: adult shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, bar soap and other hygiene items for adults and children. Items for babies such as diapers, lotion, etc. are also needed. Donation boxes will be located in both the front office and MPR. The grade level that brings in the most donations will win an ice cream treat!



FINAL DAY - YEARBOOK ADS FOR 8TH GRADERS



8th GRADE PARENTS!

It's time to order your yearbook ads!! Show off your pride and congratulate your 8th grader on a great achievement.

Ads are \$25 and can be purchased in the [Yearbook Order Center](#), school code: 7730.

Order now before it's too late. Deadline is December 20.



YEARBOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Pre-Orders are now open. Order a copy of the 2024-2025 yearbook so your student is guaranteed a copy at end of year distribution. **Yearbook cost is now \$30.00. Price will increase after Winter Break.**

Online orders can be accessed through the [Yearbook Order Center](#).

Our School Order Number is: 7730

PARENTS WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!

Share your photos with the yearbook staff:

Got Photos? Please share any photos from our Pueblo athletics, performing arts, volunteering with NJHS or more to this link for the yearbook staff to review. We appreciate the help of our Pueblo families, as we know you always have your cameras clicking at our school events!

[Yearbook Photo Share Site - PUEBLO](#)

Support Pueblo Bulldogs
with a Tax Credit Donation!



www.kyrene.org/taxcredit

TAX CREDIT - IT'S A WIN-WIN!

Our learning is enhanced thanks to you!

Tax credit donations provide countless opportunities for students to discover new passions. Your tax credit donations can help preserve robust arts and music programs, increase field trip opportunities, fund after school clubs, and so much more!

All of these programs help Pueblo Middle School develop well-rounded students, who in turn, build strong communities. Arizona statute allows individuals/couples to donate \$200/\$400 for a dollar-to-dollar tax credit. The deadline for tax credit donations is April 15, 2025. You can donate online through our [Payment Portal](#).

Thank you for your continued support!



HOLIDAY TREATS FOR STAFF MEETING

The PTO is asking for your help to provide some yummy holiday treats for our hardworking staff at the December Holiday Celebration! Please drop off donations to the front office by 10:00am on Wednesday, December 18th.

[Donations Sign Up](#)

THANK YOU! - Pueblo PTO



DONATE

Donate to help with restocking the PBIS store this year. The PTO supports our PBIS Store every year through generous donations from our families.

WHAT IS PBIS YOU ASK?

PBIS is Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. This is a schoolwide approach in which the goal is to establish positive student culture and individualized behavior support necessary to create a safe and effective learning environment for all students. The store is a part of this program in which students earn “dog tags” based on certain positive behavioral guidelines to “purchase” items from the store.

If you would like to donate to help restock the PBIS Store follow this link: [Help us Restock the PBIS Store](#)



ATHLETICS

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 4 items that the athletic office needs **BEFORE** a student can participate in tryouts, or in practices. 3 of them are completed and submitted online.

- 1- Athletic Packet (online)
- 2- Athletic Packet: Additional Information (online)
- 3- Brain Injury/Concussion Waiver (online)
- 4- Sports Physical, which **needs to be completed by a physician**. You can take your student to your family doctor, or you can also go to the CVS Minute Clinic, Fry's Little Clinic or a Next Care facility.

Blank physical forms are available in the front office, if you need one. They can also be found online here: [Participation Forms Policies and Resources](#)



JV FLAG FOOTBALL COACH NEEDED!!

Parents!! We need a coach for our Boys JV Flag Football team. We are so excited in the interest we have for the new Flag Football teams, and we would like to have all students who have registered get the opportunity to participate. However, we need a JV Coach to help make that happen.

If you are interested, please reach out immediately to [Steve Benоче, Asst. Principal & Athletic Director](#) for more information.

You can find the job posting here: [Pueblo JV Flag Football Coach](#)



SPORTS REGISTRATION - QUARTER 3

Girls Basketball (cut)
Girls Softball (cut)
Boys Flag Football (cut)
Boys Soccer (cut)

Registration will be open until NOON on
Friday, December 20 2024.

****We cannot accept any late registrations.****

UPCOMING SPORTS

For information about registration for Athletics please visit the Kyrene webpage and look under the Programs and Services tab. If you have any questions about Pueblo Athletics please visit the [Pueblo Athletics homepage](#) or contact Erin Gray in student services in our Pueblo front office at 480-541-6804.

4th Quarter Sports: Boys & Girls Track and field (non-cut), Boys Baseball (cut),
Boys Volleyball (cut)



Community NIGHTS

Kyrene del Pueblo
MIDDLE SCHOOL

KyreneSchoolDistrict

360 S. Twelve Oaks Blvd. | Chandler, AZ 85226

FRIDAYS | 6-8:30 p.m.

SEPT. 20 Una Noche en Familia	JAN. 17 Healthy Habits
OCT. 18 Monster/Mayhem Fest (Costume Contest)	FEB. 21 Love is in the Air
NOV. 15 Thankful for All	APRIL 18 Blissful Blooming
DEC. 20 Jingle Bell Rock (Ugly Sweater Contest)	MAY 16 Mad Science

Community Nights require no pre-registration.

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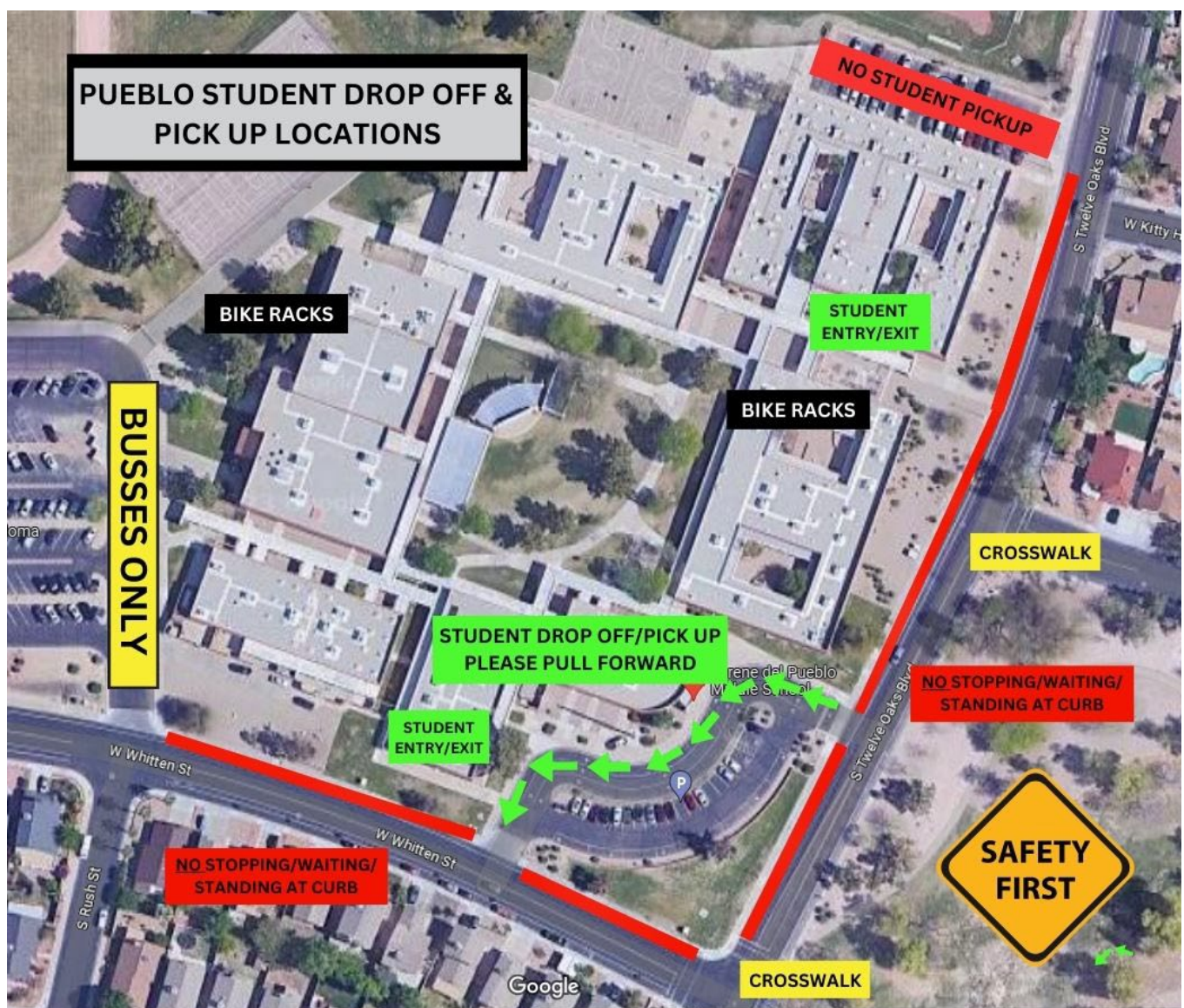


SAFETY REMINDER!!

The west parking lot (between Pueblo and Paloma) is for **BUSSES ONLY**. Please refrain from using this lot to drop off or pick up your students. Our transportation department does their best to keep on schedule and this is difficult if our busses are held up in dismissal traffic. Thank you for your help with this.

As always, anyone operating a motor vehicle in the State of Arizona is required to follow all traffic laws including posted signage and crossing guards on duty.

Please see our Student Drop Off/Pick Up Map under our [News and Events](#).





ATTENDANCE LINE

Pueblo Middle School is equipped with a computerized telephone attendance reporting system.

The absence reporting phone number is 480-541-6801 and may be called 24 hours a day.

Parents/guardians are asked to call the attendance office by 9:00 AM each day that their child is absent. Please leave a message on the voice mail indicating the student's name, grade, date(s) of the absence and reason for the absence. If we do not receive a parent phone call, the student's absence will be recorded as a truancy.

Pueblo Attendance Procedures

NOTE: Parents MUST call the attendance line within 24 hours of an absence, even if they spoke to the health office, or if they told a teacher, we cannot excuse any absences until we receive a message from the parent/guardian.

MEAL DELIVERIES

Please note that we do not allow any third party lunch deliveries to the school office. Examples would include DoorDash and Uber Eats, among others. Deliveries of this kind disrupt students' lunch schedules and the timing is often unreliable. In addition we have a food service contract with the District which specifies not having competing foods brought into school. Parents may bring their own students' lunches to the office if need be, but may not bring lunches or treats for additional students. If any 3rd party delivered lunches arrive in the office, unless arrangements have been previously made with the administration, the student will have to pick it up at the end of the day. Your cooperation is appreciated.



DISTRICT AND SCHOOL TEXT COMMUNICATIONS

Families are encouraged to opt in for our Kyrene School District and school based text message for reminders and notifications.

You can sign up to receive text message alerts by **texting "Y" or "yes" to 67587**. This is something that needs to be done every year.

TRANSPORTATION

Families can access information regarding Bus Routes and Bus Safety by visiting the Kyrene webpage and looking under the Parent Tab. This [link](#) will take you directly to the transportation page.

FOOD SERVICES

In order to determine if your student qualifies for free or reduced price meals, we ask that all families complete the free and reduced meal application located at family.titank12.com. To begin your application click [here](#). Meal payments can be made on the [InTouch Payment Portal](#) this year. Parents can view meal balances or pay by check/cash at schools. Free & Reduced lunch applications are available at school sites, you can complete and [application](#) on the Kyrene website or email at kbs@kyrene.org.

ParentVUE & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The [ParentVUE](#) program helps parents stay informed and connected by providing day-to-day insight into their child's academic experience. ParentVUE Mobile for the iPhone/iPad Touch works with the Synergy™ student information system in much the same way as the ParentVUE web portal, allowing parents to access near real-time information on assignments and scores, attendance, and demographic information. ParentVUE offers parents a single sign-on to view all of their children's information regardless of school. Here is a list of frequently asked questions for ParentVue: [ParentVUE FAQs](#).

ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL

Kyrene School District has a convenient new payment portal for parents to pay for everything from athletics to field trips. The [InTouch Payment Portal](#) will provide parents with digital receipts for all transactions. You can even use it to make this year's tax credit donation to the school of your choice. Register once and use the portal all year.

Contact Us

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360 S. Twelve Oaks Blvd.
Chandler, AZ 85226

Phone: 480-541-6800
Fax: 480-541-6810
Attendance: 480-541-6801

School Hours: 8:20 am – 3:05 pm
Every Wednesday at 1:05 pm

Office Hours: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
Every Wednesday at 2:00 pm

[Be sure to bookmark our Pueblo website.](#)

