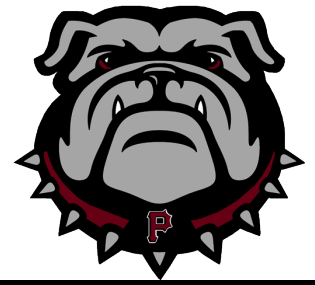


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## A Message from Principal Dan Bollinger

Dear Palisade Families,

With the arrival of spring, Palisade is adorned with the blossoming peach trees, painting our surroundings with nature's vibrant hues. We are fortunate to be part of such a picturesque community where we live, work, and learn alongside our students.

In this month's newsletter, much like the next, we primarily focus on upcoming events crucial for all parents and guardians to take note of.

I would like to take a moment to reflect on perspective. What we perceive often hinges on where we stand and what we choose to observe. As a parent, I have experienced the gamut of emotions from disappointment to elation depending on the viewpoint I adopt during my children's sports events. It's easy to feel aggrieved by others' decisions without grasping their perspective. As a wrestling official, I've come to appreciate the value of neutrality. It's essential for us, as parents, to understand that coaches make decisions with the best interests of the game, the program, and the individual players in mind. Let's guide our children through challenges without excuses, fostering resilience and sportsmanship. Whether they win or lose, let's embrace humility and grace, understanding the perspectives of all involved.

As we near the end of the academic year, our seniors will receive their senior magazine containing vital information leading up to graduation day. Take a moment to review the dates of important events. We are still accepting senior pictures for the slideshow; kindly send them to [hazelsteed@gmail.com](mailto:hazelsteed@gmail.com) or [lillyjpreston@icloud.com](mailto:lillyjpreston@icloud.com) or have your students share them on @palisadeseniors2024 on Instagram.

Upcoming events in April include: SAT and PSAT 9 testing on April 16th, mandatory for freshmen and juniors, resulting in no school for sophomores or seniors. Additionally, April 17th, sophomores will take the PSAT 10, while juniors will have CMAS testing, with no school for other grades.

We emphasize the importance of participation and giving their best during testing. These assessments are crucial for graduation and provide valuable insights for improving our educational practices. Students who miss the initial exams will be scheduled for make-up testing, so please avoid scheduling appointments on April 16th and 17th mornings.

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 will not come around again for one year.

Also, throughout the month, our students will participate in various events such as the Colorado West Music Festival performances, the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme CAS Expo, and the NWEA testing for freshmen and sophomores, providing valuable insights for teachers to better support their students.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Dan



## UPCOMING DATES

### April 12th

NO SCHOOL:

For students or staff

### April 16th

Testing:

PSAT 9: Freshmen

SAT: Juniors

(No School for Sophomores or Seniors)

### April 17th

PSAT 10: Sophomores

CMAS: Juniors

(No School for Freshmen or Seniors)

### April 27th

Prom at

Deroco Cellars from

7-10PM

Theme: Roaring 20's



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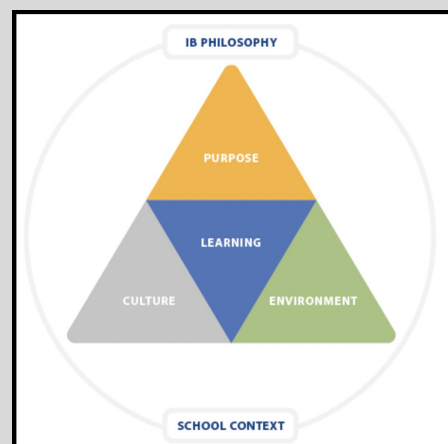
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## Parent Survey: We Need Your Feedback!

The IB's *Programme Standards and Practices* is the foundational set of principles for schools and the IB to ensure quality and fidelity in the implementation of the programmes. The programme standards and practices provide a set of criteria that can be used to evaluate the success of IB World Schools in the implementation of the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and the Diploma Programme (DP).

They are organized into four overarching categories: **purpose, environment, culture, and learning**. The four categories fit into a framework, which places “learning” at the center and is encircled by IB philosophy and the school’s unique context.

As part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing the educational experience for our students, we invite all parents to participate in a brief survey. Your input is invaluable as we seek to understand your perspectives and gather feedback on our DP and MYP programs at Palisade High School.



The survey will help us identify areas of strength and areas for improvement, which will inform our efforts to provide the best possible learning environment for our students. Your feedback will also contribute to our evaluation from the IB, supporting our growth and serving as an accountability measure.

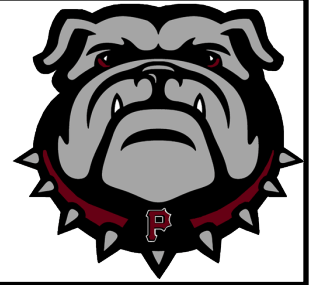
The survey has only 10 questions to complete. Your participation is greatly appreciated and will have a meaningful impact on the future of our programs and school.

Please click <https://tinyurl.com/PHSIBfeedback> or the QR code below to access the survey. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in our educational journey.



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## Counselor's Corner

### Testing Information

All freshmen-juniors will be taking the Statewide assessments in April. Please avoid making appointments for your students on their testing days. Detailed information will be sent separately as we near testing time!

- Tuesday, April 16th      **9th-PSAT (Pre SAT test)    AND    11th-SAT**
- Wednesday, April 17th      **10th-PSAT (Pre SAT test)    AND    11th-CMAS**

### 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, as college aid monies are limited. 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 2024.

- If you haven't done your FAFSA please come to the counseling office for more information or see Gabby Salvia your college and Career advisor.

### Scholarship Brochure

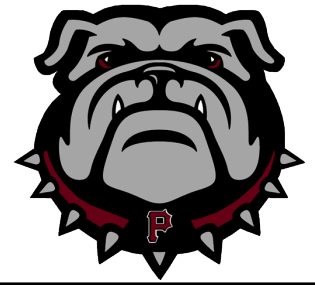
Seniors, please bring a copy of any scholarships awarded or offered from ALL colleges (even if you do not plan to attend that school) to the counseling office before the April 19th deadline or email a copy to [mseriani@d51schools.org](mailto:mseriani@d51schools.org).

### SENIORS

- Senior check-out sheets will be available May 6<sup>th</sup>, outside of the counseling office. The exit survey and check out must be completed prior to graduation practice.
- Signed and completed check out sheets are due back to Counseling by Thursday, May 9th. **STUDENTS MUST TURN IN THEIR CHECK OUT SHEET IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION!**
- Your last day of school is May 9th. Mandatory graduation practice is May 10th at 1:00 am in the gym. Caps and gowns are distributed following graduation practice.
- Final transcripts will be sent electronically to colleges and a paper copy will be mailed home the first week in June.

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## 2024 April Testing Schedule: SAT/PSAT/CMAS

### Monday, April 15th: Regular School Day

- Regular Early-Release Monday Schedule
  - All students are expected to attend

### Tuesday, April 16th:

- Grade 9: PSAT Testing begins at 8:00am
  - **Bring a school issued Chromebook (fully charged), charger, and pencil**
- Grade 11: SAT Testing beginning at 8:00am
  - **Bring a school issued Chromebook (fully charged), charger, and pencil**
- Grades 10 and 12: No School at PHS or Career Center, attend CMU Tech and CMU as scheduled

### Wednesday, April 17th

- Grade 10: PSAT Testing beginning at 8:00am
  - **Bring a school issued Chromebook (fully charged), charger and pencil**
- Grade 11: CMAS Science Testing beginning at 8:00am
  - **Bring a school issued Chromebook (fully charged), charger and pencil**
- Grades 9 and 12: No School at PHS or Career Center, attend CMU Tech and CMU as scheduled

### Thursday, April 18th: Regular School Day

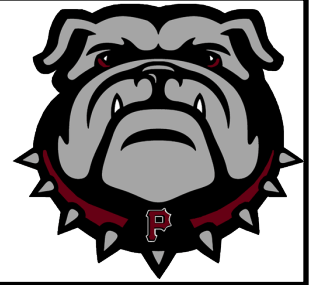
### Friday, April 19th: Regular School Day

**Grade 9:** Report to school every day except Wednesday, April 17th.  
**Grade 10:** Report to school every day except Tuesday, April 16th.  
**Grade 11:** Report to school every day.  
**Grade 12:** Report to school Monday, Thursday, and Friday. *No school for seniors on Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 16th and 17th*

***School begins at the same time all week, 8:00am.  
Buses will run on their regular schedule all week.  
Career Center will NOT be in session on April 16th and 17th  
CMU Tech expects students to attend when they are not testing.***

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## Senior Class of 2024

### PHS SENIORS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SPRING 2024

*Graduation  
Practice  
Friday,  
May 10, 2024  
1 p.m. at PHS*

*Baccalaureate  
Sunday,  
May 12, 2024  
6 p.m. at PHS*

- 4/2/2024 Baccalaureate Auditions 3:30pm
- 4/19/2024 Scholarship info due to counseling
- 4/27/2024 Prom 7:00-10:00 p.m. @ DeRoco Cellars, Palisade
- 4/30/2024 Senior Academic Awards 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
- 5/6/2024 Senior Week; receive check out forms from counseling
- 5/6-5/9/2024 Senior Finals week
- 5/9/2024 Senior's last day - Check out forms due to counseling
- 5/9/2024 Senior Picnic & Sunset at PHS 7:00 p.m. @ PHS football field
- 5/10/2024 Senior Graduation practice 1p.m. Main Gym, receive caps and gowns  
**MANDATORY!**
- 5/12/2024 Baccalaureate @ 6:00 p.m. in the PHS Aud.— Arrive by 5:30pm
- 5/13/2024 Graduation 6:00 p.m. @ Stocker Stadium Arrive by 5:00 p.m.

*Graduation  
Ceremony  
Monday, May 13th  
6 p.m.  
Stocker Stadium  
Grand Junction,  
CO*



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*Introducing...*

## Palisade Elevate Pathways Program

*Where Careers Begin.*



*Scan to Sign Up*

At Palisade High School, all students (9th–10th grade) are taught through the Middle Years Program (MYP), part of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. The Middle Years Program encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and authentic experiences, preparing them for success in further study, career, and in life.

The aim of the Elevate Program is to extend the values of MYP and provide direction during the 4 year journey at PHS based on the students' interest and career goals. Thus, students are encouraged to consider a Palisade Elevate Pathway to begin gaining a foundation for their future. Each pathway adopts "program(s) of study" to give students an authentic context for better understanding of the academic and technical fundamentals they will need to succeed in whatever post-secondary option they choose.

The Palisade Elevate Program transforms a student's high school experience by bringing together strong academics, demanding technical education, authentic experience, and passion projects culminating in dual-credit, internships, and/or industry credentials.

Questions: [crystal.green@d51schools.org](mailto:crystal.green@d51schools.org)

## Pathways

### Hospitality, Human Services, & Education

- LEAD
- Culinary
- Hospitality, Resort and Event Management

### Health Science, Criminal Justice, & Public Safety

- Fire Academy

### Skilled Trades & Technical Sciences

- Careers in Construction

### Business, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Finance, & Public Administration

- Business Administration

### Explorer Pathway

- Build Your Own Program of Study

### Foundation Courses

These required courses are at the core of the Program of Study and emphasize the industry-specific knowledge and skills that are directly applicable to the chosen profession.

### Skills Courses

A menu of required courses that enhances skills acquisition and complements the foundational courses.

### Credentials/Certifications

Evidence of an individual's education, training, and competence to perform specific tasks. Credentials and certifications typically transfer directly to the workforce.

### Capstone Experience

An industry specific experience that challenges students to synthesize their academic learning, demonstrate mastery of their subject matter, and showcase their readiness for professional post-secondary endeavors. There are a variety of options to meet this requirement.

### Passion Project

A mentored, community-driven project that provides a deliverable to an authentic problem or project.

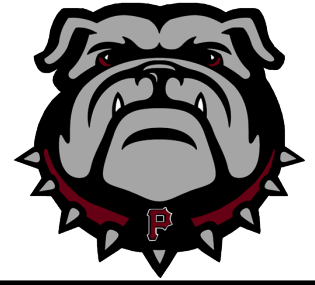
### Career & Technical Student Organizations

Career and Technical Student Organizations integrate into Career and Technical Education programs and courses across the country. CTSOs extend teaching and learning through innovative programs, business and community partnerships and leadership experiences at the school, state and national levels.

*Priority Scheduling!*

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## Palisade Elevate Internship Program

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### APPLY FOR THESE OPEN INTERNSHIPS

-  Social Media Marketing
-  Hospitality and Tourism
-  Business
-  IT
-  Maintenance/Mechanical
-  Ute Water Conservation\$\$

**CONTACT**  
crystal.green@d51schools.org

### WHY AN INTERNSHIP?

- Earn Elective Credit!
- Be better prepared to choose a career
- Learn industry skills and impact your community



[tinyurl.com/PHSinternships](https://tinyurl.com/PHSinternships)

Questions?  
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### THE RESULT

Students will graduate with authentic experiences that will launch their post-secondary goals.

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## PALISADE HIGH SCHOOL IB SENIOR ART EXHIBITION

HOSTED AT THE BLUE PIG GALLERY  
101 W 3rd St, Palisade, CO 81526

*Welcome to a new opportunity!*

The IB Art students from Palisade High School are showing their works at The Blue Pig Art Gallery in Palisade, Colorado!

Stop by during the reception to get a free snack/drink!

### PRESENTING ARTISTS

Isaac Dady  
Raeley Branson  
Jane Pitcher  
Hannah Kasnoff  
Sawyer Jacobson  
Anika Dreimann



## RECEPTION DATE

### APRIL 19TH 6-9PM

## SHOW DATES APRIL 12TH-26TH

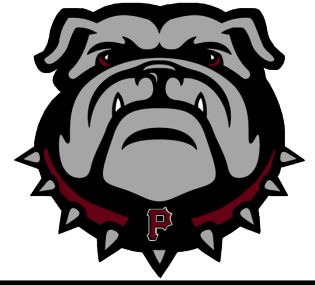
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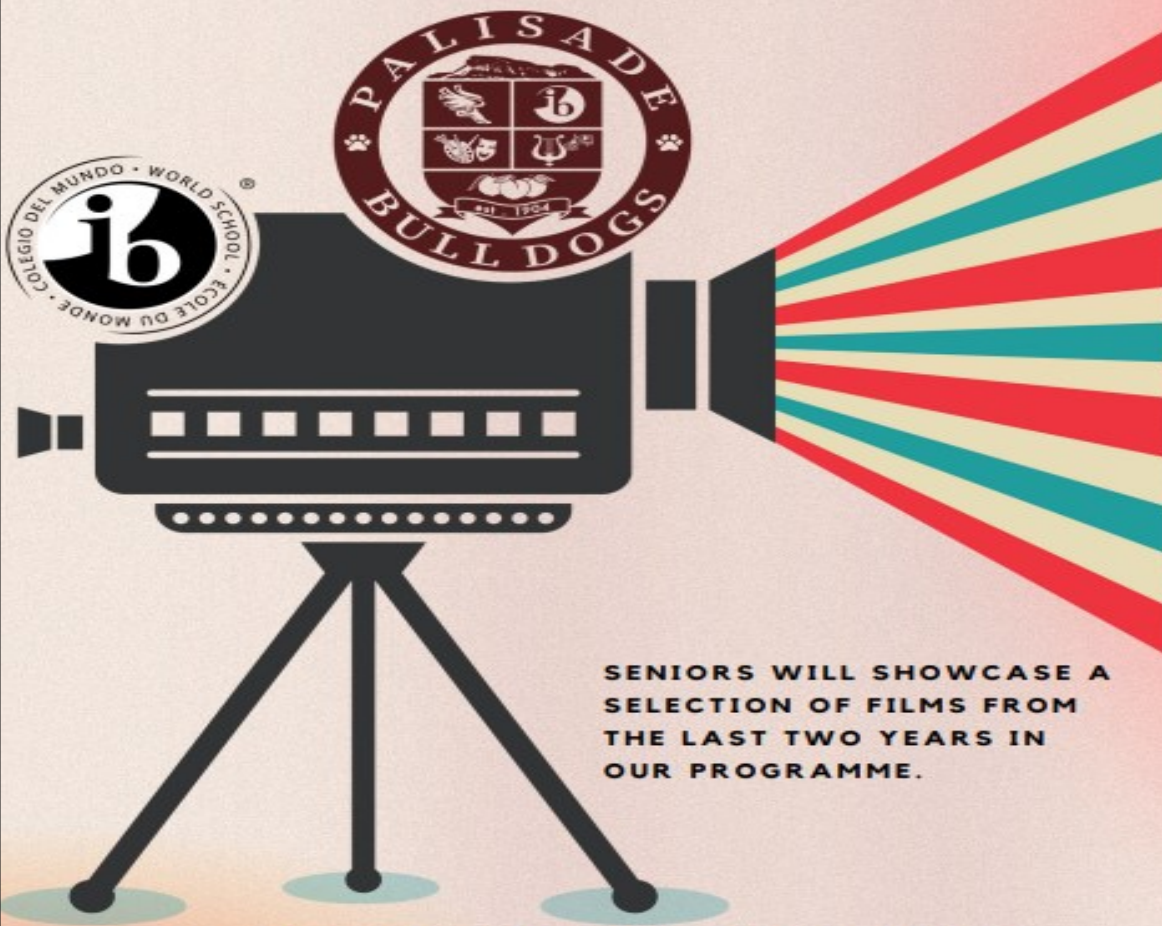
APRIL 22

6:00PM

PALISADE  
HIGH SCHOOL

KAMAS  
AUDITORIUM

COME JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE CLASS OF 2024.



SENIORS WILL SHOWCASE A SELECTION OF FILMS FROM THE LAST TWO YEARS IN OUR PROGRAMME.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM THE PALISADE FILM CLUB

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## PALISADE FOOTBALL LAWN AERATION



# SATURDAY APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

### PHS Football Lawn Aeration Fundraiser

The Palisade High School Football team will be aerating lawns for their spring fundraising project on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your lawn aerated by the PHS football team [click here](https://forms.gle/Y8yvv1aSFWhYN38Q6) <https://forms.gle/Y8yvv1aSFWhYN38Q6> sign up on our webpage or email Coach Mohr at [Brandon.Mohr@d51schools.org](mailto:Brandon.Mohr@d51schools.org). We greatly appreciate your support and we look forward to seeing you on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Go Bulldogs!



Want a healthy  
green lawn for the  
summer?

Get your lawn  
aerated by the PHS  
Football players!

Scan the QR code to  
sign up.



### PALISADE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Contact:  
Coach Mohr at  
[Brandon.Mohr@d51schools.org](mailto:Brandon.Mohr@d51schools.org)  
or  
Coach Steele at  
[Patrick.steele@d51schools.org](mailto:Patrick.steele@d51schools.org)

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254-4800 ext. 25291

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## AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING AND ENRICHMENT



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

970.985.1647

rec4kids.com

SCAN TO REGISTER:



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Riverside Education Centers

Now Enrolling at

## Palisade High School

Monday - Thursday 3:15 - 5:30 PM

**NO-COST TO STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

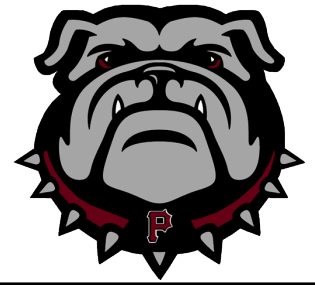
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- College and Career readiness
- And much more!



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## Booster Club



We love to support PHS, the students, the clubs, and staff!!

We always welcome new faces to volunteer and help support our mission.

*We will at Freshman orientation and back to school night,  
stop by and see us.*

*Congratulations to all the seniors,  
and wish you the best of luck, we are proud of you!!*

You can email us your order or purchase your new apparel at the athletic office.

Booster mission is to enhance, assist, and encourage enthusiastic support for all Palisade High school programs. The Booster club provides financial support, athletic fee scholarships, assists with travel expenses, fulfills wish lists and promotes school spirit. Fundraising efforts and contributions enable Booster Club to achieve our mission.

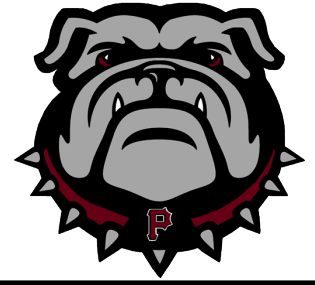
Without fundraising we would not exist. We provide this through a program that encourages participation. Thank you for your support!

Feel free to reach out to us with questions at [palisadebooster@gmail.com](mailto:palisadebooster@gmail.com)

Or join us for a monthly meeting held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 357 Cafe in Palisade at 6pm, wrapping up the 2023/2024 year our last meeting will be April 9, 2024. We will resume September 2024.

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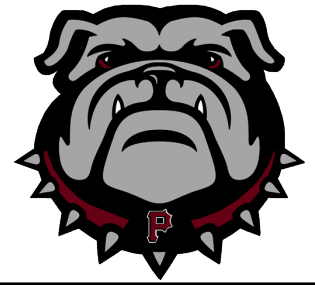
**Are you interested in  
advertising in our newsletter?**

The PHS Newsletter goes out at the beginning of every (school) month to over 1,100 families as well as to other Palisade Community members!

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