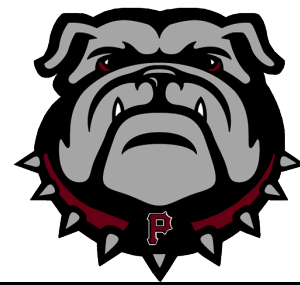


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### A Message from Principal Dan Bollinger

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits. As we kick off another exciting academic year, I am thrilled to share the tremendous success and positive energy that have marked our initial weeks together. Our school community has once again come together to create an environment where students can thrive, learn, and grow.

I want to take a moment to commend our incredible team of educators. Our teachers have exhibited unwavering dedication, working tirelessly to ensure that each child receives the best education possible. Their passion, commitment, and innovation are truly commendable, and we are fortunate to have such an exceptional group shaping the minds of our students.

While we celebrate our successes, it's essential to recognize that challenges and struggles also play a vital role in a child's education. As parents and educators, we often find ourselves wanting to shield our children from difficulty, but it's important to understand that these struggles are not setbacks – they are stepping stones toward growth and development.

When students face challenges, they learn resilience, problem-solving, and the value of perseverance. These are skills that will serve them well throughout their lives. Just as a butterfly strengthens its wings by breaking free from its cocoon, our children build essential life skills by navigating through difficulties. It's our duty to guide and support them during these times, helping them discover their own capabilities and fostering a sense of accomplishment.

As we move forward in this school year, I encourage you to engage in conversations with your children about their experiences – both the triumphs and the challenges. Let's celebrate their achievements and remind them that setbacks are not failures, but opportunities for growth. Together, we can empower them to become resilient, confident, and resourceful individuals.

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

Wishing you all a remarkable school year ahead!

Warm regards,

Dan



### UPCOMING DATES

September 4th  
No School—Labor Day

September 20th  
P/T Conferences  
3:30-7:30PM

September 25th  
No School—Teacher In-Service

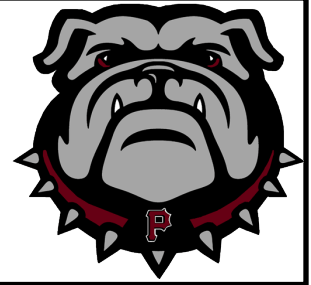
September 25th-29th  
HOCO Week

September 30th  
Homecoming Dance  
7-10PM in the gym



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## Counselor's Corner

### OPTIONAL NMSQT –Wednesday, October 25th

**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 Budget Office

**Deadline to Sign Up:** September 1st

**Date:** Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** At PHS-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-Wednesday, September 13<sup>TH</sup> 1:00-2:30 @ CHS

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. Central High School is hosting the event this year. Bus transportation is provided. Sign up in the Counseling Office.

### COLORADO WESTERN SLOPE COLLEGE FAIR (ASPEN COLLEGE FAIR)-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 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. We will provide transportation for students-sign up in the Counseling Office. All attendees are asked to register on their website at [www.cwscollegeoutreach.org](http://www.cwscollegeoutreach.org)

### CONSTRUCTION TRADES CAREER TRIP-TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 10:00-2:00

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

### SENIOR WORKDAY-WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

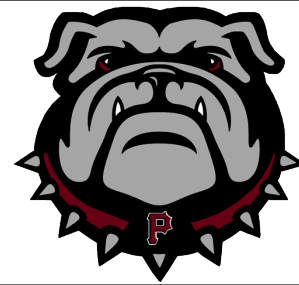
Seniors will have dedicated time to work on college applications, search for careers and complete resumes!

### 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 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](http://www.DanielsFund.org/Scholarships). This is a highly competitive scholarship! **APPLICATION WINDOW IS SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15**

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## Attention ALL Class of 2024 Graduates & Families...



### SENIOR PICTURE & QUOTE INFORMATION

#### **DEADLINE**

Friday, October 13th by 3:15pm

**Late fee:** Any photos turned in **after** Friday, October 13th at 3:15 will be subject to a **\$25.00 fee.**



**Photos WILL NOT be accepted after Friday, December 15th, 2023**

#### **Senior Picture Requirements**

**Both photos AND quotes must be submitted via the QR code above by the due date!**

**Photos and quotes cannot be changed with a \$25 processing fee of \$25**

**-Google Form ONLY:** Photos will only be accepted through the Google Form QR code, available above, outside of room 156B, or posted around the school. This form is only accessible with your District 51 email address.

Photos must be uploaded as a JPG file. The photo should reach a minimum standard of 3.0 megapixel resolution (300 dpi). Any lower resolution will be rejected. Photos with low resolution will appear pixelated in comparison to other photos.

Photos submitted must be vertical, due to the fact that no horizontal photos can be placed without major cropping.

Photos cannot contain any of the following: photographer watermark, double images, busy backgrounds and/or excessive shadows or anything obscuring the face.

**-EARLY GRADUATES:** You must also turn in your photos and quotes by this date.

#### **IMPORTANT**

Please respect the following dress/photo expectations for the photo & quote that you choose to submit:

- No photos/quotes can be submitted with any reference to guns/weapons, drugs, gangs, or sex will be rejected
- Any strapless tops or exposure of butt cheeks will not be permitted
- Minimal or incidental cleavage and midriffs will be reviewed by a three-stage panel

#### **NOTE:**

Any photos or quotes that are in question, will be at the discretion of a three-stage panel of students, staff, and administrators to determine if a new photo or quote will need to be submitted.

**There will be more information to come about Senior Baby Ads/Recognition Ads that go in the yearbook in next month's newsletter.**

**If you have any questions about Senior Photos, Quotes, or submitting them please contact the PHS Yearbook at [Hannah.Martinez@D51schools.org](mailto:Hannah.Martinez@D51schools.org) or by calling 970-254-4800 ext. 25247**

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## PALISADE ELEVATE! INTERNSHIPS



**APPLY FOR AN  
INTERNSHIP TODAY  
FOR THE 2023-2024  
SCHOOL YEAR!**

**EARN ELECTIVE CREDIT!**

### **THROUGH AN INTERNSHIP:**

- BE BETTER PREPARED TO CHOOSE A CAREER AND BE SUCCESSFUL
- MAKE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CLASSROOM AND YOUR FUTURE GOALS
- LEARN INDUSTRY SKILLS
- IMPACT BUSINESSES AND THE COMMUNITY
- EXPAND YOUR NETWORK
- EARN A JOB OFFER AND START YOUR CAREER NOW!

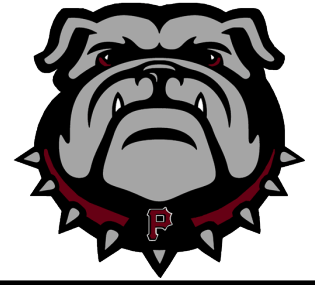


[tinyurl.com/PHSinternships](https://tinyurl.com/PHSinternships)

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

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## Speech & Debate Camp 2023

Sponsored by Palisade High School and Central High School Speech & Debate Teams

### LEARN:

- ★ Public Speaking
- ★ Argumentation
- ★ Research

Gain Experience  
with Speech &  
Debate and get a  
head start on the  
season

**Saturday, September 16th**

**9:00am - 1:00pm @ Palisade High School**



**100% FREE  
REGISTER NOW!**

SCAN THE QR CODE

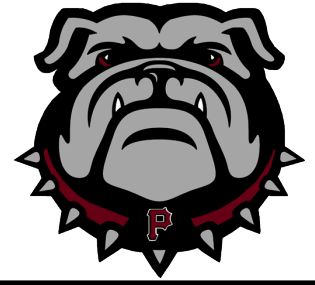
Registrations are due by September 13th @ 9pm

**Open to any current high school students in the area!**

Contact PHS Coach Seremak with any questions: [tracy.seremak@d51schools.org](mailto:tracy.seremak@d51schools.org)

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## Real Estate INTERNSHIP

Interested in an internship opportunity through Palisade High School... THIS  
COULD BE FOR YOU!

### About us

Amy Ashcraft and Nikki Meliva are both real estate agents for Coldwell Banker Distinctive Properties here in Grand Junction, CO. Both have grown up locally, with Amy being a PHS alumni and Nikki currently living in Palisade.

### Why Us?

Amy and Nikki are the local market experts and truly enjoy giving back to the community. They love working with our youth to provide insight into the REALTOR career and what it means to be a real estate agent overall.

### Overview



#### TIME COMMITMENT

- 1 1/2 hours of education each week- Conducted on PHS campus.
- Staff Meetings at Coldwell Banker (131 N 6th Street)
- Showings, Buyer and Seller consults
- Open Houses
- Research/Assignments



#### EXPECTATIONS

Hard working individuals that have the entrepreneur spirit and wants to learn what being a real estate agent is all about. Also interested in Marketing and Advertising  
**Roughly 10-12 hrs a week DRIVING IS A PLUS**



#### CURRICULUM/DUTIES

Interns will work side with professionals side by side to learn about the real estate market as a whole- how to price homes using comparable properties and how to work with home buyers among many other things.

#### INTERESTED?

Reach out to Mrs. Green  
at PHS

OR

Call/Text

(970)216-1441- Amy

OR

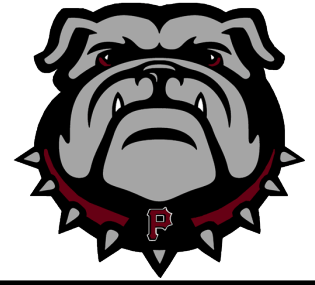
(970)216-6060- Nikki



**COLDWELL BANKER**  
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## Booster Club



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

Booster Club has contributed to these programs last year.

- \$5032.00-assisted with upgrades to the Sound System in the main Gym.
- \$200.00-to Running with the Pack
- \$223.00- STUCCO Raffle
- \$1500.00 -FCCLA Culinary & Europe
- \$1233.00 -Soccer Tote Scholarship
- \$1000.00 -PHS Basketball Shooting machine
- \$1500.00 -FBLA
- We also contributed to the Celebration of Life BBQ for Palisade High School's Devland Jones. Our thoughts and prayers are still with his family and friends.

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

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.

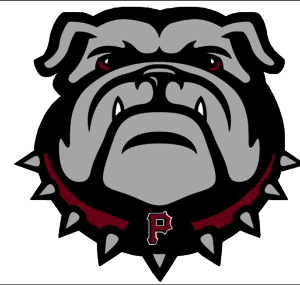
Without fundraising we would not exist. We provide this through a program that encourages participation. Thank you for your support!

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

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## News from the Library

Please look around for resources from that belong to PHS and get them turned in!

We still have quite a few textbooks and library books that were not returned last year.

## Performing Arts Preview Concert

There will be a "Preview Concert" featuring all of the bands, orchestras, and choir ensembles on September 26th at 7 P.M. in the PHS Kamas Auditorium

## 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. 25247 for pricing and more information today!



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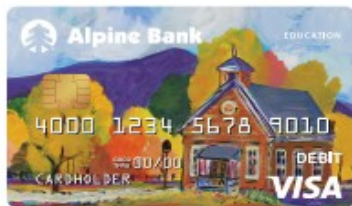
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