



Warrior News

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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A Word from our Principal.....

Dear Pueblo families,

Welcome back for the October edition of the Principal's newsletter. First and foremost I want to report that Pueblo has upgraded its letter grade to a C. Although we have visions, as you do, of becoming an A+ school of excellence, upgrading to a C is celebratory as significant work was put in by Pueblo staff. Special thanks to all educators, parents and students of Pueblo High School.

Second, I want to personally thank you for supporting your child's attendance at school. Pueblo's attendance rate was above 96% for Quarter 1, well above last year's mark. As many students will attest, attendance is the single most important factor in academic success, so on behalf of the Pueblo teaching staff, we appreciate your involvement. Equally important as monitoring your child's attendance, is checking your child's grades daily on Parent Vue. Grades are updated throughout the week and it is important to know where your child stands so you can intervene or reward immediately.

Prior to fall break, we completed our first round of standardized tests. We had certain groups demonstrate a positive trajectory and we are working tirelessly with the groups that need additional support. Administra-

tion met with teachers the week following fall break to implement plans to further improve student performance on standardized tests. As a site, we recognize education is far more than performance on standardized tests, however these exams serve as your child's access to opportunity and power.

The end of September and early October brought us important visits from the Arizona Department of Education and TUSD Superintendent Dr. Trujillo. I am proud to report that both were impressed with the students and staff at Pueblo High School. Of particular impression with the State of Arizona was the culture and climate exhibited in classrooms. They noted that students were intellectually

engaged in the majority of classes and that teachers were passionate about their students. In many classroom indicators, Pueblo scored high remarks and they concluded that Pueblo is feeding off the great momentum from last year and is headed on a positive trajectory.

As I conclude, I want to acknowledge a very special group on campus, The Pueblo High School Marching Band. At the annual band day competition hosted by the University of Arizona, Pueblo placed in the top 5 giving them a qualifying mark for state competition. In only a few months, this group has transformed to one of competitiveness, organization, and excellence. Great job band!!

Highlight of the Month ...



Planning  Future

45th Annual

**Tucson
College
Night**

Over 200 colleges
will be represented!

Tuesday, October 23, 2018
6:30 to 8:30 PM
Tucson Convention Center
Admission and Parking are FREE!

What's up with our APs?

Mr. Montaña...

Please update any new contact information (adult contacts, phone numbers, addresses or emails) with our front office. We are working on keeping you informed on school and current events.

This month's Parent Cafecito will focus on Paying for College. We will talk about various sources of free money for college including FAFSA, Grants and Scholarships, identify local agencies and resources that can help make college financially possible for all students. From 8:30 – 9:00 AM a representative with

Earn to Learn, a savings-to-scholarship program, will share about their program. Eligible students (low-to-moderate income) who save \$500 dollars will receive a \$4,000 scholarship to be used at UA, ASU, or NAU. This scholarship is renewable for four years. Applications are currently being accepted for seniors, and the deadline for the pre-application is Thursday, November 1st. The parent Cafecito will take place in the Special Projects room from 8 – 9 AM on

Wednesday, October 31st. Spanish interpretation services will be available.

On Thursday, November 1st, 6 – 8 PM in the Library a representative with the Higher Education Financial Aid Resources (HEFAR) Group will be here to explain how families can qualify for more grants, scholarships and financial aid. After the presentation, students and parents will receive assistance in completing the FAFSA. Spanish interpretation services will also be available.

Mrs. Gunnels...

I hope you all had a fabulous Fall Break and are enjoying the autumnal weather!

This is a great time of the year to reconnect with family and friends and to get out into the community. Community is one of the things that makes Pueblo such a great school. We value your feedback. Please take a moment to complete the following Family Engagement survey if you haven't already done so. Here are the links for the Family Engagement Surveys in both English and Spanish.

English Family Engagement Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5G7S5DJ>

Spanish Family Engagement Survey:

<https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/DRFRW8Z>

On October 24, 2018 all of our 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test). This is an important test for our students on many levels, so we want to encourage them to do their best.

Among other things the PSAT is a qualifying test for lots of scholarship opportunities. We are also able to generate a report to identify students who might do well in certain AP classes. In addition, it is very closely aligned to SAT and ACT, two very important college placement exams. We will be giving the ACT to all of our Juniors in April. Students who complete the test will receive a customized report on their strengths and weaknesses as well as access to College Board test preparation materials and study guides online.

Mr. Lopez...

Pueblo Athletics have been plugging away. Cross Country is doing great! They finished 3rd out of 16 in a huge meet in Rio Rico. They have regionals in a couple of weeks. Boys are looking strong. Football had a couple of excellent wins over Palo Verde and Douglas, however just came up short with Walden Grove. Playoff implications were involved. Swim has their last meet on Thursday, October 18 at home. Our new coach, Matt Barber, has sparked a lot of interest from our students.

Winter sports are getting ready to start up and we have some excitement with a load of new coaches for boys basketball, wrestling, and girls soccer. Boys soccer and girls basketball have the same stud coaches and will pick up where they left off... winning.

Girls restrooms in the upper east wing have been spruced up thanks to Ms. Josie Rincon! The solar project is moving along and we hope to have it done by the end of November.

We hired a new Finance Manager

for the business office and look forward to her help and support.



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OUR VISION

Pueblo High School is committed to creating an excelling, diverse community of learners with a culture of high expectations in a safe, supportive environment.

OUR MISSION

To prepare all students for college, work, and life through rigorous and relevant curriculum combined with positive interpersonal relationships.

Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior!



Mrs. Fennema wants you to know...

- ◆ We are pleased to welcome **Aleisha Nelson as our new Finance Manager** in the Business Office. Please contact her at 225-4402 to pay fees, purchase yearbooks, make donations, turn in text books, etc.
- ◆ **PSAT test will be held on Wednesday, October 24.** for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Seniors will take the PCC Accuplacer test. Encourage your student to get a good night's sleep, eat at good breakfast, and most importantly, arrive at school **ON TIME**.
- ◆ Join us for our **Parent Cafecito on Wednesday, October 31 from 8 to 9 AM** in the Special Projects Room. This month's topic will be applying for Financial Aid for college.
- ◆ **Order cap and gown and other graduation supplies** from Rembrandt Photography and Graduation Supplies by calling 520-745-5289 or visit www.rembrandtgrad.com. Deadline is Thanksgiving weekend.