

# Warrior News

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## November 22-23:

Thanksgiving Break

# • November 28: Parent Cafecito 8—9 a.m.; Pueblo Expo 5-6:30 p.m.

- December 7: Pueblo Family Science Night at 5:30 p.m.
- December 3-13: Second Quarter Benchmark tests
- December 12: Parent Cafecito 8—9 a.m.
- December 13: ASVAB test for seniors
- December 17-20:
   Finals Week—Early
   Dismissal on
   Wednesday and
   Thursday
- December 21:
   Grading Day—no school
- December 24-January 4:
   Winter Break



# A Word from our Principal......

Dear Pueblo Family,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It is hard to believe the end of the first semester of the 2018-19 school year is nearly upon us. It has been a great school year on the campus of Pueblo and I remain steadfast in saying there is no better feeling than being a Warrior. I am proud of the hard work and dedication I see each and every day from our students and from our staff in and out of the classroom. Visiting classrooms has allowed me the opportunity to see the many examples of learning and engagement happening in our school. Likewise, the level of involvement in our school is remarkable and is one reason Pueblo continues to be such a great high school. It is truly rewarding to see the number of students highly involved in music, theatre, clubs, and athletics. Of particular note, our beloved Pueblo Marching Band placed 25th overall in state competition, a feat not reached in several years. Pueblo's amazing CR department hosted the largest Encuentro ever; it was an amazing display of crosscurricular planning. Even more amazing, Pueblo students designed the entire event, working with each other on all the critical details. Encuentros at Pueblo

continue to grow in numbers and have become an important part of the Pueblo culture as the event highlights student work, presentation, and collaboration, which are all critical skills required in a global society.

The next few weeks are crucial in that we have another round of standardized testing. Please speak with your students about the importance of giving these types of exams their best effort. One of my main missions at Pueblo is to encourage a college-going atmosphere, not in slogan or word, but pragmatically. Beginning Semester II, Pueblo will offer English 101 to any interested senior. This class is free and transferrable to Pima Community College, Northern Arizona University, Arizona State

University and the University of Arizona. Additionally, Pueblo will turn its Economics course into Dual Enrollment and it too will be transferrable to any collegiate institution. It is highly advised you encourage your child to enroll. Please see your counselor for details.

We appreciate the time, energy, and effort our students have put into making Semester I memorable. I want to leave you with a quote:

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory."

~ Dr. Seuss. On behalf of Pueblo administration, we wish everyone a Happy Thanks-

giving.

# Highlight of the Month ...



Wednesday, November 28, 2018 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

See page 2 news under from Mr. Montaño for more information.

# What's up with our APs?

#### Mr. Montaño...

We are excited to offer our first Pueblo Expo on Wednesday, November 28th, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Families of 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders are invited to come to the auditorium where we will be sharing the different courses and programs that will be offered to our Pueblo Warriors next school year. There will be information on our advance placement courses, Pima College and University of Arizona dual enrollment offerings, JTED opportunities, CTE programs including presentation on our Healthcare Foundations Program, and AVID information. You will also be able to receive

information on our clubs, sports, and fine arts programs. Additionally, we will share information on our Pueblo College Preparatory Academy, a special selection of classes offering college credit; there will only be 20 spots available for each grade level next year for the College Prep Academy. The

evening will also feature live performances from Mariachi Aztlán (the best high school mariachi in Tucson) and folklórico as well as from our band, piano and guitar students, t-shirt giveaways and tours of the school. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Mrs. Gunnels...

I hope you take some time during the busy upcoming holiday season to spend some time with family and friends!

There are two items I would like to remind everyone about...

The end of the semester is rapidly approaching. That means lots of final projects, final assignments, and final exams. From December 3<sup>rd</sup> – December 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be administering the Quarter Benchmark Assessments in reading, writing, and math. These benchmarks provide crucial information to teachers about what our students know and are able to do. The benchmarks are aligned to TUSD Curriculum 5.0, the Arizona College and

Career Readiness Standards, and ACT (which all of juniors will take in April), our new state assessment. Final exams will be administered December  $18^{th}$  – December  $20^{th}$  (periods 0-9). In order to do their best it is very important that students get plenty of rest and good nutrition prior to these tests. It is also very important that students are in attendance and on time every day (which leads me to my second topic, attendance).

Please continue to encourage students to be on time to school and each class every day. The bottom line is that the first step to being successful is showing up and being on time. If students are not in class, they cannot learn. We have seen a significant reduction in the number of students who are absent and/or tardy each day due to some changes that we made this year, one of which requires that students who are more than five minutes late to class come to the attendance office to sign in and get a tardy slip. We have been monitoring these students and providing them with interventions to help them and their families get them to school and class on time. Your assistance in reminding students that attendance matters is greatly appreciated!

## Mr. Lopez...



The solar panel project is making gains. We are close to being finished with the project. Most of the parking lot is available with some sections fenced off because of some finish work that needs to be done. We are hoping that by second semester, the project will be completely done.

Winter sports kicked off the week

of November 19. We are excited for all Winter sports as they have some big numbers. Please remind your students stay on top of their academic requirements. All programs have after-school tutoring two hours a week and we need all students to use it effectively.

Please come out and support Pueblo athletics.

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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...

- Order cap and gown and other graduation supplies from Rembrandt Photography and Graduation Supplies by calling 520-745-5289 or visit www.rembrandtgrad.com.
   Senior Pictures for the yearbook must be taken at Dodson photography. Schedule your portrait session by calling 790-7923. You are not obligated to purchase pictures from Dodson, however, in order to have senior picture in the yearbook, it must be taken at Dodson. Deadline for both is Thanksgiving weekend.
- ◆ Join us for our Parent Cafecito on Wednesday, November 28 from 8 to 9 AM in the Special Projects Room. This month's topic will be course selection for the 201-20 school year. Come hear about the great courses being offered for your students for next year. Our December Cafecito will be on the 12th and the topic will be AVID.
- ◆ Activate your ParentVue account! If you have not already done so, activate your ParentVue account to have access to your child's grades, attendance, teacher email addresses, and much more. Contact Mrs. Fennema at 225-4503 if you need an activation code to set up your account or if need to have your password reset for an existing account. An active ParentVue account will be needed to register for school for the 2019-20 school year.