



Warrior News

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EVENTS:

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- **December 24-
January 4:** Winter Break
- **January 9:** Tribal Images Youth Council Sunrise Ceremony, 7-8 a.m. on Lou Farber Field
- **January 21:** No School in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- **January 30:** Parent Cafecito, 8-9 a.m. in Special Projects Room



A Word from our Principal.....

Dear Families,

The holiday season is upon us, and our students are continuing to learn and grow as we make our way toward winter break. Wow, where did the semester go? I would like to begin this month's message with a special shout out to the December graduates. On behalf of the Pueblo administration, we are very proud of your efforts and we wish you the very best as you venture off to adulthood. Remember, Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior!

The month of December blessed us with several memorable accomplishment by our fine arts, AVID, science, and social studies departments. We appreciate all the staff, students and parents who participated in those events and we hope to continue that level of excellence. I also want to give special thanks to those sports teams who took part in toy drives and community work; your efforts are deeply appreciated.

On behalf of our staff, we hope you have a great winter break with your children, family and friends. We look forward to continuing to work together as a team to provide your child with the best educational experience here at Pueblo High School. There is no greater gift than to have a positive impact on a child's life. This holiday season, I am reminded how fortunate we all are with the opportunity to share in this gift.

Highlights of the Month ...

14TH ANNUAL PUEBLO FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

This annual event sponsored by the Pueblo Science and Chemistry clubs, CCLC, and the Pueblo Alumni Association was held on December 7. The cafeteria and Leveter Gym were full of students and families enjoying entertainment, food, hands-on demonstrations, and exhibits from various Pueblo clubs and organizations. Many thanks to Dr. Levine and the Science Department for putting on this wonderful event.



Holiday Fine Arts Showcase

The Pueblo Fine Arts department put on a fantastic Holiday Showcase featuring band, guitar, piano, folkorico, mariachi, and our newest addition, choir! The kids outdid themselves and put on a fantastic show. Many thanks to all of our wonderful fine arts teachers who have worked with our students all semester to prepare them for this performance.



Congratulations Mr. Montaña!

Our own Assistant Principal, David Montaña was chosen as the Arizona School Counselor Association Supervisor of the Year for the State of Arizona. This is a very notable recognition and well deserved! It was a long time coming and we are happy to see that he is being acknowledged for his great leadership.

What's up with our APs?



Mr. Montaña...

Well done, Students, on your first semester! As we celebrate your accomplishments, we prepare ourselves to begin strong in the second semester. In January, students will participate in the course selection process. The counselors will guide the students through the process. Choices impact your graduation and students' post-secondary path, so students should make their choices wisely. Students interested in the Pueblo College Preparatory Academy, please schedule an online appointment with Dr. Toro as soon as possible.

Students who failed a class first se-

mester and are a freshmen, sophomore or junior, can grade replacement can be completed by participation in 21st Century (CCLC) online classes for FREE. Applications are available in the Counseling Office. Student athletes who plan to participate in college sports and want to grade replace a class must take the course with a teacher; grade replacing a class online will make a student athlete INELIGIBLE per the NCAA. Student athletes must have grades that are a C or better in order to be eligible for NCAA consideration. See your counselor for more information. Seniors who need

to grade replace should make an online appointment with Dr. Toro regarding graduation plans as soon as possible.

Many juniors have had schedule changes for second semester regarding ACT preparation. Students needing to review their second semester schedule are asked to refer to their Student View account. The ACT test preparation class supports our students in preparing for the ACT test that will take place in April. Please support your students by scheduling homework time at home. Pueblo offers assistance for homework at 7:00 AM in the Library and after school.

Mrs. Gunnels...

I would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work and dedication this year. Pueblo is the amazing place it is because of each every Warrior that has graced our hallways. I am proud to be part of the Warrior family!

In April our juniors will be taking the ACT test. ACT is an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admissions decisions. The purpose of the

ACT test is to measure a high school student's readiness for college, and provide colleges with one common data point that can be used to compare all applicants. College admissions officers will review standardized test scores alongside other important measures like GPA, letters of recommendation from teachers or mentors, extracurricular activities, and personal essays. Overall, the higher a stu-

dent scores on ACT, the more options for attending and paying for college they will have.

We have created several classes next semester in order to help students get ready for the ACT. If you are interested in taking advantage of this important opportunity, please contact me or Mr. Phillips for more information.

Mr. Lopez...

Winter sports are in full swing! The weather is colder so make sure you wear your jackets and sweaters to the Boys and Girls Soccer games. The girls' numbers are booming and we are excited for the spirit that Coach Ramirez is bringing to the program! The boys soccer program is grinding it out and Coach Francisco is working for another state title. Coach Sanders is running around like crazy making sure all the programs are running efficiently and taken care of. The boys basketball program is working hard on fundamentals of basketball and

you can see the boys are learning and improving daily. Great work Coach Jimmie and staff! The girls' program is excelling as usual. They have been playing like crazy and coming up with lots of wins! Coach Izzy expects them to make another run for a state title! Congratulations to our Summer Fox who is headed to play at the next level and also scored her 1000th point!! She is representing Lady Warrior Basketball as are our other young ladies on the team.

Coach Josiah Smith and the wrestling warriors finished 4th at the William Bell tournament hosted by the Pueblo Warriors! We received many compliments on how the tournament was run. They even

asked that we host it every year.

Kudos to all that were involved, especially assistant coach Leticia Valenzuela Smith who solved most of the tournaments technical software issues!

Custodians are working hard to keep our school clean and running as is Robert Fuentes our maintenance engineer. Security is doing a great job keeping us safe and getting kids into their classes.

We will be closed over the Winter Break with all practices happening between 8 am and 12 noon.

Have a Merry Christmas and see you all Next Year!

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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.

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Mrs. Fennema wants you to know...

- ◆ **Winter Break** begins on Friday, December 21. Students return to school on January 7, 2019. Have a restful and joyous holiday season!
- ◆ **Don't Miss January's Parent Cafecito**, Wednesday, January 30, 8-9 a.m. in the Special Projects Room. This is a great opportunity to connect with other Pueblo parents and learn about programs and topics of interest to students and families.
- ◆ **Attendance matters!** Attendance is an important component to student success. It is important for students to be at school and arrive to every class on time! Students arriving or returning to school after 9 a.m. must be signed in by a parent or guardian. There are consequences for students with 3, 6, 9, and 12 unexcused tardies or absences.
- ◆ **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.

