



Warrior News

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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A Word from our Principal.....

Dear Families,

We are back from winter break, and wow, did I miss so many friendly faces: staff, students and families. I hope you had the opportunity to spend quality time with family, friends, and loved ones during the time away from school. It is important to take advantage of these moments so we can rejuvenate, refocus, and approach the new year with a renewed sense of purpose. We ended the month of December with a celebration of Semester I accomplishments and a genuine Thank You. December brought with it considerable mandated testing but we found time to have fun our student council led assembly; wow our

Pueblo students are creative and highly organized.

As we kick off Semester II it is our goal to continue the culture we set during the first half of the year. Parents, continue to ask you kids about school, check their grades weekly and encourage a "no days off" mentality. Time away from school will have a negative impact on your child's academic performance so please, emergencies only.

We have made a tangible effort to improve the aesthetics of the school and thanks to many donations, great ideas and old fashion hard work, we have made significant enhancements. The students have done a tremendous job

maintaining the progress and again, this is a great credit to your leadership as parents and staff. We will continue to explore ways to improve the overall look and feel at Pueblo High School. Our next major project is to purchase new lunch benches for Pueblo students. The science club graciously allowed us to utilize their benches as a model in hopes that we receive additional donations to cover the entire lunch area.

Thank you all for your commitment to excellence. It is such an honor serving this community in the capacity of principal.

- **January 30:** Parent Cafecito, 8-9 a.m. in Special Projects Room; Nana and Tatas night, 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium
- **February 5:** Leveter Gym dedication
- **February 8th:** AP Exam deposit due
- **February 14:** Parent Teacher Conferences 5:30—7:30 p.m.
- **February 15:** Half Day—dismissal at 12:18 p.m.
- **February 20:** Final AP exam fee due
- **February 25:** Third Quarter Benchmark tests begin
- **March 18-22:** Spring Break

Highlight of the Month ...

NANAS AND TATAS NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

IN THE AUDITORIUM AT 5:30PM

Students who have advanced at least one level on the benchmark tests as well as other achievements will be honored and given certificates.

Recognizing the important role grandparents play in our students' lives, we invite them to come share in this celebration with their grandchild.

It is not necessary to be a Nana or Tata to attend; the whole family is welcome. We will be sending out invitations soon.



What's up with our APs?

Mr. Montaña...

The counselors are presenting the course selection options for 2019-20 in classes. Next month students will select their classes online. Students, please pay attention to your choices, since they impact your graduation and your post-secondary path. If you have a CTE class, remember these classes are program-based and must be continued the classes through the advanced levels. Also, if students are interested in the Pueblo College Preparatory Academy, please schedule an appointment online with Dr. Toro as

soon as possible. Students who failed a class first semester and are a freshmen, sophomore or junior, can grade replace 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, if you need to grade replace, please make an appointment online with Dr. Toro regarding your graduation plan as soon as possible.

Many juniors have had schedule changes for second semester regarding ACT preparation. 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 hope you have had a good start to the new year. If you haven't already, your son and/or daughter should be giving you a course selection form to review and sign. It is very important that you carefully review this information with your child. Student course selections drive our master schedule and determine the number of teachers we are able to hire and the types of courses we of-

fer for next year. Once those decisions have been made it is very difficult to make changes. Therefore most schedule change requests that happen at the beginning of the school year are denied.

This semester we are offering a new class designed to help prepare juniors for ACT (see above). ACT is our new state assessment. It is also a national admissions test that colleges and universities use to determine acceptance, placement, and scholarship

eligibility. The better that our students do on ACT translates directly into increased academic and financial opportunities. If you are interested in having your child enrolled in one of these support classes, please contact Mr. Phillips at 520-225-4363.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be on Thursday, February 14, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Teachers will be in their classrooms. If there is a teacher you would like to speak with appointments are recommended.

Mr. Lopez...

I hope your Winter Break was restful and filled with great memories of eating and spending time with family!

We started second semester hitting the ground running! We had a JV wrestling tournament on the Saturday before returning to school and the turnout was fantastic. Our neighboring schools participated and made the event special for all athletes. I am excited about the girls wrestling

team that we have fielded this year. The girls sectional will be the week before the boys sectional and the state wrestling tournament will host both men and women's wrestling.

Our girls and boys basketball teams are both working their tails off and you can see improvement in both! The girls won a big game on Thursday, January 17, 2019 against rival Rio Rico. Their win ranks them #9 heading into the state playoffs.

Our boys and girls soccer are gaining ground on the competition.

It looks as if our parking lot/solar panel project is getting ready for completion and we are excited the get are parking program back under way.

Have a great rest of the winter. Spring sports programs will kick off on February 4, so please get physicals in and fee's paid.

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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...

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **\$25 AP Exam deposits** are due by February 8th. A \$10 late fee is charged for deposits made after February 8th. The final balance is due no later than February 20th. The total exam cost is \$94.
- ◆ **Registration for the 2019-20 school year** will be online for new and returning students and **will begin in mid-February**. All families must complete registration online through ParentVue by June in order to have a schedule for their student in time for the start of the school year in August. If you have not already done so, **activate your ParentVue account** to register for school for the 2019-20 school year. 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.
- ◆ **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.

