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VIRTUAL POSTSECONDARY READINESS EXPO

October 4 - 15, 2021

PSR EXPO LINK
DCSD's Postsecondary Readiness Department is hosting a Virtual Postsecondary Readiness Expo for all DCSD students. Students will have the opportunity to visit virtually with representatives within specific industries or fields to learn about career pathways and postsecondary options.

Free Colorado Application Days!
Apply to Colorado colleges and universities for FREE October 19th - 21st.

Seniors Check your Email for more Scholarship Information.

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL OTTMANN

OCTOBER COUNT CONTINUES

Dear Mustang Students and Parents,

As you may or may not be aware, our funding is based upon our enrollment. This enrollment number is determined by the "October Count" which begins on September 27, and ends on October 8. Regular attendance is important at any time during the school year, but especially important during this time so we can get an accurate enrollment count. Please encourage consistent attendance with your son or daughter during this important enrollment period.

MESSAGE FROM THE PHS FINANCE OFFICE

1st Semester Course Fees have been posted! Please log onto My School Bucks and pay your fees. Due date is October 15th.

ASVAB Career Exploration Program Test

We are excited to provide the opportunity for 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students to register for the optional ASVAB Career Exploration Program Test scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, October 5, 2021. The ASVAB is a career and vocational test used by the military to determine aptitudes in reading, math, and science. It also measures mechanical and vocational abilities. The ASVAB may be used to meet state graduation competencies. The registration window opens today and closes Friday, October 1, 2021. (Please note: space is limited)

MORE INFORMATION - CLICK HERE

STOP BY THE COUNSELING OFFICE TO SIGN UP!
ATTENTION CLASS OF 2022!
NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
Click here for more details and meet with your counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate in May 2022!

UPCOMING SAT DATES
SAT TEST DATE: 11/6/2021
Register by 10/8/2021
Late Registration Deadline: 10/26/2021

SAT TEST DATE: 12/4/2021
Register by 11/4/2021
Late Registration Deadline: 11/23/2021

www.collegeboard.org

ACTIVITIES/CLUBS

Future Business Leaders of America
FUNDRAISER
RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES
Your empty/used printer ink cartridges can be recycled by FBLA for cash! That money supports their activities and events. (The ink cartridges can be dropped off in the main office.)

FBLA SELLS PHS APPAREL
Check out the current Ponderosa apparel and spirit wear catalogue here! To place an order either complete the ordering form or email Dawn Hildenbrand at dawn.hildenbrand@dcsdk12.org.

SCHOOL SAFETY
Suspicious behavior can be reported through:

SAVE THE DATE
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES - VIRTUAL
Please click here for instructions and the link to sign-up.
October 6, 2021 3:30 - 6:30 PM

EXPLORER OPEN HOUSE
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October 6, 2021, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Highlands Ranch Substation
9250 Zotos Dr, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

EXPLORER PROGRAM
- This program will provide Explorers a fun insight about law enforcement.
- Explorers will participate in weekly trainings, preparing them for competitions throughout the year.
- Explorers will learn how to work as a team, communicate and gain responsibility, while training and volunteering with the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office.
- Leadership academies and scholarships for college are also possible while participating in the program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT
- Open to Douglas County students ages 14 - 21.
- The students must have completed 8th grade to apply.
- GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Must successfully pass a background check and oral board process.

TRICK-OR-TREAT STREET hosted by PHS FCCLA
SAVE THE DATE: October 28th, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Ponderosa will be having a Halloween party! The various clubs/activity groups will be handing out candy or sponsoring an event for the neighborhood children. Entry fee is canned food for or monetary donation for the Parker Task Force. We hope you can join us for our SuperHero themed festivities. (Masks Required)
MESSAGE FROM THE PHS HEALTH OFFICE
The health room at PHS is seeing a large volume of students with illness symptoms. These symptoms can be caused by a variety of things, including COVID-19. No matter what the cause of their symptoms, they may have an illness that can be spread to others. Please partner with us to keep our school healthy by keeping your child at home when they are sick. Please refer to the following documents provided by the Colorado Department of Health and Environment with regards to Addressing Symptoms at School and Return to Learn: Guidance Following a Positive COVID-19 Symptom Screen.

JOIN the DCSD NUTRITION SERVICES TEAM!
4 and 6 hr. Kitchen Assistant positions are available starting at $15/hr. Partial and full benefit eligibility with most positions.

Nights, weekends, and school breaks OFF!

For more information, contact Nicole Bantau at 303-387-0329 or apply online at http://www.dcsdk12.org/careers

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 10/18 - 22 | Fall Break  
| No Students! |

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