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Ponderosa High School

A Douglas County School

SEPTEMBER 2009

YEARBOOK NOTICE:

Yearbooks were not available for purchase at registration this year. Please go to Ponderosa's website (www.phsmustang.com) and click on the link on the homepage or go to www.yearbookordercenter.com. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Harrison at anastasia.harrison@dcsdk12.org.

ACADEMIC LETTERING

If you qualify for an Academic letter, please keep the upcoming dates in mind:

- September 18-Letters of congratulations sent to recipients.
- October 8-RSVP's due to the Main Office (Mrs. Barber) for Mrs. Knotts.

COUNSELING OFFICE

TRANSCRIPT request forms are in the Counseling Office. Requested transcripts will be available for pick up within 48 hours of the request. PLEASE do not forget to retrieve them in a timely manner.

PTSA: HELP WANTED

PTSA is in need of a treasurer! Experience is not required for this position. Please contact Wendy Kesler, president of PTSA, at 303-840-2900 or wkesler@comcast.net for more information.

STUDENT ACTIVITY CARD

You **MUST** bring your student ID with the "A"ctivity pass with you to home games for free admittance.

CALENDAR

Starting September 24 - come see the play "OZ" - see more information on page 2.

Wednesday, 9/23 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:00 pm

Homecoming Theme: A Haunted Homecoming

Friday, 10/2

Homecoming Assembly at the end of the day

Friday, 10/2

Football Game @ Burt.com Stadium, 7:00 pm

Saturday, 10/3

HOMEcoming DANCE, 8:00-11:00 pm, Commons




"OZ" the musical opens next week! The play dates are Sept. 24-26 at 7:30pm, with a matinee on the 26th at 2:00 p.m. Forty 9th and 10th graders have been working diligently, every day after school to present a polished and entertaining production. The play is an updated and hilarious version of the original classic, with a few twists thrown in. The munchkins are hip-hop dudes and the flying monkeys also tap dance with the Wicked Witch!

Please make plans to attend this production and support the very talented students of Ponderosa!



YOUTH CONGRESS 2009
WHAT THE ADULTS DON'T WANT YOU TO KNOW...

**Partnership of Douglas
County Governments**



Date: October 3, 2009

Time: 9 a.m.— 2:30 p.m.
(sign-in starts at 8:30 a.m.)

Location: Villa Parker
10936 North Pine Drive
Parker, CO

HIGHLIGHTS

- Meet your elected officials
- Meet the PeaceJam founder
- Change the world
- Learn the policy process
- Help influence laws
- Meet other involved youth
- Get awesome takeaways
- Get volunteer hour credit
- Get involved

YOUTH DELEGATES:

If you're between the
ages of 13 and 19 and
want to attend,

RSVP to

303.688.4825, x5327

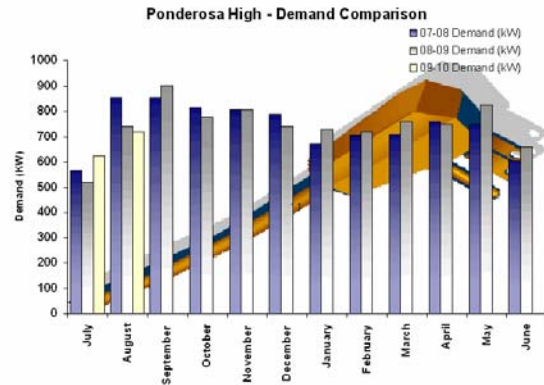
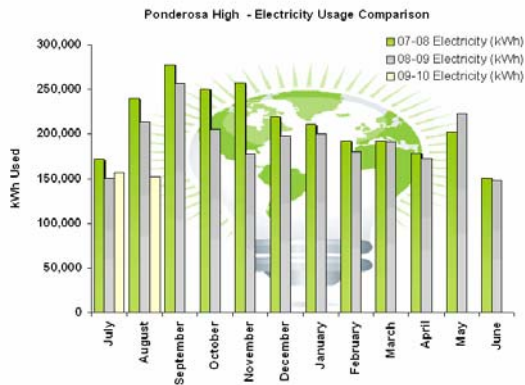
or

cturner@douglas.co.us



ENERGY UPDATE

Douglas County School District has done a great job reducing their energy usage! Even though we increased square footage almost 8% in FY 08-09, we reduced energy usage almost 7%. Thank you for the great work! As we move into the new fiscal year, we are facing some increases in cost for both usage and demand. Continued focus on these costs is even more important as we incur the upcoming rate hikes. Thank you for your help! Please contact Lee Smit, at 7-0428 if you have any questions.



COLLEGE VISITS

College visit information is also found at the Naviance website under the College tab. You will find your pass for the college visit on Naviance or you can print the email message that you received at home.

UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS

Arapahoe Community College	9/22/2009	10:30 AM
Colorado Christian University	9/22/2009	1:00 PM
University of Northern Colorado	9/24/2009	8:00 AM
Fort Lewis College	9/23/2009	10:00 AM
Cornell College	9/28/2009	9:30 AM
University of Denver	9/29/2009	11:00 AM
Colorado State University, Pueblo	10/1/2009	2:00 PM
Coe College	10/6/2009	10:30 AM
Carthage College	9/6/2009	1:30 PM
Seattle Pacific University	9/6/2009	2:00 PM
William Woods University	9/8/2009	10:00 AM
University of Wyoming	9/13/2009	1:00 PM
Seattle University	9/30/2009	11:30 AM



Dear Ponderosa Parents and Students:

The new school year is in full swing. For students at Ponderosa High School, it is time to begin thinking of life after high school. To help provide guidance to students and parents, on October 14, 2009 from 7:45 to 10:45 am, PHS will be conducting various grade level standardized tests. Depending on the grade level, these tests will help students measure their aptitude, their current academic development, explore career/training options, make plans for the remaining years of high school and practice for the ACT and/or SAT. These tests are mandatory (with the exception of the PSAT) as the exams not only help guide the students success in school and beyond, but help Ponderosa improve student learning.

Below you will find which grade level will be taking what exam the morning of Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

- **Freshmen:** Freshman students will rotate through three important programs. The first is Naviance, where they will explore career information and learn how this important tool can be used for college preparation. Next are extended learning opportunities which offer Freshmen access to teacher assigned study time. Third is our career panel with speakers from the community.
- **Sophomores:** The **PLAN®** (10th grade version of ACT) program helps 10th graders build a solid foundation for future academic and career success. It is a comprehensive guidance resource that helps students measure their current academic development, explore career/training options, and make plans for the remaining years of high school and post-graduation years.
- **Sophomores: PSAT** (please read PSAT description below) This test is open to interested sophomores as a practice prior to taking it their junior year to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. Sophomores who choose to take the PSAT on October 14th MUST take the PLAN on October 28th.
- **Juniors:** PSAT/NMSQT stands for Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. It is a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT Reasoning Test. It also gives you a chance to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) scholarship programs. This test is also open to interested sophomores as a practice prior to taking it their junior year. This exam is optional for Juniors and a fee is required to take this exam.
 - **PSAT Registration** begins Wednesday, September 16, 2009.
 - Students may register in the Counseling Office before school, during their lunch, or after school. Fee: \$22
 - **LATE Registration:** Monday, October 5 to Friday, October 9, 2009. FEE: \$25
- **Juniors: ASVAB:** The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery will be given to students who do NOT sign up for the PSAT. This exam offers both aptitude and interest assessments which helps predict future occupational and academic success. It provides measures of learning potential that are useful in predicting performance in school courses. (There is NO obligation to any branch of the military by taking this test.) The ASVAB is FREE of charge. This test is offered to Juniors not taking the PSAT and is open to Seniors.
- **Seniors:** It is recommended that Seniors participate in ONE of the following options below:
 - **ASVAB** (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery). This is a comprehensive career exploration and planning program that includes a multiple aptitude test battery, an interest inventory, and an exercise designed to help students explore the world of work. This test is free of charge and there is NO obligation to any branch of the military.
 - **Community Service.** Students may complete hours toward their 20 hour community service graduation requirement.
 - **College Visit.** Students may visit a college of interest. Students should prearrange a tour through the college admissions office.
 - **Job Shadow Experience.** Students may visit a professional or workplace of interest to them.

The results of these tests generally arrive in late January. Students who took ASVAB will pick up their test results in the Counseling Office.

Sincerely,
Ryan Alsup
Assistant Principal



PHS 09-10 FUNDRAISER and *PROJECT CALENDAR*

GROUP	SPONSOR NAME	FUNDRAISER OR <i>PROJECT</i>	START DATE	END DATE
SEPTEMBER				
<i>FBLA</i>	dawn.hildenbrand@dcsdk12.org	PHS catchall bags Teddy Bears	<i>On Going</i>	<i>On Going</i>
<i>FBLA</i>	dawn.hildenbrand@dcsdk12.org	Mustang tattoos	<i>09/28/09</i>	<i>10/02/09</i>
OCTOBER				
<i>FBLA</i>	dawn.hildenbrand@dcsdk12.org	Mustang tattoos	<i>09/28/09</i>	<i>10/02/09</i>
<i>FCCLA</i>	kimberly.baldwin@dcsdk12.org	Butter braids (delivery November 11-12)	<i>10/26/09</i>	<i>11/05/09</i>
<i>FBLA</i>	dawn.hildenbrand@dcsdk12.org	Halloween lollipops	<i>10/26/09</i>	<i>10/30/09</i>
NOVEMBER				
<i>FCCLA</i>	kimberly.baldwin@dcsdk12.org	Butter braids (delivery November 11-12)	<i>10/26/09</i>	<i>11/05/09</i>
<i>FBLA</i>	dawn.hildenbrand@dcsdk12.org	Cookie dough	<i>11/09/09</i>	<i>11/23/09</i>