



POUDRE HIGH SCHOOL

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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IMPALA PRIDE BULLETIN

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MESSAGE FROM PHS ADMIN

Welcome PHS families to the 2025-2026 School Year!

We hope you all had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer. We are thankful to be starting a new school year with all of our students. We recognize that relationships and connections are incredibly important to teenagers' lives, and we will offer numerous opportunities throughout the school year for students to connect to adults, peers, and to their interests. We are excited to announce the opening of our renovated Technical Education space. Poudre School District received a 1-million-dollar grant from the Bohemian Foundation and 1-million-dollar grant from Larimer County for improvements to both the space and equipment to make our Tech Ed area state of the art! This school year our Geometry and Construction class in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity will be completing their 13th and 14th homes to be moved into the community for well-deserving families. Our Agriculture teachers received a grant for honeybees which will be joining our chickens to be studied and looked after by students in our agricultural classes. Our theater department will be performing the musical "Hedestown the teen edition" this fall and the winter and spring plays of "Lost Girl" and "Much Ado About Nothing". These are just a few of the many opportunities for students to get involved.



This year, we will be continuing in our third year of the JROTC program. The JROTC program teaches character education, student achievement, health and wellness, leadership and diversity. You may have seen the color guard at many sporting events and graduation ceremonies. The program is jointly conducted through a partnership between the US Department of Defense and PSD. We're also happy to share our campus with the district's Career Tech Center (CTC), formerly known as the Futures Lab. The CTC offers high school & college credit, industry certifications, & work-based learning and apprenticeship opportunities. Pathways are aligned to high-demand industries such as: Aviation, AI and programming, Cybersecurity, Construction Management, Advanced Manufacturing, Early Childhood Education, Behavioral Health, Medical Assistant, and Automotive. Both JROTC and CTC courses are offered in AM and PM blocks. PSD students can take half-day classes at their home high school and half-day at JROTC or the CTC. For more information, please contact your student's PHS counselor.



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MESSAGE FROM PHS ADMIN, continued...

Here are some important upcoming dates to put on your calendar:

- August 6th: Freshman parent orientation night at 6:00 PM in the Poudre High School Auditorium
- August 12th: Registration for 10th-12th grade students
- August 13th: Freshman transition day and registration for freshman
- August 14th: First day of school for all students
- August 19th: Senior Sunrise on the Poudre High School football field at 6:00 AM
- August 27th: Back to School night at 5:30 PM starting in the Auditorium at PHS

We're encouraging all families to engage in their students' high school experiences as well. We will have multiple opportunities for family engagement, and while teenagers may not be quick to extend an invitation to you to join in their high school activities, remember that the invitation is always open. Thank you for your support as we begin the 2025-2026 school year!

Sincerely,

Poudre High School Administration

NINTH GRADE TRANSITION DAY

August 13th, 2025

We are SO glad you are an Impala! Incoming PHS Ninth graders will get to experience all things "Poudre High School" a day before the rest of the student body arrives. Students will be led by their Ubuntu leaders (trained upperclassmen leaders) meeting students in their Pathway, exploring PHS, getting their pictures, school IDs, laptops, AND traveling to their classes to meet their teachers. Breakfast and lunch are free for all students. Students can get breakfast from 8:35-9:05 and all students should plan to join us by 9:05 to kick off the day. Students do not need to bring any supplies but can bring a bag, water bottle, or pack their own lunch in they prefer. Students will have access to their schedules but are encouraged to check them beforehand and have them handy (either on phones or as a hard copy).

NO BACKPACK DAY

August 14th, 2025

The first day of school for all students, all grades, is August 14th, 2025. We are excited to start the year with our 4th annual "No Backpack Day" because we believe that the first day of school should be FUN! Impalas will spend the day building connections with one another and our Poudre staff with activities throughout the day. "No Backpack Day" is kind of a silly name because, of course, students can bring backpacks, but this day will not be focused on academic content and instead on connection as it kicks off our 25-26 year! Go Poudre!

goodbye
Summer



SCHEDULE REPAIR REQUESTS



Student schedules will be available to view starting in **August 2025** through StudentVue/ParentVue and we wanted to share the process for making schedule repairs.

Please set up an appointment with your counselor as changes may not be able to be completed via email. Counselors are in the building at the beginning of August 2025.

Schedule repairs will only be granted for the following reasons:

- Duplicate classes (ex: Two Chemistry classes)
- Class I did not register for (and was not listed as an alternate class)
- Incorrect level placement
- Completed coursework over the summer
- Not meeting a graduation requirement with my current schedule (SENIORS only)
- Want to drop a class (**students must have a minimum of 3 classes each quarter**)
- Missing a prerequisite for a course that is currently on my schedule
- 9th and 10th grade students must take a minimum of 70 credits.
- 11th and 12th grade students must take a minimum of 60 credits

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JROTC

This article missed the last newsletter of 2024 school year, so here is the JROTC info showcasing the great program activities from May and the summer:

As we approach the end of May, the Powder Battalion reflects back on a month of exceptional accomplishment, unwavering dedication, and a great sense of pride in our cadets. This has been a month of validation of the strength and resolve of our program, of the principles of dedication, service, and individual responsibility to which JROTC is committed. This month, our cadets were privileged to brief Poudre School District board members and principals on the growth and progress of our program. The briefing emphasized our plan for continuous improvement, highlighting our dedication to building leadership, promoting citizenship, and raising personal responsibility among the students. The encouraging feedback received accentuates the important role that our program plays in developing future leaders.

On May 18, 2025 our teacher Sergeant Kruschke and 4 cadets: Jaden Putman (Fort Collins High School), Garrison Ware (Poudre High School), Addie Speetzen (Wellington High School) and Natalie Zins (Rocky Mountain High School) competed in the 2025 Denver Colfax Marathon Relay, a race that entails running 26.2 miles in five legs across Denver's historic neighborhoods. Their discipline, work ethic, and teamwork were showcased as they proudly represented Poudre School District. Not only were they showcasing their physical endurance, but their involvement was also representative of the teamwork and discipline values that were imparted through JROTC training. As the school year draws to an end, our cadets are preparing to salute the achievement of their fellow cadets by providing color guard services at all high school graduations. This month has served as a testament to the dedication, hard work, and initiative of our cadets. From interacting with district command to attending community functions and preparing graduation ceremonies, our cadets have demonstrated the values of JROTC. Their accomplishments are a source of great pride for our unit, school, and community.

As we progress towards the upcoming graduation ceremonies and summer camps, we continue to reinforce leadership, citizenship, and personal responsibility in all of our cadets. The journey toward development and success continues, and we look forward with excitement to the future potential for our exceptional cadets. To find out more about our JROTC program or to become a part of it, visit our website at

<https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/psdjrotc/home>.





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Poudre Theatre Drama Camp

FOR INCOMING PHS 9TH GRADE STUDENTS

Summer 2025

Join us for a week of theatre games,
production techniques,
and a fun introduction to Poudre Theatre!

\$20 for the full week! Register at
www.poudretheatre.org

Colorado State University

Ready NoCO Application Workshop

Get prepared to submit
your college applications!

Rising high school seniors, you're invited to join us at the Ready NoCO Application workshop so you can sail through your college applications.

- Join admissions counselors for a case study that will teach you how to make the application process more approachable.
- Have lunch in a dining hall.
- Take part in breakout sessions and tour campus.

August 9, 2025 | 9AM-3 PM
Nutrien Agricultural Sciences Building
Colorado State University

REGISTER HERE:



ADMISSIONS
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

PHS is offering a student trip to Paris,
London, and Edinburgh in June of
2026!

Are you interested? The fall
informational meeting is coming up!

Date: Thursday, September 11

Location: PHS Event Center

Time: 5-6:00pm

RSVP to the informational meeting with
the QR code or here:
<https://rsvp.eftours.com/hsc98me>



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PHS FALL SPORTS 2025

1st Official day of Fall Sports is August 11th

1st Official day for Boys Golf is August 4th

You must complete the following steps at the start of each new season or sport to receive an orange card to try out and practice.

- 1- **Bring a paper copy** of your current physical to Cindy Smith in the Athletic Office. Please do not email or Fax. (A physical is good for 365 days and valid for all sports throughout the school year). The physical forms can be found on psdathletics.org
- 2- Complete online registration through Sports Engine. (Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on continue).
- 3- You can pay on School Pay (bring in a copy of your receipt) or you can pay at the school with our bookkeeper.
- 4- Cindy will check your classes and grades to make sure you are eligible for your season.

All 4 steps are required to receive an Orange Card. You will not be allowed to try out or participate if all 4 steps are not complete for each season.

Orange "Permit to Practice" cards will be issued for the fall season starting Tuesday July 29th. You must have an orange card to start tryouts on August 4th for Golf August 11th for the rest of the sports.

Athletic Participation Fees (no family maximum)

- PHS Students- \$220.00 per sport
- Unified Sports- \$110 per sport
- Charter/ Home or Private School Students- \$330.00 per sport pay as you go
- Charter/ Home or Private School Students- Unified Sports \$175.00 per sport pay as you go
- PHS Students Ice Hockey- \$220 plus up to \$1,000
 - Charter/ Home or Private School Students- \$330.00 per sport plus up to \$1000.00
- PHS Students Nordic Ski- \$220 plus pay as you go
 - Charter/ Home or Private School Students- \$330.00 per sport plus pay as you go

****Home Base/Charter/Private School students-fee is not waivable****

If a student athlete is not offered a spot on a team, the athletic fee will be reimbursed in full.

Students who meet federal guidelines for the free or reduced lunch program will have the participation fee waived. You must register every year for the waived fee and then go to your parent view and fill out the "permission to share" form. Once these 2 steps are complete, it could take 10 days to go through the system. If you have been approved to have your fees waived, you still need to process your payment through school pay. (It will show up as \$0.00 due).

Eligibility

Eligibility will be checked at the beginning of each season. Fall eligibility is determined in August based on spring semester grades earned. Athletes identified as failing two or more classes during spring semester will be ineligible for fall sports until the regain date.

PHS checks athletic eligibility on a weekly basis. Athletes identified as failing two or more classes will be declared ineligible and will lose one week of eligibility, beginning on the following Monday through Saturday.

ALL athletes must be taking at least 25 credits in the current semester while participating in a sport and must have earned 25 credits the previous semester.

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PHS FALL SPORTS 2025, continued...



Cross Country

Coach: Mark Kucza Cell: 970-305-0557 Email: mkucza@psdschools.org
 Practice begins Aug 11th 4:30pm outside of the Commons area/Cafeteria. Meet at the picnic tables.
 Bring a water bottle.
 Practices: Monday through Friday 4:30-6:00pm
 All runners are encouraged to have a watch to track time and mileage.
 Parent and Athlete Meeting Aug 11th 6:30 in the Event Center

Cheer

Coach: Alissa Telck Email: atelck@psdschools.org
 Tryouts Aug 18th through 20th 4:30-6:30pm in the Wrestling Gym

Dance

Coach: Kayla Gentry Email: kgentry@psdschools.org
 Fall Tryouts: August 25th 4:30-7:30pm in the Commons

Field Hockey

Coach: Kelly Samuel Email: ksamuel@psdschools.org
 Tryouts Aug 11th, 12th, 13th 6:30-8:30pm at Fossil Ridge Turf

Football

Coach: Eric Tonkin etonkin@psdschools.org
 Practice Aug 4th and 5th 7:00-11:00am
 Practice Aug 6th-7th-8th 1:30-5:00pm

Girls Flag Football

<https://fch.psdschools.org/flag-football>

Boys Golf - Official Start Date is August 4th

Coach: Phil Coatman (970)290-3701 pcoatman@psdschools.org
 Summer practices of driving range balls & tee times (9-18 holes) contact head coach.
 Player & parent meeting- 5 p.m. Wed. July 30th @ City Park 9 Golf Course clubhouse
 Practice round (9 holes)- 12 p.m. Mon. August 4th @ City Park 9 Golf Course.
 Practice round (18 holes) Tues. August 5th @ Collindale Golf Course.

Competitive golf once or twice a week locally, & across Colorado missing school.
 All practices before school at City Park 9 & nothing on all but one weekend.
 Schedule allows for multi-sport athletes & employment.
 For all but top 4 players, the season concludes September 22nd.
 15 different courses played last season! Players transported courses outside 20 miles from PHS.

Fundraiser golf tournament 7:30 am Sat. Aug. 16. Contact Mtn. Vista Golf Course if interested.

Gymnastics

Coach: Sam Lemminger Email: slemminger@psdschools.org

Boys Soccer

Coach: Kirstin Cutler kcutler@psdschools.org
 2-a-days Aug 4th through 8th 7:00-9:00am-Conditioning & 6:00-8:00pm field play
 Tryouts Aug 11th and 12th 4:30-6:30pm
 First practice Aug 13th 4:30-6:30pm Monday through Friday



PHS FALL SPORTS 2025, continued...



Softball

Coach: Wendi Miller 970- 691-0136 wendim@psdschools.org

Join our communication: App: Band & Search: Poudre Softball

Pre-Tryout Camp: Cost is \$30.00 Aug 4th-6th 3:30-5:30pm

Tryouts: Aug 11th through 13th 3:30-5:30pm

Team Selection Aug 13th

Mandatory Parent/Player BBQ Aug 15th 5:30pm

Team Lock-in Aug 15th-16th 7:00pm and pick up Aug 16th 9:00am

Boys Tennis

Coach: Amy Berkner Email aberkner@psdschools.org

Tryouts Aug 11th 4:30-6:30pm at Poudre's tennis courts

Tryouts will be Monday through Thursday of that week

Season practices are 4:30-6:30pm Monday through Friday (except on days when we have a match)

Volleyball

Coach: Olivia Shear – oshear@psdschools.org

Tryouts Aug 11th 9:00am-12:00pm Aug 12th 4:30-7:30pm Aug 13th 4:30-7:30pm

Season practices start Aug 14th 4:30-6:30pm

Parent Meeting Aug 15th 6:30pm in the small gym

Communication!! Follow these for up-to-date information!

Athletic Schedules: www.frontrangeleague.org

Instagram: poudreathletics

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Throughout the season there could be changes. To improve our communication with our families, PHS Athletics has a website that you can elect to get notifications via text or email.

You can check for updates at www.frontrangeleague.org and select Poudre. The above social media sites are also a great way to stay up to date with Poudre Athletics!

GO IMPALAS!

Cindy Smith

Poudre High School Athletic Assistant

Please feel free to call or email if you have any questions. Email is usually the best and quickest way to get information.

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