



# POUDRE HIGH SCHOOL

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### MESSAGE FROM PHS ADMINISTRATION

We hope your student was able to rejuvenate during spring break and returned refreshed and ready to finish strong! Fourth quarter is an exciting time of year with so many events planned. Student Council is organizing *Impalapolooza Week*, the week of March 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a spirit week at school with many fun activities planned to include the IB art show, the Poudre Pageant, a 1 act play and the Peach Fuzz volleyball tournament. In the world of athletics, our spring sports have begun! Our Impalas are excited to be participating in Track & Field, Boy's Swim & Dive, Girl's Golf, Baseball, Girl's Soccer, Boy's/Girl's Lacrosse, Girl's Tennis, Boy's Volleyball and Unified Soccer.

We will be having a Senior Meeting during late start on Wednesday, April 8th at 8:45 AM in the main gym. Poudre Theater rehearses every night this month preparing for opening night "Much Ado About Nothing". The performances will be April 30th, May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd at 7:00 PM and a matinee on Sunday, May 3rd at 2:30 PM. Student Council is preparing for PROM which will be at CSU Canvas Stadium's Hall of Champions on Saturday, May 9th from 8:00-11:00 PM. After- PROM this year will be held at Chipper's Lanes! Please look for an email from Nick Holley: [nholley@psdschools.org](mailto:nholley@psdschools.org) to learn how you can help with after-PROM.

Amongst these exciting events, we have spring testing this month. On April 13th students will be taking the PSAT 9 and 10 for freshmen and sophomores and CMAS Science 11 for juniors. April 14th will be the SAT test for juniors and the Seal of Biliteracy test for seniors. Only those students who are testing will be allowed on campus during the morning testing windows on these dates. The afternoons on both the 13th and 14th will be asynchronous (not held at Poudre) learning days. Buses will run for students who are testing, and the cafeteria will be serving both breakfast and lunch, just the same as other school days. Please contact Nick Holley, [nholley@psdschools.org](mailto:nholley@psdschools.org) regarding any further questions about spring testing.

Friday, April 24th is a **no school day** for students and staff!

We are excited to finish strong Impalas! Thank you for your partnership supporting our students,  
GO POUDRE!

Sincerely,

PHS Admin



# 2026 GRADUATES AND THEIR PARENTS

Senior Meeting: April 8, 2026 at PHS

Senior countdown to graduation May 22, 2026

Graduation Rehearsal: Friday, May 22nd at 11:30 a.m. Moby Arena

Graduation: Friday, May 22nd at 3:00 p.m. Moby Arena

If you (the student) are walking in the graduation ceremony on May 22, 2026, the following 2 items must be completed:

1. Use the following link or QR code to access the form to choose a staff member to hand you your diploma. Students may have completed this already, please do not fill out another one.

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2. Order your graduation cap and gown here, this \$43 unit includes the tassel with the graduation year on it. This may have been ordered already by student or parent.

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Questions regarding these requests?

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## STUDENTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

### Students and Social Media: Do's and Don'ts

In today's digital age, social media is a powerful tool that allows students to connect, share, and express themselves. However, with that power comes responsibility. One important "do" is to **think before you post**. Whether it's a comment, photo, or video, ask yourself if it's respectful, appropriate, and something you'd be proud to have seen by a teacher, coach, or future employer. Another key practice is to **protect your privacy**—use strong passwords, avoid sharing personal information like your address or school schedule, and adjust your privacy settings so that only trusted people can see your content.

On the flip side, there are critical "don'ts" to keep in mind. Never use social media to bully, harass, or embarrass someone—it can cause real emotional harm and lead to serious consequences at school or even with the law. Avoid engaging in or sharing inappropriate or illegal content, including threats, hate speech, or anything that promotes violence or discrimination. Also, don't assume your posts disappear—screenshots and digital footprints last longer than you think. By following these do's and don'ts, students can use social media in a way that is safe, positive, and respectful for everyone.

## FOR CURRENT 9TH GRADE STUDENTS & FAMILIES

### High School Credit Earned in Middle School

Students who completed high school level courses in middle school will see those courses and grades listed in StudentVUE/ParentVUE as part of their high school course history.

#### By default:

- These courses count for high school credit
- The grades appear on the high school transcript
- The grades are included in the student's GPA

**Students and families may choose to decline this credit.** If you opt out:

- The course will not count toward high school graduation
- The grade will not be included in the student's high school GPA

#### Opt-Out Window

- Opens: First day of the student's 9th grade year
- Closes: Last day of the student's 9th grade year

If you are considering this option, please review your student's course history and speak with your high school counselor. Counselors can help you complete the PSD High School Credit for Middle School Courses Opt-Out Form.

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## AFTER PROM FUNDRAISING

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As prom season approaches, we are excited for our 11th and 12th grade students to celebrate this special milestone. While prom itself is a highlight of the school year, the **After Prom** event plays an equally important role in creating a safe, fun, and memorable night for our students. We recognize that prom is traditionally for our older students. We welcome the support from all of our community here at Poudre as we build a new tradition



After Prom provides a supervised, substance-free environment where students can continue celebrating with their friends after the formal dance ends. This year's event is especially unique as we partner with Chippers Lanes to offer engaging activities, food, prizes, and entertainment—giving students a compelling reason to stay in a safe, fun, and structured setting during late-night hours when they might otherwise face higher risks. Most importantly, it gives families peace of mind knowing their teens are in a positive and secure environment. Chippers Lanes on Horsetooth will have bowling, laser tag, and its arcade available for students from 10:45 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

This event has traditionally been organized by Poudre parents, but this year Chippers has stepped in to coordinate the night's activities. However, Poudre is still in need of your support to help fund this exciting opportunity for our students—it simply cannot happen without you. Your involvement directly impacts the quality and success of the experience we are able to provide.

We are asking for your help in any of the following ways:

- **Monetary donations** to support venue costs, food, entertainment, and prizes
- **Gift cards or items** that can be used for student prizes

Every contribution—big or small—makes a meaningful difference and helps ensure that all students can enjoy a safe and unforgettable night. Donations can be made by clicking the link or by scanning the QR code.

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Poudre-After-Prom/SeekrkM>



Additionally, if interested in volunteering, please Nick Holley at [nholley@psdschools.org](mailto:nholley@psdschools.org). We will gladly provide more details on how you can get involved.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and for helping the first annual Chippers Lanes After Prom, a fun, safe, and successful event for everyone.

Warm regards,

Nick Holley  
Dean of Students



## DECISION DAY 2026



 **SENIORS – JOIN THE CELEBRATION!**

Wear a shirt, hat, or gear representing your future plans & celebrate with your classmates.

-  College / University
-  Trade School / Apprenticeship
-  Career / Workforce
-  Military Service
-  Gap Year / Other Plans

Visit the Decision Day Photobooth  
Announce your plan  
Enjoy treats  
Enter a drawing for prizes

**Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>: 11:30am-1:30pm**

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## HEALTH TEAM

A Healthy Hello from your School Health Team!

Dear Poudre Families,

We are thrilled to introduce ourselves as your dedicated school health team. Our goal is to ensure that every student remains healthy, safe, and ready to learn through the school year. Here are our roles:

**Elvia Proano Health Technician:** I will be a friendly face in the health office, providing first aid, administering medications, and caring for students who feel under the weather. I am at PHS Monday – Friday. My oldest daughter is a senior here at Poudre! I speak English and Spanish.

**Anna Krell, RN, School Nurse Consultant:** My focus is on creating health care action plans, training staff and ensuring our school meets state health requirements including immunizations and medication safety. PSD nurses cover multiple sites and split time with other schools. I am available to families and staff to discuss medical concerns that may impact a student’s school day.

From managing severe allergies to supporting wellness, we are here to partner with you. Please feel free to reach out to us at 970-488-6113 with any updates regarding your child's health or medications needed at school or field trips.

Please visit the PSD website here for more health information and forms: [PSD Health Information](#)

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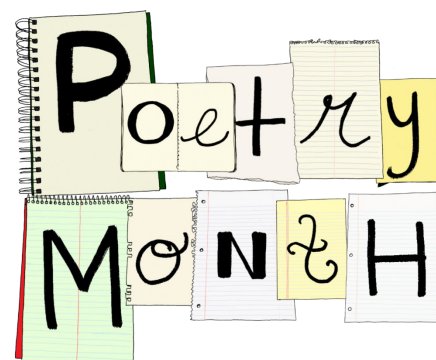
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*May 3 at 2:30pm*

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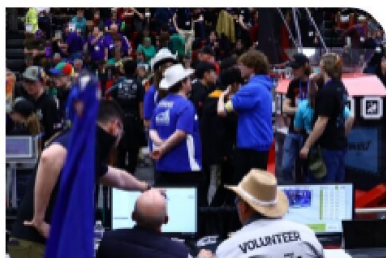
**FIRST Team 159, Poudre High School**

**April 2025 - Newsletter**



**The 2026 Game is on!**

This year's game, sponsored by Haas, is called REBUILT. Teams have been given 6-10 weeks to build a robot to complete the objectives revealed at the season kickoff on January 10th.



**From Our Team:**

The design team has been working to model the robot in Computer-Aided Design Software, CAD for short. They make sure all components fit together nicely and help simplify the machining and assembly process. Currently we are working on finalizing designs for our robot's efficiency. Then, we will send parts for our shop team to put together.

Our shop team has been working on finalizing parts for our robot. They mainly work in the workshop gathering and creating parts; such as the container for fuel, wiring, and so much more that gets our robot ready for programming.

Lastly, our Programming team has been working hard on our robots code. This is especially important to get our robot moving, fulfilling tasks, and so much more. They've been



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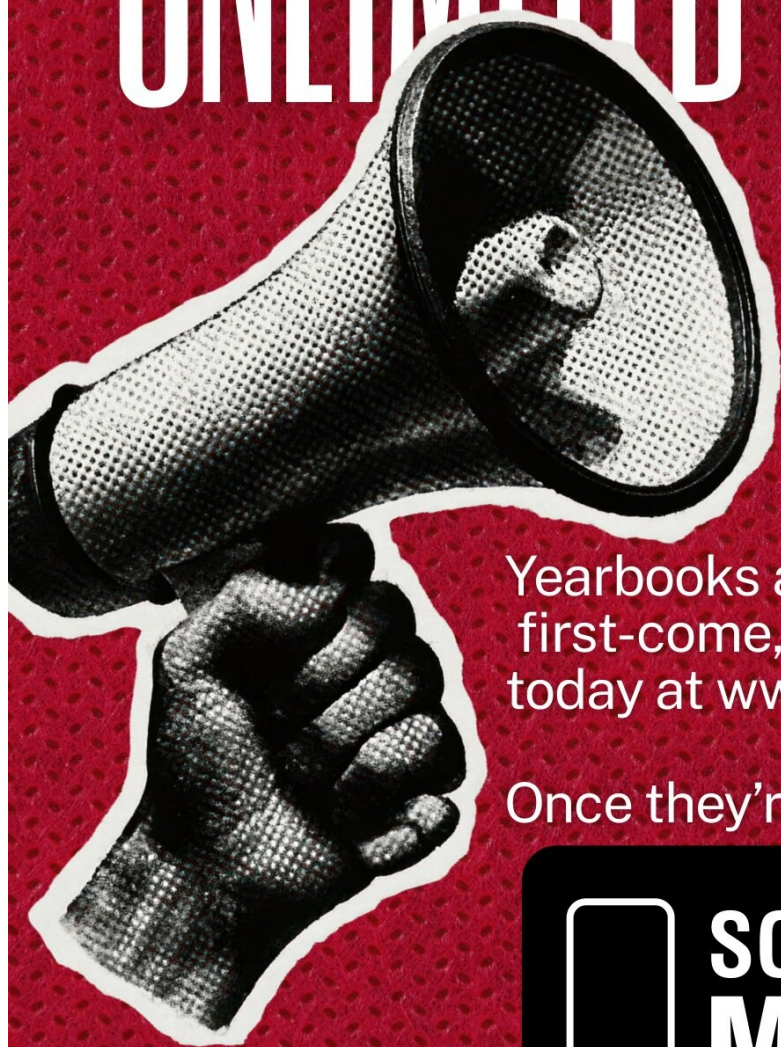
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