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POUDRE HIGH SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM PHS ADMIN

Parents and Guardians,

November reminds us to be thankful for our friends, family and community. Our motto at Poudre is "I am who I am because of who we are." An amazing display of this concept of Ubuntu happens each year, starting in late October and culminating in early December at Poudre's "Feed Our Families" food drive.

Last year, Poudre students, staff, parents and community members collected enough food to make more than 600 food boxes which were shared with Poudre families, staff and the Poudre community. This food is distributed to around 300 families from Poudre as well as our feeder schools. Poudre High School considers this food drive a "Hand up, not a hand out." If you are interested in receiving food or know someone in our school community that would benefit from our Feed Our Families food drive, please email Mallory Devore at mdevore@psdschools.org

This year's Distribution Day occurs on Saturday, December 5th starting at 9:00 AM. There are a few ways you can get involved. Students can sign up for a canning shift to collect donations at grocery stores. If you would like to make a direct donation, please go to: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/PHS-Curricular-Donations/SdlYDL3 or the QR code below:

Our theater department will be putting on 4 performances of our fall play, "Indecent". The powerful play, based on a true story, discusses immigration, art, tradition, the American dream and many other issues that feel real and relevant in today's world. Due to the mature content, we do not recommend this production to children under 13. The performances will take place on November 5th, 6th and 7th at 7:00 PM and November 8th at 2:30 PM.

Students will be taking the Connection Survey on Wednesday, November 11th in their 2nd period class. The survey asks students about their connections to their peers, staff and interests at their respective schools. There will be no school on November 23rd-27th for Thanksgiving Break!

As always, we are grateful to be a part of this Poudre family. "I am who I am because of who we are. We are Poudre"

Sincerely,

PHS Administration

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FOOD DRIVE



Poudre High School Hosts 18th Annual Food Drive

Poudre High School is excited to launch our 18th Annual Food Drive called “Feed Our Families.” Since 2008, the Feed Our Families Food Drive has worked to combat food insecurity within our school community. Historically, 40-50% of Poudre High School's student population has free/reduced lunch status, and about 10% of our students are either considered "unaccompanied youth" or students who may not have fixed or permanent housing. That is one in ten students at PHS experiencing homelessness or insecurity related to shelter or food.

As the holiday season quickly approaches, Poudre staff, students, and community members work together to collect food and personal hygiene items to bridge the gap during the two-week winter break. Our goal this year is to raise $6,000 in order to provide food for over 100 families.

If you would like to donate, get involved, or learn more about how to receive food, please visit our website at **https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/feedourfamilies-phs/home**. There you can find links to donate as well as a list of desired food items if you would like to contribute to the cause. You might also see students standing outside your local grocery store on the weekends. Feel free to hand your donations directly to these students who will return them to the school.

We will accept donations up until December 4th, and Distribution Day will be December 5th. Poudre High School would like to thank you for your support in making sure our students have access to quality food this holiday season.



FOOD DRIVE

La Escuela Preparatoria Poudre organiza la 18.ª campaña anual de recolección de alimentos

La preparatoria Poudre está emocionada de lanzar nuestra 18.ª campaña anual de alimentos, llamada "Alimentando a nuestras familias". Desde el 2008, la campaña anual de Alimentando a nuestras familias ha trabajado en combatir la inseguridad alimentaria de nuestra comunidad escolar. Históricamente, el 40-50% de la población de estudiantes de la preparatoria Poudre tiene comida gratis/reducida, y alrededor del 10% de nuestros estudiantes se consideran "jóvenes sin acompañamiento familiar" o estudiantes que posiblemente no cuenten con una vivienda fija o permanente. Esto es uno de cada diez estudiantes en la preparatoria Poudre que están experimentando falta de vivienda o inseguridad relacionada con refugio o comida.

A medida que se acerca la temporada navideña, el personal de Poudre, los estudiantes y los miembros de la comunidad trabajan juntos para recolectar comida y artículos de higiene personal para ayudar a cubrir las necesidades durante las dos semanas de vacaciones de invierno. Nuestra meta este año es recaudar $6000 para promocionar alimentos a más de 100 familias.

Si te gustaría ayudar, participar, o aprender más sobre cómo recibir comida, por favor visita nuestro sitio web **https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/feedourfamilies-phs/home**. Allí encontrarás enlaces para hacer donaciones, así como una lista de los alimentos que se necesitan, si deseas contribuir a esta causa. También es posible que veas a estudiantes afuera de tu supermercado local durante los fines de semana. Puedes entregar tus donaciones directamente a estos estudiantes, quienes las llevarán de regreso a la escuela.

Aceptaremos donaciones hasta el 4 de diciembre y el día de distribución será el 5 de diciembre. La preparatoria Poudre agradece tu apoyo para garantizar que nuestros estudiantes tengan acceso a alimentos de calidad durante esta temporada navideña.







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POUDRE HIGH SCHOOL JROTC MARKSMANSHIP

On the 26th of SEP 2026, the Poudre HS JROTC competed in the Centennial Novice Match (marksmanship) Competition at Dr Martin Luther King High School in Denver, CO. The Poudre HS team 1 consisted of Silvia Hale (PHS), Odalis Hernandez (PHS), Abril Hernandez (PHS), and Devon Bratlie (Polaris). Team 1 competed in individual and team sporter shooting. All shooters shot in three positions: prone, kneeling, and standing. Team 1 came in 1st place overall. Silvia came in 1st place, Odalis came in 2nd place, Devon came in 3rd place, and Abril came in 4th place in the individual category. Team 1 destroyed the competition. Poudre HS team 2 also did a great job in the competition! Team 2 consisted of Hayden Brodsky (Timnath), Yael Melendez (PHS), Naomi McClure (FCHS), and Owen Hill (Polaris). Team 2 finished 3rd overall for team - sporter. All of team 2 students finished in the top 12 for individual-sporters. Students received individual medallions and a team trophy for their success. PSD JROTC marksmanship team will continue to compete in the Centennial Rifle League in Denver against 20 other teams in Colorado. This was the team's first match of the season.

Roy L Roby, CPT
U.S. Army Retired
Army JROTC Instructor

Centennial Novice Match

Individual - Sporter		
1	Hale, Silvia	480 - 7
2	Hernandez, Odalis	467 - 7
3	Devon, Bratlie	453 - 6

Team - Sporter		
1	Poudre HS 1	1787 - 18
2	North Novice1	1558 - 9
3	Poudre HS 2	1135 - 16

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Individual - Sporter

Rank	Participant	Kneeling	Prone	Standing	Aggregate
1	Hale, Silvia	164 - 2	187 - 5	129 - 0	480 - 7
2	Hernandez, Odalis	163 - 2	177 - 5	127 - 0	467 - 7
3	Devon, Bratlie	156 - 1	180 - 5	117 - 0	453 - 6
4	Hernandez, Abril	140 - 0	150 - 0	140 - 0	430 - 0
5	Brodsky, Hayden	147 - 1	152 - 1	111 - 2	410 - 4
6	Perez, Haidee	141 - 1	155 - 1	113 - 2	409 - 4
7	Camargo, Yaretzi	126 - 0	147 - 1	129 - 0	402 - 1
8	Abbey, Nathan	142 - 1	137 - 0	121 - 1	400 - 2
9	Melendez, Yael	145 - 2	152 - 2	69 - 0	366 - 4
10	Paiz, Eva	125 - 1	150 - 2	76 - 0	351 - 3

Individual
All
Sporter
Team
Kneeling

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POUDRE HIGH SCHOOL JROTC MARKSMANSHIP, continued...











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DEANS CORNER - NOVEMBER 2026

DEAN'S CORNER

Poudre High School Family Newsletter • Partnering for Student Success

Dear PHS Parents, As we begin a new quarter, it is a great time to reset and recommit to the routines that help every student feel safe, suported, connected, and accountable. We are asking families and staff to reinforce the same clear expectations-especially in hallways, with cell phones, and around e-bike safety. Small, consistent actions protect learning time and help our school community thrive!

👋 GET TO KNOW YOUR DEANS

Alan Flores
Favorite Food: Chinese Food
Favorite Team: Denver Broncos
Hidden Talent: I have a good jump shot!

Mo Posten
Favorite Food: Sushi Rolls
Favorite Team: N/A
Hidden Talent: I am a great and creative cook!

1. ESTABLISHING A STRONG SCHOOL CULTURE

Our culture is built through the small interactions we have with students every day. Our goal is to be visible, welcoming, consistent, and intentional in our interactions. Students should know that we care about them, that we have high expectations for them, and that we will hold those expectations consistently.

2. CELL PHONE POLICY

A new quarter is a chance to reset habits. Students should follow the school's cell phone expectations consistently and comply with staff directions about when and where devices may be used.

- **Put learning first**. Keep phones away during instructional time unless staff explicitly permits use.
- **Respond respectfully**. When a staff member gives a direction about a phone, follow it promptly.
- **Stay engaged.** Be present in class and in conversations with peers/adults.

🚶 HALLWAY EXPECTATIONS: Reset & re-norm

Please review these shared expectations with your student.

- **Walk safely**. No running, roughhousing, or unsafe riding on campus.
- **Keep pathways clear**. Move with purpose and avoid blocking halls, doorways, and stairwells.
- **Go directly to class**. Use an efficient route and be seated before the bell.
- **Follow adult directions**. All staff help maintain a safe, welcoming campus.
- **Respect shared spaces**. Give others personal space and keep the campus clean.

3. E-BIKE GUIDANCE: SAFETY FIRST

PSD's guidance recognizes that qualifying Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes may be permitted on high school campuses, subject to school rules. E-motorcycles and other vehicles classified as motor vehicles are different and must meet applicable Colorado requirements.

- **Dismount in designated areas**. Walk your bicycle or qualifying e-bike wherever campus signs or school rules require it.
- **Park in designated areas**. Use approved bike/e-bike parking to reduce congestion and keep pedestrian routes open.
- **Know what you ride**. E-motorcycles, motorcycles, low-power scooters, and other motor vehicles may require a valid license, applicable endorsement, registration, insurance, and required equipment.
- **When unsure, ask**. Vehicle classification and legal requirements can be unclear; administrators may consult PSD Safety and Security, the SRO, or law enforcement.

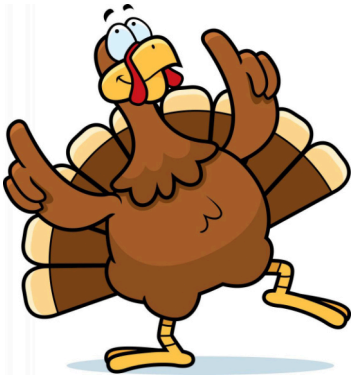
Purpose: Reduce reckless or dangerous operation, prevent pedestrian congestion, and give students and families clear, consistent expectations. Please talk with your student about safe riding and following campus-specific rules.

Our Collective Focus: Creating a school where students feel safe, supported, connected, and accountable. If we are consistent, communicate well, and prioritize relationships,we canstart the year with a strong foundation!

GO IMPALAS!

Alan Flores • Mo Posten
(Your PHS Deans)





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PHS Winter Sports 2026-27

Orange Card "Permit to Tryout & Participate" cards will be issued for the winter season starting Thursday October 15th. Monday through Friday 8:00am–4:00pm at Cindy Smith's desk in the front office. **You must have an orange card to start tryouts.**

To receive an **Orange Card**

1. Complete the online registration through A Better Way at psd-athletics-registration. The instructions are at the bottom of this bulletin.
2. Bring a paper copy of your current physical/or upload it when you are registering. Make sure the top is fully filled out, and it is signed by a parent/guardian and athlete at the bottom of the page.
3. Payment on **www.schoolpay.com** or pay the cashier at Pouder. Email or bring in a copy of the receipt.
4. Check in or email Cindy Smith so she can check your grades and classes.

ALL Steps are required to receive an Orange Card. You will not be allowed to try out or participate if all steps are not completed.

Winter Online Registration "A Better Way" is open.
Please do not wait until the last minute to complete the steps above.

Athletic Participation Fee

PHS Students	Charter/ Home or Private School Students
$220.00 per sport no family max	$320.00 per sport no family max

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 will still have to go through the payment process online.

Eligibility

Eligibility will be checked at the beginning of each season. Eligibility is determined based on previous semester grades earned. Athletes identified as failing two or more classes during the previous semester will be ineligible for sports until the regain date. All sports have different regain dates.

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. For any questions with regards to eligibility, contact Cindy Smith ***cindys@psdschools.org***

Communication

You can check for sport schedules and updates at **arbiterlive.com** and select Poudre.
Follow us on Instagram: @poudrehs_athletics
We use social media for many updates and celebrations so please follow us!

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PHS WINTER SPORTS 2026-27, continued…

Boys Wrestling * ***Notice- Change Date from Oct. newsletter***

Coach Barrett Golyer 488-6047, C: 970-217-8425 **bgolyer@psdschools.org**

- **Mandatory Parent Meetings (and 1st year Poudre wrestlers)**
  October 20th OR October 27th (choose one) 6:00-7:00pm PHS Events Center
- Preseason Open Mats: Thursday & Friday 4:30–6:00pm (Happening Now)
- Preseason Weights: Monday and Tuesday 4:30-5:30pm
- First Official Day: November 16th 4:30-6:15pm (MUST have orange card to participate)
- This is a NO cut sport: Blue and Silver Night "Wrestle-Offs" *November 24th 6:00pm Main Gym
- Booster Meeting for parent support 10/13/25 at LaPorte Pizza 6:30-7:15pm

Girls Wrestling
Coach Desiree Kendall 970-817-0157 **dkendall@psdschools.org**
Coach Joshua Beck 970-566-2122 **joshuab@psdschools.org**

- **Mandatory Parent Meeting October 21st, 6:00–7:30pm PHS Events Center**
- Preseason Open Mats: Thursdays & Fridays 4:30–6:00pm (Happening Now)
- Preseason Camp: November 9th–13th, 4:45–6:45pm
- First Official Day: November 16th 6:00–8:00 pm
- Parent/family meeting: November 13th 5:30-7:00pm in the Wrestling Gym Dinner provided
- No experience required! Come try out an amazing sport! Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions

Boys Basketball
Coach Jeff Brubaker **jebrubak@psdschools.org**

- Preseason open gym: October 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 26th,
  - Contact Coach Brubaker for times and location
- Team Camp:
  - November 2nd-4th 4:30-6:30pm
  - November 9th-12th 6:30 -8:30pm
- Tryouts: November 16th-18th 4:30-6:30pm
- **Parent Meeting: November 19th 5:45-6:30pm in room 414**
- First Official Day: November 16th
- Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

Girls Basketball
Coach Jeff Schelly **jschelly@psdschools.org**

- Preseason open gym: October 1st,7th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 28th
  - Contact Coach Schelly for times and location
- Team Camp:
  - November 2nd -5th 6:30-8:30pm
  - November 9th-12th 4:30-6:30pm
- Tryouts: November 16th-18th 6:30-8:30pm
- **Parent Meeting: November 19th 5:30-6:30pm in the Event Center**
- First Official Day: November 16th.
- Anyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.
  Please send Coach Schelly an email to be added to our TeamSnap.

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PHS WINTER SPORTS 2026-27, continued...

Nordic Skiing
Coach: Sarah Fonte **sfonte@psdschools.org**

- **Parent Meeting: November 10th 6:30-7:30pm Event Center Poudre HS**
- First preseason optional practice: October 6th at 5:15-6:45pm at Poudre High School
- Preseason: Tuesdays & Thursdays through November 12th Email Coach Fonte for locations.
- First Official Practice: November 16th 5:00-7:00pm
- We encourage any skier who is NOT already participating in a Fall sport to join us for preseason conditioning and fun.
- New to the team, or just curious? You can still participate and learn more about Nordic and our team.

Please email Coach Sarah Fonte if you are planning to participate, even if it is just for some of the preseason dates. You will need to complete the pre-season waiver before attending your first preseason practice.

For more questions, please email Sarah Fonte **sarahcfonte@gmail.com**

Girls Swimming
Coach: TBA

- **Parent Meeting: TBA**
- First Official Day: November 9th

Girls Dive-Housed at Wellington Middle-High School
Coach: Luke Richmond **heycoach@norcodiving.com**

- Preseason Camp Week starts 11/2
  - Location: Mulberry Pool, Monday & Friday 5:15-6:45am
  - EPIC Center Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 5:15-6:45am
- First Official Day: November 9th

Ice Hockey-Housed at Fort Collins High School
Coach: Riley Nelson **rileyn@psdschools.org**

You will still complete all your steps at Poudre High School

- First Official Day: November 9th
- Tryouts: November 9th – 13th at NOCO Ice Center, Times TBA
- More hockey information **https://fch.psdschools.org/hockey**

Unified Basketball
Coach: Wendi Miller 970-488-6204 **wendim@psdschools.org**

- Partner Meeting: December 14th 4:15pm in room 318
- Start Date: January 7th

Have your registration for your orange card **before** Winter Break
Juniors and Seniors only as Partners

Cindy Smith
Poudre High School Athletic Assistant
(970)488-6014 / cindys@psdschools.org

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PHS WINTER SPORTS 2026-27, continued...

2026-27 Winter Sports Registration Instructions

Registration will open October 15, 2026 for the 2026-27 Winter Athletics Season!
Please Note: At this time, **only Winter sports** are available for registration. Spring sports will be added to the system later in the school year.

New for 2026–2027: *A Better Way*
Poudre School District is excited to introduce **A Better Way**, our new online athletics registration platform. As in previous years, **all student-athletes must complete the following before participating in athletics:**

- Complete online registration. Paper copies will not be accepted.
- Pay the athletic participation fee (links to schoolpay embedded in registration platform)
- Submit a current, valid sports physical (You can now upload physicals directly into the platform!!)

Step 1: Complete Online Registration

- Visit **the registration link**:
- **psd-athletics-registration**

Before You Begin

- Create a parent/guardian account.
- This account will allow you to complete registration for your student athlete.
- You may exit the registration process at any time and return later—your progress will automatically be saved.

Registration Time

Please allow approximately **30–40 minutes** to complete registration.

Required Parent Videos
Parents/guardians are required to watch several short informational videos during registration.

- Total viewing time is approximately **7 minutes.**
- Videos may be watched at a faster playback speed if desired.

Add Family Members

Use the **"Add Relationship"** feature to include additional family members (parent, stepparent, grandparent, guardian, etc.).

We encourage adding anyone who should receive important team and athletic communications throughout the season.

Required Student Videos

Each student-athlete must also complete four short educational videos.

- Total viewing time is approximately **15–20 minutes.**
- Students registering for multiple sports only need to complete these videos **once per school year.**
- If registering multiple children, **each student** must complete the videos individually.

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PHS WINTER SPORTS 2026-27, continued...

Step 2: Pay the Athletic Fee

Athletic participation fees are **$220 per sport**. ($330 for non-PSD students) Payment can be made by:

- Using the School Pay link within the **A Better Way** registration system
- Visiting **School Pay** directly: **https://psdschools.schoolpay.com/**
  - **Fee Item Title-!** HS: District Participation Fee-Winter 2026-2027
  - **Note: Certain sports require additional team fees. To locate your payment item, search:**
    - **PHS [Sport Name] Supplemental Program Participation Fee**
- If a parent or guardian would like to pay via cash/check, please read the **NEW guidelines on Fees and Waivers** set by Poudre School District. LaPorte Avenue

Step 3: Submit/Upload a Current Sports Physical

A valid CHSAA sports physical is required before a student-athlete may participate in practices or competitions.

Physical Requirements

- Physicals are valid for **one calendar year** from the date of the exam.
- A CHSAA Approved Physical Form is required (make sure you select the High School Form)
- Only **Page 4** of the Physical Form needs to be submitted. Make sure the top of page 4 is fully filled out and the bottom is signed.

Families may:

- Upload Pages 4 directly through **A Better Way**, or
- Turn in a paper copy to the Poudre Athletics Office.

Please make sure that the top of page 4 is fully filled out on the top with all the information and the bottom is signed by **BOTH** parent and student. We cannot accept the form Unless it is completely filled out.

All physicals will be reviewed and approved by the Athletics Department before a student athlete is cleared for participation. Please check in with Mrs. Smith to make sure that you are clear to receive your orange card.

Once ALL Steps have been completed, your student will receive an ORANGE CARD given by the Athletics Office to turn into their coach on the First Official Day of Practice and are cleared to participate.





Happy Thanksgiving!

