



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 2026-2027 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. Be on the lookout for additional communication from PHS sports teams, activities and clubs, and our performing arts groups for additional ways to get involved. Now in its second year, we are excited about expanding access and opportunity in our state-of-the-art Technical Education space. Poudre School District received a 1-million-dollar grant from the Bohemian Foundation and a 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 15th and 16th homes to be moved into the community for well-deserving families. Our Agriculture teachers continue to provide our students with an ever-increasing diverse education from honeybees, chickens, and fully functioning greenhouse.

Our theater department will be performing the play "Indecent" this fall and the musical "Between the Lines". These are just a few of the many opportunities for students to get involved. This year, we will continue in our fourth 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). The CTC offers high school & college credit, industry certifications, and 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 12th: Freshman parent orientation night at 6:00 PM in the Poudre High School Auditorium
- August 17th: Registration for 10th -12th grade students
- August 18th: Freshman transition day and registration for freshman
- August 19th: First day of school for all students
- September 2nd: 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 2026-2027 school year!

BACK TO SCHOOL

NINTH GRADE TRANSITION DAY AUGUST 18, 2026

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 if 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).

All 9th graders will be enrolled in a seminar class.

9th Grade Seminar class required items:

- Planner (paper or digital like Google Calendar whichever you prefer)
- 3 Ring Binder large enough to hold papers for all your classes
- Dividers (preferably dividers with a pocket)
- Loose leaf paper

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL NO BACKPACK DAY AUGUST 19, 2026

The first day of school for all students, all grades, is August 19th, 2026. Please be aware, this is NOT a late start. We are excited to start the year with our 5th 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 26-27 year! Go Poudre!





PHS Fall Sports 2026

1st Official day of Fall Sports is August 10th

1st Official day for Football & Boys Golf is August 3rd

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. You can bring a paper copy of your current physical to Cindy Smith in the Athletic Office or upload it to "A Better Way" Please do not email or Fax. (A physical is good for 365 days and valid for all sports throughout the school year).
2. The physical forms can be found on <https://www.psdschools.org/services/psd-athletics>
3. Complete online registration through "A Better Way"
4. You can pay with School Pay, bring in a copy of your receipt or you can pay at the school with our bookkeeper.
5. Cindy will check your classes and credits to make sure you are eligible for your season. (You must come to see me for your orange card)

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 Cards "Permit to Practice" will be issued for the fall season starting Tuesday July 27th You must have an orange card to start tryouts on August 3rd for Football & Golf and August 10th 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 sports 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 2026, continued...

Cross Country

Coach: Victoria Funk Email: yfunk@psdschools.org

Practice begins August 10th 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:TBA

Cheer

Coach: Alissa Telck Email: coachcrane23@gmail.com

Tryouts August 18th through 20th 4:30-6:30pm in the Wrestling Gym

Field Hockey

Coach: Kelly Samuel Email: ksamuel@psdschools.org

Tryouts August 10th through 12th 6:30-8:30pm at Fossil Ridge Turf

Football – Official Start Date is August 3rd

Coach: Eric Tonkin etonkin@psdschools.org

Fall Camp Starts August 3rd 7:00-10:30am Monday through Friday

1st Official Practice August 3rd

Boys Golf - Official Start Date is August 3rd

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- 5:00pm Friday July 24th @ City Park 9 Golf Course clubhouse

Practice round (9 holes)- 12:00pm Monday August 3rd @ City Park 9 Golf Course.

Practice round (18 holes) Tuesday August 4th @ Colindale 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 28th Monday.

15 different courses played last season! Players transported courses outside 20 miles from PHS.

Fundraiser golf tournament 7:30am Saturday August 15th Contact Mtn. Vista Golf Course if interested.

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Reach parents in your local community & a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school!

Want to sponsor this school?

Please contact Rob Mangelson at Rob@tscacolorado.com or (720) 878-4107.

PHS FALL SPORTS 2026, continued...

Gymnastics

Coach: Sam Lemminger Email: slemminger@psdschools.org

Boys Soccer

Coach: Jose Hernandez Email: jhernandez@psdschools.org

Summer Soccer Camp/Campamento de Verano

August 3rd through August 10th / 3 de Agosto – 10 de Agosto Time: TBD/Por definir

Tryouts/Pruebas August 11th through the 14th / 11 de Agosto -14 de Agosto Time: TBD/Por definir

First practice August 10th 4:30-6:30pm Monday through Friday



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 (through SchoolPay) <https://tinyurl.com/yxbra9a9>

August 3rd through 5th 3:00-5:30pm West Softball Field

Tryouts: August 10th through 13th 3:30-6:00pm West Softball Field

Parent Meeting/Cookout August 15th 6:00-7:00pm West Softball Field

Team Building (Mandatory for all Players) August 21st 6:00-11:30pm

Boys Tennis

Coach: Amy Berkner Email aberkner@psdschools.org

Season/Tryouts begin August 10th 4:30-6:30pm at Poudre's tennis courts

Practices/Tryouts are 4:30-6:30pm Monday through Friday

Contact Coach Amy to be added to the TeamSnap Communication app

Girls Volleyball

Coach: Olivia Shear – oshear@psdschools.org

Tryouts August 10th through August 12th 4:30-6:30pm in the Main Gym

Season practices start August 13th 4:30-6:30pm

Parent Meeting August 14th 6:30pm in the small gym

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

Athletic Schedules: www.frontrangeleague.org

Instagram: runcacherun

If you are looking to get some new Poudre Gear! Follow the link below and get some before the 2025-26 School year. They will ship it to your house.

<http://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/colorado/fortcollins/poudre-high-school>

Throughout the season there could be changes. To improve our communication with our families,

You can check for updates at Arbitersports.com (Poudre link is coming soon)

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 the best and quickest way to get information.

(970)488-6014 / cindys@psdschools.org

PHS FALL SPORTS 2026, continued...

JUNIOR VARSITY

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS!



Join our Cheerleading Tryouts and become part of a team full of energy, passion, and teamwork.

9TH-11TH
GRADE

SAVE THE DATE!

18-20 AUGUST, 2026

4:30-6:30 pm

PHS Wrestling Gym

ENROLL NOW: coachcrane23@gmail.com

DRAMA CAMP

AUGUST 10-14, 9:00-NOON
PHS AUDITORIUM

Poudre High School

FOR INCOMING PHS 9TH GRADE STUDENTS

Poudre Theatre *Drama* Camp

Summer 2026

Join us for a week of theatre games,
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MUSIC DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS



Ready for the music? Join Band!

Poudre Band Camp 2026

August 10, 11, 13, and 14

1:00pm - 4:30 pm at Poudre High School

Music Room 201

**BACK
~TO~
SCHOOL**

SCAN TO START!



GUITAR CLASS

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Guitar II:
Intermediate

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start in "Select Choir."
Choose this on your Registration
Form AND scan this QR Code to
Register Now

THINK YOU'RE READY FOR A CHALLENGE??????
Audition for an advanced group
once you are here!

Director's Note:

*Come see us perform! The PHS choirs have
concerts each quarter. Come check us out!*

- Mr. Lonowski; Director of Choirs

Visit our performance calendar on our [website](#)

Select Choir

(Unauditioned; 9th graders
start here!)

Special Edition

(Suditioned Advanced Jazz
& A cappella)

Impalaphonics

(Auditioned Advanced Mixed)

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(Auditioned Advanced Treble
Voices)

ABOUT CHOIR:

1. SKILLS: become a better singer in ALL styles
2. FRIENDS: make art with a team of people that cannot be created alone.
3. LITERACY: read music
4. PERFORMANCE: 9th Graders perform at Elitch Gardens in Denver every spring, and yes, we ride all the rides!!

Email Mr. Lonowski:

dlonowski@psdschools.org

SENIORS - HEADS UP

Seniors!!

**Senior pictures have a hard
deadline for October 30th
and can be uploaded at
PoudreYearbook.com**

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