



This Week In SPARTA



Thomas B. Doherty High School 4515 Barnes Rd. Colorado Springs, CO 80917

Counseling News:

All Classes

HBCU, HSI, and NASI

Virtual College Fair Thursday, 3/4

5:30-8:15 PM

You must [register here](#) to participate.

If you are a current Freshmen, Sophomore, or Junior and haven't registered for classes for next year please contact your counselor.

Sophomores & Juniors

Are you interested in exploring career opportunities, gaining knowledge and skills toward specific career goals, and earning both high school & college credits? If so, check out the [Career Start program at PPCC](#) for the 2021-22 school year! Please contact your counselor if you're interested. Deadline 3/1!

Classes are Monday through Friday from 9:00 -11:40 am, take place at the Centennial Campus (down by Ft. Carson) in both classroom and lab settings, and transportation is provided between Doherty and the college.

Seniors

UCCS Scholarships for accepted students 3/1

Learn more about scholarships from the [scholarship recording](#) on the UCCS Admissions YouTube channel.

FAFSA priority deadline-March 1st

Try to get your FAFSA completed by then. If you miss the **priority deadline**, you can still file the FAFSA later. The amount of available institutional **financial aid** may be limited, but you can still qualify for federal student aid.

[Click here](#) to order your cap & gown if you haven't done so already!

Message from Principal Gardner:

Dear Doherty Students and Families,

Yesterday you received communication from the district regarding our return to in-person learning beginning March 10th. At this point there are many unanswered questions. What isn't in question is our excitement to seeing our students in person for the remainder of the year. There are many logistical issues to consider over the next couple of weeks. Many of these issues will depend on the number of students wishing to return in-person and those that wish to remain remote for the rest of the school year. Earlier today you received an email from the district asking you to determine if your student wishes to be in-person or remote. It is vital that we have this information as it will be the driving force or our reopening plan. Please complete the survey as soon as you possibly can.

District 11 is in the final stages of the development of its Academic and Facilities Master Plans. On Monday, March 8th, at our regularly scheduled SAC/PTSA Meeting, district representatives will be in attendance to present both plans and have the opportunity to listen to our school community's input.

We are beginning the process of selecting a new bell schedule to be implemented in August. Teachers are currently submitting proposals and paring them down. Once we have narrowed our choices to five viable schedules, we will begin soliciting student, parent, and community feedback. We anticipate completing this process and announcing our bell schedule prior to Spring Break. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to me or Assistant Principal Lana.Flenniken@d11.org.

As you can tell, there are a lot of big decisions to be made in Sparta over the next several weeks. You will have the opportunity to share your voice on a new bell schedule and our district's Academic and Facilities Master Plans and to meet with teachers about your student's progress towards graduation. I would ask that every stakeholder in the Doherty school community participate and engage to ensure we are organizing and planning for the best future possible for our school, our district and most importantly, the students we serve.

Respectfully,

Kevin Gardner, M.A.

Principal

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Facilities Master Plan

Doherty High School Feeder Schools Community Engagement Session—

As the longest standing school district in Colorado Springs, it's time to rebuild, reimagine, and rediscover D11! For the past year, Colorado Springs School District 11 has worked with consulting firm, Cooperative Strategies, to develop a long-term Facilities Master Plan (www.d11.org/rebuilding), addressing district facilities' needs, as well as addressing the declining enrollment challenge in D11. On February 17 during a special Board of Education meeting, The D11 Board of Education discussed the FMP recommendations and the critical next steps to engage the community for feedback and develop an implementation plan.

Key highlights of the FMP include:

- Provide Career and Technical Education (CTE) renovations at all five high schools
- Renovate high school auditoriums;
- Replace middle and high school tracks/fields; and
- Repurpose seven sites.

Doherty High School Feeder Schools Community Engagement Session—Monday, February 22, 2021, 4 p.m.: <https://cssd11.webex.com/cssd11/j.php?MTID=m6851f32e1ce7683873ad7e6f9f6af732>

Spartans United meets remotely Tuesdays after school from 3:15 to 4:00 pm. Our goal is to provide a safe space where we promote social justice and cultural diversity to create a Doherty where everyone belongs. To learn more, email donna.jamison@d11.org or marley.harlow-tafoya@d11.org.

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

Remote Student/Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 4 from 5-8pm. These conferences will afford parents a brief check-in with their student's teachers. Each conference will be limited to 10 minutes and must be scheduled in advance through PTCfast. On Monday, February 22 you will receive an email with a link to schedule the individual conferences with your student's teachers.

Student responsibility and engagement are critical to student performance. We feel it is important for our students to explain what they are learning, why they are learning, and how they are learning. We want our students to be able to explain their academic performance and the reasons for their success as well as being able to identify gaps in their learning and ways our staff can better support them.

Please be sure to watch for the email on Monday and sign up.

Season C Athletics

- Season C Sports Registration opens Tuesday, February 16th
- Season C sports begin Monday, March 8th
- Please visit www.dohertyathletics.org for specific information regarding tryouts/practice info
- Season B sports include Boys Soccer and Girls Volleyball
- All registration forms are located at www.dohertyathletics.org under Files and Links tab
- There is a NEW physical form online, please do not use an old copy
- All registration forms must be turned into the Business Office

Business Office Hours:

- Tuesday thru Thursday (7:15-11:30am & 12:30-3:15pm)
- Monday and Friday (8:30am-2:30pm)
- Registration Deadline is Friday, March 5th at 3:15pm



Seniors,

Are you interested in a paid internship with the Pikes Peak Workforce Center? Please contact elisa.villarruel@d11.org for more information.

LOW-COST DENTAL WORK through PCC

Dental Assisting Students are looking for patients to complete their Associates Degree and are providing dental services for low cost under the supervision of a licensed dentist. Please [click here](#) for more information.



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Week of February 22-27

(This schedule subject to change without notice. Please check the website or pikespeakathletics.org for the most up to date version)

**Business Office Hours M & F 8:30 AM—2:30 PM
Tues.—Thurs. 7:15—11:30 & 12:30—3:15**

Monday, February 22

Tuesday, February 23

**Varsity Girls Swimming League Championship at Air Academy HS at TBD
Varsity Boys Basketball vs Fountain Fort Carson at FCC HS at 6:00pm
Varsity Girls Basketball vs Fountain Fort Carson at SPARTA (Main Gym) at 7:30pm**

Wednesday, February 24

**Varsity Girls Swimming League Championship at Air Academy HS at TBD
Varsity Hockey vs Chaparral at Sertich Ice Arena at 1:00pm**

Thursday, February 25

**Varsity Girls Basketball vs Pine Creek at Pine Creek HS at 7:00pm
Varsity Boys Basketball vs Pine Creek at SPARTA (Main Gym) at 7:30pm**

Friday, February 26

Varsity Girls Wrestling Quad at Dolores Huerta Prep at 1:00pm

Saturday, February 27

**Varsity Wrestling Quad at Pueblo Centennial HS at 10:00am
Varsity Hockey vs Mountain Vista at Family Sports Center at 11:30am
Varsity Girls Basketball vs Thunder Ridge at Thunder Ridge HS at 3:00pm
Varsity Boys Basketball vs Ralston Valley at SPARTA (Main Gym) at 4:00pm**

**SEASON C SPORTS REGISTRATION OPENS FOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL AND BOYS SOCCER
SEE WWW.DOHERTYATHLETICS.ORG FOR DETAILS**

SPARTANS: It is very difficult that we are not able to have many spectators at our games. We will miss you so much, and can't wait until we are able to have our awesome spirit section back at our games. You can watch us, though...D11 has provided us a Doherty Athletics YouTube channel so all our home basketball games will be posted here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxzORjdVATGza9BWU3yUEaw>

Please watch social media for links for away games and matches.

**Doherty Swim and Hockey will both be streamed through Facebook Live on the below pages:
Doherty HS Swim and Dive Team
Doherty Spartans Ice Hockey**