



This Week In SPARTA



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

PTSA/SAC

Our monthly PTSA/SAC meeting will be held **Monday, December 14th** at 6:00pm via Webex. If you would like to become a member of our PTA/SAC click [here](#).

[Meeting Link](#)

Number: 120 416 0261

Pword: PruBTPaE275

REFLECTIONS CONTEST

sponsored by Doherty High School PTSA-

Deadline to submit is November 30th! [Click here](#) for more information.

Message from Principal Gardner

Dear Doherty Students and Families,

As COVID numbers continue to surge in our community, state, and nation, District 11's decision to continue remote learning after the Thanksgiving break will impact students, teachers, and parents. Staff is working hard, being adaptable, and making adjustments. They are reflecting on grading practices and looking at a variety of interventions to support our students. Over the next few weeks, as the first semester winds down, parents should:

- Monitor student's grades through Parent Connect.
- Continue to encourage routines and good habits.
- Help your student make a game plan including work they need to make up and teachers they need to contact.
- Access support and take advantage of opportunities; (many teachers are accepting missing work and hosting tutoring sessions with students during College and Career Readiness 8th hour). Encourage your students to advocate for themselves.
- Encourage engagement.
- Celebrate success.
- Tour your student's classes in Schoology and ask about what they are learning.
- Reach out to your student's teacher and counselors if needed.

All of us continue to be impacted by the COVID-19 virus. We all need to be aware and supportive of one another from a mental health and wellness perspective. [This link](#) will take you to resources to support mental health and wellness for students and families.

Please note that even during a pandemic Doherty's rich history of supporting Care & Share through our Harvest of Love program will continue. The challenges of food insecurity are further exacerbated during the pandemic. Please see the Harvest section on the next page for the adjustments we have made to ensure the tradition of Harvest of Love continues.

The D11 MLO and Audit Oversight Committees needs parent participants. The MLO committee meets Tuesday evenings once a month except during the summer and the Audit Committee meets 4-5 times a year on a Friday Morning. If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering on these committees, it would be greatly appreciated! Please contact me directly so I can provide the information you need.

District 11 is collecting data for an Equity Audit working with the American Institutes for Research (AIR). We need parents who are willing to participate in focus groups for this work. These focus groups will be working to gather input on the story of District 11 from the parent's point of view. This story may include input on the allocation of teachers and financial resources. The groups need to be formed by **November 30** and the meetings will all be virtual.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Velvet Stepanek, District Accountability Committee Chair, via email at vstepanek@msn.com.



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Harvest of Love –

TRADITION matters! [Click here](#) for the latest update for HOL. Monetary donations are an important part of this drive, too. You can donate using [this link](#).



Message from Principal Gardner (cont.)

The weight of this global pandemic impacts us at our core, shifting to remote learning for the remainder of the semester will continue to challenge us. We all must forge ahead to prioritize our social and emotional wellness, our resiliency, adaptability, flexibility, and our commitment to doing the very best we can. We have done an amazing job facing immeasurable challenges. Now, more than ever, it is critical that each of us stay engaged and maintain the belief that we will persevere together.

Kevin Gardner, M.A.
Principal
Doherty High School

Senior shirts are available for pickup in the business education office/department (Rms 103 or 113) at lunch, before school, or after school until 3:30 **BY FRIDAY 11/20.**

Please come to the door of the business department office. (Across from the foods rooms, **NOT the Business Office by the cafeteria**). If you are a remote student you can drop by the building on **MONDAY** or give permission to a friend to pick up your shirt. Doherty Future Business Leaders thanks you for your patience and support. Please contact Mrs. Neumeyer with questions.

Counseling News:

- **Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors are all welcome to attend virtual college meetings. They can be found by logging into Naviance and registering for the visit. Get the scoop on everything you need to know to apply. The small group interaction allows you to ask questions and get to know what they offer. You may discover a school you never thought about.**
- <https://myblueprintstory.com/virtual-christian-college-fairs> Virtual Christian College Fairs with several visits starting November 9th-February 18th.
- **We know this is a very stressful time for our students and their families. Please take a look at the flyer [Signs of Depression](#) and don't hesitate to reach out to your student's counselor if they need assistance.**



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Season B sports registration will open Monday November 30th. Season B sports include Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Girls Swimming, Ice Hockey and Wrestling Please visit <https://dohertyathletics.org/> and click on file and links to download and print all registration paperwork.

Yearbook Information

Please [click here](#)—we need your pics! Fun photos! Baby Ads! Spartan Legacy! general info!

If you are having technology issues that you and your teacher cannot resolve, please email [Ms. Haas, Ms. Schandoney, and Mr. Seay.](#)

Please visit [this link](#) for information for a mid-year, winter store for Doherty apparel! Because of our current remote and upcoming hybrid schedule, we would like to offer this online option for parents and students to order Doherty gear! This store's items are cheaper as they are not brand name, and we changed shipping to come to Doherty, which also makes it cheaper, so we will coordinate pick up as those items come in.

As a reminder, we are still selling Doherty masks, gaiters, lanyards, car/water bottle stickers and hats available in the Doherty Business Office during posted office hours. The next two weeks, Business Office hours will be posted in Principal Gardner's Friday communication and This Week in Sparta. Please see attached or utilize the following link to purchase your Doherty gear. The shop will be open between now and November 16th to ensure delivery before Christmas, so please don't miss out!

<https://www.bsnteamssports.com/shop/YJ7zFFFHER>

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 11

THE MLO Oversight Committee meets Tuesday Evenings once a month except summer and the **Audit Committee** meets 4-5 times a year on a Friday Morning.

If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering on these committees, it would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Kevin.Gardner@d11.org for more information.

Internet Equity for D11 Students—This program continues to help families in need of internet service. Please [apply here](#) or contact Elisa.Villarruel@d11.org to apply on your behalf. Students who are travelling between two D11 locations or to a college and need internet during transition times may also apply for a hotspot at the link above.

District 11 is also excited to announce an opportunity for over 1,600 families to use a hotspot with free internet service through T-Mobile. T-Mobile's **Project 10Million** provided District 11 FREE mobile hotspots with 100GB of data per year for up to five years. Each hotspot includes a content filter that is compliant with the Child Internet Protection Act. T-Mobile is working with school districts across the country and has more information posted on their website at [this link](#). Parents must opt into this opportunity by completing this **FORM** or by contacting Elisa.Villarruel@d11.org.



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Week of November 16– November 21

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

Monday, November 16

Business Office Closed

**Spartans and Parents: Looking for some Spartan gear to load up on before Christmas??
*TODAY is the last day to order!!!***

<https://www.bsnteamssports.com/shop/YJ7zFFFHER>

Tuesday, November 17

Business Office Hours 8:30-11:00am & 12:00-2:30pm

Wednesday, November 18

Business Office Hours 8:30-11:00am & 12:00-2:30pm

Thursday, November 19

Business Office Hours 8:30-11:00am & 12:00-2:30pm

Friday, November 20

Business Office Closed

Last Day to pick up your Senior Shirt in Rm 113.

Varsity Football vs Overland at Garry Berry Stadium at 6:00pm

Saturday, November 21

***Have a wonderful, healthy, and safe
Thanksgiving Break!***

