



# This Week In SPARTA



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

## DHS SAC/PTSA

10/18/21-Doherty PTSA needs you! Success takes everyone's input.

Please attend the next PTSA/SAC meeting on **Monday, October 18th** at Doherty High School in the Staff Lounge or join via Webex using this [link](#)

If you would like to become a member of our PTSA/SAC click [here](#).

## COUNSELING NEWS:

**Seniors:** Free College Application Day\$ is happening October 19-21<sup>st</sup>. Use [this link \(English\)](#) [\(Spanish\)](#) to access information which includes codes for each college and university to make sure your application will be free. So, get your application filled out and save next week on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>, to push submit! Even if you are not sure at this time if you will be taking the pathway of college, take advantage of this opportunity and apply for free.

Counselors will be available at the following times if you need help with your application or have questions.

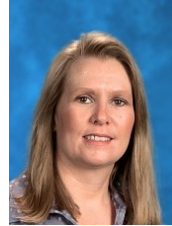
**Tuesday 10/19 - 12:30-3:00pm in the Staff Lounge**

**Wednesday 10/20 - CCR- Auditorium**

**Thursday 10/21 - 8:00-11:00am in the Staff Lounge**

Also, if you have not done so already go to [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) and fill out your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The new application for FAFSA opened October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Message from Principal Flenniken:



Dear Doherty Families,

As we close this week, we hope students enjoyed today off and remembered that they also have Monday off as well. On Tuesday, October 19, we will have a **7-period day** (typical Friday schedule).

I would like to strongly encourage all seniors to work with their counselor Tuesday, October 19 –Thursday October 21 to make sure that they take full advantage of Free College Application Days. This is an opportunity for graduating seniors to apply to any and all colleges in the state of Colorado for free. If your student has questions or needs assistance, have them reach out to their counselor or see times in the box at left when assistance is available.

On Thursday, October 21 at 5:30pm, Doherty High School will be hosting one of the D11 Equity Audit Findings/Strategies Cafes. I would encourage any of you interested in learning more about D11's commitment to equity and inclusion attend this session.

Parent/Teacher Conferences is quickly approaching. We have two options available this year, in-person arena style and remote via Webex.

On Wednesday, October 27, from 5:00-8:00pm we will hold in-person arena style conferences in the gym as we've done in the past. You do not need an appointment for these conferences as they are on a first-come, first-served basis. Each individual conference with an individual teacher is limited to 10 minutes and we encourage students to attend as well for the most effective communication.

On Thursday, October 28, remote conferences via Webex will be available from 8:00am-4:00pm and 5:00-8:00pm by appointment only. A link will be sent this Tuesday with available 10 minute time slots for each teacher. Once you schedule, you will receive a confirmation with the teachers' WebEx links. When it is your scheduled time on October 28, simply click on the link provided for each teacher. You must sign up for the Thursday appointments by midnight on October 26th.

In closing I would also invite all parents to the PTSA/SAC meeting that is this Monday at 6:00pm in-person in the Staff Lounge or remotely via this [Webex Link](#).

Have a great weekend, Sparta!

Lana Flenniken, M.A.

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## D11 Department of Equity and Inclusion

Please join the D11 Department of Equity and Inclusion to discuss the results of our equity audit findings at 5:30 pm on **October 21st** at **Doherty High School**. We will also discuss the strategies necessary to create ecosystems of equity.

Join us in person in the cafeteria or to join via Webex go to [www.d11.org/equity](http://www.d11.org/equity).

## Senior Pictures/Baby Ad Info

Seniors have two weeks to get their images in, so book your times now to avoid rush fees.

If you do not submit a photo, we will use your registration photo from Lifetouch. Photos that miss the deadline will have a **\$20 late fee**. Check the specs to make sure that you are turning in a photo that we can use.

Please [click here](#) for complete details

## Youth Truth Family Survey

Please take the survey before it closes at midnight on **October 29** at midnight by clicking this link: [ysurvey.org/serfamily21](https://ysurvey.org/serfamily21)

- The survey needs to be completed in one sitting.
- It takes approximately 15 mins.
- One survey per family per student. We ask that one member of each household fill out the survey. If you have more than one child who attends the same school, you may respond to the survey multiple times - one time per child.
- If you write any comments, please do not include your name or anything else that might identify you. Your responses are anonymous, and they will be combined with the responses of other parents and guardians before being shared back with school and district leadership.

**We sincerely thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback.**

**Your response is incredibly valuable to us and will drive improvement at Doherty High School.**

**NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS**

**2021-2022 CALL FOR ENTRIES!**

Learn more and get involved!  
[PTA.org/Reflections](http://PTA.org/Reflections)

**I WILL CHANGE THE WORLD BY...**

EXPLORE THE ARTS AND EXPRESS YOURSELF!

- DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY
- FILM PRODUCTION
- LITERATURE
- MUSIC COMPOSITION
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- VISUAL ARTS

Doherty's PTSA is sponsoring the schoolwide Reflections Contest again this year, and all Doherty students can enter. There are six different categories, and all of the entries will be turned in digitally. **The deadline for all submissions for our local contest is November 30.** Prizes will be awarded for the top entries, and top winners go on to compete at the local and state level. Students can compete in more than one category if they wish, and there is even a category for students with special needs. [Click here](#) for complete details.

**Doherty Theatre Returns to the Stage**

Join us for Class One Act Performances

The Curtain Opens at 7pm on:  
Friday, October 22  
&  
Saturday, October 23

Students = \$1 and Adults = \$3



# ***This Week In SPARTA***



***Week of October 18- October 23***

*(This schedule subject to change without notice. Please check the website or [pikespeakathletics.org](http://pikespeakathletics.org) for the most up to date version)*

**Business Office hours: M-F 7:15am-3:15pm**

***Monday, October 18***

**Data Collaboration Day—No Students**

**PTSA/SAC Meeting @ SPARTA Staff Lounge or via [WebEx](#) 6:00pm**

***Tuesday, October 19***

**7-Period Day**

**Colorado Free Application Day-Assistance offered from 12:30-3:00pm in Staff Lounge**

**Varsity Boys Soccer vs Liberty @ Garry Berry Stadium at 4:00pm**

**Varsity Volleyball vs Vista Ridge @ Vista Ridge HS at 6:00pm**

***Wednesday, October 20***

**Colorado Free Application Day-Assistance offered during CCR in Auditorium**

**Marching Band CBA Qualifier @ Liberty HS Performance Time 7:45pm**

***Thursday, October 21***

**Colorado Free Application Day-Assistance offered from 8:00-11:00am in Staff Lounge**

**Varsity Cross Country Regionals @ Monument Valley Park 3:00pm**

**Equity Audit Findings/Strategies Community Café @ SPARTA Cafeteria 5:30pm**

**Varsity Volleyball vs Liberty @ Liberty HS at 6:00pm**

***Friday, October 22***

**Doherty Theatre Presents One Acts @ SPARTA Auditorium 7:00pm**

**Varsity Football vs Legend at Garry Berry Stadium at 7:00pm**

***Saturday, October 23***

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