



This Week In SPARTA



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

COUNSELING NEWS:

Juniors- PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Tests went on sale October 1st -On October 13th, the Doherty Counseling Department will be administering the PSAT/NMSQT. This test is a great opportunity for our juniors to practice for the SAT one more time before they take the test April, 2022. The cost is \$20 and will be on a first come, first serve basis. We only have 30 spots. **Tests are now on sale at the business office, then bring your receipt to Counseling to get your name on the list.**

Please contact your counselor if you have any questions.

Senior year is a busy season for students and their families. Here are a few things the counseling department recommends to stay on top of this busy season:

10/12-Daniels Scholarship Information in-person information sessions for parents and students interested in applying to the Daniels Scholarship. The deadline to apply is 11/15. Please [click here](#) for more information.

10/19-10/21 Colorado Free Application Days. [Click here](#) for more info.

Finalize postsecondary plan

Finish ICAP

Apply to College (if applicable)

Fill out the FAFSA (after Oct. 1st)

Set up a meeting with your counselor to review credits and your postsecondary plan

Understand what is left of your graduation requirements (including the new "demonstrate knowledge" CCR re-

Attention Advanced Placement Students

Advanced Placement students must create a Total Registration account to indicate which Advanced Placement exams they intend to take this year. [The Total Registration website](#) closes on Friday, 10/8 at noon.

Students must also use join codes provided by their Advanced Placement teachers to join classes on the College Board website.

Message from Principal Flenniken:



Dear Doherty Families,

I just want to share a few reminders as we head into the close of first quarter. My first reminder is as it relates to our building hours. Our building is open from 7:00am-3:30pm for students and parents. Students dropped off or picked up outside of those hours must be in direct supervision of an employee/coach. Any students not working directly with a staff member outside of these hours will be asked to leave as it is a safety liability to have them on campus unsupervised. If students are unable to be picked up by 3:30 we would ask that you make different arrangements as the weather turns cold. Effective Monday, October 11, we will begin enforcing these longstanding rules.

Secondly, as we begin to have more public events after school such as dance recitals, concerts, plays, indoor sporting events, etc., I'd like to remind you that the D11 mask policy is in effect for all indoor activities on D11 property. That policy states anyone entering a D11 building must comply with the mask-wearing policy unless they are under the age of 2. We will have masks available for those who do not have one. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Also, the next two weeks will be short weeks due to Teacher Work Day on Friday, October 15 and Data Collaboration Day on Monday, October 18. We will not have students on those days and Tuesday, October 19 will be a 7-Period Day.

I also would like to share with you an opportunity for your voice to be heard. Each year we survey students, staff, and families about their experience at Doherty to drive improvement. We work with YouthTruth – a nonprofit organization that supports hundreds of schools and districts across the country – to conduct an anonymous survey on our behalf. We ask that you spend 15 minutes of your time to complete an online survey.

Please take the survey before it closes at midnight on October 29 at midnight by clicking this link: 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.

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PowerSchool Access

Parents, if you have not yet logged into PowerSchool, please fill out [this form](#) to obtain the username and password you need to access your account.

Also, please remember to update your information for this school year to include phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contacts, etc. Instructions can be found [here](#).

Message from Principal Flenniken (cont.):

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.

If you have any questions about the survey, or our plans for how we will use your feedback, please contact Assistant Principal Hillary Hienton.

Finally, I hope to see you all at tonight's Homecoming game at Garry Berry Stadium. Go, SPARTANS!

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NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS
2021-2022 CALL FOR ENTRIES!
Learn more and get involved!
PTA.org/Reflections

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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.

GO, SPARTANS!!

DOHERTY SPARTANS FOOTBALL

Christy Decker

BLUE OUT NIGHT!

October 8th - 7pm
Garry Berry Stadium

DOHERTY SPARTANS **V** **CHAPARRAL WOLVERINES**

HOMECOMING



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Week of October 11- October 16

(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 7:15am-3:15pm

Monday, October 11

Varsity Volleyball vs Cheyenne Mtn at SPARTA (Main Gym) at 6:00pm

Varsity Boys Soccer vs Discovery Canyon at Garry Berry Stadium at 6:00pm

Tuesday, October 12

Daniels Scholarship Information Sessions 11:00am & 5:00pm

Varsity Volleyball vs Discovery Canyon at SPARTA (Main Gym) at 6:00pm

Jazz Concert 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 13

Thursday, October 14

AVID Awards 7:40am

Varsity Football vs Regis at Regis Jesuit HS at 6:00pm

Orchestra Concert 7:00pm

Friday, October 15

Teacher Work Day-No Students

Saturday, October 16