



Palma School Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the parents of Palma

DECEMBER 2021



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schedule highlights

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Celebrate Advent and our Savior's birth

Wednesday, December 1

Christmas Concert in the MPB

Wednesday, December 1-Friday, December 3

Mickey Linehan Memorial Basketball Tourn. (8th Gr.)

Thursday, December 9-Saturday, December 11

Lucille & Luis Scattini Basketball Tourn. (Var.)

Friday, December 10

Ugly Sweater/Free Dress Day for Coastal Kids

Monday, December 13

5:30pm - Athletic Council Meeting

Monday, December 13-Thursday, December 16

STUDY DAYS - No extracurricular school activities

Wednesday, December 15-Friday, December 17

FINALS - NO LATE ARRIVAL ON THURSDAY

Monday, December 20-Friday, January 5

Christmas Vacation - No Classes

Main Office Hours: 8:00am-12:00pm

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve - School Closed

Friday, December 31

New Year's Eve - School Closed





From the President

I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of Palma and be a part of a team at our school that can carry on the traditions that Palma has held dear for the past 70 years.

Dear Palma Family,

Writing this letter last year, I wrote of thankfulness for the blessings I have and the hope of a campus that would once again be filled with the laughter and noise that an all-boys environment can bring. I promised in my letter that we would hear that again. Although masks are the norm indoors, the excitement of campus life is back, and our boys are adjusting to everyday life once again. I thoroughly appreciate being able to walk on campus to reconnect with the students, talking and waving at parents as they drop their boys off, and the ability to go to a Friday night sporting event and enjoy the entire Palma family and everything that comes with it. I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of Palma and be a part of a team at our school that can carry on the traditions that Palma has held dear for the past 70 years.

As I write this, the advancement office is alive with excitement from the success of Giving Tuesday. A national day of philanthropy that gives us all a moment to pause and reflect and give to the institutions that we hold dear to our hearts; to make a difference in the world we live in. Our founder, Blessed Edmund Rice, made a commitment over 200 years ago to provide an education to any young man committed to their education and willing to do the work, regardless of their economic status.

Over these 200-plus years, thousands of young people have changed the trajectory of their lives because of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother education. Palma holds these essential fundamentals as the core of who we are; providing a college prep, Catholic education to any young person along our central coast. That is why 100% of the Giving Tuesday donations are used for tuition assistance to our young men. It is what our school is passionate about; it is what I am most passionate about. If you or your family would like to know more on how to help a young man in his attendance at Palma, do not hesitate to reach out to me at the school. I promise I will come running.

My best to you and your family during this holiday season.

Go Chieftains,

Chris Dalman '88
President





From the Principal

Advent is a season of the Church wherein we commit ourselves to *quiet* our busy lives; we spend some time in solitude; we pray with more intensity; we give to those who need; we hope for Christ's *coming* with an expectant fervor that prepares us to receive him.

Dear People of Palma,

Perhaps more important than ever the holidays afford us opportunities to be boldly deliberate in our celebration of Jesus as the reason for the season. Our innately human hopes for what is good, true, and beautiful are fully realized in our annual rejoicing of the incarnation of He who is *the way, the truth, and the life*: Jesus Christ. We are reminded that Christmas, Christ's Mass, *begins* on the eve of December 24, and continues long past the sales, and the street Santas, and the parades. Some local radio seems to go "all in" on round-the-clock Christmas songs the moment that Thanksgiving is over — and it's great. But why must it all stop the moment Christmas day has passed? The Church reminds us that Christmas day *BEGINS* the season of Christmas for the next several weeks into January, even. And that we must prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas Eve with a countercultural practice — to be still, to relish in peace, and quiet — to do *Advent!*

Advent is a season of the Church wherein we commit ourselves to *quiet* our busy lives; we spend some time in solitude; we pray with more intensity; we give to those who need; we hope for Christ's *coming* with an expectant fervor that prepares us to receive him. Being still, quiet, to relish in peace is perhaps harder than ever before. We live in a culture that puts TVs in every room and our cars, streaming from our every personal device we can hold, smart phones in our pocket that dominate every moment when we are alone. How can we prepare for his coming into our homes, into our hearts (now and at the end of time), and into the specialness of this season that makes giving so much richer amid so much noise?

Advent is a new season in the Liturgical Calendar, from the Latin *adventus*, which means "coming." This is a time of *expectant waiting*. It is represented by a blue-purplish color that represents the night sky before the dawn of the rising sun. A time to remember the coming of *the Son*, who is the light that extinguishes the darkness, as the first chapter of John proclaims. With each new Sunday, we light candles in an advent wreath of evergreen rich with symbols to remind ourselves of this most important truth.

Let us take time this Advent to pray *with* our families and our loved ones, and to put some perspective on the commercial frenzy that secularizes the holiness of this time. Let us take time to enter into *communion* with one another — at the Mass, in our giving and sharing, in the time we spend truly being present to one another. One need not be Catholic, or even Christian, in order to recommit oneself to this terrific recipe for joy and happiness. We welcome and cherish our students of all backgrounds, blessed abundantly with varied customs and beliefs. And we challenge them to give of themselves through their knowledge, service, and leadership. The Lord Jesus wouldn't have it any other way. Merry Christmas, Palma! Go *Chieftains!*



















Yours in Blessed Edmund Rice,

David J. Sullivan
Principal



December 2021 Calendar



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Revised 11/30/2021. Go Chieftains!

December 2021 Calendar

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 12:02pm Investor Club Mtg. in C1 @ per 5
 12:15pm NCAA Commitment Signing in Gym
 2:00pm Focus Group in CCR: JH (until 3:00pm)
 2:40pm NHS Tutoring in CSC (until 3:15pm)
 2:45pm Yearbook in CLab
 3:30pm Soccer: Var v King City (Here)
 4:00pm JH Basketball: Mickey Linehan
 Tournament Dec. 1-3
 6:00pm Palma Christmas Concert in MPB
 JV Basketball @ SC Tournament TBA

2 9:15am Late Arrival Schedule

- 9:15am NE Maritime Inst. (virtual) in CSC @ per 1
 11:57am NJHS Tutoring for Gr. 6-8 in CSC @ per 4
 12:15pm Baseball Info. Meeting @ Baseball Field
 2:40pm Know That You Matter Club in A1
 2:40pm NHS Tutoring in CSC (until 3:15pm)
 2:45pm Yearbook in CLab
 3:30pm Var Basketball v Justin Sienna @ De La
 Salle HS
 3:30pm Wheelmen Ride @ Ft. Ord Natl Monument
 5:00pm College Trip Virtual Meeting - Students,
 Parents (Zoom)
 5:30pm Frosh Basketball v Alvarez @ Salinas Tourn

- 3** 8:30am Advent Reconciliation Service - Theo.
 Classes
 12:02pm Game Club in D5 @ per 5
 12:02pm Soccer Club in D2 @ per 5
 12:30pm Origami Club in C4 @ per 5
 4:00pm **CANCELLED 10/4 Workshop in CSC**
 5:45pm Soccer @ Pacific Grove
 Frosh Basketball @ Salinas Tourn. TBA
 Var Basketball @ Vontoure Classic (DLS HS)

- 4** 9:30am Mock Trial Club in CSC
 11:00am Latin Jazz Band Rehearsal in E5
 4:00pm **CANCELLED 10/4 Workshop in CSC**
 Frosh Basketball @ Salinas Tourn.TBA.
 Var Basketball @ Vontoure Classic (DLS HS)
 Wrestling @ Righetti Tournament
 Wrestling: JV @ Ed Ferrel Classic @
 Harbor HS

- 5** 4:00pm **CANCELLED 10/4 Workshop in CSC**
2nd Sunday Advent

- 6** 11:30am NJHS Tutoring for Gr. 6-8 in CSC @ per 4
 12:02pm Mock Trial Club @ in C3 @ per 5
 12:26pm ASB Officers Meeting in D4
 2:40pm NHS Tutoring in CSC (until 3:15pm)
 2:45pm Chess Club Meeting in E3

Feast of St. Nicholas

Hanukkah Ends (sundown)

- 7** 8:30am Univ. of Arizona in CSC @ per 1
 11:30am JH ASB Meeting in D4 @ per 4
 11:30am NJHS Tutoring for Gr. 6-8 in CSC @ per 4
 12:02pm Spikeball Club on Field @ per 5
 12:26pm Class Officers Meeting in D4 @ per 5
 2:40pm NHS Tutoring in CSC (until 3:15pm)
 2:45pm COVID Testing in Cafeteria
 2:45pm Yearbook in CLab
 3:30pm Soccer v RLS (Here)
 3:30pm Wheelmen Ride @ Ft. Ord Natl Monument

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

- 8** 8:30am Immaculate Conception of Mary: Masses
 @ Per 1-3
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 4:00pm Basketball: JHS v Carmel MS (Here)
 6:30pm Mock Trial Club in CSC

- 9** 8:05am Faculty in Classrooms: Final Exam Help
9:15am Late Arrival Schedule
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 3:30pm Soccer v Monterey (Here)
 3:30pm Wheelmen Ride @ Ft. Ord Natl Monument
 4:00pm Frosh Basketball v Soquel @ Soquel Tourn.
 JV Basketball @ Salinas HS Tournament
 Var Basketball: Scattini Tournament in
 Gym, Dec. 9-11

December 2021 Calendar

- 10** 12:02pm Game Club in D5 @ per 5
12:02pm Soccer Club in D2 @ per 5
5:15pm Frosh Basketball v RLS @ Soquel Tourn.
JV Basketball @ Salinas HS Tournament
Var Basketball: Scattini Tournament in Gym

- 11** 9:00am Nat & Eco Club Hike @ Nisene Marks (Santa Cruz)
12:00pm Soccer: Var v Alvarez (Here)
12:30pm Frosh Basketball v MVC @ Soquel Tourn
JV Basketball @ Salinas HS Tournament
Wrestling: JV @ Spartan Crucible @ Gonzales HS
Wrestling: Var @ James Riddle Classic @ Oakdale HS
Var Basketball: Scattini Tournament in Gym

- 12** 12:00pm Football Awards Program in MPB

3rd Sunday Advent

La Virgen de Guadalupe

- 13** 11:30am NJHS Tutoring for Gr. 6-8 in CSC @ per 4
12:02pm Mock Trial Club in C3 @ per 5
12:26pm ASB Officers Meeting in D4
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5:30pm Athletic Council Meeting in CSC

STUDY DAYS: No After School Extracurricular Activities

- 14** 11:30am NJHS Tutoring for Gr. 6-8 in CSC @ per 4
12:02pm Spikeball Club on Field @ per 5
2:40pm NHS Tutoring in CSC (until 3:15pm)
2:45pm COVID Testing in Cafeteria

STUDY DAYS: No After School Extracurricular Activities

- 15** 8:30am Fall Semester Final Exams

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- 16** 8:30am Fall Semester Final Exams

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- 17** 8:30am Fall Semester Final Exams
2:00pm Palma Winter Duals Wrestling Tourn. (16 teams): Dec. 17-18.
TBA Soccer @ Harbor

End of Fall 2021 Semester

- 18** 7:00am Palma Winter Duals Wrestling Tourn
9:00am Nat & Eco Club Hike @ Andrew Molera State Park
9:30am Mock Trial Club in CSC

19 4th Sunday Advent

- 20** Christmas Vacation: December 20-January 5
8:00am-12:00pm Main Office Hours

Exam Correction Day — NO CLASSES

- 21** 2:45pm COVID Testing in Cafeteria
4:00pm Basketball v Hollister (Here-3)

NO CLASSES - Main Office Open 8:00am-12:00pm

- 22** 12:02pm Mock Trial Club in C3 @ per 5

NO CLASSES - Main Office Open 8:00am-12:00pm

- 23** 4:00pm Basketball @ Gilroy (Here-3)

NO CLASSES - Main Office Open 8:00am-12:00pm

24 Christmas Eve - SCHOOL CLOSED

25 Merry Christmas!

26 Holy Family

- 27** TBA Basketball: JV @ Watsonville Tournament
TBA Frosh Basketball @ Watsonville Tourn

NO CLASSES - Main Office Open 8:00am-12:00pm

- 28** 2:45pm COVID Testing in Cafeteria
TBA Basketball: JV @ Watsonville Tournament
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NO CLASSES - Main Office Open 8:00am-12:00pm

- 29** 1:00pm Soccer v Rancho San Juan (Here)
TBA Basketball: JV @ Watsonville Tournament
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Wrestling: Var @ Sierra NV Classic (Reno)

NO CLASSES - Main Office Open 8:00am-12:00pm

- 30** TBA Basketball: Var @ Joe Schram Classic

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31 New Year's Eve - SCHOOL CLOSED

December 10 will be a free dress day/ugly sweater day.

The cost will be \$5.00 and all proceeds will go to the Coastal Kids "Winter Wishes" program.



Vice Principal's Office

Mr. Rob Viarengo '86
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viarengo@palmaschool.org

Finals Are Here

Semester exams will soon be upon us, with finals for grades 7 through 12 beginning on Wednesday, December 15 (please see the note regarding grade 6 at the bottom). Exams are arranged by class period over three minimum days. Teachers will proctor their own finals, and students will take exams in the room where the class is usually held. Students are required to stay for a minimum of one hour but have nearly two hours to complete the exam. The final-exam grade is separate from the two quarter grades and may count for up to 20% of the semester grade depending on the level of the class. Teachers will be preparing students throughout December to be sure they understand the weight and format of the final for their specific classes. The schedule is as follows.

Please note that Thursday, December 16, is not a Late Arrival Schedule.

Wednesday, December 15	Thursday, December 16	Friday, December 17
Period 1 - 8:30 to 10:20	Period 3 - 8:30 to 10:20	Period 6 - 8:30 to 10:20
Period 2 - 10:30 to 12:20	Period 4/5 - 10:30 to 12:20	Period 7 - 10:30 to 12:20

Students do not take finals during exam week in PE, health, and art and music classes. The two AP classes meeting during zero period will take their exams during the last two days of classes on Monday, December 13, and Tuesday, December 14. If a student does not have an exam during a given period, he is not expected to be on campus. For instance, a junior high student who has PE during period 2 would not need to be at Palma during the period 2 exam block on Wednesday; likewise, a high school student in Digital Art period 3 would not be expected to be here during the period 3 block on Thursday. **Parents should review their son's schedule to know when he will be taking his exams.** Teachers will also relay the schedule to students in class and post times on homework pages. A number of common areas will be open and supervised for those who wish to remain on campus to study before or after exams.

It is extremely important that families plan for their sons to be here throughout finals week, as teachers will not be administering final exams before that week to accommodate travel plans. If an unplanned absence occurs, such as due to illness, students will need to make independent arrangements with their teacher for a make-up, perhaps during the afternoon on the exam days if possible. Students unable to take finals during exam week will make them up during the first two days of the new semester when classes resume in January (Thursday, January 6, and Friday, January 7).

The Cislini Study Center will be open December 15 through December 17 from 7:30 to 1:00, and the cafeteria will provide *a la carte* items for purchase all three days.

Those with questions about the exam schedule are invited to contact me at viarengo@palmaschool.org.

Note to Parents/Guardians of Students in Grade 6: Because sixth graders do not take final exams, they will have full days of school on Wednesday, December 15, and Thursday, December 16 (8:15 to 2:45); on Friday, December 17, the last day before the Christmas break, sixth graders will have a minimum day, with dismissal at 12:20 along with the rest of the school.



DIRECTOR of Student Life

Mr. Nick Noroian '02

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Chieftain Pride

Hello Palma Community,

I hope that your Thanksgiving break was enjoyable with family and friends and that you are ready to be back at school for our final three weeks! Over the past 70 years, Palma has been at the forefront of Catholic education in the Salinas Valley. We strive to set ourselves apart from other area schools, both public and private.

Over the past two years, there have been many ups and downs during the pandemic. One of Palma's many goals this year was to get our boys back on campus and acclimate them once again to the Palma culture. During this time, Palma has allowed some leeway regarding tardiness and dress code (illegal hooded sweatshirts, hair length, and shaving).

Beginning with our return to school for the second semester, Palma will be more consistent with enforcing these guidelines as written in the handbook. As a school, Palma believes in the value of a well-groomed student and the discipline it provides. In addition, a Palma student is on-time for classes, and with that timeliness, he can effectively complete assignments and stay focused during his classes.

Beginning with the start of the next semester, Palma School will make every effort to partner with parents in being more consistent about dress code, grooming, and arriving to class on time. As always, Palma will have clean polos, shorts, pants, and sweatshirts for a student to borrow for the day for a \$1.00 rental fee. Students will need to return the clothes to Palma School washed the next day. Repeat offenders may be sent home until they can be in their proper dress code. In addition, students who miss class will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities for that day, depending on their missed time.

Also, beginning with the start of the next semester, Palma will start with a clean slate of tardies. A student who demonstrates six (6) unexcused tardies will be subject to disciplinary consequences. Actions could result in detention but are not limited to other disciplinary policies.

We need our parents, teachers, and mentors to partner together to raise the standard for decorum and leadership on campus and hold our students accountable to this higher standard. The attire of students and the pride they show in their appearance contributes greatly to their own performances in and out of class and to the respect they earn. This pride in being a gentleman and a student at Palma is well worth preserving and fostering.

The current dress code can be found on the following page. Thank you for your support in helping our boys of promise to become men of character.

Palma School Dress Code

Dress Code The Palma dress code is in effect on the Palma campus from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. The attire of students and the pride they show in their appearance contributes greatly to their performance in and out of class and to the respect they earn. This pride in being a gentleman and a student at Palma is well worth preserving and fostering. The Palma dress code applies to all Palma students, including those students who have the privilege of representing Palma in an academic / extracurricular setting or in the wearing of a Palma uniform on an athletic team, even during vacation times of Thanksgiving, Christmas, Winter Break, and/or Easter. Palma Pride in student conduct and appearance is on display for all.

1. Camouflage clothing of any kind will not be permitted. Camouflage sweatshirts, shirts, pants, shorts, backpacks, etc., are not permitted for students to wear at Palma during school hours.
2. Button-down or zip flannel shirts, with or without hoods, cannot be worn as jackets or outerwear at Palma during school hours.
3. Shirts are to be of the polo style variety and size-appropriate; no other button-down shirts are permitted, unless worn with a tie and the shirt is tucked in; undershirts are not to be observed at the bottom of the un-tucked polo- styled shirt. Polo shirts worn over hooded sweatshirts are not permitted.
4. Pull-over sweat shirts (hoodies) are permitted only if they 1) prominently bear the official, Palma logo/monogram and/or are "Palma issued" or 2) display the name of an accredited college/university, and 3) are size appropriate. Pullover sweaters/jackets that are half/quarter/full zip are permitted.
5. No denim/jeans, pants or jackets or their look-alikes; only khakis-styled slacks, cords or Dockers-styled slacks, size-appropriate, are allowed and are to be worn at the waist; dress shorts or cargo shorts (not athletic, beach, or play shorts) may be worn in place of the usual school dress slacks. Sweats or golf rain pants are not permitted at any time.
6. Footwear should be neat and clean. They may be formal, semi-formal, or athletic. Sandals, slippers, moccasins, or full-sized boots are not allowed; socks must be worn so as to be clearly visible.
7. Hair styles should always be clean and neat and well-groomed, not extending below the top of a normal shirt collar nor below the ear, nor below the eyebrows, not too short (no # 1 cuts), not too long, with no striping, no shaved and/or hair engraving, no ponytails, no other extreme hair styles (i.e. no skin-cuts, no mohawks, no excessive hair heights, no braids, no "cornrows", no "manbuns", etc.), and hair must be the student's natural color. Students are to start each day on campus clean-shaven; sideburns are not to go beyond the bottom of the earlobe; beards and goatees are not permitted. Students who do not meet these requirements may be: 1) suspended until properly groomed; and/or 2) may be fined a penalty of \$1.00 for any/each infraction.
8. Hats, hoods, and beanies (stocking caps) are not to be worn on campus; the Director of Student Life will permit exceptions where reasonably justified by cold weather. No head/hair bands may be worn during the academic school day.
9. Jewelry, studded belts and/or wrist bands, expensive watches, etc., should not be worn or brought to school. Earrings and/or other body piercings (nose, lip, tongue, eyebrow, etc.) and/or tattoos are not to be worn on campus or by a Palma student in or at a school-sponsored event, activity or athletics.
10. Clothing worn at Palma is not to carry inappropriate messages or be of the types that reflect commercial businesses, sex, drugs, alcohol, or gang activity or be suggestive, lewd, sexist, or culturally insensitive in appearance and/or words. This includes clothing, whether it is worn outside or visible under a shirt, anytime on campus or at a school activity, including events off the Palma campus.
11. Undergarments are not to be purposely exposed.
12. Students participating in physical education classes are required to wear and maintain a clean Palma P.E. uniform (shirt and shorts) in class and are encouraged to wash up at the conclusion of the class.
13. Student book bags and/or backpacks are to be maintained in a clean and graffiti-free manner.

It is the responsibility of each student to follow the Palma School Dress Code and the responsibility of parents to be aware of how their son leaves home for school or school-sponsored events. In the case of individual students, the final judge of respectability and compliance is the Administration. If you or your son finds this dress code in conflict with your family/religious beliefs, please contact Mr. Noroian right away to appeal to him for his authorization of possible exceptions.

Violations of this dress code are subject to discipline, which may include detention up to and including immediate suspension from school.



Chieftain Athletics

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Go Chieftains!

Chieftain athletics in December

Winter sports and up and running which include basketball, soccer and wrestling. I encourage everyone to attend as many games as you are able to support our Chieftains. The boys are aware of your presence and a big crowd makes a huge difference. In addition to your support in the stands, think about helping out at a game or two.

Congratulations to these Chieftains

Moises Benito '22 placed 24th at the Cross Country Division 4 CIF State Championship

All-league players named for water polo are:

- Kyle Batacan '22**, *First Team*
- Sean Bosch '22**, *Second Team*
- Soren Roberts '25**, *Sportsmanship Team*

All-league players named for football:

- Jo Jo Cardinale '22**, *First Team*
- Logan Saldate '24**, *First Team*
- Javier Avila '22**, *First Team*
- Kasey Mena '22**, *First Team*
- Joseph Finley '22**, *First Team*
- Luke Rossi '22**, *Second Team*
- Colton Amaral '22**, *Second Team*
- Jake Mahler '22**, *Second Team*
- Sam Gómez '22**, *Richard Chamberlain Sportsmanship Team*

Palma School Athletics App

contains schedules, rosters and updated scores. It is part of the "gochieftains" website. You find the app at Apple and android app stores.



GET YOUR OFFICIAL PALMA GEAR HERE



Put your name up in lights

Put your company name or family message on both scoreboards. Your message could appear on the Holaday Seed scoreboard in the gym and on the new video scoreboard during contests on our track, field and baseball stadium. Contact Mr. Bishop at bishop@palmaschool.org for more details.



Get involved

There are a variety of ways the Palma community can participate at athletic events and we can never have too many volunteers. From helping out at games to providing the many hands needed at fund raising events, Palma parents are the ones who make athletics happen for our boys. Parents are encouraged to attend our monthly Athletic Council meetings. We would like at least one parent representative from each team, whether your sport is in or out of season, to join us. The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, December 13th at 5:30pm in the Cislini Study Center.



For all of your daily athletic updates please follow me on twitter at [@Coach_Rbishop](https://twitter.com/Coach_Rbishop). I tweet upcoming game times for all sports each week as well as results and other fun information regarding Palma and Palma Athletics.



Guidance Department

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*On behalf of the counselors at Palma School
I would like to wish you and your family a very
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

Guidance staff

Mrs. Irina Short (*above*) works with 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders whose last names begin with the letters L-Z.

Mr. Phil Giammanco '87 (*right*) works with 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders whose last names begin with the letters A-K.

Mr. Willie Beesley '86 (*right*) works with all 6th, 7th and 8th graders.



PSAT results

High school students who took the PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test) last October will be able to access their scores on-line beginning December 7th in their College Board account. Scores will be uploaded into their Naviance account the first week of December.

While there have been a lot of changes at College Board, the best news is their partnership with Khan Academy (www.khanacademy.org). Students are able to link their PSAT scores directly to free testing materials from Khan. Many of the recent changes to the SAT make it more similar to the ACT, and so even if a student plans on taking the ACT, the test prep materials from Khan should still prove to be very helpful.

Southern California college trip

There is a mandatory informational Zoom meeting for all parents and students attending the college trip on Thursday, December 2nd at 5:00pm. I emailed the link on November 29th and will email it again on December 2nd. We will be discussing the details of the trip, including: itineraries, expectations, selecting roommates, and guidelines for the students. In addition to the above items, there will be an opportunity to ask any other questions you might have regarding the trip.

Tips for student athletes

When it comes to athletic scholarships and college sports recruiting, it is important for you to become familiar with the rules and regulations surrounding the various college associations, conferences, and divisions. Violation of the rules, even while still in high school, can result in ineligibility in your future athletic career. Your first task should be to determine which associations (NCAA, NAIA, and NJCAA) your prospective colleges and universities belong to, and then carefully review those group's websites.

College-bound student-athletes preparing to enroll in a Division I or Division II school need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to ensure they have met amateurism standards and are academically prepared for college coursework. Before you can make official visits or sign a letter of intent you must be registered.

Attention seniors

Many colleges/universities have a January 1st deadline. Please make sure you have requested letters of recommendations for your common app. schools and that you have met with your counselor before you go on Christmas vacation. Once again, your deadline is our deadline. Do not assume your teachers and counselors will be available to write letters of recommendations during their vacation, many will be out of town. So please plan ahead.

Future dates

Southern California College Trip Mandatory Parent/ Student Meeting is Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 5:00pm (webinar via Zoom)

College Orientation for Junior Parents is Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022 at 4:00pm (webinar via Zoom)

Southern California College Trip is Tuesday, February 15, 2022 - Saturday, February 19, 2022



2022 Yearbook

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Senior Portraits are due in December

Yearbook sales continue. If you have not ordered yours, now is the time. The yearbook will include all of Palma — grades six through twelve will be represented through profiles, interviews, informative content and photography about our students and Palma. The cost is \$100. *Thank you for your support!*

Senior portraits due by Friday, December 10, 2021

Please share these guidelines with the photographer of your choice. The photo requirement are:

- Head and shoulder/upper body shot (at least)
- Image that is not smaller than 6x8 inches
- Sent as a jpeg
- Minimum resolution of 300 dpi
- Full color — no black and white images
- Can be indoor or outdoor

All senior portraits must be submitted digitally to yearbook@palmaschool.org by Friday, December 10, 2021.

Please contact me with any questions you might have, or special needs concerning photography. I prefer to be reached at yearbook@palmaschool.org.

Here are some professional photographers.

Kathleen Marsh (831) 596-2928
www.iphotobykmarsh.zenfolio.com

Cook's Photography (831) 424-5486
www.cooksphotography.com

Lorinda K Photography (831) 233-9593
www.lorindakphotography.com

Ronnie Esparza Photography (831) 320-9328
www.ronnieesparzaphoto.com

Creative Images (831) 649-5443
www.larrynordwick.com

MommieRazzi Photography (831) 402-7716
mommierazziphotography.com

Grace Irwin (831) 262-7915
www.graceirwinphotography.com

Gary Dangerfield Photography (831) 915-9991
www.garydangerfieldphotography.com

Manuel Ortega (831) 682-7170
www.manuelortegaphoto.com

Carlos M. Gonzales (831) 206-7468
www.propixmedia.com

Palma School 2022 Yearbook Order Form

1. Student's Name _____ Grade (please circle) 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
2. Student's Name _____ Grade (please circle) 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
3. Student's Name _____ Grade (please circle) 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Total number of yearbooks _____ x \$100.00 each = \$ _____ Check No. _____

Please make checks payable to Palma School Yearbook & mail to: Palma School, 919 Iverson St., Salinas, CA 93901
For cash or credit card payments, please stop by the main office. We will happily process your order.

Parents' Club

PARENT CLUB WEB PAGE: [HTTPS://PALMASCHOOL.COM/PARENTS-CLUB/](https://palmaschool.com/parents-club/)
EMAIL: PARENTSCLUB@PALMASCHOOL.ORG

Day on the Green

Thanks to all the boys and dads who came out for our first Junior High Father-Son Event. The football game looked great on the new Palma scoreboard and the boys had fun playing their own game on the turf field. Great BBQ, beautiful weather and some Salinas Airshow flyovers rounded out this fun day!



Parent Meet-ups

Our last Parent Meet-up was held at Tarp's for Happy Hour. Parents enjoyed excellent food, drinks, and conversation (below)! Our next Meet-up will be a hike at Garland Ranch Regional Park on December 4th at 10:00am. For more information or to RSVP contact Diana Kawamoto at (831) 818-2515.



Faculty appreciation

Parents Club has a fun holiday surprise planned for our hardworking Palma teachers and staff. If you would like to be involved with this effort, please email parents-club@palmaschool.org

SAVE THE DATE

Parents Club Meeting – January 24th
High School Mother Son Dance – March 5th
53rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon – March 16th

St. Patrick's Luncheon

Corned Beef, salads, dessert & beverage

Take-out includes Pastrami or Corned Beef sandwich, broccoli slaw, chips, cookie and a beverage

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Steve Clayton Memorial Gym | Palma School

This annual fund raiser is a community event. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Kate Secondo at k8secondo@att.net if you would like to join in the fun.

PALMA SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

December 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		\$8 Steak Burrito Rice, Beans and Cheese	\$8 Junior Club Sandwich turkey, ham bacon, lettuce, tomato on grilled sourdough	\$5 Pepperoni Pizza
6	7	8	9	10
\$8 Chile Verde Burrito with Rice, Beans and Cheese	\$8 Chicken Alfredo pasta with garlic bread	\$5 Hot Dog	\$8 Steak Quesadilla with mixed bell peppers, onion and cheese	\$8 Junior Club Sandwich turkey, ham bacon, lettuce, tomato on grilled sourdough
13	14	15	16	17
\$8 Steak Fries with Cheese, Salsa and Jalapeño	\$8 Hot Turkey Sandwich with French Fries	FINALS <i>A la carte menu</i>	FINALS <i>A la carte menu</i>	FINALS <i>A la carte menu</i>
20	21	22	23	24
NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES
27	28	29	30	31
NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES

Daily Breakfast		Daily Lunch		Beverages, Sides & Treats	
Breakfast Burrito <i>egg, cheese & sausage or chorizo</i>	\$6	Hamburger	\$7	Bottled Water	\$1
Breakfast Sandwich <i>egg, cheese, ham, tomato on sourdough</i>	\$6	Cheeseburger	\$8	La Croix	\$1
French Toast	\$6	French Fries	\$2	Gatorade, Vitamin Water, etc.	\$2
Pancakes (2)	\$5	Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	\$7	Chips	\$1
Muffin or Pastry	\$2	Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$7	Cookie	\$1
Grilled Bagel <i>with cream cheese</i>	\$2	<i>All sandwiches served with lettuce, tomato and onion</i>		Muffin, Bread, Pastry	\$2

We accept cash, debit/credit cards, Apple Pay and Google Pay

Rechargeable lunch cards will be available soon.