



PGA Friday Update

February 4, 2022



Upcoming Dates - Mark your calendar		
February 9	After school	Middle school parent teacher conferences (Rescheduled from 2/2 snow day)
February 11		Last day for middle school parent teacher conferences (see the sign up in the middle school section below if you still need to schedule a conference)
February 11	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Parent Community Forum - Contribute to work on the PGA mission statement (See below for details.)
February 15	3:45 - 4:45 p.m.	PTO meeting, on campus room 107 and link available here to attend virtually the week of the meeting
February 21		No School

Important Links

[Regular Weekly Schedule Chart 21-22](#)

[PSD 2021-22 Calendar](#)

[PGA Attendance Policy](#)

[PGA School Calendar](#)

[Traffic Flow and Parking at PGA](#)

[PTO Meeting Dates](#)

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[How to order a yearbook](#)

FEBRUARY Lunch Menu

Click [here](#) to view the lunch menu



PGA Tech Support

Click [here](#) to make an appointment



Notes for all PGA Families

[Click Here for A message from Cheryl regarding the end of the district mask mandate](#)

Important information regarding required state testing

Starting in late March PGA will administer the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) and the PSAT/SAT, which are part of the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) state assessment system designed to measure student mastery of the Colorado Academic Standards and college readiness. All students in grades 3-11 are required to participate in state testing and all state tests are required to be taken in person (that includes students in the virtual pathway). As such, we are reaching out to families now to inform you on the requirements and to share information on your right to excuse your child from state testing. We plan to share a detailed schedule with testing days and times near the beginning of March when we have a better idea of who will and who will not be testing.

Elementary and Middle School: Students in grades 3-8 participate in CMAS testing for English Language Arts and Math. Students in grades 5 and 8 also participate in CMAS testing for Science.

High School: Students in grades 9 and 10 participate in the PSAT 8/9 and the PSAT 10 respectively. Students in 11th grade participate in the SAT college entrance exam and the CMAS Science test.

Required State Tests by Grade Level:

Grade	Test(s)	
3	CMAS ELA and Math	
4	CMAS ELA and Math	
5	CMAS ELA and Math	CMAS Science
6	CMAS ELA and Math	
7	CMAS ELA and Math	
8	CMAS ELA and Math	CMAS Science
9	PSAT 9	
10	PSAT 10	
11	SAT	CMAS Science

Students who qualify for alternate assessments are those with significant cognitive disabilities for whom general state assessments are not appropriate. Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) is the alternate assessment for English Language Arts and Math for students in grades 3 - 11. The Colorado Alternate assessment (CoAlt) is the alternate assessment for Science.

Should my student take this test?

We encourage everyone who feels comfortable with in-person testing to participate in these required state tests. It will allow us to better tailor our instruction in the future to meet individual student needs. If you would

like to understand more about the role of state assessments as it relates to increasing academic achievement, [please read this flier from CDE](#).

How do I learn more about opting out?

We would like to see all of our students take the state assessments but we also appreciate that each family needs to make decisions as to what they feel is in their own best interest. If you would prefer to opt your student(s) out of testing this spring, you may do so in the following ways:

1. To opt out online via Parentvue, follow the link to the district's ParentVue technology support portal where you will find digital opt-out instructions.

<https://techportal.psdschools.org/Guide/parentvue-how-opt-out-state-testing>

2. If you have trouble opting out online, or if you would prefer a different option, you may also print a PDF version of the "2021-22 Opt Out of State Testing Form" and return it to PGA's main office. Forms are available in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Arabic](#).

Please direct any CMAS questions to Kyle Healy at khealy@psdschools.org

Please direct any PSAT/SAT questions to Brad Avery at bavery@psdschools.org

[Talent Show!](#)

Interested in having or participating in a PGA Talent Show? [Please fill out this 1 minute survey](#) by TODAY.

[Community Forum](#)

Calling all parents! Join other parents in evaluating and potentially revising our mission statement for PGA. As we have grown and added a new track it is timely to reestablish who we are as a school. A collaboratively developed mission and vision statement helps all stakeholders understand our direction and purpose. Staff has started some of the work. We will begin the process to collect parent input on **February 11 from 2-3 p.m.** You may attend this meeting on campus or virtually. [Click here to join the meeting virtually](#). We will start admitting people into the meeting about 10 minutes before it starts. Stay tuned for more information. We will synthesize all parent, student, and staff input to craft a draft PGA mission statement, which we will come back together in March to finalize.

[Reminder: PGA Learning Coach Facebook Page](#)

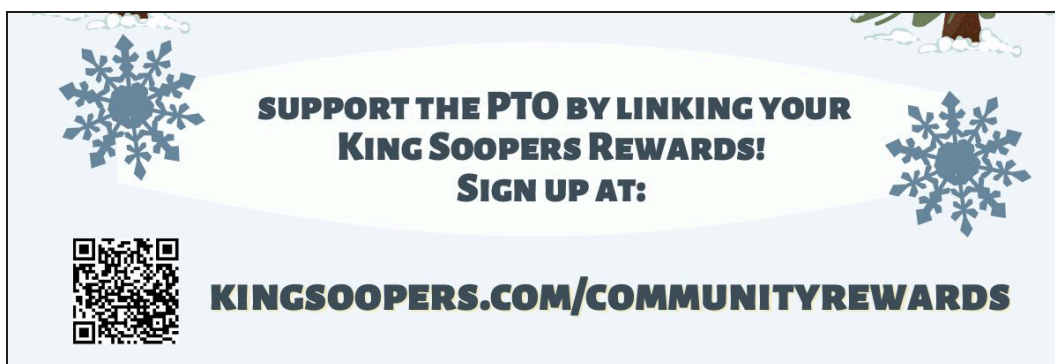
Did you know that there's a FaceBook group to support PGA learning coaches? This is not a school - managed forum, but a place for PGA learning coaches to communicate and support each other. To request membership, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PGALearningCoaches>



[Healthy Kids 5210 Challenge](#)

It's that time of year! [Click here to access the tracking log](#). There is a digital and printable option. [Click here](#) to watch the 5210 informational video.



Notes from Elementary

Summer Opportunity

CSU's Department of Food Science and Nutrition hosting a Summer Cooking Camp for students 8-12 years old. [Click here for more information.](#)

Connections Collaborative Learning Event

This is a Great Opportunity to learn and listen to experts in the field of supporting students with learning disabilities in a virtual one evening event! Sign up soon! **Link:** isconnections.psdschools.org

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Notes from Middle School

[Click here for this week's Friday Focus.](#)

Middle School Conferences

The second half of Middle school conferences will be held, Wednesday the 9th, and Friday the 11th. If you would like to sign up for a conference with your child's grade level team, please visit the link below. Conferences will be virtual and you will get the link in your confirmation email.

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/PGAMiddleSchool1@poudreschools.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

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Notes from High School

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Upcoming Events:

Event Title & Location	Date	Description
High School Registration for 2022-2023 School year @PGA	Current Juniors 2/7-2/9 in Advisory Current Sophs. and Fresh. 2/14 - 2/16 in Advisory Current 8th grade 2/25	Counselors will present information to students in their Advisory classes. Our registration website will be linked on the main PGA website page beginning on Monday 2/7. This will be our primary source of information for students going into grades 9-12. Current 8th grade students going to high schools other than PGA will begin receiving information through Advisory on 2/11.
Scholarship Opportunities:		The Bridging the Dream Scholarship for High School Seniors: The Sallie Mae Fund will award (25) \$10,000 scholarships to high school seniors who plan to enroll in a two- or four-year degree professional certificate, or vocational training program. Seniors who excel inside and outside of the classroom and demonstrate financial need can apply NOW through Feb. 28 at www.salliemae.com/landing/bridging-the-dream . The 2022 Thomas B. Snover Scholarship application is now available, http://www.snoverscholarship.com/

Tools & resources:



The pandemic has impacted mental health for students and adults across the country and in our community. In Advisories this quarter, we will be teaching and reviewing how and when to seek help if students have concerns for friends or for themselves. More information will be included in the next few counseling connections.

Counselor Caseloads:

All Elementary Students & High School Students with last names starting with Ge-Mi = [Chris Hagge](#)

All Middle School Students & High School Students with last names starting with A-Ga = [Rachel Eaton](#)

High School Students with last names starting with Mo-Z + Teen Parents= [Anne Eakins](#)

Next Steps & Options: [Stacy Sevelin](#)