



This Week In SPARTA



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

Counseling News:

All Classes

- Colorado Virtual Career Fair April 19-22. [Flyer –English](#)
[Flyer-Spanish](#)

Juniors

- Virtual College Night for Juniors 4/20– 6-8pm-. Please watch your emails for a link to the virtual meeting. We will have college experts here doing breakout sessions on The College Search and Finding the Right Fit, Financial Aid and Scholarships, The College Admissions Process , College Essay and Letter of Recommendation Tips and How to make the most of your College Visit Virtual and In -Person.

Seniors

- **If you have received ANY scholarships, even if you won't be using them, please send the information to your counselor. Last day to be included in the Academic**
- Seniors please make sure you have completed the senior survey. You should have an email that tells you how to complete it, but if you need any help contact your counselor.
- Please inform your counselor where you want your final transcript sent for college next year.
- Make sure you have ordered your cap and gown. Graduation is right around the corner. If you are not walking in the ceremony, please let your counselor know

Message from Principal Gardner:

Dear Doherty Students and Families,

We had a great turnout for testing this week. I want to thank students, parents, and staff for participating in state testing. If your student was unable to attend and is not opted out please see the email you were sent earlier today, as action is needed whether you would like your student to take the exam or opt-out. Please use this [LINK](#) to RSVP/OPT-OUT of the PSAT or SAT exams. You may also call Mrs. Douglas in the front office at (719)328-6400. **The deadline to RSVP or Opt-out is 3:00 pm on Monday April 19th.**

We continue to make adjustments on senior activities for the remainder of the school year. As I mentioned last week, the Senior Breakfast has been cancelled because of the need to accommodate almost 800 guests.

I am pleased to inform you we were able to reserve the Flying W Ranch for Prom on May 1st from 8:00-11:00pm. Because of COVID restrictions, this year's Prom will only be open to Doherty High School Seniors and Senior guests from the Junior class. No other underclassmen or non-Doherty students will be allowed. While I know this will be disappointing to some, my primary commitment is to the Class of 2021 and the hope to provide a level of normalcy as we wrap up the year. Please see below for the rest of the end of year senior dates.

Our district's high schools have agreed to move up scheduled senior activities in an effort to minimize the need for quarantine prior to graduation. Students quarantined after May 3rd based on current quarantining guidelines would not be eligible to participate in graduation exercises. Therefore, to minimize risk of quarantine, we are adjusting many of our year end senior activities so they are completed by May 3rd. Students will be in school as normal with Seniors' last Academic Day being May 11th and Senior Check-out scheduled on May 12th. Please see Page 2 for the rest of the end of year senior dates.

I want to remind all of our students, parents, families, and staff that the next five weeks will go by incredibly fast. It is critical that our Seniors have every opportunity to celebrate the end of their public school in education. It is equally important that the rest of our student body continue to work hard, be engaged in class, and to concentrate on earning credits toward graduation. The stress on all of us is very real. It is important that we recognize and support one another and afford each other grace whenever possible. I believe in my heart that every one of us is doing the very best they can, and we need to recognize and validate that in each of us. Buckle your seat belt, Spartans, it will be June before you know it.

Peace and tranquility, Sparta,

Kevin Gardner, M.A.
Principal
Doherty High School



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Important AP Exam Info

AP exams are fast approaching. Here are some updates.

- The date to cancel AP exams has passed and exams are out for delivery. There is no "not used" fee charged by College Board this year.
- The deadline to switch to the digital exam has also passed. I have received many emails from kids and have honored those changes up to this point.

From this point further, if a student wishes to switch to a digital exam, they may only do so if it is an emergency or if they are quarantined. The College Board's guidance is that I need to make that switch 7 days prior to the digital

Upcoming Senior Dates

- April 21st - Mandatory Senior Class Meeting via Webex 1:25
- April 29th Senior Academic Awards / Convocation –Gym 5:30pm
(Seniors need to arrive by 5:00pm)
- April 30th Senior BBQ-Time TBD
- May 1st Prom-Flying W Ranch 8:00-11:00pm
- May 11th - Seniors' Last Academic Day
- May 12th - Senior Celebration Day
 - Senior Check Out
 - Laptop Return
 - Yearbook Distribution
 - Senior Farewell Parade
- May 18th Graduation*- Garry Berry Stadium
 - 12:15pm – Class of 2021 meets West Lot DHS bused to RJWAC
 - 1:00pm – Rehearsal
 - 3:00pm - Graduation
- Tentatively, each graduate will be allowed two guests (may be subject to change). Ceremony will be live-streamed.



The Class of 2021 Picture is Here!

Website: www.enjoyphotos.com

Username: DHS 2021

Password: 17172

This link is good for 60 days and will expire Jun. 10, 2021. The price is slightly higher this year because pictures will be mailed directly to you.



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EOY Laptop/Library Materials Collection

As we are now in the final weeks of the school year, we are sending out this message to give you the heads up that we will be collecting all library and technology materials before students leave for the summer. Your materials may include laptops, chargers, calculators, hot spots, textbooks and/or novels. Items will be assessed for damage (any fines will be posted in Destiny, with other school obligations). We will store the devices and repair as needed. If you will be graduating or leaving Doherty, please transfer any documents you wish to keep from your OneDrive/Google Drive.

**If you are taking an AP test remotely or are a senior, keep an eye out for information coming specific to you.*

More information will be coming as the end of the year schedules are finalized. Keep taking care of those laptops, save to the cloud, and work hard to finish the school year.

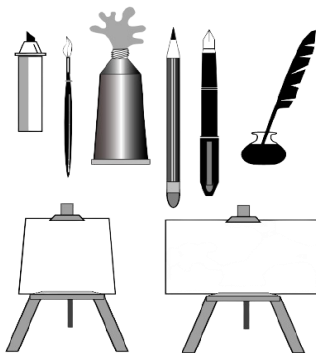


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Kudos to these artists!!

Congratulations to Doherty art students **Sabrina Szostak, Brayden Unseth, Chloe Wilkins, Isabelle Crnich, Riley L.,** and **Izablla Seaks** for their participation and awards in the 2021 Air Academy Federal Credit Union Colorado Springs D11 Art Show.

Check out this [LINK](#) to see the students' pieces. Thank you to Mrs. Stevens and Mr. Comiskey for their service to our students in visual arts.



How to Purchase a 2021 Yearbook

Yearbook Distribution will be the week of May 11, and we need to get our orders in ASAP to make distribution run smoothly. Here's a video the YB staff put together about why it's important to buy a book: [Yearbook Video](#)

Orders are online until distribution days, when you will have a chance to pay with check or cash. To order online, go to the [Josten's Yearbook Link](#) and select Doherty. Books are \$75 with 248 pages and a 16 page supplement for spring sports and activities. You definitely want to read the different stories covered!

If you don't remember if you purchased a book, email Jenny.George@d11.org and we will check for you.



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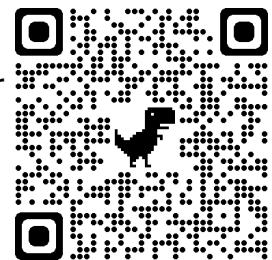


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AVID students are launching "Spartans Make a Change" April 1-23 to raise money and gather everyday items to help our Doherty student body. Your donations will help our Community Liaison, Mrs. Elisa Villarruel, provide things such as: brand new socks and undergarments, hygiene products, and gently used clothing, shoes, and school supplies to students in need.

Donations are to be made through Snap!Raise (not through the business office) using the QR code and items can be dropped off in the front office or AVID classrooms, from April 1-23.




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SEASON D REGISTRATION

- Season D Sports Registration opens Thursday, April 1st.
- Season D sports begin April 19th for girls golf and April 26th for all others.
- Season D sports include Baseball, Girls Golf, Girls Soccer, Boys Swim & Dive, Girls Tennis, & Track & Field.
- All registration forms are located at www.dohertyathletics.org under the Files and Links tab.
- Please visit www.dohertyathletics.org for specific information regarding tryouts/practice info.
- There is a NEW physical form online, so please do not use an old copy.
- All registration forms must be turned into the Business Office.
Business Office Hours:
- Monday (8am-4pm) Tuesday through Friday (7:15am-3:15pm)
- Registration Deadline is 4/16/21 for girls golf & 4/23/21 at 3:15pm for other sports.





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Week of April 19- April 24

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

**Business Office hours; Monday 8:00am-4:00pm Tuesday-Friday 7:15am-3:15am
Closed daily from 11:30-12:30 for lunch**

Monday, April 19

Tuesday, April 20

Virtual College Night for Juniors at 6:00pm

Varsity Girls Volleyball vs Pine Creek at SPARTA (Main Gym) at 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 21

Thursday, April 22

JROTC Banquet at 6:30pm Auditorium

Varsity Girls Volleyball vs Fountain Fort Carson at FFC HS at 6:00pm

Friday, April 23

Season D Sports Registration Deadline at 3:15pm

Varsity Girls Volleyball Tournament vs Pueblo County at Cheyenne Mtn HS at 4:00pm

Varsity Girls Volleyball Tournament vs Lewis Palmer at Cheyenne Mtn HS at 5:30pm

Saturday, April 24

Saturday Academic Enhancement at Sparta at 8:30am

SPARTANS, we are currently registering for all Season D sports: Baseball, Girls Golf, Girls Soccer, Boys Swim & Dive, Girls Tennis, and Track & Field. Go to www.dohertyathletics.org under Files and Links for details!

**Are you a Doherty student but interested in playing either boys or girls lacrosse or boys volleyball?
Palmer HS is hosting lacrosse, and Coronado HS is hosting boys volleyball-
check their athletics websites for details!**

SPARTANS: We ARE able to have students at Season C games. For volleyball we will be able to have between 25 and 50 students, and at soccer, we are not really limited, so let's get back out there as a student section and support your Spartans!! We have missed you so much!! Gate prices are back to normal, so student admission will be \$2!

If you can't make it, D11 has provided us a Doherty Athletics YouTube channel so all our home volleyball games will be posted here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxzORjdVATGza9BWU3yUEaw>

Please watch social media for links for away games and matches.