



PALISADES

CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Executive Director/Principal Report Board of Trustees Meeting October 18, 2022

Our mission: PCHS will empower our diverse student population to make positive contributions to the global community by dedicating our resources to ensure educational excellence, civic responsibility, and personal growth.

Schoolwide Goals - Communication and Socio-emotional Well-Being

Event Safety

Providing a safe, secure, and organized environment is a constant focus for PCHS. When disruptions occur, plans are in place and staff are prepared to address these situations. This was the case Friday, October 7 when an atypical occurrence of altercations at our home athletic event resulted in the timely support of law enforcement. Fortunately, due to the security measures in place at this event, the additional police presence ended up not being necessary; however, their responsiveness continues to be greatly appreciated. Additional measures PCHS is taking for upcoming stadium events include the following:

- Increased security and administrative presence.
- Home-side students required to show PCHS identification for entry.
- No loitering allowed on the stadium breezeway.
- All concessions confined to a well-defined and highly supervised area.
- Wristbands used to identify event spectators and prevent re-entries.

PCHS establishes and maintains a caring school culture through clear behavioral expectations, positive behavior interventions and supports, and emergency/crisis planning and preparedness. We strive to teach students alternatives to violence including conflict resolution and positive interpersonal relationship skills. Some of the resources available to Pali students include peer mediation, counseling, and mental health support. Students, staff, and parents can anonymously report concerns 24 hours a day through the [STOPit reporting system](#) (enter the access code *PaliDolphins*). The [Three C's Form](#) is also an option for students to report considerations, concerns, and critical issues. If you are aware of potentially dangerous or threatening situation, I encourage you to share this information directly with school administrators by emailing paliadministrators@palihigh.org.

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Fentanyl Awareness

Providing timely information regarding safety concerns to parents, teachers, and students is an ongoing schoolwide goal. In response to the fentanyl crisis, representatives from the PCHS Health Office, Mental Health Team, and Administration participated in training provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and Los Angeles County Office of Education. Dr. Roger Crystal spoke to faculty at the October 11 Faculty Meeting. Pali High and Paul Revere Middle School are hosting Town Hall meetings for parents and students regarding the dangers of fentanyl and other opioids.



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Oct. 20 | 6:30pm @ Palisades Charter High School - Mercer Hall

Oct. 26 | 6:30pm @ Paul Revere Middle School - Auditorium

Dr. Roger Crystal will be discussing the dangers of fentanyl and what communities can do to fight this crisis. These presentations are geared toward parents AND students. Children are encouraged to attend with their parents and guardians. *Dr. Crystal is a Pali parent and the lead inventor of the NARCAN nasal spray that is available at all LAUSD middle and high schools.* Read more about his bio [HERE](#): Roger Crystal, MD - Opiant Pharmaceuticals.

To attend the **PCHS** presentation on **October 20**, sign up [HERE](#).

To attend the **PRMS** presentation on **October 26**, sign up [HERE](#).

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Digital Citizenship Week

The California Department of Education (CDE) in collaboration with Common Sense Education will celebrate **CDE Digital Citizenship Week October 17-21, 2022**. This is part of ongoing efforts to teach students how to make safe, smart, and ethical decisions in the digital world.

Review the [SEL in Digital Life Conversation Starters Packet](#) from Common Sense Education for ideas for family discussions. PCHS will be sharing additional information with parents, students, and teachers throughout the week.

Schoolwide Goals - Academic Achievement, Communication, Diversity, Finance, Student/Staff Socio-emotional Well-being

Datalink Networks Needs Assessment

PCHS is engaged with the Datalink Networks (DLN) team to review current technology related practices to develop recommendations for greater schoolwide effectiveness and efficiency. DLN hosted a preliminary needs assessment meeting on October 14 at the Ventura Beach Marriott attended by a PCHS team representing faculty, administration, CTE, IT/SIS, and special education. The presentations included the following topics:

- Grants to fund technology
- Classroom and campus tools
- PCHS Student information system reporting needs
- Schoology/IC integration requirements
- Technology Trends in 2023
- Protecting your Campus from Physical Threats
- Protecting your Website and Email from Cyber Threats
- Office 365 Analytics and Automation Tools
- How Devices are Changing to Facilitate 21st Century Learning

Next steps include the refinement and presentation of the DLN needs assessment for PCHS and the client portal ticketing system activation.



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Schoolwide Goal - Communication

The Great Shakeout

Palisades Charter High School will be participating in **The Great Shakeout**, an earthquake drill on **October 20 at 10:20am**. This drill is an annual opportunity to learn and practice earthquake safety with millions of people worldwide.

This drill will simulate an earthquake in the Southern California area. Schools have been built to strict building standards and they are considered the safest buildings in the community. The students and staff will implement the School Emergency Operations Plan during the drill. The goals of the drill are to practice “Drop, Cover and Hold On” as well as to identify our ability to save lives, reduce injuries, and protect property.

Families are encouraged to participate in this drill at home. Prior to the drill, please talk with your family about your emergency plan and steps to take before, during and after an earthquake. The following steps will help you and your family prepare:

(Step 1) [Secure your space](#) by identifying hazards and securing moveable items such as furniture and other heavy objects to avoid injuries and damage.

(Step 2) [Plan to be safe](#) by creating a disaster plan and deciding how you will communicate in an emergency.

(Step 3) [Organize emergency supplies](#) in convenient locations

(Step 4) [Minimize financial hardship](#) by organizing important documents, strengthening your property, and considering insurance.

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2023 California Charter School Association Conference – Monday, March 13 through Thursday, March 16 at the Sacramento Convention Center

This annual event connects charter school leaders and teachers from across the state and country. Breakout sessions are opportunities for attendee learning and professional development via presentations or small group discussions presented by a subject matter expert. Breakouts are categorized into four areas of interest:

- Advocate (authorization and renewal)
- Student success (learning models, instructional practices, special education, equitable student culture)
- Operational integrity (communications and marketing, facilities, funding, governance, human resources, legal, physical and online safety)
- Strategic leadership (data driven leadership, staff development, staff culture).