

PHS Clubs – 2023/2024

FBLA

Ms. Wright

220D

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a local, state and national organization for students who are interested in developing their leadership skills. The purpose of FBLA is to prepare members for careers in business and to assist them by becoming better employees and citizens. Not sure if you are interested in a business career? That is OKAY! FBLA helps any student develop leadership abilities, strengthen the confidence in themselves and their work, and offers a setting where members compete at regional, state and national levels in business and technology curriculum.

We travel to conferences in Grand Junction, Vail, Denver, and hopefully after winning at district competition, then state competition, will go to a national convention at a large city in the United States. You have the opportunity to network with students around the state and gain valuable leadership skills that will help you throughout life. There will be fundraisers and participation in community service. Our meetings are on club day and we have an after school activity once per month.

FCA

Mr. Steele

135A

The purpose of FCA is to bring Christian athletes together to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of athletes and coaches. As a club we meet every club day in room 135A. Other activities include sending kids to summer sports camps, going on retreats, and encouraging students to get involved. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is touching millions of lives...one heart at a time. Since 1954, FCA has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful platform of sport to reach every coach and every athlete with the transforming power of Jesus Christ. FCA focuses on serving local communities around the globe by engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to unite, inspire and change the world through the gospel.

FCCLA

Mrs. Talley

185DR

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life—planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making, and interpersonal communication—all necessary within the home and workplace. FCCLA is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only Career and Technical in-school Student Organization with family as its central focus.

FCCLA members will strengthen skills, forge friendships, and make a positive difference in today's world through participation in Competitive Events, serving in leadership positions, attending conferences locally and across the nation, networking with youth leaders, and attaining essential college- and career-ready skills.

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Earth Club

Ms. Burbach

147B

Students in this club would be in charge of running the recycling bins around the school and collecting paper and bottles from every teacher. We also look to plan specific charity events and drives that are eco-friendly.

Card Making Club

Mrs. Scroggins

Library

De-stress by Making! If you would like to learn or improve your paper-piecing, die-cutting, and ink stamping, come and join us in the library.

Interact Club

Mrs. Noble

324W

Interact is a service oriented club that focuses on serving both our local and global communities. The Interact club works with the Palisade Sunrise Rotary and is recognized by every university for its community support. Some of our projects have included donating water filters in the Dominican Republic, helping orphans in Uganda receive an education, and even providing local support to the Western Slope Center for Children. If you like to provide service to others then this is a club for you. It also looks great on a college resume. If you are interested in a student-led service group please come see us on club days.

Knowledge Bowl Team

Ms. Huntley

189C

In teams, students will compete in a Jeopardy-like game of trivia. If interested, students will be able to join the Knowledge Bowl Team that competes with other schools during Saturday tournaments beginning in October.

*Opportunity to join Academic Team, a school sponsored extracurricular activity (treated much like an athletic sport)

Speech & Debate Club

Mrs. Seremak

198C

Speech & Debate Club is a great place for students to improve and showcase their public speaking skills and logical argument. We will discuss current issues and fun topics that lend themselves to dramatic interpretation or debate. If you are going to be on the Palisade Speech & Debate team, this club is a great way to hone your skills and prepare for upcoming tournaments!

Palisade Skills

Mr. Ramunno & Mr. B

131A

PalisadeSkills is a club of students, teachers and industry representatives working together to ensure our community has a skilled workforce. PalisadeSkills is an organization serving teachers and high school students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations.

Film Exposure Program

Available/Mr. Franklin

217D

This club will focus on producing films. We will learn to write, produce, direct, edit and record movies using 21st technology. This is the first year for this club and it is sponsored with film equipment from D51 and 970 West. Some afterschool time on Thursdays will be required.

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Thespian Club

Ms. VanBenschoten

AUD

PHS Drama Club: Drama Club meets Wednesdays on the stage. This group is open to anyone interested in acting, backstage roles, or just supporting theatre at PHS. We discuss upcoming theatre events at PHS and the community, and provide opportunities to get involved. We also play theatre games, and work on theatre skills. This club is considered a path for anyone interested in joining the International Thespian Society. Come explore what theatre is all about. *Limited to 30 students.*

FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Team Mr. Simpson/Mr. Franklin

197C

We will meet weekly to learn about building and programming robots. Our robotics team will enter regional FIRST Tech Challenge meets with other high schools starting in the winter. Our focus is the completion of cooperative tasks, team building, and learning new skills. No prior experience required.

Chill Quest

Mrs. Rush

149B

High School can be stressful. Everyone has different pressures whether they be social, academic, athletic, or otherwise. That is why we made Chil Quest. When you come to Chil Quest you do whatever is best for you. You can do homework, talk to your friends, watch shows with us, or whatever else will help to make your week a little more enjoyable. So come to Chil Quest once a week during club hours, it's chill.

LGBTQIA+ Alliances Club

Mrs. Niebla

201C

This club will be a safe space for any student, with the goal of creating a helpful and safe learning environment. Each week we'll discuss different gender identities and sexualities. Leaving the rest of the time up for open discussion about personal experience and/or questions, comments, or concerns. This club is welcome to all students (allies welcome!). Come join us to share your experiences, learn and enjoy a safe space full of welcoming people.

Disc Golf Club

Ms. Knox

324W

Join the Disc Golf Club at PHS to learn more about the sport, how to play, or continue to master your craft! Bring your own discs to start with! Come chat with Mrs Knox on club days if you are interested in joining the Disc Golf Club!

Design Club

Mr. Moore

301W

This club club will be all about the marketing and business side of art! In the design club our team will have the capability to design and produce many different things for the school or community or even personal projects. We will work on anything from designing logos, or design posters, or even producing printed shirts for individuals or organizations. Let's have fun and make awesome art together!

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D&D Club

Mrs. Geis

321W

The dnd club is a club for adventure, and being what you want in a fantasy world. We work not only to have a fun tabletop experience but to also work on valuable traits like teamwork and problem-solving. So if you like adventure and fantasy the dnd club is for you!

Health & Wellness Club

Mrs. Walitt

323W

Medical awareness club for students interested in the medical and health fields. We will meet and participate in hands-on activities. We will give back to the community and school by learning and informing them of current health issues

Astronomy Club

Mr. Edwards

212D

Find your place among the stars with the Palisade High School Astronomy Club! We will meet and discuss all things astronomy including but not limited to upcoming astronomical events, archeoastronomy sites of this region, and the science that has allowed us to understand the cosmos.

The astronomy club will also host star viewing events, sell “stellar” astronomy gear, help maintain PHS’s telescope collection, and have a model rocket building contest! Don’t let yourself miss out on the PHS Astronomy club. The experience will be out of this world!

Student Equity Club

Mrs. Kessler

309W

The Student-Led Equity Council is a group that advocates for student equity within the school environment. We started right here at Palisade High School 4 years ago and have been able to work with a variety of different middle and high schools to educate school staff and students on ways we can ensure academic equity and therefore success in classrooms! Apart from working with these schools we have also given multiple presentations to Colorado Mesa University students (undergraduate and graduate) and have worked with district leaders to spread the message of classroom equity for all students district wide. Now you might be wondering, what exactly do we advocate for? Well, through the years we have been able to work on making dress codes less biased against girls, changing the 2 color cap and gown based on gender to be one color to acknowledge non-binary students’ decisions, using our \$10,000 grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation to provide resources for our own members to grow our knowledge and understanding of building an equitable community in schools and also to give out micro-grants to other schools to start there own! We have accomplished so much in the last 4 years and hope to continue with the support of the school and city community to allow every student enrolled in the public education system in Mesa County to have the ability to succeed!

Best Buddie International

Mrs. Hall

182DR

Best Buddies is the world’s largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical, and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). This programs empower the special abilities of people with IDD by helping them form meaningful friendships with their peers

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Volleyball Club

Mr. Smith (Science)

Gym

The Volleyball Club will meet in the gym and prepare students to lose to the teachers for Homecoming week. Students will learn and practice the fundamentals of volleyball and learn sportsmanship.