

# PTEC NEWS

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● JANUARY 25, 2024 ●



## UPCOMING

Jan. 30 - College Endorsement meeting, 5PM

February 12-16 - Spirit Week

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Grams see Guild Council

Feb. 19 - No School, President's Day

Feb. 22 - 11:30 AM release, no lunch served,  
Parent Teacher Conferences 12:15 - 6 PM

Feb. 28 - Blood Drive see Guild Council

March 1 - 24/25 Yearly Registration Opens

March 2 - Art Show

March 4 - Blue Collar Tour

March 7 - 11:30AM release, no lunch served

March 8 - End of 3rd Quarter

March 18 - 22 NWEA/MAPs - Spring Testing

March 22 - 24/25 Yearly Registration Due

March 25-29 - Spring Break, no school

April 8-11 - in session, regular school hours

April 12 - CMAS 11th & 6-8th,  
no school for grades 9, 10, & 12.

April 15 - CMAS 6-8th, SAT 11th,  
no school for grades 9, 10, & 12.

April 16 - PSAT 9 & 10, CMAS 8th,  
no school for grades 6, 7, & 12.

April 17 - CMAS 6-8th,  
no school for grades 9-12th.

April 19 - Staff day, no students

April 22 - No School

**PTEC**

(719) 301-6200

2460 Waynoka Place

Office Hours:

M-TH 7:00-3:30

Friday 7:00-1:45

\*new hours listed above beginning January 9th

## JUST IN

**Our students and staff safety are our top priority.** If you hear or see anything concerning, please report it immediately to ensure the well-being of everyone in our building. Parents and students, please share information swiftly with your teachers or contact the Dean's office directly. We appreciate your support during this challenging time, and actions will be taken swiftly and decisively to address any issues.

Thank you for your cooperation,  
we appreciate all the support we have been given.



**10th graders and up** if you are interested in taking PPSC classes at PTEC next school year 2024 – 2025. Please stop by Mrs. Longoria or Mrs. Greene's office for a P-TECH PPS Readiness Assessment form. This form must be completed and returned to Mrs. Greene by Friday, February 16th.

**Parent Teacher Conferences are February 22, 12:15 - 6 PM:** If your student currently has a grade of D or F in any subject or if there are concerns about their academic progress, our dedicated teachers will be reaching out to you when it's closer to the date. You will receive a signup link via email from your student's teacher to schedule a Parent-Teacher Conference. However, if you have not received any communication from your student's teacher and would like to schedule a conference to discuss your child's progress or any concerns you may have, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher directly. They will be more than happy to arrange a suitable time for the conference.

**Please note** that lunch will be served on March 18 - 22 NWEA/MAPs - Spring Testing. Our annual calendar states no district lunch but that was before we teamed up with D11 for our lunch program.

Lunch will be served March 18-22.

**Prospective parent/student meeting tonight, Thursday January 25th at 5:30 PM.** Here at PTEC. See flyer on page 5.

Share and invite family and friends.

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# DID YOU KNOW?

You can email teachers directly from your IC account.  
Or found on our website: [Click here for Our Staff](#)

You can find the **lunch menu** on our website:

[Click here for lunch menu](#)

We have a **School Counselor Department**. Referral forms can be found on the website. Students can request an appointment, parents can refer students, and also available for staff/admin.

[Click here for the counselor department.](#)

**Yearbooks** can now be purchased online. You can even add photos or purchase an advertisement. For more information, please contact Mrs. Chamillard at [megan.chamillard@jamesirwin.org](mailto:megan.chamillard@jamesirwin.org)

[Click here to order yearbook](#)

**Uniforms:** We are always in need of used uniforms for our uniform closet in the front office. These are used for students in need during the school year. Need to order more?

[Uniform Link: Click Here](#)

Dear PTEC Families,

As we prepare for the upcoming graduation ceremony at PTEC, we are reaching out to our valued community for support in enhancing our gym/cafeteria facility. Given that we are situated in a new building with innovative spaces, we currently lack specific necessities to appropriately accommodate our graduation ceremony. To ensure an optimal environment for this significant event, we are currently in need of baffling for acoustical improvement and a portable stage.

These enhancements will contribute to creating a more conducive and memorable experience for our graduating students and their families. If you are interested in contributing to this cause, we have provided convenient links for the donation of specific items. Kindly access the following links:

[Click here for baffle](#) [Click here for acoustic panels](#)

[Click here for portable stage needs 2](#) OR

[Click here for portable stage needs 4](#)

For those who prefer to make a cash donation, we encourage you to reach out to Jamie Grenier, our Communications Secretary, at [jamie.grenier@jamesirwin.org](mailto:jamie.grenier@jamesirwin.org).

Your generosity will directly impact the success and atmosphere of our graduation ceremony, assemblies, and events, ensuring that we can support having graduation here at PTEC. We appreciate your support tremendously!

## WISHLIST & FAVORITE THINGS

Our staff has a list of their own "My Favorite Things". Do you want to surprise your student's teacher with their favorite candy, drink, snack or classroom wishlist item? Please email Mrs. Grenier - [jamie.grenier@jamesirwin.org](mailto:jamie.grenier@jamesirwin.org) for more information.

Our Teachers and Staff have an Amazon Wishlist!

Click the link below or copy and paste.

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16KOM7N9>

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Some items in need are acoustic panels for the gym/cafeteria and a portable stage.

## ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, & SPORTS

**Card/Pokémon club** - When: Thursdays 3:15-4:15 PM  
Who: Grades 6-12.

Contact: [angelo.jaramillo@jamesirwin.org](mailto:angelo.jaramillo@jamesirwin.org)  
Where: Mr. Jaramillo's classroom #1102

**Chess club** - When: Thursdays 3:15-4:15 PM  
Who: Grades 6-12.

Contact: [drew.robertson@jamesirwin.org](mailto:drew.robertson@jamesirwin.org)  
Where: Mr. Robertson's classroom #1082

**E-Sports** - When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:15-4 PM  
Who: Grades 6-12

Contact: [brandon.espinoza@jamesirwin.org](mailto:brandon.espinoza@jamesirwin.org)  
Where: Mr. Espinoza's classroom # 1097

### High School Off Season Track & Field

Begins Thursday Feb 8th. Cost \$125.

Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:15PM. Official start date is February 26th. Athletes must have a sports physical on file with Mr. Baker no later than Feb. 26th. Contact Mr. Baker for more information. [chad.baker@jamesirwin.org](mailto:chad.baker@jamesirwin.org)

### Weightlifting Club

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings

6:15 AM-7:15 AM

Who: Grades 6-12.

Contact: [codey.martin@jamesirwin.org](mailto:codey.martin@jamesirwin.org)  
Where: Mr. Martin's room #1028



### Cell Phone Policy Reminder

-Cell phones can be in students' backpacks or lockers, powered down during the day.

-During the school day, cell phones should not be on a student's person.

-No student cell phones out or in use from 7:30 am to 3:15 pm

# PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED

**Attention! There is a change to the master calendar for second semester** due to a change in the test dates from College Board. (see letter on pg 4)

Classes will be held as usual April 8-11th.

April 12th: CMAS Science Grade 11 and CMAS MATH Grades 6-8.  
Grades 9, 10, & 12: No School.

April 15th: SAT Grade 11 and CMAS ELA Grades 6-8.  
Grades 9, 10, & 12: No School.

April 16th: PSAT 9, PSAT 10, and CMAS Science Grade 8.  
Grades 6, 7, & 12: No School.

April 17th: CMAS ELA/Science Grades 6-8.  
Grades 9-12: No School

*you can do*  
**ANYTHING**  
*you just have to be*  
**DETERMINED**

**PTEC's 3rd annual art show is March 2nd.** Does your student have paintings, sculptures, or craft projects they would like to submit? Attach your name and a description of your art piece upon submission. Please submit items to Mr. Robertson by February 23rd. You have over a month to get to work and show off your talents!



Mrs. Marroquin and Mrs. Hunsaker are delighted to introduce the "Crafty Corner" club, a hub for creativity at our school.

The Crafty Corner Club will begin Tuesday, January 30th.

To ensure its success, we need your help with donations.

Whether you have wood burning pens, raw wood, canvases, paint, paint brushes, glue sticks and glue guns, beads and strings, or jewelry making supplies, your contributions will make a significant impact.

For more information and to discuss your donations, please email Mrs. Marroquin at [karina.marroquin@jamesirwin.org](mailto:karina.marroquin@jamesirwin.org) and Mrs. Hunsaker at [lauren.hunsaker@jamesirwin.org](mailto:lauren.hunsaker@jamesirwin.org).



**Save the Date: PTEC's 4th Annual Golf Tournament - June 17, 2024!**

Get ready for an exhilarating day on the greens! PTEC is thrilled to announce our 4th Annual Golf Tournament, happening on June 17, 2024.

For all the details, including registration and more, visit [www.ptecgolf.com](http://www.ptecgolf.com).

We're on the lookout for sponsors and welcome donations to make this event unforgettable. If you're interested or want more info,

contact Mrs. Grenier at [jamie.grenier@jamesirwin.org](mailto:jamie.grenier@jamesirwin.org).

Let's make this tournament a swingin' success!

Dear PTEC Parent or Guardian,

State and federal laws require students to take standardized assessments in the instructional areas of English language arts, mathematics, and science. Parents or guardians wishing to exempt their student from an assessment may request to do so. Please note that the SAT is one of the postsecondary readiness assessments that can be used to meet graduation requirements. PTEC uses these assessments and others to determine the achievement and growth of our students, ensure appropriate instruction and resources for students, evaluate the effectiveness of curriculum and instruction, and determine the performance level of our school in comparison to the district and state.

The anticipated assessment schedule is listed below. Changes may be necessary due to weather related delays and closures. Please note that the Extended Time groups are specific to students with a 504 Plan or IEP. If you have questions about state required testing, please contact [kelly.dias@jamesirwin.org](mailto:kelly.dias@jamesirwin.org).

	Friday 4/12	Monday 4/15	Tuesday 4/16	Wednesday 4/17
	CMAS Math (6-8) CMAS Science (11)	CMAS ELA (6-8) SAT (11)	PSAT 10 PSAT 9 CMAS Science (8)	CMAS ELA (6-8) CMAS Science (8)
6th and 7th Grade	7:30 - 12:00 Extended Time: 7:30 - 2:00 (includes lunch break)	7:30 - 12:00 Extended Time: 7:30 - 2:00 (includes lunch break)	No School	7:30 - 10:15 Extended Time: 7:30 - 10:45
8th Grade	7:30 - 12:00 Extended Time: 7:30 - 2:00 (includes lunch break)	7:30 - 12:00 Extended Time: 7:30 - 2:00 (includes lunch break)	7:30 - 11:00 Extended Time: 7:30 - 12:30 (includes lunch break)	7:30 - 12:00 Extended Time: 7:30 - 2:00 (includes lunch break)
9th and 10th Grade	No School	No School	7:30 - 10:45 Extended Time: 7:30 - 12:00	No School
11th Grade	7:30 - 10:40 Extended Time: 7:30 - 11:40	7:30 - 10:45 Extended Time: 7:30 - 12:00	No School	No School



**POWER  
TECHNICAL  
SCHOOL - PTEC**

# **PROSPECTIVE PARENT/STUDENT MEETING**



Thursday, January 25th



5:30 PM - 6:30 PM



2460 Waynoka Place,  
Colorado Springs, 80915



[teri.jennings@jamesirwin.org](mailto:teri.jennings@jamesirwin.org)



**Parent informational meetings are for new and interested families.**

Do you know someone who would benefit from attending PTEC? We are not just a trade school but a trade school of character!

Meetings are held on Thursdays -  
January 25th, February 15th,  
March 7th, April 18th,  
May 16th and June 6th.

**Academics  
Character  
90 min. Shop Classes**

**Automotive, CAD, Construction, Electrical,  
Engineering, Machining, Welding,  
Professional Trades and more!**

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# MAKE & TAKE

MARCH 9, 2024

9 AM - 12:00 PM

SPOTS LIMITED

RSVP TODAY!

WHO:

5TH-10TH

GRADE

STUDENTS

INTERESTED

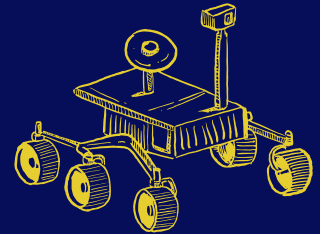
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PARTICIPANTS WILL BE  
GIVEN A HANDS ON LEARNING  
EXPERIENCE AND WILL GET  
TO TAKE HOME WHAT THEY  
MAKE IN OUR SHOP CLASSES.

PRE-ENGINEERING/PROFESSIONAL TRADE SCHOOL

**WHERE:**  
**PTEC**  
**2460**  
**WAYNOKA**  
**PLACE**  
**80915**



# Senior Spotlight



## Maven Frost

He has attended James Irwin Elementary-Astrozon and PTEC 6th-12th grades. He volunteers within James Irwin schools and plays basketball at Liberty Tree Academy. He plans on finishing college after graduation. His favorite shop class has been welding and his favorite core class has been Physics. When asked what teacher or admin member has influenced him at PTEC, he said, "Mr. J, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Kollasch always told me to keep going and would do their best and to show up to my games."



## Charles Schinsky

He has attended JICS off and on for nine years with six of those years here at PTEC. Of our 5 Pillars, he says Honesty is important to him. When asked what teacher or admin member has influenced him at PTEC, he said, "Mr. Espinoza is the best teacher at the school. He has influenced me in the most ways." He enjoys taking his Engineering class and working on the computer. When asked what was his favorite core class, he said, "Math because numbers = awesome."



## Nathaniel Tindall

He has attended James Irwin Elementary-Astrozon for Kindergarten, James Irwin Elementary-Howard 3rd-5th grades and PTEC 6th-12th grades. He has volunteered in the past with Habit for Humanity. He plans on finishing his Associate's degree at PPSC with PTEC and then getting a job. When asked which of the 5 pillars have played an important role in his life and education he said, "I strive to respect everybody or treat everyone well, despite disagreements and arguments." He said, "My favorite teacher was Mrs. Larson, my biology teacher. She taught the curriculum very well and made the class enjoyable. Machining and Biology were my favorite classes."

# PTEC PROUD



## Diego Perez Garcia

He attended James Irwin Elementary-Howard 4th-5th grades, Astrozon campus 6-10th grades and PTEC 11-12th grades. He enjoys playing soccer with his family and plans on getting a job within the trades after graduation. Of our 5 Pillars, he says that Responsibility is important to him. His most memorable moment is the PTEC Car Show. He says that Mr. Jaramillo influences him because of his hard work ethic. He enjoys Mrs. Schobert's classes because he said she makes them fun.

# Senior Spotlight



## Jonathan Williams

He has attended James Irwin Elementary-Howard 4th & 5th grades, JICS Astrozon 6th-10th grades and PTEC 11th & 12th grades. He volunteers at his church in multiple areas that include children sponsor, youth team lead, worship team, sound boards, slides, and pantry stocker. As a hobby, he enjoys playing pickleball, badminton, and volleyball. After graduation, he plans on attending college to get a Bachelor's degree in Computer and Game Design. Of the 5 Pillars, he said that Respect and Responsibility have played an important role in his life. He remembers Mr. Jaramillo bringing in his N.E.S. for class. Jonathan says, "He has helped me see a better outlook on life and is my favorite teacher because he has always been there for me." His favorite classes are Engineering and Science.

# 2024

## PTEC PRIDE



## Dawson Prewitt

He has attended James Irwin Elementary-Howard 3rd grade, JICS Astrozon 4th-8th, and PTEC 9th-12th. He says, "PTEC has helped me gain some friends that will definitely last a while and it has opened my eyes to the world of trades." He volunteers at his church with his youth group. He enjoys playing ultimate frisbee in the summer at Black Forest. After graduation he plans on joining the Marines. He says, "Integrity has always been a big pillar for me because trusting people is hard." He says, "Mr. Kollasch has influenced me to be a better person. He is my favorite teacher because he is respectful to everybody, includes everybody, and gets to know everyone on a personal level." He has enjoyed history because of Mr. Kollasch and enjoys construction because he learns valuable skills.



## Diego De La Riva Munoz

He has attended James Irwin Elementary-Howard 2nd-5th grades and PTEC 6th-12th grades. He plans on attending college after graduation. Of the 5 Pillars, he said Responsibility has played an important role in his life. His most memorable moment at PTEC was the last day at the old school. When asked what teacher has influenced him here at PTEC he said, "Mr. Samora pushes me to work hard." He enjoyed Mr. Duray and said he had lots of great stories. His favorite classes are welding and math.

