



Addenbrooke

MUSTANG POST



A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Yep, we make students write, even at the high school. As I sit in my office grading the 10th graders' MCRs, I'm reminded of the importance of Rhetoric and the ability to formulate coherent sentences, use punctuation properly, and construct arguments. These skills aren't just tertiary; they are essential. In a culture that values self-expression, it is peculiar that proper grammar is seen as an obstruction to that very purpose. In fact, it is the properly placed comma or the correct use of a semi-colon that provides the means for self-expression and the ability to communicate and persuade in the most effective manner.

Large language models of artificial intelligence don't provide the means for more effective communication; instead, AI inhibits the ability of the mind of the individual to communicate effectively. That is why many of our teachers have begun requiring students to pick up a pen and paper to write the rough drafts of their papers. This makes our students engage with their assignments on an entirely different level. The MCRs I'm grading have handwritten rough drafts for that very reason.

DATES & EVENTS

- Subscribe to the calendar on the website!! [Go here and click the subscribe button.](#)
- No School: Oct 9
- Fall Break: Oct 9 - 13
- Board of Directors Meeting: Oct. 13 @ 6:00 PM
- HS Pancake Breakfast: Oct. 15
- *The Tempest* Field Trip: Oct. 15
- No FREE Lunch Service / Pizza Meal Deal Available for \$5: Oct. 15
- PACS Meeting: Oct. 16 @ 8:00 AM - Grammar School Commons
- HS Mid-semester Music Showcase: Oct 22 from 5:00-6:00 PM - Lakewood Vineyard
- Picture Retakes: Oct. 29
- Senior Pictures Due Nov. 20

DRESS CODE

Students tend to either test how far they can go with dress code, genuinely don't know it, or flat-out ignore it. This is not the complete dress code, but this will help you help your student know what they can and cannot wear to school:

General Dress Code Guidelines

- Appropriateness Guideline: Armpit to armpit rule: the student should be able to draw a line from one armpit to the other and have anything below that line covered by clothing. Mid-drifts, halter tops, backless, strapless, tube tops, spaghetti straps, or muscle shirts are not allowed.
 - No graphic tees or hoodies (exception: Addenbrooke, college, military or public servants, Colorado, national parks, or U.S.-themed)
 - What is considered Colorado-themed?
 - The Colorado flag
 - National/state parks
 - City and state (i.e., Breckenridge, CO)
 - NOT in dress code: cities and states outside of Colorado
 - What is considered U.S.-themed?
 - The U.S. flag
 - National parks
 - USA
 - Brand logos should be small enough to be covered with a hand.
 - No ripped clothing. This includes designs that are frayed.
 - No athletic shorts (fabric type is irrelevant)
- Length Guideline: Use cell phone width above the knee as a guide.
- Fabric Guideline: No inappropriately sheer or stretchy fabrics, fishnet or similar material; leggings, yoga pants, flare stretchy pants, sweat pants, athletic shorts, or athletic stretch pants are not allowed. Addenbrooke (or other high schools if student is a member of a non-Addenbrooke sports team) team warm-ups can be worn the **day of home games** or the day before if there is no school on the day of; otherwise, warm-ups are not allowed.
- Accessory Guideline: Hats, bandanas, beanies, or hoods are not allowed; no dark/sunglasses; no blankets

MUSTANG ATHLETICS

High School Girls' Volleyball

ACA v. Nederland

- Friday, Oct 16th
 - Location: Nederland
 - Time: 4:30/5:30

Ascent DC v. ACA

- Monday, Oct 19th
 - Location: William Smith
 - Time: 4:30/5:30



Colorado FREE Application Days!

Oct. 20, 2026 – Oct. 22, 2026

FREE Oct. 20-22
Application Days



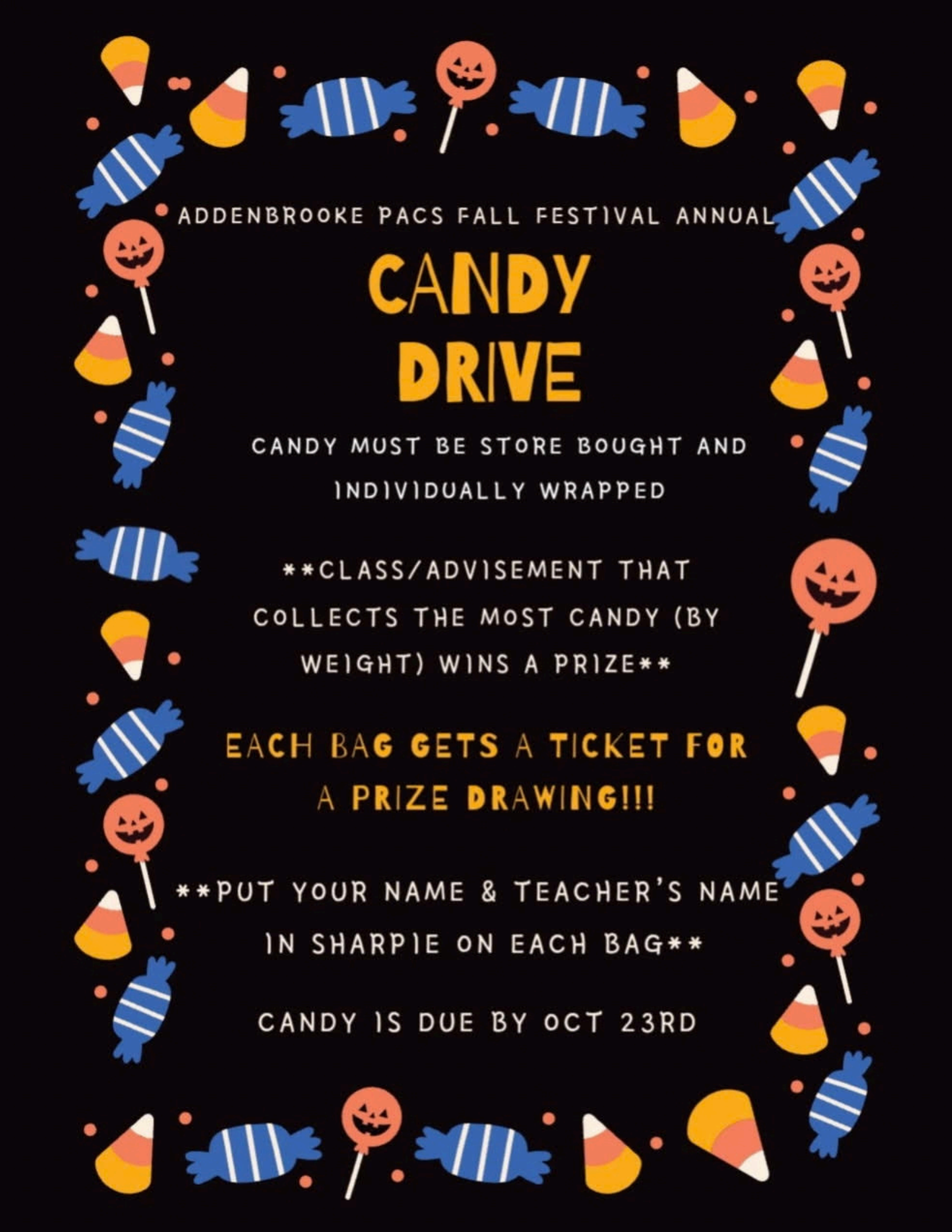
COLORADO
Department of
Higher Education

NO
APPLICATION
FEES

Attention all Seniors!

Colorado's Free Application Day is coming up. From Oct. 20 - Oct. 22, various participating colleges and universities will have a waived application fee! The application waiver is different per institution. For more information, please click the link and visit the site below.

Colorado FREE Application Days!



ADDENBROOKE PACS FALL FESTIVAL ANNUAL

CANDY DRIVE

CANDY MUST BE STORE BOUGHT AND
INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED

****CLASS/ADVISEMENT THAT
COLLECTS THE MOST CANDY (BY
WEIGHT) WINS A PRIZE****

**EACH BAG GETS A TICKET FOR
A PRIZE DRAWING!!!**

****PUT YOUR NAME & TEACHER'S NAME
IN SHARPIE ON EACH BAG****

CANDY IS DUE BY OCT 23RD



PACS Meeting – October 16th, 8:00 AM

Want to learn more about Addenbrooke events and how you can get involved? Join us for our next Parents of Addenbrooke Classical Students (PACS) meeting at 8:00 am in the Elementary Commons. Everyone is welcome – Everyone is a PACS parent. Younger kids invited. We hope to see you there! <https://addenbrookepacs.org/>

Classroom Halloween Parties

Friday, Oct. 30; 8:15 following the Costume Parade



Watch for emails from your K-5th classroom Room Parents.

They will be asking for donations and volunteers to make the parties a success!

Happy party planning!



Mustang Marathon

High School Fastest Times WINNERS:

Overall: **Braeden Cordova-4:50 & Kyla Torrez-8:10**

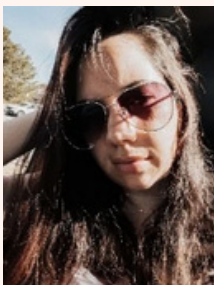
Freshmen: **Issac Palomino Erickson-5:59 & Emaerie Nelson-8:11**

Sophomore: **Logan Bacque-6:01, Zoe Warthen-8:25**

Junior: **Leo Vigil-8:37 & Emma Montoya and Mia McSorley-11:18**

Senior: **Garrett Nelson-5:38 & Avah Tanner-8:11**

<https://addenbrookepacs.org/mustang-mini-marathon>



Volunteer of the Month: September

Karla McMullen

A very big **THANK YOU** to Karla for all she does to support PACS! Appreciate all our amazing volunteers like Karla. **We can't**

thank you enough for all you do to make our school so great!

PACS SNACKS/STOCK THE LOUNGE

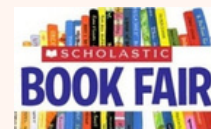


Wednesday, October 14th

At both Addenbrooke Campuses

Once a month, Staff receive treats as a special 'thank you' for all they do. These treats are donated by YOU! Help shop in advance, donate tasty treats, or volunteer to set-up/clean-up here:

<https://addenbrookepacs.org/pacs-snacks>



Save The Date: Scholastic Book Fair

November 9th – 13th

Books, journals, supplies, posters and other items for sale. Knock out some holiday shopping!

Set up your child's e-wallet soon!

<https://addenbrookepacs.org/scholastic-book-fair>



FALL FEST: with PETTING ZOO, BOOTIQUE & TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Tuesday, Oct. 27; 5:30-8PM

Join us to celebrate all things FALL!

We'll have a Trunk-Or-Treat Street, vendors at the 'BOO'tique, Pumpkin

Drop tickets for sale, an animal petting zoo, food trucks and MORE!

Want to host a trunk or be a vendor?

Visit our site:

<https://addenbrookepacs.org/fall-festival-boutique>