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Upcoming Events:

October 14th **Homecoming Rally and Game**

October 15th **Homecoming Dance**

October 17th **LATE START DAY (Due to PSAT testing held on 10/19) - 1st Period begins at 8:52 am**

October 18th **PTSA General Member Meeting**

October 19th **REGULAR SCHEDULE (PSAT at Amador NO LATE START) - 1st Period begins at 8:01 am. Students taking PSAT will need to report to their testing rooms by 7:30 am.**

<i>October 19th</i>	<i>Intro to Meditation, Mr Bello's room - M7 during lunch</i>
<i>October 19th</i>	<i>Screens, Teens & Tweens, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Public Library</i>
<i>October 19th</i>	<i>School Board Candidate Forum, 7 p.m., Bernal Room at PUSD Office</i>
<i>October 19th</i>	<i>Financial Aid Night, 7 p.m., Foothill HS Multipurpose Room</i>
<i>October 20th</i>	<i>AVHS Band Concert</i>
<i>October 24th</i>	<i>AAFN Meeting, 7:00-8:30 p.m., AVHS Library</i>
<i>October 24-28th</i>	<i>Red Ribbon Week</i>
<i>October 25th</i>	<i>Public Hearing for Science, 7 p.m. at PUSD Admin Offices</i>
<i>October 26th</i>	<i>Screenagers - Film Screening, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Firehouse Arts Center</i>
<i>October 27th</i>	<i>Walk with Williams, 5:30-7:00 p.m. - choose one of three time slots</i>
<i>October 28th</i>	<i>No School</i>
<i>October 31st</i>	<i>Minimum Day</i>
<i>November 14th</i>	<i>AAFN Meeting, 7:00-8:30 p.m., AVHS Library</i>
<i>November 16th</i>	<i>Motivation with McCaff, Mrs. Battilega's room - Q205 during lunch</i>
<i>November 16th</i>	<i>Taming the Homework Monster, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Public Library</i>
<i>November 21-15th</i>	<i>No School, Thanksgiving Break</i>
<i>December 14th</i>	<i>Vinyasa Yoga with Mrs. Cole, MPR at lunch</i>

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List Today!

PTSA General Member Meeting 10/18 @ 7pm in I6

Please join us for our next PTSA meeting on Tuesday, October 18th at 7pm in room I6. Among many other items we will be reviewing the Grant Committee's recommendations and Mr. Bello will be discussing meditation and health. Please don't miss this important meeting!

AMADOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Pleasanton Community,

Under aged drinking and driving occurs too often without a thought of the consequences for everyone involved. We, the students of Amador Valley High School, are working to make a difference in the choices that our peers make each day. **Every Fifteen Minutes** is a program that allows students to experience first hand the heartbreaking consequences of drunk driving. Without this experience, many students live with a feeling of invincibility and the mindset that "it will never happen to me." This event shows students it can happen to anyone and is why the **Every Fifteen Minutes** program is crucial to Pleasanton's High School Students. We are asking for the help of the Pleasanton Community at this time, as this program necessitates funding in order for it to be able to succeed. Please donate at gofundme.com/avhsEFM17

We appreciate the support.

HOMECOMING GAME:

Friday, October 14 at 7pm (AVHS v. DHS)
The Homecoming Court will be presented at Halftime

HOMECOMING DANCE:

Saturday, October 15
7:30-10:30 (doors close at 9pm)
Students must present an ID and a ticket for entry (no exceptions)
There are no return privileges at the dance

WHEELS UPDATE FOR 10/17:

On Monday, October 17th we will have a late start day. Wheels Services is experiencing logistical issues and will not be able to make adjustments to match our late start time. This means they will be operating the regular bus schedule for all routes - including the AM service of the #605 and #611, which will arrive at AVHS at their regular time of 7:40a and 7:45a, respectively. Please plan accordingly.

SCHEDULE REMINDERS for 10/17 & 10/19:

Monday, October 17th (Late Start Day Schedule)	Wednesday, October 19th (Regular Schedule due to PSAT)
<i><u>1st Period begins at 8:52 am</u></i>	<i><u>1st period begins at 8:01 am.</u></i> <i>Students taking PSAT will need to report to their testing rooms by 7:30 am.</i>
A Period: 7:51 - 8:46 a.m.	A Period: 7:00 - 7:55 a.m.
Collaboration Period: 8:01 - 8:46 a.m.	1st Period: 8:01 - 8:58 a.m.
1st Period: 8:52 - 9:41 a.m.	2nd Period: 9:04 - 10:01 a.m.
2nd Period: 9:47 - 10:36 a.m.	Brunch: 10:01 - 10:10 a.m.
Brunch: 10:36 - 10:45 a.m.	3rd Period: 10:16 - 11:13 a.m.
3rd Period: 10:51 - 11:40 a.m.	4th Period: 11:19 - 12:20 p.m.
4th Period:	Lunch:

11:46 - 12:35 p.m.

12:20 - 12:54 p.m.

Lunch:

12:35 - 1:05 p.m.

5th Period:

1:00 - 1:57 p.m.

5th Period:

1:11 - 2:00 p.m.

6th Period:

2:03 - 3:00 p.m.

6th Period:

2:06 - 2:55 p.m.

PSAT will be administered during first, second, third and fourth period. Students who are participating in the PSAT will receive their room assignments via email and are required to report to their assigned room by 8:01AM. After PSAT students are scheduled to attend lunch, fifth and sixth period.

Students who are not participating in PSAT will follow their regular schedule (first thru sixth period).

Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have questions.

COUNSELOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On **Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.** in Foothill High School's MP, a representative from Saint Mary's College will present on **Financial Aid**. The window for applications has opened early, so come hear about changes and details of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). **Check the Scholarship list on Naviance regularly, and if you find one that needs a school nomination, let your counselor know two weeks before the nomination deadline.**

Also, if you need any **letters of recommendation for private colleges**, see your counselor ASAP as counselors and teachers need at least two weeks to write your letter before you first due date. **December 2 is the deadline for requesting any letters with January due dates!** Counselors can also assist you with transcript request forms.

Seniors: If you are doing any Common Applications for private schools, after you invite your counselor, **you must go see your counselor to submit a Transcript Request Form and discuss your letter of recommendation.** Please be aware that, although you may have requested letters from your teachers, a counselor evaluation is part of your Secondary School Report on Common App. Please **complete your Counselor Questions in Naviance at least two school weeks (10 business days) before your FIRST deadline on Common App.** Thank you!

HALLOWEEN SAFETY:

On October 31st (Halloween), please make sure your student follows the dress code established in the Amador Valley Handbook. Student faces should be able to be seen at all times, which means masks are not an appropriate option for students. Suggestive outfits that can create distractions for students and the learning environment should also not be worn while school is in session. Our goal is to ensure all students are safe and able to continue their learning experience, even on

AV Wellness



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School Board Candidates Forum

The Pleasanton PTA Council and the League of Women Voters-Eden Area will be co-sponsoring a School Board Candidates Forum on **Wednesday, October 19th at 7PM** in the **Board Room** at the **PUSD District Offices** (4665 Bernal Ave). Currently there are 4 candidates running for 3 open positions.

Walk with Principal Williams on 10/27

Please join Principal Mike Williams for a walking tour of campus and a chance to ask questions on any topic. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the campus, classes, programs and extra curricular activities. To keep groups to a manageable size and allow all participants to ask questions, we are setting up [time](#)

[slots](#). Please [sign up](#) for one of the three time slots! If all spaces fill for a particular time slot, we will add additional opportunities to meet some of our Assistant Principals.

To sign up for a time slot, please sign up for a slot [here](#).

AAFN Meeting Dates and Times



The Pleasanton Unified School District African American Family Network

The mission of the African American Family Network (AAFN) is to provide a forum for the families of African American students in the Pleasanton Unified School District to connect to one another and with district personnel. To provide a safe and supportive forum to provide feedback to PUSD regarding the academic and social emotional needs of our African American students.

A goal of the Pleasanton Unified School District is to empower every student we serve. The AAFN works toward this goal by connecting parents and guardians of African American students to resources.

The network is a structured opportunity for families to provide feedback and ideas, then take the information to advocate for a high quality educational experience for their children.

2016 - 2017 Meeting Dates and Times

[Click this link to RSVP and add yourself to our mailing list.](#)

Meeting Date/Time	Location	Topics/Agenda
9/26/2016 7:00-8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	Introductions Needs of AA students in PUSD Resources for students College Trips 16/17
10/24/2016 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	TBD with committee input
11/14/2016 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	TBD with committee input
12/19/2016 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	TBD with committee input
1/30/2017 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	TBD with committee input
2/27/2017 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	TBD with committee input
3/27/2017 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	TBD with committee input
4/24/2017 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	TBD with committee input
5/22/2017 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	TBD with committee input

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Dons Spirit Wear for the Holiday Season

Show your Dons spirit by purchasing Amador spirit wear! We have a variety of options to show your school colors-T-Shirts, Hoodies, PJ Pants and Tanks in various sizes and of course Amador colors! **Remember, spirit wear makes a great holiday gift for your Don or your incoming 8th grader!** You can get spirit wear

at the Activities Desk through your spirit wear chairperson, [Laura Harris](#), (spiritwear@amadorptsa.com) Feel free to contact Laura for details on sizes, costs and availability.

Community Education Series

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SCREENING OF

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GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

October 26, 2016 **Firehouse Arts Center**
6:00 - 8:30PM 4444 Railroad Ave Pleasanton

Pleasantonfun.com Course 63852

screenagersmovie.com

For more info please call 925-931-5359

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Screens, Tweens & Tweens:
Monster:
10.19.16 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
p.m.

| Taming the Homework
11.16.16 from 7:00-8:30
p.m.

Help Needed for Bond Measure Campaign

Do you feel strongly that our schools need some physical repair? Consider signing up for phone banking sessions to encourage voters to learn about the Bond Measure. You may choose to sign up for any phone banking night that is convenient for you, not just the ones designated for Amador volunteers. Sign up here:

http://yesoni1forpleasantonschools.nationbuilder.com/phone_bank_calendar.

For more information, please contact Jill Buck at jillbuck@comcast.net

The Hanger

Can you help Village High School students in their efforts to provide clothing to families in need? They are seeking donations of clean and gently used children's and adult clothing; warm coats and jackets; umbrellas and rain gear; backpacks; laundry detergent and fabric softener.

For more information, email thehanger@pleasantonusd.net.

Public Hearing for Science

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SUFFICIENCY OF TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND AVAILABILITY OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT FOR SCIENCE

At the October 25, 2016, Board of Trustees meeting, parents, staff and community members will have an opportunity to provide input to the District on the sufficiency of textbooks and laboratory equipment for science.

This meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Office at 4665 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

If you have questions about this public hearing, please contact Jenni Tyson, Director of Curriculum, at 925/426-4328.

This notice is posted in all school site main offices, on the PUSD webpage, and at our Administrative Office at 4665 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA, 94566 on September 1, 2016.

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