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**Upcoming Events:**

<b>October 31st</b>	<b>Minimum Day</b>
<b>November 14th</b>	<b>AAFN Meeting, 7:00-8:30 p.m., AVHS Library</b>
<b>November 16th</b>	<b>Motivation with McCaff, Mrs. Battilega's room - Q205 during lunch</b>
<b>November 16th</b>	<b>Taming the Homework Monster, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Public Library</b>
<b>November 21-25th</b>	<b>No School, Thanksgiving Break</b>
<b>December 3rd</b>	<b>Mock SAT, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Foothill HS Room B-26</b>
<b>December 6th</b>	<b>AVHS Band at the Winter POPS Concert, Bankhead Theater</b>
<b>December 14th</b>	<b>Vinyasa Yoga with Mrs. Cole, MPR at lunch</b>
<b>December 14th</b>	<b>Mock SAT results, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Foothill HS, Room B-26</b>
<b>December 15th</b>	<b>AVHS Winter Choir/Orchestra Concert at the Amador Theater</b>
<b>December 20th-22nd</b>	<b>First Semester Finals</b>

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## AMADOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 Halloween.

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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](https://gofundme.com/avhsEFM17)**

***Thank you to the 13 donors over the last 3 weeks who have helped us to reach \$2000 raised -- still need \$8000 to reach our goal! We appreciate the support.***

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### Apply for the Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship:

The Community of Character Collaborative invites all High School seniors in Pleasanton to apply for the annual Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship. Long time school board member, trustee and president of the Pleasanton Unified School District, Juanita Haugen inspired the Pleasanton Community of Character initiative. In her honor, annual \$1,000 scholarships will recognize students who have a strong record of civic engagement and have demonstrated exceptional character by role modeling the traits of Compassion, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Self-Discipline.

An award will be presented to a student in each of Pleasanton's three high schools. Applications are being taken for Foothill and Amador Valley students, Village will be presented at a later date.

Applications and guidelines are available online at [www.CommunityofCharacter.org](http://www.CommunityofCharacter.org). The deadline to apply is November 14, 2016. Selections will be made in late-November.

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### COUNSELOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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!

#### **Students LIN - PER:**

\*For seniors who need a transcript and/or letter of recommendation for college applications, please double check that you have the correct email address, [lauren\\_bell@pleasantonusd.net](mailto:lauren_bell@pleasantonusd.net), in each college's application system, including Common App. If you have questions about your applications, please stop by the front desk to request an appointment.

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## 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. Amador volunteers are needed to staff the phone bank on Wednesday, November 3, from 5-8 pm. Sign up [here](#):

[http://yesoni1forpleasantonschools.nationbuilder.com/phone\\_bank\\_calendar](http://yesoni1forpleasantonschools.nationbuilder.com/phone_bank_calendar).

For more information, please contact Jill Buck at [jillbuck@comcast.net](mailto:jillbuck@comcast.net)

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## AV Wellness

Did you miss the inaugural session of AV\_Wellness program? No worries, they will be held monthly. Look for the next one on November 16th. In the meantime *#stressless* and follow AV Wellness on Twitter [@AV\\_WELLNESS](https://twitter.com/AV_WELLNESS).

## SAT Practice Test

Gain experience by taking a full mock-test under realistic conditions. Hosted by the AVHS PTSA and sponsored by C2 Education. You will receive a full diagnostic information, so you can have the edge you need to fully prepare and take the real test with confidence.

Sign up now! Limited seats.

### **Mock Test**

Date: Saturday, December 3rd, 2016

Time: 9am-1pm

Location: Foothill High School, room B-26

Cost: \$25

### **The Results Night**

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 14th, 2016

Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Foothill High School, room B-26

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Please fill out this form and return it along with \$25 cash or check to SAT/ACT signup box next to the counseling desk. All checks should be made to AVHS PTSA. All proceeds benefit Amador Valley High School PTSA.

Email [avhs.testprep@gmail.com](mailto:avhs.testprep@gmail.com) with any questions.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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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](mailto:spiritwear@amadorptsa.com)) Feel free to contact Laura for details on sizes, costs and availability.

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# 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](mailto:thehanger@pleasantonusd.net).

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