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*** We apologize that the previous version was sent out by mistake. It was not yet complete - below please find the completed newsletter. We are sorry for any confusion this may have caused, but we felt it was important to resend to include the important Amador News listed below. ***

Upcoming Events:

March 20st-24th

[DONVERSITY WEEK](#)

March 21st

PTSA General Member Meeting, 7pm in I-6: Nomination Committee Report Presented, Presentation about the ACCESS period and New Bell Schedule

March 23rd

Class of 2017 [Senior Parent Meeting](#) at 7pm in the AVHS Library




March 25th

AVHS Community Music Festival, 5:00 - 8:00 pm at the Football Stadium

March 27th

Mr. Amador Competition, 5:00 & 7:45 pm at the Amador Theater

- March 27th-31st** [Abilities Awareness Week](#)
- March 28th** **CAASPP Science Testing for Sophomores only**
- March 28th** [ACT Essay Writing Workshop](#)
- March 30th** [PTSA Scholarship forms due](#)
- April 23rd** [PPIE Run for Education](#)
- May 1st-19th** **CAASPP English Language Arts and Math for Juniors only**
- May 18th** **Principal's Dessert Reception for incoming 9th grade parents, 6:00 p.m. in the AVHS Library**

	<p align="center">Amador Valley High School</p> 
	<p>General Meeting Tuesday, March 21, 7 p.m. Classroom I-6</p> <p>Feature presentation: Mike Williams on the ACCESS period and proposed bell schedule changes.</p> <p>Officer elections for 2017-2018 will also be conducted.</p>

Join Our Mailing List Today!

AMADOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week the PUSD School Board approved Amador Valley's request to pilot a new bell schedule for the 2017-2018 school-year.

Please read the [linked document](#) to obtain information regarding this change.

Thanks,

Mike Williams
Principal

[Here are the slides presented to the School Board](#) on 2/28/17.



DONIVERSITY WEEK

Next week is the Doniversity Celebration at Amador Valley High School where we celebrate the diversity of our student body, community, and world through film, activities, readings, presentations, music, dance, clothing, food, and art. Details for the week are below.

LEARNING OUTCOME: Students will be able to explain and demonstrate the value of diversity, unity, compassion, and empathy present on campus and in society.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 (Doniversity Schedule)

A Period	7:00	7:55
1st Period	8:01	8:40
2nd Period, Rally A	8:46	9:42
2nd Period, Rally B	9:42	10:38
Brunch	10:38	10:46
3rd Period	10:52	11:31
Diversity Activity (in 4 ^o class)	11:37	12:21
4th Period	12:21	1:00
Lunch	1:00	1:30
5th Period	1:36	2:15
6th Period	2:21	3:00

2° DIVERSITY RALLY: Students showcase diverse talents and presentations for all staff and students

4° DIVERSITY ACTIVITY: "Making Connections" Film and "Windows and Mirrors" Game Activity

**MARCH 20 - MARCH 25: ADDITIONAL DIVERSITY WEEK ACTIVITIES **

MONDAY, MARCH 20 (2°, 3°) "**CHEZA NAMI**" West African dance & drum presentation (Amador Theatre)

MONDAY, MARCH 20 - FRIDAY, MARCH 24 - WEEK OF INCLUSION:

Daily lunchtime activities

Monday 3/20	Tuesday 3/21	Wednesday 3/22	Thursday 3/23	Friday 3/24
ORIGINS	UNITY	AWARENESS	INTERESTS	IDENTITY
World Map (Quad) - mark heritage on map International Films (MP) & World Music at lunch	GSA Photo Booth (Quad) Tie-dye Shirts Rainbow Balloon Arch	Cards to Children (Quad) - hospitalized due to illness or disability World Language Poster (Quad) - "We Are United" Use Your Language Day	Club Festival (Quad) Don Deckout - purple & gold	Clothing/accessories to represent identity(culture, heritage, interests, school spirit, clubs, sports, music, hobbies, talents, etc.) Group Photo (Quad) World Music at lunch

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 (5:00 pm - 8:00 pm) AV MUSIC FESTIVAL (Football Stadium)



****MARCH 27 - MARCH 31: ABILITIES AWARENESS WEEK ****

MONDAY, MARCH 27 (5:00 pm and 7:45 pm) MR. AMADOR COMPETITION (Amador Theater)

FRIDAY, MARCH 31 (4°, 5°, 6°) WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION ASSEMBLY (MP)



Junior Prom on Saturday, 4/22 at Club Auto Sport San Jose.

Tickets are on sale until March 31st. Full info can be viewed [here](#).

<u>Weeks</u>	<u>ASB Price/Person</u>	<u>Non-ASB Price/Person</u>
Week 2 (March 20 - March 24)	\$100	\$130
Week 3 (March 27 - Friday March 31) <u>LAST WEEK OF SALES!!!</u>	\$115	\$145

Mr. Amador 2017:

What: Mr. Amador is a charitable event showcasing 10 of Amador's most well-rounded young

men. The contestants, the committee members, and the directors have been working together since November. We have put on several fundraisers and events, raising money for the George Mark Children's House, a home for children living with life limiting illnesses. We are all very excited to show the student body as well as the Pleasanton community what we have been working on for the past 5 months. Hope to see you there!

When: March 27th at 5:00pm and again at 7:45pm

Where: Amador Theater

Tickets: We will be selling tickets at Amador 3/20-3/24 as well as online at tinyurl.com/mravtickets17. Tickets will also be sold at the door the day of the show.



Senior Service Hours:

Senior Service Hours for the class of 2017 are due no later than **April 25, 2017**. Hours not completed will impact involvement in Senior activities such as Senior Ball ticket purchase and attendance, Graduation ticket distribution, and participation in the Graduation ceremony. Please refer to this list of [Service Opportunities Available NOW](#) for upcoming events available to students.



California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Testing Dates:

- Science for Sophomores only - March 28, 2017
- English Language Arts and Math for Juniors only - May 1 - 19, 2017



COUNSELOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Parents/guardians will receive a letter confirming the student's course requests for the '17/'18 school year. Please notify the student's counselor by **March 30** of any errors in the selections. (More details will be included in the letter).

Counselors will be mailing home recommendations for **summer school**. Please secure a summer school spot by turning in your registration to your counselor by **May 19**.

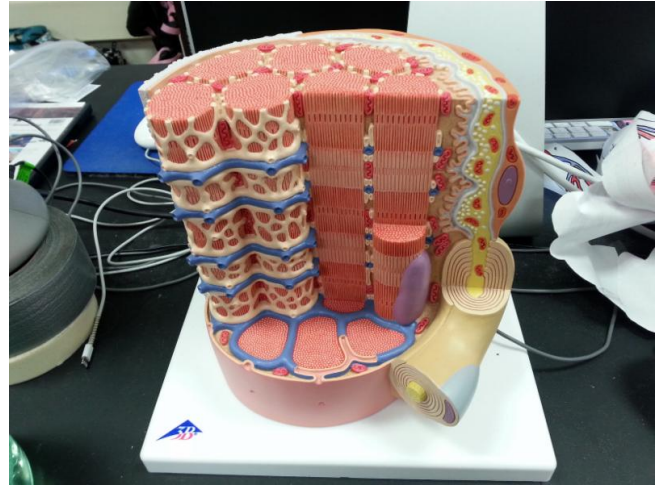
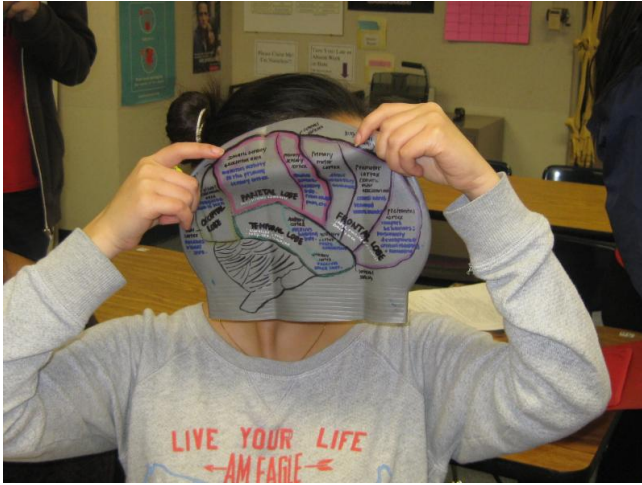
Check the Scholarship list on Naviance regularly, and if you find one that needs a school nomination, let your counselor know two weeks before the nomination deadline.

PTSA GRANTS UPDATE: Anatomy & Physiology



Our PTSA grant for the Anatomy & Physiology students provided us with materials to support their learning of the brain as well as muscle contractions. We purchased swim caps, sharpies to decorate them, a plastic muscle model, and a lab kit for showing muscle contractions. The students wore their brain caps in their other classes which allowed them to explain to other students how the brain functions. The muscle model was especially helpful in trying to explain the anatomy of muscle fibers. The contraction lab allowed students to actually see the fibers move during a muscle contraction. Seeing

this really helped them understand how the anatomy of a muscle is directly related to the physiology. Thank you PTSA for helping our students have these experiences!



Nominating Committee Report:



Slate of Officers in Consideration for 2017-2018

President:	Sandy Piderit
1st VP of Membership:	Laurie Yoon
2nd VP of Communications:	Mannie Nimmo
Secretary:	Kelly Bayani
Treasurer:	Elizabeth Lester
Financial Secretary:	Shawn Copenhagen
Auditor:	Monica McCarthy
Historian:	Denise Simmons

The *nominating committee report* will be presented to the general membership. Other topics that will be presented is the *ACCESS period* and *new bell schedule*. Attend the meeting on March 21st at 7 p.m. in I-6 to learn more.

Excellence in Education Awards



We invite you to nominate an Amador teacher or staff member for the 2017 Excellence in Education Awards Program.

To nominate someone, submit the [nomination form](#) along with your nomination letter to excellence@pleasantonpta.org. Nominations are due by 4 pm on Friday, March 17, 2017.

The awards ceremony will be held the evening of Monday, May 15, at Trinity Lutheran Church (1225 Hopyard Road). [More info: http://www.pleasantonpta.org/programs/excellence-in-education](http://www.pleasantonpta.org/programs/excellence-in-education).

AV_Wellness Upcoming Events

AV WELLNESS PRESENTS

#StressLess

Just Dance
Wednesday, March 15 at lunch
Multipurpose Room

Health Quest
Sun Safety & Mindful Coloring
Thursday, March 30, 9am-2pm
Large Gym

College/Life Decisions
Talk to alumni about life after
high school
Thursday, March 30, 7-8:30pm
AV Library

Stress Less for Success
Wednesday, April 26 at lunch
In the Quad

Therapy Dogs
Wednesday, May 3 at lunch
In the Quad

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Class of 2017 Senior Parent Meeting

Join us on **March 23rd at 7 pm** in the **AVHS Library** to learn about Grad Night, Breakfast after Ball, Baccalaureate and senior collage. We will be on hand to answer all your questions and



accept payment for these events. Please check out our [website](#) for details/descriptions of upcoming events, payment forms, and donation needs.

ACT Essay Writing Workshop

ACT Essay Workshop

Gain valuable experience learning strategies to prepare for the essay writing section of the ACT! In this workshop we will cover topics including

- SAT vs ACT essay
- Choosing a perspective to build your argument
- Standard essay writing tips
- Handwriting matters
- How to get the best possible score in only 40 minutes

Learn how to apply effective time management skills to help you better prepare for the ACT Essay and how to measure your own personal writing skills before the actual exam! Sign up by March 27, limited seats.

Date: **Tuesday, March 28th, 2017**

Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Amador Valley High School Library

Cost: \$25

Hosted by AVHS PTSA & FHS PTSA/ Presented by C2 Education

----- submit this portion only -----

03/28/17 ACT Essay Workshop

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 with any questions.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____
Parent Name: _____ Check# _____
Phone# _____
Email: _____

[Click to download form.](#)

Forms Due by 3/27

PTSA Scholarships Available - Due March 30th



AV PTSA Scholarships Available

The 2017 AVHS PTSA scholarship applications are now available. AVHS PTSA has **2 scholarship programs** and typically awards \$500 scholarships to students who have demonstrated outstanding community service and to students who are exceptionally well rounded. These *students need to have been PTSA members their junior and senior years*. If you qualify please apply. Last year, over one-third of the applicants received a scholarship. Applications are available on the Naviance website. **The deadline to apply is March 30th at 3:00 P.M. No late applications will be accepted, so don't delay, submit today!!**

[Community Service Scholarship Application](#)

[Academic Scholarship Application](#)

PPIE Run for Education, April 23rd



If you have ever thought about running a 5k, 10K, or 15K or if you want your kids to burn off some excess energy, join us on April 23, 2017 for the Pleasanton Run for Education. **All proceeds benefit PPIE** (Pleasanton Partnerships in Education).

There is a competition among PUSD schools to see who can generate the most participants and we want Amador Valley to come out on top! The winning school will receive the Spirit Trophy at the award ceremonies so sign up and show your Amador Dons pride. Last year this event raised almost \$100,000 to support critical programs for our students. **Register at www.ppierun.com by March 20 to get a reduced price.**

Dons Spirit Wear for Spring

What better way to show your Don's spirit than by wearing a comfy Amador hoodie or a pair of Amador PJ pants! We also have long sleeve T's and cozy socks too, plus other items such as T-Shirts & tanks in various sizes and of course Amador colors!

Remember, spirit wear makes a great gift for your Don or your incoming 8th grader! You can get spirit wear at the Activities Desk or through your spirit wear chairperson, ***Laura Harris***, (spiritwear@amadorptsa.com) Feel free to contact Laura for details on sizes, costs and availability.

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