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AV EXPRESS 2016 - 2017 School Year: March 12, 2017 Edition

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Upcoming Events:




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| March 14th | ACT Practice Results, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the AVHS Library |
| March 21st | PTSA General Member Meeting, 7pm in I-6: Nomination Committee Report Presented, Presentation about the ACCESS period and New Bell Schedule |
| March 23: | Class of 2017 <u>Senior Parent Meeting</u> at 7pm in the AVHS Library |
| March 25th | AVHS Community Music Festival |
| March 28th | CAASPP Science Testing for Sophomores only |
| March 28th | <u>SAT Essay Writing Workshop</u> |
| March 30th | <u>PTSA Scholarship forms due</u> |
| April 23rd | <u>PPIE Run for Education</u> |

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>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>

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AMADOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Amador Students and Families-

Please read the [attached letter](#). The purpose of this letter is to update you on our progress towards implementing a [bell schedule change](#) for the 2017-2018 school-year.

Thank you,

Mike Williams
Principal

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



Outdoor Ed Counselors Needed: *Attention Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores*
Cabin counselors are needed at Exploring New Horizons Outdoor School for April 24-27 with Valley View and May 15-19 with Alisal. Go to [Mrs. Harvey's webpage](#) for info about

applications and interviews. Interviews will be held on March 16th at 3:15 in Room C5. [Loma Mar Cabin Counselor Information](#).

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

Schedule and testing details coming soon. Juniors will be contacted through your student email regarding details about the math portion.

CAASPP Testing Sign-ups are found on this link: bit.ly/Testing17AVHS



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.

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).

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.

Interested in Legislation? Consider attending the 2017 LEGISLATION CONFERENCE: MARCH 13-14 IN SACRAMENTO



We do not currently have anyone from Amador scheduled to attend this important annual conference in Sacramento. Is there an interested parent, student or staff member who would be willing to attend and report back to the executive board? It is a Monday and Tuesday, March 13-14, 2017.

[Find more information here.](#)

California State PTA speaks up for children across the state and you can, too! Whether you are an experienced advocate or have never participated before, join us for California State PTA's Legislation Conference in Sacramento and learn more about all the key issues and legislation impacting your child, school and community. Contact [Sandy Piderit](#) for more information.

SAT 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.](#)

PTSA Scholarships Available - Due March 30th



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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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