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Upcoming Events:

September 1st	Stadium Field Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 7:30 p.m.
September 6th	Senior Picnic at Water World
September 9th	Mock SAT, Results Night 9/20
September 12th	College Essay Application Seminar, 6:30-7:30, FH B26
September 15th	Pigskin Classic Festival, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

September 20th	Results Night for Mock SAT
September 27th	SAT Essay Workshop, AVHS
September 30th / October 1st	SAT Bootcamp, FH
October 3rd	UC / CSU College Presentation in the MP at 7:00 p.m. (parents may attend too!)
October 5th	College Application Workshop for students in the AV Library Computer lab at 7:00 p.m.
October 6th	NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day
October 13th	PPIE Night of the Stars
October 17th	Tri-Valley College Fair, Granada HS, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
October 17th	Homecoming Skits
October 19th	Financial Aid Night, MPR at 7:00 p.m.
October 21st	Homecoming Dance
October 31st	Minimum Day
November 2nd	Fall Rally
November 30th	UC and CSU Application due online

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AMADOR



Bell Schedule Adjustments

To ensure all of our students have an optimal learning experience at Amador Valley with our new bell schedule this year, we needed to make 3 adjustments this fall. We are switching our late start days from Wednesdays to Fridays on the following dates:

- Wednesday, September 6 to Friday, September 8 - To accommodate Senior picnic ([SCHEDULE](#)) on Wednesday, September 6
- Wednesday, October 11 to Friday, October 13 - To accommodate PSAT testing ([SCHEDULE](#)) on Wednesday, October 11
- Wednesday, November 1 to Friday, November 3 - To accommodate a non-student day ([SCHEDULE](#)) on Wednesday, November 1

We are still working with Wheels Transportation to support the shift in times, but want to assure you that our library will be accessible if the adjustments are not accommodated. Students who are enrolled in ROP courses will be accommodated during this time to ensure student academics are not impacted.

Please let us know if you have questions and/or need additional information. We tremendously appreciate and value your ongoing support. Thanks for your understanding.



Cabin Counselors Needed

Attention seniors, juniors and sophomores! Cabin counselors are needed at Exploring New Horizons Outdoor School for the fall and winter camps. If you are responsible, enthusiastic, and energetic please apply for this great week of fun and hard work. For more info stop by C5 or [check Mrs. Harvey's website](#). Applications are due September 8 and training is September 12 at 3:15 in C5.



Attendance

Did You Know? September is Attendance Awareness Month, because absenteeism in the beginning of the school year can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Studies show that students who miss 2-4 days in September were 5 times more likely to be chronically absent than students who were absent fewer than 2 days. Parents can support their students by encouraging them to start the year off strong with consistent attendance to set them up for success throughout the rest of the school year.

If there is something that is preventing your student from attending school, you can reach out to your school's Child Welfare and Attendance Liaison (CWA). Part of their role is to help you overcome obstacles that stand in the way of attendance by troubleshooting issues and connecting you with resources in the community. As a district, we value attendance and want to partner with you in getting your students to school. Amador's CWA is [Deborah Tomlin](#). Please feel free to contact her with any questions or concerns you may have about your student's attendance. dtomlin@pleasantonusd.net or (925) 461-6117.



Student Feedback: Pre-Adoption of Novel Selections

The Pleasanton Unified School District is seeking feedback from our current students and alumni. Your feedback will be taken into consideration when teachers review and select novel lists that will be taught in grades 6-12.

A major goal of the committee is to select diverse texts that fully represent our student body (in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, class, age, ability, religion, place, immigration status or LGBTQ identity).

Before Friday, September 22, 2017, please take 5-10 minutes to share your feedback with us. Your feedback will be shared publicly as a summary, but without your name included.

[PUSD Student Pre-Novel Survey](#)



Updates from the AV Counseling Office

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| August 30 & 31 & September 7: | Counselors will be presenting to seniors during Access Period (Intro to the Senior Year and the College Process) |
| October 3: | UC / CSU College Presentation in the MP at 7:00 p.m. (Parents may attend too!) |
| October 5: | College Application Workshop for students in the AV Library Computer Lab at 7:00 p.m. |
| October 17: | Tri-Valley College Fair at Granada High School, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. |
| October 19: | Financial Aid Night in the MP at 7:00 p.m. |

The **AV Guidance Counseling Breakdown** is as follows:

Alphabet Assignment	Counselor Name	Ext #	E-mail Address
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PSAT Online Registration OPEN NOW

Hello Amador Dons,

PSAT online registration is open and closes on September 18th. PSAT will be held on **October 11th**. PSAT is available to all freshman, sophomores and juniors. If you have additional questions please review the [CollegeBoard website](#) or [contact your counselor](#). Online registration is found on our [website](#).

Log-on to register:

www.TotalRegistration.net/PSAT/052495

Go Dons!

PSAT NOTICE:

For students registered for PSAT on October 11th, you can pick up practice booklets in the Activities Department in the Main office. Students should pick up booklets ASAP.



AV Quick Links

[Class of 2018 Senior Service Information](#)

[Access Bell Schedule & FAQ](#)

[From the Principal's Desk \(8/30/17\)](#)

[Welcome Video from Mr. Williams, AVHS Principal \(8/5/17\)](#)



AVHS Spirit Wear

Show your Amador Pride! If you didn't get your Amador spirit wear at registration, no need to worry. We have plenty of items available year round for purchase. Hoodies, Tees, Tanks, PJs and more are available at our Spirit Store. There is a limited supply available at the activities desk in the office or you can **[email Laura Harris](mailto:lauraharris@sbcglobal.net)** at **lauraharris@sbcglobal.net** for a full selection of items.



***** September 15th we will have our booth at Pigskin. Stop by and see what's new for 2017-18 while supporting the AVHS PTSA.**

Pigskin Festival, 9/15, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

This Little Piggy...

... Had a GREAT time!



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September 15, 2017

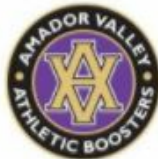
Amador Stadium

Festival 4:30-7PM

JV Game @ 4:30, Varsity Game @ 7PM

Come for the festival, stay for the football!

Hosted by AVHS Boosters, Sports Teams & Student Clubs



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Paying for College Workshop

PLEASE JOIN ASSEMBLYWOMAN
CATHARINE BAKER FOR A

Paying for
**College
Workshop**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

THE
COLLEGE FUNDING COACH®

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

PLEASANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL | MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
5001 CASE AVENUE, PLEASANTON

PLEASE RSVP AT: [ASMRC.ORG/AF/COLLEGEWORKSHOP](http://asmrc.org/af/collegeworkshop)

Click to RSVP.

PPIE Night of Stars, October 13th



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Night of the Stars October 13th - Save the Date!

PPIE is rolling out the red carpet for Night of the Stars - our Fall Gala to celebrate with friends and raise funds for critical staff at YOUR school. Join us **October 13th, 6-9 pm at Castlewood** to enjoy: red carpet entry with fun photo ops (including green screen), free wine pours from your school principals, featured student films, delicious dinner and envelopes-please awards - for only \$75! Register here - [PPIE Fall Gala](#) - to mingle with friends and local leaders for a great event, for a great cause - your children!

SAT Practice Test, 9/9 - SIGN UP BY SEPT 7 - Limited Seats

Get Sharp with C2

SAT Practice Test

Gain experience by taking a full mock-test under realistic conditions. Along with this opportunity, we will provide you with full diagnostic information, so you can have the edge you need to fully prepare and take the real test with confidence.

Must sign up by Thursday, September 7th. Limited seats available.

Date: Saturday, September 9th, 2017

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

Location: Amador Valley High School, Q201/203

Cost: \$25

IMPORTANT: Test results will be released at the Giveback Event, along with a Diagnostic Presentation, on Wednesday, September 20th, at 6:30pm, at AVHS Library

Hosted by Amador Valley High School PTSA

Presented by C2 Education Pleasanton

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09/09/2017 SAT Practice Test

Please fill out this form and return it along with \$25 cash or check to the signup box next to the counseling desk. All checks should be made to AVHS PTSA. All proceeds benefit Amador Valley High School PTSA. If you have any questions, please email: avhs.testprep@gmail.com

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____ Check# _____

Phone# _____

Email: _____



[click to download form.](#)

College Essay Application Seminar, 9/12

Get Sharp with C2

College Essay Application Seminar

It's never too early to start preparing for college! Applying for college may seem daunting, but we're here to help. In our seminar, we will clarify your confusion and correct your misconceptions. You will learn: The First Steps in the College Application Process, How to Approach Your Application Essay, and Your Target Timeline for Submission. Applying for college can be scary, but it doesn't have to be! Sign up by September 8th, 2017!
Limited seats available.

Date: Tuesday, September 12th, 2017

Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Foothill High School, Room B26

Cost: \$25

Hosted by FHS PTSA

Presented by C2 Education Pleasanton

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09/12/2017 College Essay Application Seminar

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Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____ Check# _____

Phone# _____

Email: _____



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PTA Reflections Theme

PTA Reflections Arts Program Theme for 2017-2018

Within Reach

Student entries will be accepted at Amador
in mid-October, 2017.



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