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AV EXPRESS 2017 - 2018 School Year: September 15, 2017 Edition

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Upcoming Events:

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| September 15th | Pigskin Classic Festival, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. |
| 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 at 7:00 p.m.
October 6th	NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day
October 11th	PSAT Test Day - special bell schedule
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 1st	NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day
November 10th	NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
November 20-24th	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
November 30th	UC and CSU Application due online
December 24 -January 5th	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
January 8th	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday
January 15th	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Access/Scanning Update - 9/13

Greetings-

It is hard to believe we are in our 5th week of school. It is exciting to report that our new bell schedule and attendance tracking system has allowed us to maintain a structure to ensure all students are seeking out the support they need during Access.

To ensure all students are safe and to build another line of communication with our parent/guardian community, will be addressing students not attending their Access period in the following manner:

1st offense - Detention

2nd offense - ARC (Amador Reflection Class - 2 hours after school) + 7 days LOSP

3rd offense - ARC, 15 days LOSP and No Access roaming for 30 days

4th offense - Suspension and 30 days LOSP

Each time a student is found roaming campus, not present in their Access class, a message will be sent home using our scanning system. This message will be informing parent/guardians that their student is tardy to Access, cutting Access, or refusing to attend Access.

We are currently in the process of fine tuning a student/parent survey to obtain feedback and get recommendations for improvement. Once the survey is completed,

we will be sharing it with the Amador community.

Thank you for your support!

Mr. Williams



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 adjustments this fall. We are switching our late start days from Wednesdays to Fridays on the following dates:

- 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

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.



Attendance Awareness Month - continued

Addressing chronic absenteeism is a key component to improving graduation rates, increasing academic achievement and giving young people the best chance at success in their adult life.

If you think missing a day here or there won't matter, think again. By missing just one day every two weeks, or two days a month, your child would be on track to miss 10 percent of the school year- and that can happen before you know it. **ABSENCES ADD UP!** A student is considered chronically absent if they miss only two days of school per month (18 days in a year), whether the absences are excused or unexcused. <http://absencesaddup.org/reasons-why-kids-miss-school/>

Did you know that a student who misses 10 days or more during a school year is 20 percent *less* likely to graduate from High School and 25 percent less likely to ever enroll in college?

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

If you need help getting your child to school or you have other questions and concerns regarding attendance, please contact Amador's CWA, Deborah Tomlin at: 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

- 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.
- November 30: UC and CSU Applications due online

Seniors: When you receive your pass for your individual senior meeting, please bring the senior packet you received during your counselor's presentation. You will be working on the transcript request form (last page of the senior packet) with your counselor.

Remember to give your teachers and your counselor AT LEAST two weeks notice (of business/school days) for a letter of recommendation.

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

Alphabet Assignment	Counselor Name	Ext #	E-mail Address
A-Com	Sari Haskell	ext. 6113	shaskell@pleasantonusd.net
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PSAT IMPORTANT UPDATE

PSAT registration will be dosing on Monday, September 18, 2017. Online registration is found here [PSAT Registration](#) (*PSAT is on Wednesday, October 11, 2017*)

All PSAT Registrations that are not paid by September 18, 2017 will be cancelled and exams will not be ordered.

Most important things to remember:

1. (2) No. 2 pencils with erasers (mechanical pencils are not allowed)
2. Acceptable calculator (see pages 25-26 in the Student Guide)
3. Current Student ID

4. It is your responsibility to read your Student Guide prior to the exam.
Do Not Bring a cell phone or Apple Watch



Amador Academic Assistance

Starts on September 13th, 2017

Where: Library Lab B

When: Mon - Thursday

After School until 4:00 pm.



Eager and qualified peer tutors are available to help you with all of your academic needs!

Please join us **anytime** you need help with your schoolwork.



Hello Dons,

Amador Valley High is back this year with it's Academic Assistance Program! Peer tutors along with an AVHS teacher will be assisting students in english, math, and other subjects.

Come as needed or set up a routine to improve achievement. The magic begins Wednesday September 13th. It will be held in **Lab B of the Library after school until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday** each week. When preparedness meets opportunity you will surely have success.

Together in Education

Mario Hurtado

Vice Principal

Amador Valley High School

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[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** 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. We will be accepting Cash, Check or Credit Cards for payment.**

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

This Little Piggy...

... Had a GREAT time!



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September 15, 2017

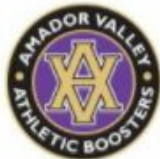
Amador Stadium

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 Essay Workshop, 9/27

Get Sharp with C2

SAT Essay Workshop

Gain valuable experience learning strategies to prepare for the essay writing section of the SAT! In this workshop we will cover topics including: SAT vs ACT essay, How to Approach Rhetorical Analysis, Standard Essay Writing Tips, and How to Get the Best Possible Score in Only 50 Minutes. Learn how to apply effective time management skills to help you better prepare for the SAT Essay and how to measure your own personal writing skills before the actual exam. Sign up soon! Limited seats available.

Date: Wednesday, September 27th, 2017

Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Amador Valley High School Library

Cost: \$25

Hosted by Amador Valley High School PTSA

Presented by C2 Education Pleasanton

----- submit this portion only -----
09/27/2017 SAT Essay Workshop

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: _____



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SAT Bootcamp at Foothill High School, 9/30 & 10/1

OUTSMART THE SAT!

Learn Go-To Strategies for Every Question on the New SAT



SAT Bootcamp at Foothill High School - Just \$175 Per Student

The SAT and ACT are boring exams, but learning to ace them doesn't have to be. At Catalyst, we take the actual SAT and ACT every time they're given to gain insider knowledge of these exams, and we pass our expertise to students with patience, understanding, and a welcome sprinkling of humor and creativity.

Catalyst's two-day SAT Bootcamp arms students with go-to strategies for every question they'll face on the day of the test so they can march into the SAT with confidence, momentum, and every key strategy fresh in their mind.

SAT Bootcamp at Foothill High School

Saturday, September 30th, 9am - 1pm

&

Sunday, October 1st, 9am - 1pm

(Students attend all days.)

Tuition is just \$175. To enroll visit www.CatalystPrep.com and click on the Bootcamp Sign-Up tab on the website's menu bar or call us at [800.235.0056](tel:800.235.0056). The deadline to enroll in this special prep opportunity is Wednesday, September 27th.

Click graphic to launch website, then click on Bootcamp Signup tab to register.

PTA Reflections Arts Program Theme for 2017-2018

Within Reach

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



Quicklinks

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