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REMINDER

PTSA Meeting

October 18th @ 7:00 p.m. in the MPR

Topics:

Open Forum on ACCESS and Block Schedule
Vote on PTSA Student and Teacher Grants

Upcoming Events:

October 13th	PPIE Night of the Stars , 6-9:30 p.m. at Castlewood
October 13th	TV30 is taping Dublin Homecoming game vs AVHS and will be rebroadcast on 10/14 at 7pm
October 17th	Tri-Valley College Fair , Granada HS, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
October 17th	Homecoming Skits
October 18th	Reflections Entries due in AVHS Library, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
October 18th	PTSA General Member Meeting, 7:00 p.m., MPR
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 2nd	Regular Access Schedule - (Even - A/2/ACCESS/4/6)
November 2nd & 3rd	Freshman will take California Healthy Kids Survey during PE classes
November 3rd	Special Bell Schedule - (Odd - 1/ACCESS/3/5)
November 3rd	Juniors will take California Healthy Kids Survey during ACCESS period
November 10th	NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
November 11th	SAT/ACT Combo Test , 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Q201/203
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



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, 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.



2017 Tri-Valley College and Career Fair - (presented by Tri-Valley School Districts)

The 2017 [Tri-Valley College and Career Fair](#) will be **Tuesday October 17th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Granada High School**, 400 Wall Street, Livermore, CA. Tri-Valley students and their parents/guardians are invited to meet with representatives from UC's, CSU's, Community Colleges, Private Colleges, Out-of-State Colleges, Technical Schools, Military and ROTC, and Apprenticeship Programs.

FREE Shuttle Bus Available from Amador to Granada - pick up at 6 p.m. in front of Amador and return from Granada at 8:00 p.m.



California Healthy Kids Survey (UPDATED DATES)

The California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) is the largest statewide survey of resiliency, protective factors, risk behaviors, and school climate in the nation. Across California, the CHKS has led to a better understanding of the relationship between students' health behaviors and academic performance, and is frequently cited by state policymakers and the media as a critical component of school improvement efforts to help guide the development of more effective health, prevention, and youth development programs.

The CHKS survey will be administered to all 9th and 11th grade students at Amador. Parent consent for participation was obtained during the Q Registration process.

Freshmen will take the survey in **PE** classes on **November 2nd and 3rd**. **Juniors** will take it during **ACCESS** period on **November 3rd**.



Senior Ad Deadline Approaching

If you would like to place a Senior Ad in the 2018 yearbook, please visit yearbookordercenter.com. Our **school code is 7188**. **The final deadline is 11/3**. Please email amadoryearbook@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Updates from the AV Counseling Office

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

UC and CSU Applications are due on Nov. 30 (Transcripts and letters of recommendation are not required for the UC's or CSU's at this time).

The last day before Winter Break to request a letter of recommendation for a private school (most use Common App) with an early January deadline is Friday, Dec. 1. If you are doing applications on Common App, you do NOT have to link your common app to your Naviance; just use Common App directly.

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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After School Tutoring Available

[Amador's Academic Assistance Program](#) is designed to provide students with additional support after school in the following core academic subject areas:

Math (up to Pre-Calculus), **Science** (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), **English** and **History** (general support in college prep courses). **Tutoring is held Monday through Thursday until 4:00 p.m. in the Amador Library.** Tutors include teachers and peer tutors.



Tri-Valley Builds 2017

Trades and Construction? [Tri Valley Builds](#) is an opportunity for students to see what careers in the trades and construction are all about. This is a great opportunity for students who are also interested in Engineering careers. Check out the [flier](#) for meeting dates.



AV Quick Links

[Class of 2018 Senior Service Information](#)

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[From the Principal's Desk Video links \(check right side for links\)](#)



PTA Reflections, deadline 10/18



[Click to download submission information and details.](#)

The REFLECTIONS 2017 Theme is "Within Reach".

Get all details on how to enter for each category at [reflections: http://bit.ly/Reflections17Info](http://bit.ly/Reflections17Info).

Categories include:

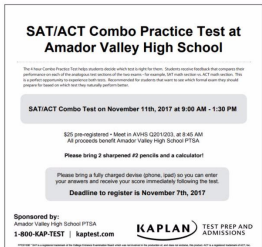
- ***Dance Choreography**
- ***Film Production**
- ***Literature**
- ***Music Composition**
- ***Photography**
- ***Visual Arts**

Deadline is October 18th. Entries will be received between **8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the AVHS Library.** Stay tuned for more details on the awards evening.

Question? Contact [Caroline](#) at reflections@amadorptsa.com.

SAT/ACT Combo Practice Test, 11/11

SAT/ACT Combo Practice Test on Saturday, **November 11th,**



9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Students receive feedback that compares their performance on each of the analogous test sections of the two exams. This is a perfect opportunity to experience both tests.

The test will be administered at AVHS in Room **Q201/203**.

[Click to download flyer.](#)

Please check the [flyer](#) for all [details and registration information](#).

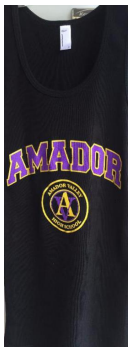
WANTED: eScrip Coordinator



eScrip Coordinator wanted to do outreach to parents and students, encouraging them to designate AVHS PTSA as the beneficiary when they shop at Target, Raley's, Lucky, and on [Smile.amazon.com](#).

Interested volunteer could be a parent or a student volunteer, willing to devise creative ways to market this "giving" opportunity to others willing to support the PTSA and the school. Please contact Sandy Piderit at avhs.ptsa.president@gmail.com for more information.

AVHS Spirit Wear



Show your Amador Pride! If you didn't get your Amador spirit wear at pigskin, 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 and sizes available at the activities desk in the office or you can email [Laura Harris](#) for a full selection of items.

And remember -- spirit wear also makes a great gift for your Amador student or incoming 8th grader.

SAT/ACT Combo ONLINE Course

We know how busy the fall is for everyone, which is why this class is entirely online & live so students can log on from home and ask questions throughout the entire class.

[Live Online SAT/ACT Combo Course](#)

Price: \$399 per student

Structure: 8, 2-hour lessons

Dates: October - 23, 25, 30 & November - 1, 6, 8, 13, 15

Time: 4pm-6pm

Location: Online!

To [learn more](#) or [sign up](#) click [here](#).

Quicklinks

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