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**AV EXPRESS 2017 - 2018 School Year: October 1, 2017 Edition**

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**CONGRATULATIONS to AVHS on being named a 2017 Blue Ribbon School!**



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### **Upcoming Events:**

October 3rd	UC / CSU College Presentation in the MP at 7:00 p.m. (parents may attend too!)
October 4th	<a href="#">DELAC Meeting</a> , 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., PUSD Boardroom
October 5th	College Application Workshop for students in the AV Library at 7:00 p.m.
October 6th	NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day
October 10th	Tri-Valley Builds 2017 Info Meeting, Lunch in C-5
October 11th	PSAT Test Day - <a href="#">special bell schedule</a>
October 13th	PPIE Night of the Stars
October 17th	Tri-Valley College Fair, Granada HS, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
October 18th	Reflections Entries due in AVHS Library, 8:00 - 9:00 a.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 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

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Dear Amador families,

I am proud to announce that Amador Valley High School has been named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School. We are one of only 25 schools in California to receive this honor, and one of only two in Alameda County. Read the U.S. Department of Education's announcement [here](#).

This recognition is shared with you, our amazing Amador families, as it honors our shared commitment to supporting the academics and the culture of Amador Valley.

We look forward to celebrating this accomplishment with our Amador community in the near future.

Congratulations to all, and thank you for your partnership in contributing to the success of our students and school.

Gratefully,

Mike Williams  
Principal



## 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.



## District English Learner Advisory Committee - DELAC

Pleasanton Unified School District invites students, parents, staff, family and community members who support **English Learners** to attend our District English Learner Advisory Committee meeting! **Wednesday, October 4** from **6-7:30P.M.** at the **District Office**. [- MORE INFORMATION -](#)



## Senior Ad Deadline Approaching

If you would like to place a Senior Ad in the 2018 yearbook, please visit [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com). Our **school code is 7188**. **The early bird deadline is 9/29** and the **final deadline is 11/3**.

Please email [amadoryearbook@gmail.com](mailto:amadoryearbook@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



## 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:

<b>Alphabet Assignment</b>	<b>Counselor Name</b>	<b>Ext #</b>	<b>E-mail Address</b>
A-Com	Sari Haskell	ext. 6113	<a href="mailto:shaskell@pleasantonusd.net">shaskell@pleasantonusd.net</a>
Con-Her	Tara Walker	ext. 6111	<a href="mailto:twalker@pleasantonusd.net">twalker@pleasantonusd.net</a>
Hes-Lim	Sheryl Pacheco	ext. 6116	<a href="mailto:spacheco@pleasantonusd.net">spacheco@pleasantonusd.net</a>
Lin-Per	Lauren Bell	ext. 6119	<a href="mailto:lauren-bell@pleasantonusd.net">lauren-bell@pleasantonusd.net</a>
Pes-S	Audrey Zarrinkhat	ext. 6114	<a href="mailto:azarrinkhat@pleasantonusd.net">azarrinkhat@pleasantonusd.net</a>
T-Z	Winter Jones	ext. 6115	<a href="mailto:wjones@pleasantonusd.net">wjones@pleasantonusd.net</a>
Support Counselor	Jennifer Yu	ext. 6136	<a href="mailto:jyu@pleasantonusd.net">jyu@pleasantonusd.net</a>
Support Counselor	Heather Cameron	ext. 6107	<a href="mailto:hcameron@pleasantonusd.net">hcameron@pleasantonusd.net</a>
Support Counselor	Katie Poynter	ext. 6107	<a href="mailto:kpoynter@pleasantonusd.net">kpoynter@pleasantonusd.net</a>



**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

Come see trades and future career paths available in N. California. Meet local contractors, do hands on activities and find out information about trades taught locally. [Tri-Valley Builds](#) is on October 27 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Pleasanton. Attend the informational meeting on October 10th in C-5 during lunch. [-MORE-](#)



## 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 \(8/5/17\)](#)



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## 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](mailto:avhs.ptsa.president@gmail.com) for more information.

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## Special Needs Committee

Receive information about the Special Needs Committee, attend monthly meetings or become a school representative.

Find out more at [www.pleasantonsnc.org](http://www.pleasantonsnc.org).

**Join the Pleasanton PTA Council  
 Special Needs Committee**



The Pleasanton PTA Council Special Needs Committee (SNC) is made up of dedicated parent-volunteers committed to making a difference in the lives of our special needs students and their families. Our members include representatives from Parent Citizens, PTA, and Special Education. SNC recognizes that all students deserve great schools and all have diverse challenges. Our goal is to share and foster positive relationships between parents and PTA, and to spread awareness and acceptance of ALL abilities within our community.

SNC supports free monthly special needs workshops that are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. These workshops are held at the Pleasanton Community Center, 10000 Pleasanton Blvd., Pleasanton, CA 94566. Workshops are held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Topics include: Individualized Education Programs (IEP), 504 plans, and transition plans. SNC also provides a monthly newsletter to all members. SNC also provides a monthly newsletter to all members. SNC also provides a monthly newsletter to all members.

**Subscribe to SNC NEWS:** SNC newsletter offers news and resources beneficial to families of SDC special education students. Newsletter includes upcoming events and workshops sponsored by SNC, school district, or other local organizations.

**Volunteer:** Attend the monthly SNC meetings, share your ideas and your unique perspectives. Or, volunteer your skills at special needs camps, parent presentations, the Family Openhouse, or at participating community events. We would love to have you!

**School Representative:** Represent your school and attend the monthly SNC meetings. Share SNC NEWS, provide SNC with the SNC needs, communicate and build relationships with key personnel (Principals, teachers, counselors, PTA) at your school.

*\*All volunteers and school representatives will be added to our SNC NEWS subscription list.*

To join SNC, visit [www.pleasantonpta.org](http://www.pleasantonpta.org) and select **Join SNC!** tab. Or, scan the barcode located at the top of the page.

Questions or comments, please email [pta@pleasantonpta.org](mailto:pta@pleasantonpta.org)

Join and receive more information by clicking the JOIN SNC! tab on our [website](#) (or scan the barcode on the [flyer](#)).

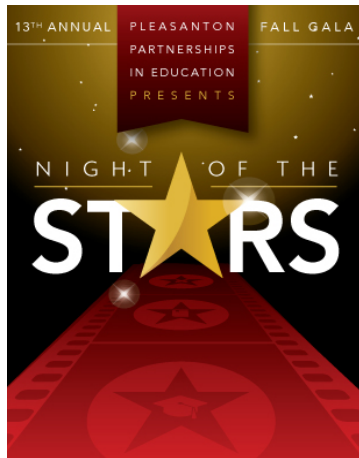
*Click to learn more  
 about the Special Needs  
 Committee.*

## 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 available at the activities desk in the office or you can email [Laura Harris](mailto:LauraHarris@sbcbglobal.net) at [lauraharris@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:lauraharris@sbcbglobal.net) for a full selection of items. **And remember -- spirit wear also makes a great gift for your Amador student or incoming 8th grader.**

## PPIE Night of Stars, October 13th



*Click to purchase tickets.*

### SAVE THE DATE! Night of the Stars - October 13th

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/ACT Combo Practice Test

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

## SAT/ACT Combo Practice Test at Amador Valley High School

The 4-hour Combo Practice Test helps students decide which test is right for them. Students receive feedback that compares their performance on each of the analogous test sections of the two exams - for example, SAT math section vs. ACT math section. This is a perfect opportunity to experience both tests. Recommended for students that want to see which format exam they should prepare for based on which test they naturally perform better.

SAT/ACT Combo Test on November 11th, 2017 at 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

\$25 pre-registered • Meet in AVHS Q201/203, at 8:45 AM  
All proceeds benefit Amador Valley High School PTSA

Please bring 2 sharpened #2 pencils and a calculator!

Please bring a fully charged device (phone, ipad) so you can enter your answers and receive your score immediately following the test.

Deadline to register is November 7th, 2017

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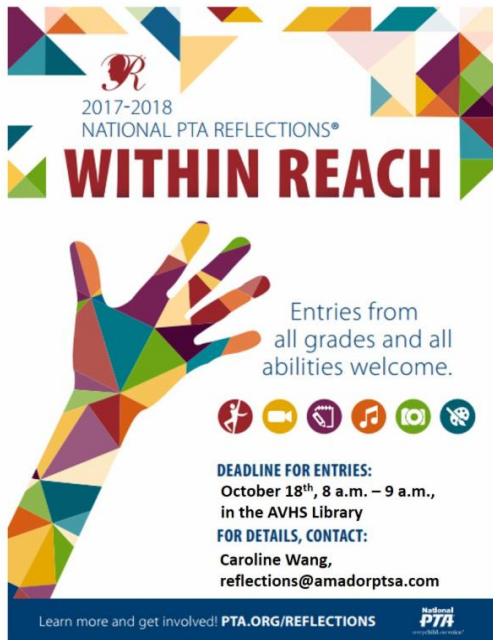
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opportunity to experience both tests.

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

See [flyer](#) for all [details and registration information.](#)

## PTA Reflections



2017-2018  
NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS®  
**WITHIN REACH**

Entries from all grades and all abilities welcome.

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:**  
October 18<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.,  
in the AVHS Library  
**FOR DETAILS, CONTACT:**  
Caroline Wang,  
reflections@amadorptsa.com

Learn more and get involved! [PTA.ORG/REFLECTIONS](http://PTA.ORG/REFLECTIONS)

The REFLECTIONS 2017 Theme is "Within Reach".

Get all details on how to enter for each category at [reflections](#):  
<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.

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

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

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