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Upcoming Events:

October 20th

Homecoming Football Game vs Livermore Cowboys at 7pm. TV30 will be taping the game with play by play and color announcing by Ian Bartholomew, George "Dr. B" Baljevich, Tim Bbranti and Teen Reporter, M.P.. Hayes from AVHS. Airing will be 11/21 at 7pm on TV30 or via website at

	tv30.org.
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	Freshman will take California Healthy Kids Survey during PE classes, Juniors will take survey during ACCESS period
November 3rd	Special Bell Schedule - (Odd - 1/ACCESS/3/5)
November 3rd	Freshman will take California Healthy Kids Survey during PE 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

Homecoming Dance

The Homecoming Dance is Saturday, 10/21/17 from 7:00pm - 10:00pm in the large Gym. All students are **REQUIRED** to have a **TICKET** and their **STUDENT ID** to enter the dance. Students should go to the Activities desk if a replacement ID card is needed. Students will not be admitted to the dance after 8:30pm, even if a ticket was purchased previously. Dance tickets are **non-transferable** and **non-refundable**.

Any student who leaves the dance before 9:30pm will be scanned out as "leaving early" in which case a communication via text or email will be sent to parents. Students must be on time and present for at least four class periods on Friday, October 20 to attend the dance Saturday, as stated in the AVHS planner. As with all Amador Valley events, students are expected to model "The Amador Way" and follow all policies and expectations of character. This includes appropriate dress attire. Backpacks or large bags are NOT permitted at the dance. A coat-check is available for small items. Water and snacks are also available for purchase.



From The Principal's Desk



[A Message From the Principal's Desk](#)



Access Survey

We are very excited about how our new bell schedule is supporting the students of Amador Valley, but want to continue the improvement process. Please complete our [ACCESS SURVEY](#) so we have your feedback.

AVHS "ACCESS" Encuesta de Otoño 2017 Para Padres de familia

Por favor complete una encuesta por cada alumno en Amador Valley.

[Version en español - Spanish Version](#)

Amador 高中 2017 秋季 Access Period (接驳时段) 家长反馈表

请为您在Amador高中的孩子填写一份 (一个孩子一份)

[□□ - Mandarin Version](#)



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
 - Mon 10/31: Traditional 6-period day, 8am start for 1st period (7am A period)
 - Tue 10/31: [Minimum Day Schedule](#)
 - Wed 11/1: Staff Development Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
 - Thu 11/2: Even "Block" day (2/4/6) with ACCESS
 - Fri 11/3: Odd "Block" day (1/3/5) with ACCESS

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.



Mix It Up at Lunch Day

Amador Valley High School **Mix It Up** at Lunch Day where students cross social boundaries. Freshman students participated in the second annual event on October 13th to identify, question, and cross social boundaries.



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

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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Support Counselor	Katie Poynter	ext. 6107	kpoynter@pleasantonusd.net



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.



AVID Organizational Tips

The [AVID team](#) at Amador Valley wants to share monthly [tips and strategies](#) that are good for ALL students. Check back each month to see what is new!



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

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



Juanita Haugen Scholarship Applications Open for HS Seniors



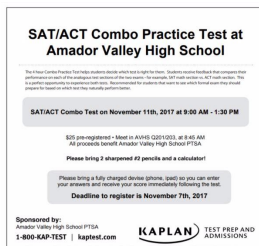
High School Seniors are invited to [apply for \\$1,000 Scholarships before November 13.](#)

The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative invites all High School Seniors to apply for the annual Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship. In honor of Juanita Haugen, a long-time PUSD board member and educational advocate, annual \$1,000

scholarships will recognize students who have a strong record of civic engagement and have demonstrated exceptional character by role modeling the traits of Compassion, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Self-Discipline. An award will be presented to a student in each of Pleasanton's three high schools.

Applications and guidelines are available online at www.CommunityofCharacter.org. The deadline to apply is November 13, 2017. Selections will be made in late-November.

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

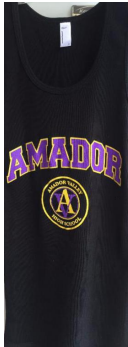
eScrip Coordinator wanted to do outreach to



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](https://www.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](mailto: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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