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**Upcoming Events:**

October 31st	Minimum Day
November 1st	NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day
November 2nd	<a href="#">Regular Access Schedule</a> - (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	<a href="#">SAT/ACT Combo Test</a> , 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Q201/203
November 13th	Juanita Haugen Scholarship Applications Due
November 16th	AVHS Band Friends & Family, 7-9 pm @ Amador Stadium
November 20-24th	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
November 30th	UC and CSU Application due online
December 1st	PPIE Innovation Student Grant Applications Due
December 24 -January 5th	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
January 8th	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday
January 15th	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 12th	NO SCHOOL - Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
February 19th	NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day Holiday
March 2nd	Minimum Day
April 2nd-6th	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
May 28th	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day



## Halloween

On October 31st (Halloween), please make sure your student follows the dress code established in the Amador Valley Handbook. Student faces should be able to be seen at all times, which means masks are not an appropriate option for students. Suggestive outfits that can create distractions for students and the learning environment should also not be worn while school is in session. Our goal is to ensure all students are safe and able to continue their learning experience, even on Halloween.



## 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.

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

请为你在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.



### 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 2nd**.



### 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 final deadline is 11/3**. Please email [amadoryearbook@gmail.com](mailto:amadoryearbook@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



## African American Student Scholarship Program



The **African American Student Scholarship Program** (AASSP) is a college and student mentoring program designed with the following objectives in mind;

- To provide a space for Pleasanton high school students and families from the African diaspora to build community.
- To provide opportunities & support for students from the African diaspora to excel academically and socially in Pleasanton Schools and that will result in attending a four-year university and/or trade school.
- To provide students/parents/guardians with community resources and planning tips for their student's future.
- To assist Pleasanton School District with programmatic ideas, resources, and training that are of benefit to the students of color they serve.



## 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:

<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>
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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>



## 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!

[- September Newsletter](#)



## AV Quick Links

[Class of 2018 Senior Service Information](#)

[Access Bell Schedule & FAQ](#)

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




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## PPIE Innovative Student Grants

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for our Innovative Student Grant program. PPIE provides grants up to \$500 for student-driven projects or special events that support student achievement. Projects should support the PUSD mission: "Our students will make a better world."

[Applications](#) are available on the PPIE website and should be submitted by December 1. Students will be notified of decisions in January.

To get a sense of past projects awarded grants, you will find previous award



recipients on the [PPIE website](#). PPIE will also offer an Innovative Education Grant program to PUSD educators. The application for that program will be available in January 2018.

## Juanita Haugen Scholarship Applications Open for HS Seniors

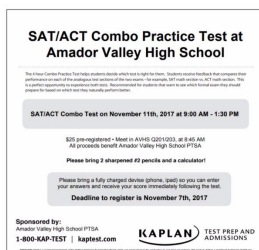


High School Seniors are invited to [apply for \\$1,000 Scholarships before November 13](#).

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](http://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.

[Click to download flyer.](#)

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

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

## WANTED: eScrip Coordinator

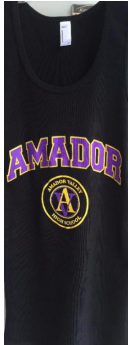


eScrip Coordinator wanted to do outreach to parents and students, encouraging them to designate AVHS PTSA as the beneficiary when they shop at Target, Raley's, Lucky, and on [Smile.amazon.com](http://Smile.amazon.com).

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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## 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.**

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## Quicklinks

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