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**Upcoming Events:**

December 20th **[FINALS Schedule](#)**: A Period, 1st Period, 2nd Period

December 21st **[FINALS Schedule](#)**: 3rd Period & 4th Period

December 22nd **[FINALS Schedule](#)**: 5th Period & 6th Period

December 24 -January 5th NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

January 8th NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday

January 15th	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 17th	<u>High School: The Real Deal</u> panel discussion, 7-8 p.m. at the Pleasanton Public Library
January 22-23rd	<u>2018 Legislation Conference</u> , Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento, CA
January 25th	Scheduling Night for current 8th graders (incoming freshman), 6-9 pm, multiple locations AVHS - TBA
February 1st	Scheduling Night for current 9th, 10th & 11th graders, Times & Locations TBA
February 1st	<u>State PTA Scholarship Applications Due</u>
February 3rd	<u>Overloaded and Underprepared Parenting Forum</u> , Keynote Speaker: Denise Pope, Ph.D., 9am - noon, Harvest Park
February 12th	NO SCHOOL - Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
February 15th	College Night for Juniors! 7-9 pm in the Amador Theater
February 19th	NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day Holiday
February 23rd	<u>Boosters Crab Feed</u> , Shrine Event Center in Livermore
March 2nd	Minimum Day
April 2nd-6th	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
April 27-29th	<u>CA State PTA Annual Convention</u> , Ontario, CA
May 28th	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day



Support our Amador Valley staff directly with various classroom needs. Check the [links to the departments](#) and click the staff name you wish to support.

We are just getting this program up and running - ***Be sure to check back often as new links are added.*** Thank you for supporting our Amazing AV Academic Team!  
**NEW LINKS ADDED**



## 1st Semester Finals Schedule

AMADOR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
1<sup>st</sup> Semester Finals Schedule



Wednesday, December 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	
A*	7:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Break	9:00 – 9:10 a.m.
1*	9:10 – 11:10 a.m.
Brunch	11:10 – 11:19 a.m.
2*	11:25 – 1:25 p.m.

Thursday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2017	
3*	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Brunch	10:00 – 10:09 a.m.
4*	10:15 – 12:15 p.m.

Friday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2107	
5*	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Brunch	10:00 – 10:09 a.m.
6*	10:15 – 12:15 p.m.

[Click to download schedule.](#)



## Attendance During Holiday Season

[A message from your Child Welfare and Attendance Team](#)



## PSAT/NMSQT Update

Students can view their 2017 PSAT/NMSQT score report in two ways:

1. From the College Board Website via their College Board student portal
2. Using a confirmation e-mail from the College Board (if students provided an e-mail address during testing, they will receive a message when their scores are ready.


Questions: Contact [Ms. Conde](#)



## Updates from the AV Counseling Office

- January 25: Scheduling Night for current 8th graders (incoming 9th graders), 6-9 pm in multiple locations at AVHS - TBA.
- February 1: Scheduling Night for current 9th, 10th & 11th graders, Times & Locations TBA.
- February 15: College Night for Juniors! 7-9 pm in the Amador Theater

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

-  [AV Guidance Counseling alphabetical breakdown Information](#)
-  [AV Counselor contact listing](#)



## 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 Info/Resources

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! [DECEMBER POSTED](#)



## AV Quick Links

- [Class of 2018 Senior Service Information](#)
- [Access Bell Schedule & FAQ](#)
- [From the Principal's Desk Video links \(check right side for links\)](#)



## Support AV PTSA with AmazonSmile

**This holiday season you can support us when you shop!**

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Wrap-up your holiday shopping at [smile.amazon.com/ch/27-0058233](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-0058233) and Amazon donates to Amador Valley High School PTSA.

\*\*\*Remember to go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)\*\*\*

FAQ:

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## ACT/SAT Co-Coordinator Wanted

Co-Coordinator wanted to shadow current coordinator who will be stepping down after this year. Duties include planning and hosting the college prep events such as Mock SAT/ACT tests, essays, workshops, bootcamps and college application seminars. Please contact [Sandy Piderit](#) for more information or to volunteer.

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## AVHS Spirit Wear



**Don't forget to purchase your Spirit Wear Items for holiday gifts for your Amador student or incoming 8th graders.** 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.

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## PPIE SURVEY



PPIE wants your opinion! Please complete a short [8-question survey here](#) and tell us what you think PPIE should fund at your school for next year. This year, we're funding extra hours for librarians and site tech specialists at all elementary and middle schools, as well as extra class sections in high school to reduce class size. Next year, with your support, we can do more! So tell us what you want! PPIE will then confer with your principal's office and with District (PUSD) leadership to fund supplemental staff to best support your students. AND REMEMBER, particularly for new donors, PLEASE DONATE TO OUR SUPER MATCH CAMPAIGN, which runs NOW through Super Bowl Sunday on February 4. If more people donate, we can reach the levels of other school districts that have almost 80% participation rates and raise \$millions for great school staff and programs! Visit [www.ppie.org](http://www.ppie.org) to learn more about the campaign and to donate. And don't forget to take our [short survey!](#)

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## Make A Difference Day Volunteers Needed

**FREE** Make a Difference for  
**PLEASANTON**  
**FESTIVAL**  
Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, from 10am to 2pm  
At the Pleasanton Public Library  
400 Old Bernal Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566

*"Get Connected and Stay Connected through Community Service: Explore the possibilities!"*

- Volunteer opportunities
- Free admission
- Free parking

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Contact: Ken@MakeADifferenceForPleasanton.org or  
www.MakeADifferenceForPleasanton.org

Amador Valley, Foothill, and Village high school students looking fulfill the graduation requirement for community service are invited to meet approximately three dozen booths of non-profit organizations that are seeking volunteers at 'Make-A-Difference Day'.

Would you like to help organize Special Olympics sports events? Assist in the city's library or museum? Raise a puppy to be someone's guide dog? These are but a few of the volunteer opportunities that await festival visitors. Opportunities are available also for families and adults.



## Upcoming Adult Education Events

**HIGH SCHOOL ... THE REAL DEAL**

FREE Registration  
Pleasantonfun.com  
Course 6699

January 17, 2018  
7:00-8:00 PM  
Pleasanton Public Library  
400 Old Bernal Avenue

Are you wondering what to expect when you start High School in the Fall? We've got you covered! Join us for a panel discussion about real life concerns and solutions. Panelists include High school students, parents and an administrator from PUSD.

The City of Pleasanton  
**COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES**

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[Click to download flyer.](#)

**Overloaded AND Underprepared**

**02.03.18** 09:00AM to 12:00PM  
Harvest Park Middle School  
4900 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton

The City of Pleasanton  
**COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES**

**2ND ANNUAL Parenting Forum**

**Keynote speaker Denise Pope, Ph.D.**

Challenge Success Co-Founder, Stanford University Senior Lecturer, author of "Doing School" and co-author of "Overloaded and Underprepared."

- Learn how you can best support mentally & physically healthy kids who are engaged in learning & have strong connections with friends, families, & their communities.
- Discover a healthier way to support your child through the college admissions process.
- breakout sessions to follow key note presentation.

**FREE Registration**  
[Pleasantonfun.com](http://Pleasantonfun.com)  
**COURSE 6698**

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Pleasanton Unified School District

For more information please call 925-931-5359 or email [amcgovern@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:amcgovern@cityofpleasantonca.gov)

[Click to download flyer.](#)

## State PTA Scholarships Available



Your education doesn't end once you walk across that high-school graduation stage. That's why California State PTA has two scholarships to help you achieve your college dreams and your life goals.

Click to  
download flyer.

- \$750 Volunteer Service Scholarship
- \$500 Dr. Ralph E. White Graduating Senior Scholarship

**Applications are due February 1.** All scholarship applications require current membership at PTAs in good standing, so if you know a student who is not yet a PTA member but is interested in applying, be sure to contact your local PTA to join today! Apply online at [www.capta.org/scholarships/graduating-high-school-seniors](http://www.capta.org/scholarships/graduating-high-school-seniors).

For general questions about these important programs, please contact [grants@capta.org](mailto:grants@capta.org).

## 81st American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Program: Qualify for up to 20K in Scholarship Money

For more information, visit [www.legion.org/oratorical](http://www.legion.org/oratorical).



Deadline for entry is January 13, 2018. For details on how to enter and what contest consists of, please [download flyer](#).

Crab Feed, February 23, 6-11 p.m., Shrine Event Center  
TICKETS 1/2 SOLD OUT - BE SURE TO BUY TICKETS TODAY!




THE  
**CRAB FEED**

PLACE TO BE

FRIDAY, FEB 23, 2018  
6-11PM SHRINE EVENT CENTER  
LIVERMORE, CA



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Prices increase 1/15/2018



*All event proceeds benefit AVHS Athletic Programs*

This event WILL SELL OUT! Buy tickets today!

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Principal: Michael Williams

[School Website](#)

[PTSA Website](#)

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