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Upcoming Events:

January 27th

[The Counter Soft Opening Fundraiser Benefiting PPIE](#), Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. * Dinner 5:30-7:45 p.m. - RSVP to pleasanton@thecounternorcal.com or call 925-398-8690.

January 30th	<u>ACT Essay Workshop</u> deadline
January 31st	<u>ACT Essay Workshop</u> , 6:30-7:30 p.m., Foothill HS, Room B26
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 21st	<u>ACT Practice Test</u> deadline
February 23rd	<u>Boosters Crab Feed</u> , Shrine Event Center in Livermore
February 24th	<u>ACT Practice Test</u> , 9am - 1pm, Foothill HS, Room B26
February 26th - March 2nd	Donversity Celebration Week
March 2nd	Minimum Day
March 27th	Diploma change information due to Office
April 2nd-6th	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
April 9th - 20th	CAASPP Testing for Juniors
April 27-29th	<u>CA State PTA Annual Convention</u> , Ontario, CA
May 28th	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day



PUSD and Pleasanton PD caution high school families and students regarding 'assassins' game

The game "Assassin" is now being played by students from Foothill High School and Amador Valley High School. This game is not sanctioned, supported, or approved by the Pleasanton Unified School District. The Pleasanton Police Department and the school district are collectively concerned about the safety of our youth, thus we are reaching out to parents and students with important information about this dangerous activity. [Learn more.](#)



2018 AP Exam Registration

The AP Exam Registration period will be from Monday, January 15 through Friday,

February 2. Registration and payment will be done completely online. Please check the [AVHS website](#) for details.



Upcoming Important Dates:

- Donversity Celebration Week: February 26 - March 2
- **ATTENTION JUNIORS:** California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) testing window is from April 9-20.
- **ATTENTION SENIORS:** Diploma Change Forms due to Mrs. Stephenson in the office on March 27



2018-2019 Course Selection

The Course Selection period will be from Thursday, February 1 through Thursday, February 15. Course selection sheets will be distributed in English classes by Monday, Jan. 29, 2018. Course selection will be done online via Q at sis.pleasantonusd.net/studentportal. The instructions on how to enter your course selections on Q, frequently asked questions, and the 2018-19 Program Guide will be available on the homepage of the Amador website. Current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors, please attend your **Scheduling Night Presentation on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 6, 7, or 8 p.m. (watch for your letter with your exact time and AV location)**. Parents may attend too! Counselors will be available during Access on Feb. 7 and 8 to answer individual questions or help with log-in and course selection.

An incoming freshman currently in 8th grade should attend the 8th grade Scheduling Night on Thursday, Jan. 25. Letters have been mailed home with times and locations.



2018 Commencement

**Class of 2018 Commencement
Friday, June 1, 2018
7:30pm - 9:30pm
AVHS Stadium**

Please refer to the Senior NEwsletter for more details.

**To make a voluntary donation toward the Graduation Ceremony,
please visit the [AVHS Webstore link](#).
Thank you for your contribution!**

Diploma Names:

Student names on diplomas will include the student's first, middle, and last name as it appears in Q. If you would like your name printed other than how it appears on the **Q Demographics page**, you must see Mrs. Stephenson in the main office to complete a Diploma Change Form.

Diploma Change Forms are due on **March 27th**.

Diploma Presenters:

In May, students will have the opportunity to select their diploma presenters (from a list of current Amador staff only). Please look for an email from administration at that

time.



ROP Developmental Psychology of Children Info Meeting

Please come join us on **Thursday January 25th at 8:00am** in the **Career Center** to learn and discuss how to better work with children. Come find out how you can earn college credit while exploring the developmental psychology of children.



Updates from the AV Counseling Office

- 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](#)



PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT: PUBLIC PREVIEW FOR PROPOSED NEW 6-8 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS.

Beginning January 12, 2018, and continuing until February 9, 2018, parents, staff, and community members will have an opportunity to preview new 6-8 instructional materials for Middle School Chorus proposed for District adoption. [More information found on shared document.](#)

If you have questions about this public preview, please contact Ken Rocha, Director of Secondary Education, at 426-4330.



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! [FEBRUARY 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 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!

AV SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE

Show your Amador Pride! Amador Spirit Wear is available year round for purchase. There are Hoodies, Tees, Tanks, PJs and more available at our Spirit Store and we have a limited supply and sizes available at the activities desk in the office.

Email Laura Harris for a full selection of items or text your order to 925-989-6298. We can fill orders in one day!

And remember -- spirit wear also makes a great gift for your Amador student or incoming 8th grader! Check in to find out what are our most popular items. Go Dons!



ACT Essay Workshop (1/31) & ACT Practice Test (2/24)

Get Sharp with C2

ACT Essay Workshop

Gain valuable experience learning strategies to prepare for the essay writing section of the ACT! In this workshop we will cover topics including:

- SAT vs ACT essay
- Choosing a perspective to build your argument
- Standard essay writing tips
- Handwriting and Outlines Matter
- How to get the best possible score in 40 minutes

Learn how to apply effective time management skills to help you better prepare for the ACT Essay and how to measure your own personal writing skills before the actual exam! Sign up by January 30th due to limited seating.

Date: January 31st, 2018
Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm
Location: Foothill High School, Room B26
 Hosted by Amador Valley High School PTSA


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01/31/2018 ACT Essay Workshop

Please fill out this form and return it along with \$25 cash or check to the signup box next to the counseling desk. All checks should be made to AVHS PTSA. All proceeds benefit Amador Valley High School PTSA. If you have any questions, please email: sat-act1@amadorptsa.com

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____
 Parent Name: _____ Check# _____
 Phone# _____
 Email: _____



[Click to download form.](#)

Get Sharp with C2

ACT Practice Test

Gain experience by taking a full mock-test under realistic conditions. Along with this opportunity, we will provide you with full diagnostic information, so you can have the edge you need to fully prepare and take the real test with confidence.

Must sign up by Feb 21. Limited seats available.

Date: Saturday, February 24, 2018
Time: 9:00am-1:00pm
Location: Foothill High School, Room B26
Cost: \$25

IMPORTANT: Test results will be released at the Giveback Event, along with a Diagnostic Presentation, on Wednesday, March 7, 6:30pm, FHS B26

Hosted by Amador Valley High School PTSA


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2/24/18 ACT Practice Test

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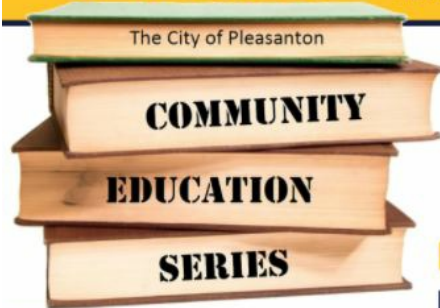
Upcoming Adult Education Events

Overloaded AND Underprepared

02.03.18

09:00AM to 12:00PM

Harvest Park Middle School
4900 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton



Keynote speaker
Denise Pope, Ph.D

2ND ANNUAL
Parenting Forum

- 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.

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

FREE Registration
PleasantonFun.com
COURSE 6698



For more information please call 925-931-5359 or email amcgovern@cityofpleasantonca.gov

[Click to download flyer.](#)

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 to learn more about the campaign and to donate. And don't forget to take our [short survey!](#)

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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Amazon donates to Amador Valley High School PTSA.
Remember to go to smile.amazon.com

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The Counter Pleasanton's Soft Opening Fundraiser Benefiting
PPIE, Saturday January 27 - RSVP REQUIRED

the
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CUSTOM BURGERS



you're invited to

THE COUNTER PLEASANTON'S SOFT OPENING FUNDRAISER

Benefitting PPIE : Pleasanton Partners in Education

SATURDAY JANUARY 27

LUNCH 11:30 - 1:15 • DINNER 5:30 - 7:45

STONERIDGE MALL

ALL PROCEEDS
BENEFITTING OUR NEIGHBORING
PLEASANTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Reservations required. Limited reservations, party size limited to four.

RSVP at 925.398.8690 or pleasanton@thecounternorcal.com

Please bring your patience + sense of humor as this is a practice event for our staff in training.

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[PTSA Website](#)

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