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### Important Dates

August 23th	Green schedule change forms are due by 4pm
August 24th	Aloha Dance
August 30th	Back to School Night - 6:30pm-8:30pm

### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We had a successful first week of school! We are very pleased to see the students making new connections, being excited to learn new material and showing their school spirit on Friday. What a sea of purple and gold! As the weeks move along, continue to develop routines to have a well balanced teenager. Research shows that when parents use effective monitoring practices, teenagers are more likely to stay focused, make good decisions, live healthier and happier lives. We will have an exciting week and the

information below will keep you up to date on important events and school information.

Sincerely,

Alberto Solorzano

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### School Site Council Nominations

We are looking for four parents who would like to serve on Amador Valley's School Site Council. Please [click](#) here if you wish to nominate yourself to serve on our council. We will take nominations through Friday, August 24th and end at 3pm. Voting for candidates will take place at Back to School Night on August 30th.

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### PSAT Online Registration

**PSAT NOTICE:** For **students registered** for the October 10th, 2018 PSAT. The PSAT Student Guides have arrived. It is strongly recommended to pick up your Student Guide practice booklet at the Activities Window in the Main office. This Student Guide includes the following to help you prepare for the test:

- For the day of the test (what to bring to the test)
- Advice, sample passages, and questions for the Reading Test and the Writing and Language Test
- Advice, sample questions, and calculator information for the Math Test
- A full-length PSAT/NMSQT practice test
- Information about the National Merit Scholarship Program

Lastly, the PSAT registration deadline is quickly approaching and will be closing on **September 7th**. PSAT will be held on Wednesday, October 10th. To register visit [www.TotalRegistration.net/PSAT/052495](http://www.TotalRegistration.net/PSAT/052495)

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### Updates from the AV Counseling Office

Aug 23	<b>Green schedule change forms are due by 4pm</b>
Oct 9	UC/CSU College Presentation for students & parents
Oct 11	College Application Workshop for students
Oct 22	Tri-Valley College Fair
Nov 8	Financial Aid Night at Foothill
Nov 30	UC and CSU Applications due online

**The AV Counseling Breakdown is as follows:**

Alphabet Assignment	Counselor Name	Ext #	Email address
A - CL	Sari Haskell	6113	shaskell@pleasantonusd.net
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Pe - Sr	Audrey Zarrinkhat	6114	azarrinkhat@pleasantonusd.net
St - Z	Winter Jones	6115	wjones@pleasantonusd.net
Support Counselor	Jennifer Yu	6136	jennifer_yu@pleasantonusd.net
Support Counselor (Fridays Only)	Katie Poynter	TBD	kpoynter@pleasantonusd.net
College & Career Counselor (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday)	Lara Bays	TBD	lbays@pleasantonusd.net

## Back to School Night

**Thursday, August 30th, 2018 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

Parents/Guardians will have the opportunity to follow their student's schedule, meet teachers, and learn about course requirements. We will start the evening with a general meeting on the Quad at 6:30pm. We hope you will join us for an enjoyable and informative evening!

[Please see BTSN Schedule and Campus Map here.](#)

## Aloha Dance



**Friday, August 24** is the Aloha Dance! The dance will be held on campus outside in the quad area from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm. In order to participate in this all-school event, please review the following guidelines:

1. Students can purchase tickets for the dance at the Activities Window in the office. They must present their student ID card when purchasing a ticket **AND** when obtaining admission to the dance.
2. Students may leave dances when they wish, but they may not enter after the halfway point of the dance. There is no entry to the dance after 8:30 pm. Once students leave the dance, there is no re-entry into the dance.
3. In order for students to attend, they must have attended 4 class periods during the school day.
4. Please remember to follow dress code guidelines when preparing to come to the dance. A review of the guidelines can be viewed in this video: [Aloha Week Dress Video](#)

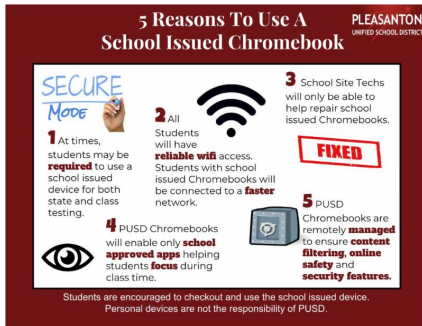
## Student Comfort and Campus Cleanliness

In order to ensure a comfortable and safe environment for our students at lunch, AVHS Administration is working on adding umbrellas for shade to the student lunch tables in the main Quad area. Additional trash cans will also be ordered to help keep our campus looking clean and beautiful.

## Student ID Cards and Makeup Photos

For student safety and security, Amador students must carry their AVHS ID cards daily. ID cards are used for ACCESS attendance admittance to school activities. If a student missed taking photos at registration, a temporary ID card should be obtained at the Activities Desk. Makeup photos will be taken on **September 26 from 7:30 am-1:30 pm**.

## PUSD 1:1 Device Rollout



**5 Reasons To Use A School Issued Chromebook** PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOLS DISTRICT

**1** At times, students may be **required** to use a school issued device for both state and class testing.

**2** All Students will have **reliable wifi** access. Students with school issued Chromebooks will be connected to a **faster** network.

**3** School Site Techs will only be able to help repair school issued Chromebooks.

**4** PUSD Chromebooks will enable only **school approved apps** helping students **focus** during class time.

**5** PUSD Chromebooks are remotely **managed** to ensure **content filtering, online safety** and **security features**.

Students are encouraged to checkout and use the school issued device. Personal devices are not the responsibility of PUSD.

In order to support online access for learning, students in **grades 9 and 10 have been assigned a device to use at home and at school**. Students are expected to come to school prepared to learn by charging their devices at home. Chargers should be left at home (limited spare charging stations will be made available at school).

Read more about the [Student Device Initiative](#) and please review the [Student Device Handbook](#).

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5. PUSD Chromebooks are remotely **managed** to ensure **content filtering, online safety, and security features**.

Parents/Guardians, if you wish to opt your student out of the 1:1 Device Program, please email your child's Vice Principal with the request and update your [Preferences in Q](#).

- Please [click here](#) for more information about the student device program.
- [PUSD???????? - Chinese](#)
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## Seniors Ads



You can now order senior ads at [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com). When you go to the site, school number is **7188**, and you can purchase and create the ad there. The early deadline is October 5th (\$100). After that, the price increases to \$125, and the final deadline is November 9th. Please send questions to [amadoryearbook@gmail.com](mailto:amadoryearbook@gmail.com). There are flyers

available in the activities office also.

## College Essay Application Seminar

Need help writing essays for college application? Do you want your personal statements to make you a stand-out candidate to your chosen university?

If so, we welcome you to participate at EEC sponsored "College Essay Application Seminar", hosted by AVHS PTSA!

Sign up by August 24th, limited seats. [Click here to download registration form](#)

**Event Location: Foothill High School - Room B-26**

**Date: Tuesday, August 28th, 2018**

**Time: 6:30pm -8:00pm**

**Cost: \$25 (All proceeds benefit Amador Valley High School PTSA)**

Questions? Contact Betul Buyukkaya-Delibalta @ [buyukkaya@hotmail.com](mailto:buyukkaya@hotmail.com)

### Future SAT/ACT Events:

AVHS/FHS College Prep Events 2018-2019				
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Tue, Aug 28, 2018	6:30 pm - 8:00pm	College Essay Application Seminar	Foothill B-26	EEC
Sat, Sep 15, 2018	9:00 am - 1:00pm	Mock SAT	AVHS Q201/203	C2
Wed, Sep 26, 2018	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Mock SAT results night	AVHS Library	
Wed, Sep 19, 2018	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	SAT Essay Workshop	AVHS Library	C2
Sat, Sep 29, 2018	8:45 am - 1:00 pm	SAT 2-Day Weekend Bootcamp	Foothill B-26	Catalyst
Sun, Sep 30, 2018	8:45 am - 1:00 pm	SAT 2-Day Weekend Bootcamp		
Thu, Oct 11, 2018	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Mock SAT	Foothill B-26	C2
Wed, Nov 28, 2018	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Mock SAT results night	Foothill B-26	
Tue, Jan 29, 2019	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	ACT Essay Workshop	Foothill B-26	EEC
Sat, Feb 23, 2019	9:00 am - 1:30 pm	SAT/ACT Combo Test	AVHS Q201/203	Kaplan
Tue, Mar 26, 2019	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	SAT II Math Review	Foothill B-26	EEC

### PTA Reflections: Heroes Around Me



PTA REFLECTIONS  
40 Years of Achievement in the Arts

All students are invited to enter their piece of artwork inspired by this year's theme, "**Heroes Around Me**". The **National PTA's Reflections** program encourages students to explore and become involved in the arts. The theme for the 2018-2019 school year is "**Heroes Around Me**".

For more information on participating in this program, click [here](#).

**The program can't be done without an enthusiastic volunteer chair. If you are interested in, please contact Robin Dias-Magnano @ [president@amadorptsa.com](mailto:president@amadorptsa.com)**



HELP AVHS STAFF!

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. Thank you for supporting our Amazing AV Academic Team!

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