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Important Dates

Aug 30th	Back to School Night - 6:30pm-8:30pm
Sep 13th	Principal Meet and Greet - 6:30pm - 7:30pm @ MPR
Sep 14th	PTSA Association Meeting

Note from Alberto Solorzano

Dear Amador Families,

We had such a spirited Aloha week! The students dressed up in their costumes and the spirit on Friday was again overwhelming with how many students were excited about being a Don. I have been making my rounds and visiting classrooms and attending different parent groups that support our school. It is refreshing to see the amount of parent support we have. I'm very grateful for their time and hours they put in to make the

opportunities available for our students. I'm looking forward in meeting many of you next Thursday at our Back to School Night event. I will have some opening remarks to get you excited about our upcoming school year. Have a great weekend!

Go Dons!

Mr. Solorzano

"Don't forget to tell someone you love them"

Meet & Greet with Principal Alberto Solorzano

PTSA will be hosting a Meet & Greet with Principal Alberto Solorzano on Thursday, September 13th from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Multi-purpose room at Amador Valley High School. Mr. Solorzano will be sharing information about the school focus for the 2018-2019 school year and upcoming events. Please stop by to say hello and share in refreshments.

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.

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

Updates from the AV Counseling Office

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| 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
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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.](#)

 **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 SCHOOL 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**.

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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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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 中文 - Chinese](#)
- [Introducción al Programa sobre Dispositivos para Estudiantes del PUSD - Spanish](#)
- [PUSD \(PUSD\) 한국어 - Korean](#)

Seniors Ads



You can now order senior ads at 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. There are flyers

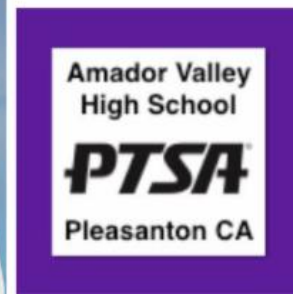
available in the activities office also.

Senior Picnic



Tuesday, September 4th is the Senior Picnic. The picnic is an all-school senior event that is happening at Waterworld. Please sign and return the Senior Picnic packet information that came home with students. Before the picnic, parents are hosting a breakfast at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The students will meet at the fairground to board buses for Waterworld. The location is the parking lot just through gate 12 (between Golf Range and Off-Track Betting) of the

Alameda Co. Fairgrounds and head to lot 8. For more information on the breakfast, please visit the Senior Parent website [HERE](#).



AVHS PTSA has plan a number of College prep courses throughout the 2018-2019 school year. Events are open to all students, regardless of the event location. For the upcoming events, click of the event name to download the flier with the event details and the application form.

*100% of the proceeds benefit Amador Valley High School.

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	C2
Wed, Sep 19, 2018	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	SAT Essay Workshop	AVHS Library	
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		
Sat, Nov 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

*For questions or to sign up for an event contact SAT/ACT Team: Betul Delibalta - sat-act1@amadorptsa.com

PTSA Grant Program 2018-2019

The PTSA offers grants to teachers and clubs to support and enhance the awesome learning environment at Amador. These grants are supplemental to any funds received from the District, AVHS, DonorsChoose and parents. They are meant to benefit as many Amador students as possible. We encourage all staff and student clubs to submit their application. If you are an advisor for a student club, please share the grant information with your club. To be considered for a grant, please complete this application. Grant applications for items already requested on sites like DonorsChoose will not be considered.

For more details on how to apply for grant click [here](#).
For grant application form, please click [here](#).

PTA Reflections: Heroes Around Me

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



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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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