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Important Dates

Sep 3rd	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
Sept 11th	Senior Parents Meeting
Sep 13th	Principal Meet and Greet - 6:30pm - 7:30pm @ MPR
Sep 14th	PTSA Association Meeting

 **Principal's Message**

Dear Amador Families,

It was a wonderful turnout of families who came out for Back to School Night. We were delighted to see the classrooms buzzing with information as our teachers shared the course guidelines, expectations as well as what the students will experience for the year. Our teachers are an integral part of a system that allows our students to be successful. We

most not forget the many other staff members responsible for this system to function. Our office staff, food service employees, custodians, bus drivers, campus supervisors, para educators, psychologists, parent liaisons, and school resource officer all work very hard for our school to function smoothly and safely for our students. We are one large organization that will take very good care of your students. Thank you for sending us your very best!

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.

Updates from the AV Counseling Office

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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Support Counselor (Fridays Only)	Katie Poynter	TBD	kpoynter@pleasantonusd.net
College & Career Counselor (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday)	Lara Bays	TBD	lbays@pleasantonusd.net

PSAT Registration closes this week

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:

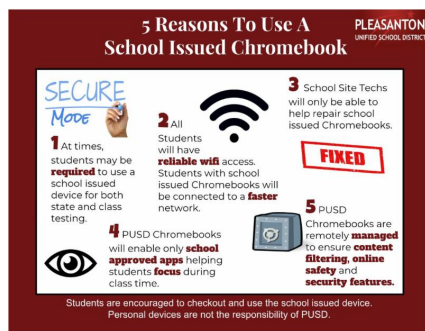
- For the day of the test (what to bring to the test)
- Advice, sample passages, and questions for the Reading Test and the Writing and Language Test
- Advice, sample questions, and calculator information for the Math Test
- A full-length PSAT/NMSQT practice test
- Information about the National Merit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

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. **FIXED**

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.

ChromeZone

For Tech Support with a school-issued device, our Site Tech Specialist Mr. Psaros will be available in the "ChromeZone" for drop-in help at Brunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays and by appointment per student need. The ChromeZone Tech Support Center is located around the corner from the Library in the J Building. Students needing to set up appointments for tech support should email Mr. Psaros, whose contact information is available at the Library Circulation counter and also at the front desk in the Main Office.

[5 Reasons to use a school-issued Chromebook:](#)

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[Please click here for information about the Student Device Initiative](#) and [here to review the Student Device Handbook](#).

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 [click here to update your Preferences in Q](#).

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 - Thursday September 4th

SENIOR BREAKFAST

7:15 AM Breakfast (hosted by senior parents): Meet at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Go to the parking lot just through gate 12 (between Golf Range and Off-Track Betting) and head to lot 8. For more information on the breakfast, please visit the Senior Parent website [HERE](#).



SENIOR PICNIC (Field trip to Water World)

8:00 AM Buses take Seniors to Water World for the Senior Picnic.

2:00 PM Buses bring students back to the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Senior Parents Meeting - 9/11/2018 @ 7pm

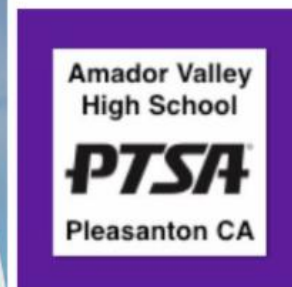
PARENTS OF SEN19RS

Come get info on all the SENIOR YEAR EVENTS Join us at our first meeting--

Tuesday, September 11 at 7pm in Amador Library

Don't miss out on important senior class announcements! Please visit the AVHS Senior Class Parents Website at www.amadorseniorparents.org or follow the link under the parent's section on the Amador Valley High School web page.

To keep up with all Senior class activities please sign up on the parent page to receive email updates. This will help to ensure that your Senior has a wonderful year! Any questions? Please email avhs2019seniorparents@gmail.com.



1) Mock SAT (sponsored by C2 Education) & Results Night

Practice your college entrance test taking skills with a full-length SAT practice test. Sign up by September 13th, limited seats.

Mock SAT Event

Location: Amador Valley HS, Room Q201/203

Date: Saturday, September 15th, 2018

Time: 9am -1pm (Check in starts at 8.30am)

Students should take a calculator, pencils, water and a snack with them on the test day. Parents will get a full report on

their student's test results on the results night.

Results Night Event Location: Amador Valley HS, Library

Date: Wednesday, September 26th, 2018

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

2) SAT Essay Workshop (sponsored by C2 Education)

Need help writing essays for SAT Test? If so, participate in our SAT Essay Workshop. Sign up by September 17th, limited seats.

Location: Amador Valley High School, Library

Date: Wednesday, September 19th, 2018

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

AVHS PTSA has plan a number of College Preparatory Workshops 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
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@amadorpsta.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](#).



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@amadorpts.com

September: Attendance Awareness Month

This week's theme: SHOW UP!

School is your student's first and most important job at this stage of his/her life. They are learning not just about science, math and reading, but also how to show up for school on time every day. This skill will help when your children graduate and get a job by developing a habit that will also allow them to be on time for work every day.

If your child need helps getting to school or you have other questions and concerns regarding attendance, please contact the Child Welfare and Attendance Specialists (CWAs) for your school site.

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[Introductory Letter from Student Services Department's Child Welfare and Attendance Specialists on Attendance Awareness Month](#)



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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