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Important Information from Amador Valley High School via your PTSA.



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Important Dates

- Sep 18th PTSA Association Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- Sep 28th Pigskin Festival
- Sep 30th 9th and 10th grade Chromebook Orientation Activity
- Oct 6th Homecoming Dance

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
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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
College & Career Counselor (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday)	Lara Bays	6157	lbays@pleasantonusd.net



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We had a successful drill to practice our Lockdown Barricade procedure. The students and staff treated this drill seriously and to barricade themselves and find the safe zone within their classroom. Special thanks to SRO Matt Harvey and Mike Rossillon who observed our process and gave us helpful feedback.

Drop off and pick up

The drop off line along the baseball field and Q building is where we recommend all students to be dropped off for safety. Please do not drop off students in the middle of the parking lot. We also are noticing students who are riding their bicycles or walking to school who are cutting through the parking lot and moving traffic. All pedestrians and cyclists need to use the sidewalks for safety. We have had accidents in the parking lot and too many close calls. Please discuss with your child safe routes to school and when driving through the parking lot that we adhere to the 10-15 mph in parking lots.



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 tracking to school activities. If a student missed taking photos at registration, a temporary ID card should be obtained at the Activities Office. Makeup photos will be taken on **September 26 from 7:30 am-1:30 pm**.



PUSD 1:1 Device Rollout

Orientation Activity

All 9th and 10th grade students must complete the following [Device Orientation Activity \(bit.ly/121orientation\)](http://bit.ly/121orientation) by Friday, September 30.



Bell Schedule Adjustment for PSAT on October 10

To accommodate the October PSAT, our bell schedule for the week of October 8-12 has been adjusted. Please click here for the updated Bell Schedule.

PLEASE NOTE, on Wednesday, October 10 students will attend school as follows:

- Students taking the PSAT: 7:15am-11:55am (students will remain at school after the exam for 1st-6th)
- ALL students: attend 1st-6th from 12:25pm-2:59pm
- The Wednesday ACCESS/Block schedule for that week has been shifted to Friday, October 12

Please let us know if you have questions and/or need additional information. We tremendously appreciate and value your support. Thank you.

Click here for [2018 PSAT/NMSQT Schedule](#)



Seniors Ads



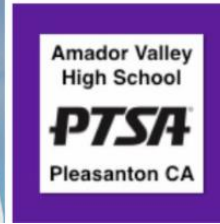
You can now order senior ads at yearbookordercenter.com. When you go to the site, school name and you can purchase and create the ad there. The early deadline is October 5th (\$100). After that, the price increases to \$125, and the final deadline is November 9th. Please send orders to amadoryearbook@gmail.com. There are flyers available in the activities office also.



AVID Newsletter - September 2018

The AVID team at Amador Valley wants to share monthly tips and strategies that are good for ALL students. This month: [Cornell Notes](#)





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 application form.

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

AVHS/FHS College Prep Events 2018-2019			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
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
Sat, Sep 29, 2018	8:45 am - 1:00 pm	SAT 2-Day Weekend Bootcamp	Foothill B-26
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
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
Sat, Feb 23, 2019	9:00 am - 1:30 pm	SAT/ACT Combo Test	AVHS Q201/203
Tue, Mar 26, 2019	6:30 pm - 8.00 pm	SAT II Math Review	Foothill B-26

*For questions or to sign up for an event contact SAT/ACT Team: Betul Delibalta - sat-act1@amadortpsa.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 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 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 become involved in the arts, and express themselves imaginatively in their artwork. Students who receive positive recognition for their original works of art.

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

To download Entry form click [here](#)

Please fill out this google form so we know that you are working on your entry

<https://goo.gl/forms/UdKYXhdr2ddeQ2ob2>

18th between 8:30-9:30 am in the Amador High school Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Rani Deshmukh: thedeshmukhs@gmail.com
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information on Reflections.

 **September: Attendance Awareness Month**

Addressing chronic absenteeism is a key proponent to improving graduation rates, increasing academic achievement and giving people the best chance at success in their adult life.

This week's theme: **ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW!**

A student who misses 10 days or more during a school year is 20 percent less likely to graduate from High School and 25 percent less likely to ever enroll in college.

If you need help 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](#)

 **The Amador Cheer clinic is coming up!**
Space is starting to fill up so don't miss out.

The Amador Cheer youth clinic will be held on Sunday Sept 30th from 1pm-5pm If your daughter or son is interested in joining the annual Amador Competition Cheer Team clinic, please mail check for \$50 made out to AVHS Boosters and clinic waiver form to Cheer Youth clinic c/o Sherri Jacob 1576 Fairview Ct Pleasanton, Ca 94566 no later than Sept 26. If you have a special request (wants to be in same group as friend), please add that to the form.

Kids will learn, cheers, dances, games and enjoy lunch with our competition cheerleaders. On game day October 11th, they will perform during the Freshman game! Our cheerleaders are looking forward to having your daughter/son at the clinic again this year! Please email sherrijacobr@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.



Show your spirit! AVHS PTSA has lots of spirit wear items available for purchase year round. We have hoodies, PJ's, hats and more. You can show your Amador pride. Contact Laura Harris at lauraharris@sbcglobal.net for a catalog.

Reminder: We will be at the Amador Pigskin Roast on 9/28 so you can see all of our available items to purchase that day. Be sure to stop by and take a look.



P I G S K I N festival

Friday, September 28th



Teams and Clubs bring your Don spirit to this year's carnival.
Last day to register your booth is Monday, September 24th.



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Questions: Contact Nicole Jagoe: nbjagoe@gmail.com or Lara
McHugh: laramchugh1@gmail.com

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Amador Academic Assistance

Starts on September 5th, 2018

Where: Library Lab B

When: Mon - Thursday

After School until 4:00 pm.



Eager and qualified peer tutors are available to help you with all of your

academic needs!

Please join us *anytime* you need help with your schoolwork.



Planning for College Pleasanton



The Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin chapter of the American Association of University Women is hosting several Planning for College presentations. We would appreciate your help in getting the word out to the young women at your schools.

The presentation for current 9th and 10th grade girls and their parents is on Wednesday, October 10th from 7-8:30pm at the Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. For more details and to register for this FREE event go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/planning-for-college-what-9th-and-10th-grade-girls-need-to-know-now-tickets-49348527775>

The presentation for current 11th grade girls and their parents is on Thursday, October 25th from 7-8:30pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. For more details and to register for this FREE event go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/planning-for-college-what-11th-grade-girls-need-to-know-now-tickets-49462236882>

Water Testing

PUSD will be testing for lead in drinking water in accordance with state law, which requires community water systems to test for lead in drinking water at all California K-12 public school sites that were constructed before January 1, 2010. The State defined threshold acceptable levels of lead in drinking water is 15 parts per billion (ppb).

We are coordinating with the City of Pleasanton (City), our water provider, to conduct this testing, which will take place between September 17 and October 4 in the mornings prior to the start of school. We'll be testing a minimum of five locations at all school sites District-wide and expect to receive results prior to the end of the year.

The City will be sending the samples for analysis and notifying the District of the results. If any location shows more than 15 ppb, the District will immediately begin remediation efforts.

Additional information about the testing program is available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/documents/leadsamplinginschools/faqs_lead_in_schools.pdf

<https://www.calwater.com/waterquality/lead-in-schools/>

Pleasanton Unified School District African American Family Network 2018-2019 Meetings

The Mission of the African American Family Network is to facilitate a forum for the families of African American/Black students to connect with one another and with district personnel. To provide a safe and supportive forum to offer feedback to PUSD regarding the social-emotional needs of our African American students. To connect families of African American students to resources. To ensure every African American student graduates from PUSD college and career ready.

9/24/2018	7:00 PM - 8:00PM	Amador Valley High School 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton
10/29/2018	7:00 PM - 8:00PM	Amador Valley High School 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton





Support our Amador Valley staff directly with various classroom needs. Check the [departments](#) and click the staff name you wish to support. Thank you for supporting our Academic Team!

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