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Important Information from Amador Valley High School via your PTSA.



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Important Dates

Sep 28th	Pigskin Festival
Sep 30th	9th and 10th grade Chromebook Orientation Activity
Oct 6th	Homecoming Dance



[Message from Mr. Solorzano - Drop off and pick up - continuing the progress](#)

I appreciate the many parents and students who were adhering to more safer ingress and egress from the parking lot. I do notice that there are still areas for improvement in which we drop off, pick up and park in the parking lot. 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 that they are cutting through the parking lot and moving traffic. All pedestrians and cyclists need to use the sidewalks for safety. We have had a few 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.

We will be working with Safe Routes to School, an organization that aims to make it safer for students to walk and bike to school and encourage more walking and biking where safety is not a barrier. Transportation, public health and planning professionals, school communities, law enforcement officers, community groups and families all have roles to play using education, encouragement, engineering (changes to the physical environment) and enforcement to meet a local community's needs. We look forward in working with this organization.

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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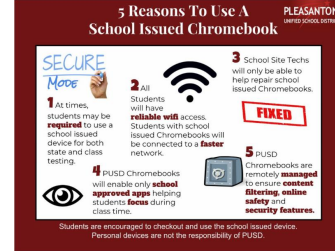
Student ID Cards and Makeup Photos

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

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 PSAT Week 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 1° -6°)
- ALL students: attend 1° -6° 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 ongoing 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 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.

September: Attendance Awareness Month

Teach your child that attending school is non-negotiable unless they are truly sick. This week's theme: **EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

School only gets harder when you stay home too much. Sometimes it's tempting to stay home because you've got too much work or you don't understand what's going on in class. Missing a day only makes it worse though. For every day of school missed, it takes three days to make up what was taught!

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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Deborah Tomlin

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Amador, Harvest Park, Alisal, Fairlands, Mohr, Valley View, Vintage Hills, Walnut Grove

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

 **Water Testing**

PUSD will be testing for lead in drinking water in accordance with state law, which requires community water systems to test lead levels in drinking water at all California K-12 public school sites that were constructed before January 1, 2010. The State defined threshold for 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 of lead, the District will immediately begin remediation efforts.

Additional information about the testing program is available at:

[PDF - FAQ Lead in School](#)

[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 academic and social-emotional needs of our African American students. To connect families of African American students to resources. To ensure that every African American student graduates from PUSD college and career ready.

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

Outsmart the SAT!

SAT Bootcamp on Sep 29-30

Catalyst's SAT Bootcamp is a momentum-boosting two-day seminar that arms students with go-to strategies for every question they'll face on the day of the test. Topics include:

- ✓ How to shortcut math problems that stump more than 90% of test-takers
- ✓ How to spot hidden clues that instantly reveal the main idea in long reading passages
- ✓ How to avoid the three sneaky ways SAT Writing & Language questions try to trick students
- ✓ How to manage your time so that the stress of the test doesn't cloud your judgement, an indispensable skill for anyone tackling the 3-hour and 50-minute SAT

Location

Foothill High School

Enroll:

Visit <https://catalystprep.com/> and click on "Bootcamp Sign-Up" on the website menu bar. For more information, email info@CatalystPrep.com or call 800.235.0056.

***Enroll by Wednesday, September 26th to secure your seat.**

Cost

\$195 - We unfortunately cannot accommodate walk-in students.

A Portion Of The Proceeds From This Event Benefits The Amador Valley PTSA!

For flyer click [here](#)



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](#).

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, and express themselves imaginatively in their artwork, and 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>

All entries must be submitted in accordance to the rules and turned in on Thursday, October 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.

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PPIE is grateful to all our parents for helping to fund valuable supplemental staff at Pleasanton schools - librarians, student intervention specialist, support and crisis counselors, and onsite IT specialists. Please visit here <http://ppie.org/school-staff-funding/> to see what PPIE is funding at your school. Now we want your **VOTE!** Tell us what positions PPIE should fund next year by going to <http://ppie.org> and select from the positions we are able to fund - or write in others you'd like us to consider. PPIE then works with your teachers, principal and PUSD leadership to fund what best serves your school's students. AND please join us at our upcoming international Fall

Gala on October 12, 6-10 pm (dinner at 7:30) at Castlewood Country Club - register individually or discounted tables of 10 - 100% of funds go to PPIE programs and staff funding at our schools.

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 us for the annual Amador Competition Cheer Team clinic, please mail check for \$50 made out to AVHS Boosters and clinic waiver form to Amador Cheer Youth clinic c/o Sherri Jacob 1576 Fairview Ct Pleasanton, Ca 94566 no later than Sept 26. If you have a special request (ie daughter 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 be invited to 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 much more so 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 come by and take a look.



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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 **Planning for College Pleasanton**



The Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) 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 17th 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>



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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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