



**THE GRANT WEEKLY**  
*Grant High School Newsletter*  
October 16, 2020



*Also can be viewed on our [website](#)*



*Dear Grant Community,*

*Last Thursday, students from our Leadership Class led, by Erin McNulty, held our first virtual GHS Club Fair. We currently have 28 chartered clubs signed up for this school year. With more clubs signing up for charters, an additional club fair will take place in a few weeks that will also include our affinity student unions. [Check out the 2020 Club Fair Video here!](#)*

*Our GHS Admin Team is currently working on a plan for our Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences next month. We expect to provide more details to parents in a few weeks.*

*Portland Public Schools has decided to start in-person Athletic Engagement October 20th. Please see [here](#) for additional information.*

*Student in-person Materials Distribution continues. If you need to pick up a chromebook, hotspot, textbooks, last year's yearbook, classroom kits, scripts, graph paper, art supplies, etc. These are the regular available days/times. Just show up at the main entrance, no appointment needed.*

*8:00-9:00 am. Monday-Friday*

*12:15-4:00 pm Wednesday*

*3:15-4:00 pm Monday-Friday*

*Gabriel Mullen, GHS junior, picking up his Wood Working3 kit for a big project this weekend, thanks to teacher Jamie Zartler.*

*Go Generals!!!*

*James McGee,  
Principal*



- **[DEADLINE FOR REQUIRED YEARLY VERIFICATION - OCTOBER 31ST](#)**

The PPS deadline for completing your Yearly Verification is fast approaching. Parents are annually required to update their students' information in our Synergy system. It is vital that we have the most current information, i.e. home address, mailing address, emails, emergency contacts, etc. To do this the parent/guardian must access their ParentVUE account and then at the student screen click on “Yearly Verification is Currently Open: Begin Yearly Verification. Here is the ParentVUE [website](#) for more information. Please contact [sdavis@pps.net](mailto:sdavis@pps.net) if you need further assistance

- **PICTURE RETAKE DAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**

**Wednesday, November 18th - Retake Day**

- Did you have your school picture taken and want to have it retaken? Then you'll need to attend the Retake Day on Wednesday, November 18th. If you have not yet had your school picture/ID taken you may also attend the Retake day. More information to come.

- **SCHOOL MATERIALS PICK UP DAYS AND TIMES**

If you need to pick up textbooks, library books, or classroom materials a staff member will be able to help you during the following days and times (school days only). Go to the front doors for pick up. Masks required.

Monday - Friday 8:00am-9:00am or 3:15pm-4:00pm

Wednesdays 12:15pm-4:00pm

- **ATTENDANCE**

Student attendance is critical for academic success. If you know your child will be absent from a virtual learning class and there is a reason, please contact attendance at [grantattend@pps.net](mailto:grantattend@pps.net) or call 503-916-5171 and leave a message. If you have received an auto call about your student's attendance, and need to make a correction, then you need to contact the teacher(s) as soon as possible.

Attendance will be taken during both synchronous and asynchronous learning. During synchronous, or “live” instruction, attendance will be taken by being present in the class meeting. During asynchronous learning, attendance will be taken through a variety of mediums, including the completion of assignments, contacting teachers, and meeting with the teacher in small groups. GHS will notify parents/guardians via automated phone call when a student is absent without an excuse *the day following an absence*. Please make sure to stay in touch with our attendance office if your student will be unable to attend online so that we can excuse the absence.

- **TESTING**

Advanced Placement tests will be offered in May 2021 for all AP students & classes this school year. Registration is happening now. Please go to the [Grant Testing Website](#), click on AP Class & Test Registration and follow the directions completely. There is a helpful "Short Video" at the top of the page. **The deadline for first semester class exam orders has been extended to November 2.** Any families needing to complete the exam registration process for first semester classes after that date will be charged a \$40 late order fee. The other benchmarks in the registration process (creating a MyAP account, adding the classroom code) are still open if a student has not completed them.

AP testing provides the opportunity for students to earn college credit for a course in addition to their high school credit. [See AP courses offered at Grant here](#). In order to receive the college credit, the student must show proficiency on the College Board's AP test for that

subject. AP tests take place across the world the first two weeks in May. The possible scores on these tests range from 1-5, if a student scores a 3 or higher, higher education institutions will often recognize this and accept it as college credit. This can be a money saver when a student goes to college as it usually reduces the courses they are required to take to graduate. A student receives their high school class credit as long as they pass the class; taking the AP test is not required.

If you have any questions please contact Joe Mitacek at [jmitacek@pps.net](mailto:jmitacek@pps.net) or April Martin at [amartin2@pps.net](mailto:amartin2@pps.net).

- **HOP PASS INFORMATION**

If you have not received your Student ID and are in need of the HOP Pass, please contact the school. If your HOP Pass is not working please contact the school, not Trimet, to help you with any issues you may have with the card. If you have lost your card please contact Trimet's Lost and Found (503-962-7655) to see if they have the card. If they do not have the card contact the school to have another one printed for you. Also, if you have a new card made and then find your old card do not destroy it, hold onto it. If you lose the new one we can always reactivate the old one. Contact April Martin at [amartin2@pps.net](mailto:amartin2@pps.net) for all HOP Pass issues.

- **NEWS FROM ACTIVITIES**

**Student Clubs are Happening!**

It's not too late to start or charter your club! ALL clubs are required to submit a yearly [Club Charter](#). Students can view the first release of the club video by logging in to the "Advisory" course on Canvas. This is not a comprehensive list of clubs, the full list will be posted on the website soon and additional versions of the club video will be shared as we welcome newly chartered clubs. Stay tuned for an affinity group/student union specific video coming soon. Questions? Contact Erin McNulty ([emcnulty@pps.net](mailto:emcnulty@pps.net)), Student Activities/Leadership

- **MESSAGE FROM COUNSELORS**

Here are the colleges holding visits for PPS students this week. Students, you can now access the Zoom links in your Maia Learning account for each college visit. The Zoom links will no longer be emailed to you. Here is a [link](#) to the instructions if you are confused about where to find college visits within Maia Learning.

University / Event Name	Date	Time
Montana State University	10/16/2020	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
University of Denver	10/16/2020	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Texas Christian University	10/16/2020	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Goldsmiths, University of London	10/16/2020	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo	10/16/2020	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Indiana University-Bloomington	10/16/2020	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Johns Hopkins University	10/16/2020	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Grinnell College	10/19/2020	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Colgate University	10/19/2020	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Chapman University	10/19/2020	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Hendrix College	10/20/2020	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Carnegie Mellon University	10/20/2020	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
The University of British Columbia	10/20/2020	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
University of California-San Diego	10/20/2020	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Cornell College	10/20/2020	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
California Baptist University	10/20/2020	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Hawaii Pacific University	10/20/2020	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Lake Forest College	10/22/2020	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Mount Holyoke College	10/22/2020	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Calvin College	10/22/2020	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Clark College	10/22/2020	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Willamette University	10/22/2020	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
The New School	10/22/2020	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Hofstra University	10/23/2020	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Dickinson College	10/23/2020	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Kenyon College	10/23/2020	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Academy of Art University	10/23/2020	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Seattle University	10/26/2020	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Elon University	10/26/2020	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Central Oregon Community College	10/27/2020	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

In addition, some organizations host virtual college events with a variety of colleges and universities present at one time. These events may include breakout sessions, campus tours, meet and greets, Q & A, and student panels that you can choose from. Find a list of upcoming virtual college events here and visit their websites to sign up.

If you are exploring your college options, we highly encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities. These events can help you make decisions on where to apply as well as connect you to someone at a school of your choosing that may be helpful in the future.

These sessions are designed for students only. Our recommendation to parents is to reach out to schools directly to learn more about parent opportunities by school.

- **LIBRARY NEWS**

**IMPORTANT TEXTBOOK INFO**

Any books that have not been picked up by **Friday, October 23rd**, will be checked back in and reshelved.

**PLEASE RETURN LIBRARY/TEXTBOOKS FROM LAST SCHOOL YEAR**

There are still hundreds of books that were not returned at the end of last school year or at the start of this one.

We are in need of these materials so that students have the instructional materials they need for this year's classes.

If you have any books or materials that are still at home and need to be returned, please email the library staff ([pbattle@pps.net](mailto:pbattle@pps.net) OR [jxochihu@pps.net](mailto:jxochihu@pps.net)) to schedule a drop-off time between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on any school day.

- **COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER NEWS**

All eyes on " Tools to Build Your Future" College and Career Readiness event, Wednesday, October 21st, 10AM-3:20PM: Students! You do not want to miss out on this mega event of the fall - already over 3700 of your fellow PPS students have signed up for "Tools to Build your Future". Do not hesitate, get in on the action.

Freshman and Sophomores - kickstart that career exploration with Career Awareness sessions in the morning: Design, Business, Sustainability, Public Safety, Engineering, Construction, Health Sciences. Tech, Education, Hospitality and Communication. Juniors and Seniors, deepen your knowledge of careers and then head to afternoon sessions on 2 and 4-year colleges including HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities), HSIs (Hispanic Serving Institutions) and Tribal Colleges; Financial Aid; Essay Writing; Apprenticeships, GAP Year opportunities and much more!

Check it all out and register here: [LIVE for PPS's Tools to Build Your Future Virtual](#) . Attendance will be taken but best to also let your teachers know that you will be attending and will make up any work missed. Lastly, your attendance and filling out an evaluation will count as a CRLE (Career Related Learning Experience)!

- **HEALTH RESOURCE INFORMATION:**

- [Catrina's Virtual Office](#) (Grant school Social Worker)
- Student Health Centers Open Fall 2020

Multnomah County [Student Health Centers](#) are open at David Douglas, Parkrose and Roosevelt high schools for in-person health services and mental health counseling this fall, while schools are engaged in distance learning. Phone and video appointments are also available. Any Multnomah County K-12 youth can access care at any center and there are no out of pocket costs.

- [Benson Wellness Center](#) has telehealth options for students.

- **MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE INFORMATION:**

- [Catrina's Virtual Office](#) (Grant school Social Worker)

[Drop In Social Emotional Support Group](#)

- Student Success and Health Department <https://sites.google.com/pps.net/ssh-covid19/home>

Call to Safety: If you are an adult and worried about your safety at home, 888-235-5333. Interpretation line available.

- [Proyecto Unica](#): Spanish version of Call to Safety, 503-232-4448
- Multnomah County Crisis Services: Call Center/Crisis Line, 503-988-4888 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). Interpretation services are available.
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: English, 800-273-8255; Spanish, 800-628-9454 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). Interpretation services are available.
- Oregon Youthline: For youth to connect with other youth, text "Teen2Teen" to 839863 to instantly text with another person. Interpretation services are available.
- Trevor Project: Supporting LGBTQiA+ youth. Text "START" to 678678 or call TrevorLifeLine, 1-866-488-7386
- Trans Lifeline: Supporting trans community members, call 877-565-8860
- DHS Hotline (Oregon Department of Human Services) If you are worried about the safety of a child, 855-503-7233. Interpretation services are available.

- **ATHLETICS**

**ATHLETICS UPDATE - Season 1 Workouts!**

Portland Public Schools and the Portland Interscholastic League are excited to announce that we will begin serving students in the Portland area as part of OSAA Season 1 On Tuesday, October 20th. Programming will follow all OSAA, OHA, and PPS guidelines to ensure a safe environment for all students and coaches. This is a voluntary opportunity, and in accordance with the OSAA, teams will not be formed based on a student's participation during the OSAA Season 1. In an effort to best support students and programming, our first phase of activities

will only be held outdoors. Practices will be managed by PPS staff, which includes certified coaches, the athletic trainer, security services, and our Athletic Director. Exact days and times for each practice will depend on the program and will be announced on Monday, October 19th.

For a letter from Grant's Athletic Director, Covid-19 practices and registration information, please visit: <https://www.grantathletics.com/>

*Athletic Academic Requirements - New for the 2020-2021 School Year*

An athlete's eligibility to participate in OSAA sponsored sports depends, among other things, on: The student-athlete's grades and the student-athlete making satisfactory progress toward meeting graduation requirements. During the 4x4 class schedule, students must be passing 3 classes in order to be eligible to play sports.

For complete information on academic requirements for the 2020-2021 school year, please visit: <https://www.grantathletics.com/page/show/5940724-academic-eligibility-2020-2021>

For the most up to date athletics information go to [PIL Athletics](#) or the [Oregon Schools Activities Association](#)

- **SENIOR CORNER**

Graduation Prep Week is coming - October 19 to 23, 2020, with some great prizes! This week is meant for you to get all your Graduation orders into Jostens. As well as get your Diploma name submitted. You will be receiving your Graduation Order packet in the mail next week. Please read through it. If you have any questions please contact Josten's at 503-255-7120. Our Grant Senior Graduation Information website (<https://www.pps.net/domain/2618>) is up and running. This is a great source of information as well. If you are unable to find an answer to your questions on the website then please contact April Martin - [amartin2@pps.net](mailto:amartin2@pps.net).

Class of 2021 - All Yearbook Submissions are due **November 30, 2020** and must be submitted electronically. Click on the links below for submission information.

[Senior Portraits](#)

[Senior Quotes](#)

**Baby Ads** - DO NOT WAIT FOR THE DEADLINE to purchase your Baby Ad. There is a limited amount of space available for baby ads and they have historically sold out before the due date. Baby ads are business card sized ads that consist of a picture of your child when they were a baby along with a little message from you to them.

- **TECHNOLOGY NEEDS AT HOME?**

Do you still need technology at home? Please contact Cynthia Roberts at [croberts@pps.net](mailto:croberts@pps.net) if you still need a Chromebook, hot spot, or help with technology you already have.

- **JOIN THE GRANT PTA**

Greetings and welcome back to a new and different school year.

***Please join the Grant PTA for this school year!*** Whether you attend every meeting or none, the financial support of our dues paying members make it possible for us to run our programs throughout the school year.

How to join: There are two portals through which you can sign up and pay your \$25 dues:

1) On the Grant HS webpage (<https://www.pps.net/grant>), look for School Pay in the "Quick Links" list. Once you are logged in to your School Pay account, look in the left hand sidebar for "Nonprofit Groups." Then PTA membership will appear as an option.

2) On the Oregon PTA website (<https://www.oregonpta.org/membership>), click "Join a PTA" and select Grant High PTA from the dropdown menu.

### ***PTA Volunteer Opportunity - Teacher Appreciation Team***

The PTA is seeking a few parent volunteers who would like to help with Teacher Appreciation activities this school year. This is a fun way to get involved, express your creativity, and show some love and care to our hardworking teachers and staff. Please reach out to [grantpta@gmail.com](mailto:grantpta@gmail.com) if you would like to find out more about this opportunity.

***Mark your calendars now for the next meeting of the Grant PTA*** Tuesday, November 10th at 6:30pm - we meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Watch this space for the Zoom link the week before the meeting. All are welcome!

- **NEWS FROM NUTRITION SERVICES**

***Breakfast and Lunch Are Free for All Students*** - As the 2020-21 school year gets under way, we are excited to share news about school meals. Through our partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture, we will be able to **provide school meals for all students at no cost** at this time.

The [USDA announced](#) that it is continuing a program that made free breakfast and lunch available to all children during the summer. For Portland Public Schools, that means we will be able to **offer seven days' worth of meals every week for not just PPS students, but all Portland children ages 1-18.**

As [we announced in August](#), we have **expanded our meals sites to 38 schools** where families can pick up sacks of breakfast and lunch on select days, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Our regular meal service schedule will be:

- **Mondays:** 2 days' worth of food
- **Wednesdays:** 2 days' worth of food
- **Fridays:** 3 three days' worth of food

The complete list of meal pickup sites is available at our [Fall 2020 Meals webpage](#). Families are welcome to visit any school site for meals, regardless of whether their children attend that school. There is no need to sign up, register or provide student ID when you arrive. All sites are outside, and we ask that you wear a facemask and practice physical distancing as you pick up meals.

We will continue to inform you of any updates or changes to meal service. For more information or support, please contact the Nutrition Services department at 503-916-3399 or [nutritionservices@pps.net](mailto:nutritionservices@pps.net).

- **NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE**

#### ***Immunization news***

Schools are required to follow immunization law, even while distance learning is taking place. Immunization exclusion letters will be going out this month. We know that many routine appointments were delayed during COVID restrictions; so, exclusion letters are being sent earlier this year to give parents time to schedule appointments.

"The American Academy of Pediatrics, and its 67,000 members, urges parents to make the decision to immunize... Vaccines are simply the best way to protect our children from these viruses and bacteria that can cause real and devastating harm." [AAP message on immunizations](#)

In addition, the flu vaccination is recommended, "to reduce the burden of respiratory illnesses and hospitalizations of children and youth and to prevent overwhelming the capacity of the US healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic." [CDC on Flu & children](#)



**DON'T  
WAIT!**



**¡NO  
ESPERE!**



## STUDENT HEALTH CENTERS

### ABOUT VACCINES

- School exclusion day is coming soon
- Even during distance learning students may be excluded if their vaccines aren't current
- Bring your records

### CALL TO SCHEDULE

**David Douglas 503-988-3554**  
1034 SE 130th Ave.

**Parkrose 503-988-3392**  
12003 NE Shaver St.

**Roosevelt 503-988-3909**  
6941 N Central St.

Serving Multnomah County K-12 youth with or without insurance.  
There is never an out-of-pocket cost.

## STUDENT HEALTH CENTERS

### SOBRE LAS VACUNAS

- Se acerca el día de la exclusión escolar
- Incluso durante el aprendizaje a distancia, los estudiantes pueden ser excluidos si sus vacunas no están actualizadas
- Traiga sus registros

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Nunca hay un costo de bolsillo.

[www.multco.us/student-health](http://www.multco.us/student-health)



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## ● **STATE PROGRAM OFFERS FAMILIES HELP TO PAY FOR FOOD**

As our community deals with fallout of the coronavirus pandemic, we want to make Portland Public Schools families aware of a state benefit to help pay for food. The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer program, or P-EBT, is available to help families offset the cost of meals that would have been consumed at school. It is administered by the Oregon Department of Human Services.

The P-EBT benefit is available to families with a student who qualifies for free or reduced-price meals and any student enrolled in a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school. For those families:

- Households who qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which offers food benefits to eligible, low-income individuals and families, will have benefits automatically deposited to their existing EBT accounts. There is no additional paperwork to submit to receive P-EBT benefits.
- Households who currently qualify for free or reduced-price meals or attend a CEP school will receive an Oregon Trail Card in the mail along with instructions on how to activate or refuse benefits. There is no additional paperwork to submit to receive P-EBT benefits.

For families not currently eligible and seeking benefits:

- Households financially impacted by COVID-19 may qualify for SNAP. See the program's website to learn more.
- Families who have experienced income loss may now be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Apply online at [pps.net/nutrition](https://pps.net/nutrition).

For assistance with submitting a meal application, please contact the PPS Meal Benefits Office: [mealbenefits@pps.net](mailto:mealbenefits@pps.net) or 503-916-3402.

For Pandemic-EBT questions, please contact the Oregon Department of Human Services.

## ● **THE SAFEOREGON TIP LINE**



In keeping with our commitment to student safety, last October PPS joined school districts across the state in using the SafeOregon Tip Line. We want to remind you about this important resource.

SafeOregon was funded by the Oregon Legislature as part of a statewide effort to improve school safety. **It provides a secure means for anyone to anonymously report suspicious or imminently unsafe situations, such as threats of violence, fights, drugs and alcohol, weapons, bullying, harassment, intimidation or self-harm.**

Anyone, from students to parents to community members, can access the system in a variety of ways, including:

- > The “Report unsafe behavior” button found on every PPS school’s website
- > The [SafeOregon website](https://www.safeoregon.com/) <https://www.safeoregon.com/>
- > A live call/text (844-472-3367)
- > An email to [tip@safeoregon.com](mailto:tip@safeoregon.com)
- > The mobile app that can be downloaded from your Smart Phone via iTunes or Google Play

Trained staff are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to respond.

Please be sure to share this information with your friends and family. Remind your students: **If you see or hear something, say something – immediately.**

- **PPS STUDENT AND FAMILY SUPPORTS**

With the challenging times we all find ourselves in, PPS is particularly committed to ensuring our students and families are supported in a variety of ways. Staff from across all Portland Public Schools departments came together this summer with our culturally specific community partner organizations to build a detailed plan that reflects the needs of those we serve. We are very pleased to share with you today the [PPS Menu of Student and Family Supports](#).

This menu shows what we are currently offering to students and families and is listed by school. The menu includes details about:

- Academic Supports
- Belonging and Connection Services
- Family Supports and Resources
- Culturally Specific Supports

The menu will be updated regularly. It is currently being translated and will be available soon in all PPS-supported languages.

- **GUN SAFETY FOR STUDENTS AND TEEN SUICIDE PREVENTION**

Encouraging families to securely store their guns can save a student's life, especially during times of social isolation. Parents can get free gun locks from the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and the Portland Police Department.

Information about gun safety:

<https://besmartforkids.org/>

<https://projectchildsafe.org/parents-and-gun-owners>

Information about teen suicide;

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/PreventionWellness/SafeLiving/SuicidePrevention/Pages/pla>

[n.aspx](https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/means-matter/)  
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- **MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES**

- > [Urgent Walk-In Clinic](#) 4212 SE Division (503) 963-2575 (Like Zoom Care for Mental Health) DAILY 7am-10:30pm - OHP, insurance not a barrier
- > Kaiser Crisis Line: (503) 331-6425
- > [My3-Support Network App](#)
- > [Mental Health Resources for COVID-19](#)

- **COMMUNITY CRISIS RESOURCES**

**Child Safety Concerns?**

[DHS](#): If you suspect a child is being abused or a person has abused a child.  
855-503-7233 (translation services available)

**Family Safety Concerns?**

[Call to Safety](#): supports domestic violence survivors, friends and family  
1-888-235-5333 (translation services available)

**Food/Housing/Utility Concerns?**

[Emergency Community Resources](#)

- **2020-21 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR**

Posted on the [district website](#)

- **ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION TOOL**

PPS has shifted family, student and staff communication to a new tool that gives schools the ability to send texts about emergencies, closures, delays and other important news. To receive text notifications, you must opt in to the service. **You opt in by texting YES to 68453.** Parents and students should confirm their cell numbers listed in the student information system. Staff should confirm their cell numbers are the “primary” number in the PeopleSoft system. For more information about texting, go to [www.pps.net](http://www.pps.net) and click on the “Mobile First” button.