



THE GRANT WEEKLY
Grant High School Newsletter
September 25, 2020

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



Dear Grant Community,

I want to extend a thank you to all who came to our virtual Back to School Night on Wednesday. It was wonderful to have a great turnout and see our screens full of family members. While doing this from our homes creates a different dynamic than normal, establishing this point of communication between families and teachers is still an important part of our educational partnership. I also want to express my gratitude for the teachers' hard work in preparation for the event. If you didn't get to attend, I encourage you to watch the introductory [video](#) to get to know some of our staff.

While the transition to distance learning has been a test to us all, as I observed classes today, I definitely noticed the growth in our students and teachers adjusting to these circumstances. This resilience gives me great hope as we continue on our journey this year.

*James McGee,
Principal*

- **PARENT ACCESS TO CANVAS QUICK GUIDE**

Please visit this [link](#) for information on accessing Canvas and how to pair your account to your students.

- **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 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.

- **REQUIRED YEARLY VERIFICATION THROUGH PARENTVUE**

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 (only one parent per student) accesses their ParentVUE account and then at the student screen click on "Yearly Verification is Currently Open: Begin Yearly Verification. Please contact sdavis@pps.net with any questions.

- **PICTURE MAKE-UP AND RETAKE DAYS HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED**

Wednesday, October 7th - Makeup Day

- Did you miss getting your school picture taken for your Student ID/Hop Pass? Then you'll need to attend the Makeup Day on Wednesday, October 7th. Here is the [schedule](#) for the afternoon.

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. More information to come.

TESTING

Due to the school closures until November 5th, the PSAT/NMSQT will not be offered this October 2020. The College Board has created an additional date for the PSAT/NMSQT in early 2021, though public health circumstances will determine local test offerings.

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 Website: <https://www.pps.net/domain/4824>. Click on AP Class & Test Registration and follow the directions completely. There is a helpful "Short Video" at the top of the page. Please note the deadline stated in the newsletter last week was incorrectly listed as November 2nd, we are trying to get all orders in by October 13th. 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.

New: Our school district has opened up a January/February registration window only for courses taken in the second semester. Students taking a second semester AP course are able

to register now (instead of getting the classroom codes from their teachers, they can message a test coordinator below).

If you have any questions please contact Joe Mitacek at jmitacek@pps.net or April Martin at 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 for all HOP Pass issues.

- **ARTWORK PICK UP**

2019-2020 Artwork Pick Up Wednesday, September 30th 12:30-4:00PM. If you or your student took art last year, this work is finally ready for the long awaited pick up. Please come to the Art Building entrance to collect your work. Jamin London-Tinsel, Melody Rockwell and Lynn Yarne will be present to return your work from these classes: Art Foundations, Intermediate/Advanced Art, AP Studio Art, Ceramics/Sculpture, Screen Printing and Digital Media. If you are unable to make this please reach out to the teacher directly to make an alternative plan.

- **STUDENT CLUBS ARE HAPPENING!**

Interested in starting or continuing a GHS Student Club?

Clubs have always been an important part of the GHS community, and they will be even more essential in helping students form and maintain connections during this time of distance learning. Below are the resources for anyone interested in starting a new club or continuing clubs from last year. **ALL** clubs are required to submit a yearly Club Charter.

[Starting or Continuing a GHS Club](#) - Review prior to completing the Club Charter form
[Club Charter 2020-21](#)

To get an idea of the types of clubs students have started at Grant, check out the list from last year by visiting our page on the website [HERE](#).

There will be a virtual club fair in October for the student body to check out and join clubs. Stay tuned for more info on the club fair coming soon.

Questions? Contact Erin McNulty (emcnulty@pps.net), Student Activities/Leadership

Register to Vote!!



● **MESSAGE FROM COUNSELORS**

Do you need to recover any graduation requirements? Portland Evening Scholars registration is open now!

- Registration will be open from Sept 8 - Oct 2
- Classes will run Oct 5 - Jan 21
- Each class will meet one night per week, 5pm - 8:15pm.
- All classes will be online only for the entire Fall semester.
- PES will award regular letter grades (A-D,F) for the Fall semester.
- Our offices have officially moved and classes will be at Grant HS through the duration of the Benson rebuild.
- Specific Registration Info:
- Program Info Sheet including the current class schedule is available [here](#).
- There will be *no fee* for PPS Students during Fall term of Evening Scholars.
- Students will **not** need to return the signed Pre-Registration form in order to complete enrollment.
- All students who are pre-registered will be enrolled into the class(es) as space allows, and according to our Enrollment Prioritization (Seniors>Freshmen; Recovery>Advancement).
- A student's Grant High School counselor will register the student for an Evening Scholars class. Send an email to your counselor with your Evening Scholars request or a request to schedule a time to make a plan. *Remember*, if you have forgotten who your school counselor is, look in Student Vue under *course history* and *unofficial transcript*.
- [PES Class Offerings](#)

Maia Learning

Maia Learning is PPS’s new college and career planning resource for PPS high schools.

[Maia Learning Website](#)

Maia Learning assists students in their career development and their HS academic plans. Maia learning will also manage college applications. Grant High School counselors will soon begin rolling out *how* Maia Learning will assist this year with searching for colleges, requesting letters of recommendation and ordering transcripts. **Information coming soon!**

College visits this year are district wide and on Zoom or Google Meets. The calendar will soon be available for students to access in Maia Learning, but for next week the links will be emailed to Grant’s 11th and 12th grade students (for safety reasons), but here is the list for next weeks’ district-wide planned visits.

San Diego State University	9/28/20	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Sarah Faulk
University of Portland	9/28/20	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Casandra Esparza
The George Washington University	9/29/20	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Andrea Frangi
Lewis & Clark College	9/29/20	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Hollie Elliott

Bates College	10/1/20	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Johanna Seltzeer
University of Washington-Seattle Campus	10/1/20	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Ben Siegel
Pacific University	10/1/20	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Madi Andrews
Western Washington University	10/2/20	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Robert Stolzberg
Mills College	10/2/20	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Miki Reid

- **LIBRARY NEWS**

LIBRARY BOOK CHECKOUT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY!!

Ready to have a book in your hands to read? We're ready to check them out and get them to you!

Check out this [info sheet](#) for details.

TEXTBOOKS

Missed your pickup day for textbook materials distribution? Please email Jennifer Xochihua (jxochihu@pps.net)

or Paige Battle (pbattle@pps.net) to find out how you can reschedule.

- **CAREER CENTER HAPPENINGS**

By now all y'all are beginning to understand what happens in the Career Center right? Basically it's the resource and support hub for career related learning. But wait, why do we even have to think about careers in high school?

Top 5 Reasons to think about careers in high school:

1. You'll start growing your network.
2. You'll be a more competitive applicant to colleges, apprenticeships and employers.
3. You'll have a head start on figuring out what you want to do, or don't want to do, in life after high school.
4. You'll learn a lot and feel more confident in taking that first post high school pathway.

Participating in career related learning is a graduation requirement! By the time you are a senior, you will have had to complete two Career Related Learning Experiences (CRLEs for short), built a Resume and written a My Plan Essay. These are also know as "Personalized Learning Requirement" of "PLR"s. Not to worry, we make it easy to do this and build in lots of infrastructure to get it done. Lastly, note that for this year's class of seniors, these requirements are waived due to the pandemic. But, don't stop exploring! The more you explore, the more finetuned your plan for life after high school will be.

5. Coming next week, news on how you can participate in upcoming Virtual Career Related Learning opportunities.

- **GRANT RESOURCE CENTER**

[Catrina's Virtual Office](#)

- **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 throughout the summer!
Crisis Resource List
Students or Families with phones can enter the following numbers;
- 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.
- **September is Suicide Prevention Month**

Each one of us can play a vital role in ensuring that young people of all identities are provided with safe, accepting and supportive environments at home, at school and in their communities. Now, more than ever we need to find ways to stay connected and offer support. As a parent/caregiver, you can be a lifeguard for your children by understanding the warning signs and risk factors of suicide and providing the youth in your life with support and access to resources. Though recognizing these warning signs and risk factors does not automatically mean that someone is considering suicide, but they may be helpful factors to keep in mind when concerns arise. If you recognize some of the warning signs of suicide in someone you know, or feel that someone you know is at risk for suicide, there are steps you can take to help. When you CARE (Connect, Accept, Respond, Empower), you can potentially save a life: **Connect** the person to resources and to a supportive, trusted adult. **Accept** and listen to the person's feelings and take them seriously. **Respond** if a person has a plan to attempt suicide get help immediately via 911, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK or the Crisis Text Line (text "HOME" to 741741). **Empower** the person to ask for help. It is okay to talk about suicide, it can help others feel comfortable sharing their own experiences rather than hiding it all inside. If a student reports having suicidal thoughts or you have concerns about a student at risk, be sure to share this with your school counselor or school social worker, they are specially trained in crisis response and will help you know what to do next.

The graphic features a teal background with a purple ribbon at the top. It is divided into three main sections. The left section, titled 'Suicide WARNING SIGNS', lists various indicators such as 'NEGATIVE VIEW OF FUTURE', 'ISOLATION', 'SUBSTANCE USE', 'GIVING UP', 'ENGAGING IN RISKY BEHAVIORS', 'SELF-HARM', 'CUTTING', 'AGGRESSION', 'IRITABILITY', 'WITHDRAWING FROM ACTIVITIES', 'FEELING LIKE A BURDEN', and 'SUICIDAL THOUGHTS'. The middle section, titled 'Resources', provides contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255), Multnomah County Crisis Line (503-988-4888), Oregon Youthline (text Teen2Teen 839636), and Trevor Project (866-488-7386 or text START to 678678). The right section, titled 'PROTECTIVE FACTORS', lists elements like 'PARENT CONNECTEDNESS', 'ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT', 'ACCESS TO LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES', 'NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY', 'CONNECTIONS WITH NON-PARENTAL ADULTS', 'SCHOOL SAFETY', 'CHILDREN'S CARING FRIENDS', and 'overall resilience'. At the bottom, there is a row of colorful hands reaching up.

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PROTECTIVE FACTORS

- **ATHLETICS**

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**

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 if you still need a Chromebook, hot spot, or help with technology you already have.

- **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

National Honor Society Applications are open for the 2020-21 school year. NHS is open to juniors and seniors with a 3.3+GPA. We are a student run club with a focus on leadership, service through volunteering, academics and character development. Meetings will be online for now at lunch and all service hours will be documented in a Canvas classroom. Applications are due by September 30th and our first meeting will be on October 8th. Last year's members will get an email to show continued interest in membership.

New Member Application link: <https://forms.gle/pZ64KSVZamS3ZA9v7>

- **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.

You Can Make A Difference: PTA Volunteer Opportunity

Are you interested in meeting fellow parents and being in-the-know about the ins and outs of what's happening with Grant? Would you enjoy an opportunity to connect with other members of the Grant community and provide a valuable service to the Grant PTA board? If

this sounds of interest, we have an open position we're looking to fill: PTA secretary, which is the official note taker at our once a month meetings. This is a low-key but important role. With our kids schooling online, all of the usual opportunities to connect with parents aren't possible right now but this is a wonderful way to get to know other parents and be involved in a meaningful way. Please reach out to Mary Kroener-Ekstrand at mk-e@uwalumni.com if you'd like to join the board or have any questions about the role.

- **JOIN THE SITE COUNCIL**

The site council is another opportunity for parents to get involved in school improvement and work closely with our SCIP (School Continuous Improvement Plan) along with students, teachers and administration. Site council usually meets once a month after school. Please email jmitacek@pps.net for more information about this year's meetings.

- **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.

- **NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE**

We are excited to share news about the upcoming Latinx/Latino/a Community COVID-19 Test event on October 1st and 3rd, 2020. Working in partnership with Legacy Health, Latino Network, El Programa Hispano, and Familias en Accion, Oregon Latino Health Coalition will be providing safe and free on-site drive thru COVID-19 testing for Latinx/o/a Multnomah County residents. All are welcome regardless of age or immigration status and all information will be kept confidential and will not be shared with immigration officials nor the police.

Estamos muy contentos de compartir sobre el próximo evento de prueba COVID-19 de la comunidad latina / latina el 1 y 3 de octubre de 2020. Trabajando en asociación con Legacy Health, Latino Network, El Programa Hispano y Familias en Acción, Oregon Latino Health Coalition ofrecerá pruebas de COVID-19 que serán gratis y seguras para residentes

latinos / latinos / a del condado de Multnomah. Todos son bienvenidos independientemente de su edad o estatus migratorio y toda la información se mantendrá confidencial y no se compartirá con los funcionarios de inmigración ni con la policía.

[Event Information/Informacion de eventos](#)

[MESD has created a webpage with COVID-19 Child Care Resources](#)

[COVID-19 Child care resources](#)

● **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 Association 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.

For assistance with submitting a meal application, please contact the PPS Meal Benefits Office: 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@safeforegon.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/>

- **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 and click on the “Mobile First” button.