



GRANT HIGH SCHOOL
@ Marshall Campus

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

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Did you know?

Hello Grant Community,

I find it impossible not to mention the tragic mass shooting in New Zealand. There are no words to express how awful this is and I offer heartfelt condolences to those who have lost loved ones. The diversity of our community is one of its greatest strengths. We are committed to continue to work within our school community to ensure all students and families feel safe and welcome and to provide an environment free from hate and persecution.

Welcome to our visitors from Sapporo, Japan. Each year we host a group of students and teachers for a brief visit to Portland and Grant High School. Visitors are hosted by Grant families. The visit includes attending school and visiting various places in and around Portland. Thanks to our host families. We are fortunate to have this program as it allows us to learn more about the Japanese culture and language and provides an opportunity for our community to see the world through another perspective.

I am very proud of the accomplishments of Grant students. There are many examples of Grant students excelling in the classroom, in activities and in the community. This newsletter highlights some of the recent ways in which Grant Generals are excelling. Thanks to everyone who supports students as they pursue their dreams and explore their talents.

Congratulations to Men's Basketball for finishing 4th place in the state tournament. Also congratulations to Grant seniors, Aaron Deloney and Ty Rankin for making the 2nd Team All-Tournament.

Please see the Bulletin for detailed information on SBAC testing which will take place April 22-26. We are encouraging all 11th graders to take the test to ensure we get more accurate data on teaching and learning. Note the deadline for opting out.

*Have a good week,
Carol*

- **INFORMATION SESSION ON VAPING**

Tuesday, March 19th at Beverly Cleary Fernwood from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

"How to have the conversations with your tweens and teens about vaping, drinking, and marijuana" Come to this informative session to learn more about these risky behaviors for students under 21 in partnership with Grant High School, Big Village/Multnomah County Health, and Cascadia Behavioral Health. There will be a Q&A session.

- **ROBOTICS TEAM WINS FIRST PLACE!**

Grant HS Robotics team won the First Robotics competition at Oregon City this past weekend. The team worked hard and persevered through some challenges throughout the competition but ultimately achieved a well-deserved win. Robotics Team is a class at Grant, taught by Alex Luboff. They are also supported by parents, mentors, teachers and volunteers that put in many hours leading up to and during the competitions. Thanks to everyone who supports this great program. Also, thanks to the Grant Boosters for their continued support.

The team is waiting to hear if they qualify for the regional competition in Tacoma. Below are links to photos and a video of the final round of the competition.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/VA3NPp1Bobw9opLd6>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euPuXHEXAsQ>



- **CONGRATULATIONS, GENDRILLS!**

Grant Gendrills finished 5th in the state competition. Sophomore, Abby Franklin won first place in the drill down competition. Congratulations to the team, coaches and parent!

Here is a link to the video of their performance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96WINqIuQK4>



- **AARON DELONEY IS PLAYER OF THE YEAR!**

Congratulations to Aaron Deloney who has been named the Gatorade Oregon Boys Basketball Player of the Year. This recognition has been given for 30+ years and includes past winners such as Peyton Manning, Abby Wambach, Derek Jeter and many more sports icons. The program recognizes the nation's most elite high school athletes for not only athletic excellence, but also for high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character.



- **OSAA ACADEMIC ALL-STATE**

Congratulations to our teachers, students, parents and coaches for their dedication to academic excellence.

We had 4 of our 6 Winter teams place in the top 10 of the OSAA's Academic All-State:

- #1 Grant Boys Swimming 3.88
- #2 Grant Dance 3.79
- #2 Grant Girls Swimming (tied w/ Sherwood) 3.87
- #5 Grant Wrestling 3.47

- **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

The Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) of Portland presented the 3rd Annual Jeans & Jerseys Youth Sports Awards this past Saturday, March 2nd at the University of Portland Pilot House. This year six Oregon high school seniors were awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship. Congratulations to Grant's own Domonique Jackson who has been recognized as one who makes positive contributions on three levels: makes oneself better; makes teammates better; and makes the sport better. In addition, Domonique was also surprised with the Jordan Wings Scholarship. This is a very prestigious award and given out to only a few seniors from across the country. She received the full-ride scholarship to any college of her choice because she personifies a higher standard of greatness and is a prime example of Wings core values, greatness, determination, authenticity and freedom.

Congratulations Domo!





- **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Two Grant seniors have been awarded the Presidential Scholarship from Oregon State University. Only 87 students were chosen out of 800 applicants from across the state. The scholarship is \$10,000 for four years. Students who received the scholarship this year have an average GPA of 3.99 and scored an average 1520 on the SAT.

Congratulations to Grant Seniors, Emma Lickey and Isabel Lickey.

Emma plans to study Physics.

Isabel plans to study Environmental Science.





- **MOCK TRIAL WINS SECOND PLACE!**

Grant Mock Trial team won 2nd place in the state competition. Congratulations to the team for their hard work this season. Thanks to advisors Michael Williams and Mykhil Deych.





- **PTA NEWS**

Please join us for the April meeting, 4-9-19 in the Grant Library at 7 pm.

The program begins with a short presentation/update by the Grant Principal, Dr. Carol Campbell. There will also be time for questions.

Consider joining the PTA and attending the monthly meetings. We have had a small core group of parents/guardians for the past several years and would very much like to expand the membership. If you are a new parent/guardian to Grant, PTA is a great way to get involved and meet other parents/guardians. *You can now join on [School Pay](#).*

- **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
- 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.**

- **GET CONNECTED TO GRANT VIA SOCIAL MEDIA**

There are several Grant High School Facebook pages. I manage a page that can be found at: **PPS Grant High School**. I post pictures and news related to events at the high school.

I also send information via Twitter at: **@ccampbellGHS**

- **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.