



THE GRANT WEEKLY

*Grant High School Newsletter
September 11, 2020*



Dear Grant Community,

As we're finishing the second week of the new school year, we acknowledge that many of our students, their families, and staff are now experiencing challenges due to the unprecedented fires that our region is experiencing. I participated in several meetings this week with the School district, working closely on plans to best support our students, families, and staff. Please know that our counselors are always available if you need assistance during these difficult times.

Starting Monday, September 14th, our class schedule will be changing and our teachers will start rolling out new materials. In collaboration with our teachers we believe this new schedule will best serve our students.

On September 23rd, we will be holding a virtual Back to School Night from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. You will be getting more details about this event as we get closer to the date.

We appreciate your patience that these past eight months have required from you. Through all the challenges we look forward to working with you and your students this upcoming school year.

*James McGee,
Principal*

● **NEW STUDENT SCHEDULE STARTING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-9:00	Applied Learning				
9:15-9:55	Period 1	Period 1	P1 SGI/AL	Period 1	Period 1
10:00-10:40	Period 2	Period 2	P2 SGI/AL	Period 2	Period 2
10:45-11:25	Period 3	Period 3	P3 SGI/AL	Period 3	Period 3
11:30-12:10	Period 4	Period 4	P4 SGI/AL	Period 4	Period 4
12:10-12:40	Lunch				
12:45-1:55	Period 1	Period 2	Office Hours/Flex (12:40-1:55pm)	Period 1	Period 2
2:00-3:15	Period 3	Period 4	Applied Learning	Period 3	Period 4
3:15	Student Clubs may meet after school virtually				

Key Terms	Definition
Synchronous Learning	Also known as Synchronous Learning, students will participate in live virtual classrooms and webinars. Teachers will use a variety of strategies to present content, have student practice with the work, use breakout groups, and develop their skills.
Asynchronous Learning	Also known as "OnDemand Learning". During these blocks the teacher is available and may start out class with a whole class check in, and then students work on content through pre-recorded lessons, readings, podcasts, videos, practice problems, activities, and assignments. Some are online, while others may be offline. Teachers are available for the first 35 min of the class to help students.
Small Group Instruction	Teachers may pull students into small group learning to provide challenge, enrichment, support or extra instruction in both models. Meeting invite links will come through the teacher's virtual platform (ex: Canvas).
Office Hours	When teachers are free for students to "drop in" to ask questions or get additional assistance.
Applied Learning	This is time to work on independent routines, practices and application of teacher facilitated learning. This is very similar to asynchronous learning, but teachers will not be available during these times.

- **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. Our Attendance Secretary will be checking emails and voice messages throughout the day.

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*. The State of Oregon requires schools to "drop" all students if they have missed more than half of their classes for 10 consecutive days. 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.

- **TEXTBOOK DISTRIBUTION UPDATE**

Due to the poor weather all materials distribution was cancelled on Thursday and Friday. We have the updated alphabet schedule [here](#). Seniors now take place on Monday and Tuesday, September 14th and 15th, Juniors on the 17th and 18th and Sophomores on the 21st and 22nd. Most 9th grade materials are digital, but if the students do need a physical item the teacher will be messaging you directly.

- **YEARBOOK UPDATE**

2019-20 Yearbook Pick-up:

- Bring an ID and receipt of proof of purchase.
- Pick up in north parking lot of school - 2245 NE 36th Ave.
- Stay in your car at all times
- Grant staff, students, and families must follow all safety guidelines outlined by the Governor's executive order.
- Schedule
 - 3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
 - Monday, Sept 14
 - Tuesday, Sept. 15
 - **No Yearbook Pick-up on Wednesday: Picture Make-up Day**
 - Thursday, Sept. 17
 - Friday, Sept. 18

Extra 2019-20 Yearbooks must be purchased electronically through SchoolPay starting Monday, September 14 at 8:00 a.m. There is limited availability and will be available on a first come first serve basis.

Class of 2021 Yearbook Submissions - Senior Portraits, senior quotes, and baby ads are due **October 31, 2020**. All yearbook submissions must be submitted electronically. Visit [GHS](#)

[website](#) > [Activities](#) > [Yearbook](#) for submission information. DO NOT WAIT to purchase your Baby Ad through SchoolPay. There is a limited amount of space available for baby ads and they have historically sold out before the due date.

- **PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY IS SEPT. 16TH AND RETAKE DAY IS OCT. 28TH**

- 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, September 16th. Here is the [schedule](#) for the afternoon.
- Did you have your school picture taken and want to have it retaken? Then you'll need to attend the Retake Day on Wednesday, October 28th. More information to come.

- **HOP PASS INFORMATION**

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. Your first replacement card is \$10, any additional will be \$50. 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.

- **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!**

- **CAREER CENTER HAPPENINGS**

We hope our students are getting back into the swing of school. If you've not yet familiarized yourself with the offerings of the Career Center and Youth Transition Program, please click on this link:

[Career Center and YTP Welcome Video](#)

Here's a working link to the Career Interest Survey so we can tailor our opportunities to your liking: https://bit.ly/CareerInterestSurvey_2020.

Ok, we look forward to connecting with you soon!

- **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](#)

- **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>

- **NEWS FROM NUTRITION SERVICES**

Starting September 2nd, the Nutrition Services department plans to have 36 schools operating with grab and go meal services, and an additional 2 sites, Ockley Green and Lane Middle Schools starting September 14. Each site will serve 3-5pm outside for walk up or drive thru on Mondays and Wednesdays. We hope that minimizing the meal pick up days will be less of a burden for families as opposed to asking them to come every day. On Monday, we will provide two breakfasts and two lunches for each PPS student. On Wednesday, we will provide three breakfasts and 3 lunches to each student. Each of the 38 sites are eligible for free meals to all students who are enrolled or visit the school. Due to USDA regulations, we are unable to continue meal services for non-PPS enrolled children such as non-school aged siblings.

For families who are not enrolled in one of the 38 schools, or unable to get to the school to pick up food, we will offer meal deliveries to family homes. Deliveries are made possible by the transportation department. We will stand up 5 other schools for production of these meals. Meal delivery schedules are still being determined and will depend on the demand for the service. School meals will be free to those enrolled in a Community Eligibility Provision

(CEP) school, or for students who are eligible for free or reduced priced meals. If a family is not eligible for free meals, each breakfast will cost \$1.50 and each lunch will cost \$2.90. There is no delivery fee. Payments can be made online - SchoolCafe.com or checks can be mailed to PPS Nutrition Services at 501 N Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon 97227.

To sign up for home meal delivery, please click on the link here:
https://ppsk12.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cViQzD111yJMAiV

Families must reapply for meal benefits (free and reduced eligibility) every year. Meal applications are not needed if students attend a CEP school. New this year! Eligibility for free meals has been expanded through the state of Oregon - [please check to see if you may be eligible!](#)

Eligibility for free/reduced price school meals may also help families with other fee reductions or waivers such as -

- Science lab fees
- College application fees
- Summer school fees
- Comcast or other cable/internet services
- Field trips
- Supplemental food and nutrition benefits (when available)

● ***NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE***

The Portland area has been having "Hazardous" air quality since Thursday afternoon. This means everyone is affected and could feel effects to their health. If possible stay indoors and avoid strenuous activity outdoors.

Multnomah County has posted some videos on YouTube and Twitter to show how to make your own indoor air filter. Remember to check and clean filters on air conditioners.

https://youtu.be/rtRC3_jlK2I

Cloth masks do not filter out smoke particles. Inhaling smoke particles can cause eye irritation, sore throat,runny nose, wheezy breathing and headaches.

Multnomah County shares information about the best masks to wear when it's smoky.

<https://youtu.be/jl08kq9f1Wg>

Sources: Multnomah County

<https://multco.us/air-quality-public-health-problem/protect-yourself-hazardous-air>. Oregonian, 9-11-20 "Wildfire Smoke".

<http://action.lung.org/site/DocServer/air-quality-index-factsheet.pdf>

As the school starts up, and Oregonians keep up to date on the Governor's current COVID recommendations, there have been questions about face masks vs. face shields. The CDC recommends the use of cloth face coverings when feasible. Their website states "CDC does not recommend use of face shields for normal everyday activities or as a substitute for cloth face coverings because of a lack of evidence of their effectiveness for source control. " <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/cloth-face-cover.html> (This is consistent with The Oregon School Nurses Association recommendation.)

The CDC webpage also states "there are specific instances when wearing a cloth face covering may not be feasible. In these instances, parents, guardians, caregivers, teachers, and school administrators should consider **adaptations and alternatives** whenever possible. "

- **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.

How to get involved:

- **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@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://projectchildsafef.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](#)

- **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.