

GRANT HIGH SCHOOL@ Marshall Campus

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

January 4, 2019

Did you know?

Hello Grant Community,

Happy New Year! Welcome back from the break. I hope everyone had a restful, enjoyable break. We are approaching the end of the first semester. Make sure students are checking in with teachers and making use of flex time in the next couple of weeks.

I've included the exam schedule below and the date for winter formal.

Also, please note the information about vandalism at the Grant construction site. There is a security company that monitors the site and they have reported seeing younger people (possibly teenagers) on the site. They have not been able to identify them but will continue to try in any future encounters. It is very disappointing to have the site vandalized, and it is dangerous to be on the site without proper equipment and supervision. If you or your student have any information about who might be accessing the site, please call the Grant main office, the number listed below, the police or the SafeOregon tip line.

Here are some important upcoming dates:

Tuesday, January 15th	All 8 periods - "skinny day"
January 16th - 18th Finals	1/16 - Periods 1, 2, 4 1/17 - Periods 5, 6, 8 1/18 - Periods 3 & 7
	Winter Formal Left Bank Annex

Looking forward to our continued work together in the New Year.

Carol

• VANDALISM AT GRANT CONSTRUCTION SITE

In the summer of 2019, we will be moving back to the newly modernized Grant High School. Unfortunately, there have been recent incidents of vandalism and graffiti on the construction site and to newly remodeled portions of the building. Please report any information to the police or to the number below.



• BOOSTER REBOOT!

Let's Reboot Boosters for 2019!

Since 1978, parents have helped fund activities beyond the classroom including clubs, courses, sports, dance and more. Some of the extracurricular expenses include lift tickets for the Grant Ski Team, supplies for Grant Magazine, buses for field trips, and yarn for the Knitting Club.

Boosters isn't just about supporting athletics. They also support many of the activities that enrich the high school experience and give students opportunities to explore. These opportunities include National Honor Society, Nothing But Treble Choir, Band and of course, all athletic teams.

The Boosters need your help and are seeking interested parents to help support Grant students and staff.

Please consider attending a kickoff event at Culmination Brewing on January 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Culmination Brewing

2117 NE Oregon Street Portland, OR 97232 Thursday, Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m.

RSVP at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reboot-grant-boosters-tickets-53660093785

Questions? Reach us here: grantboosters@gmail.com

Can't make it to the event but still want to help? Donate here! www.grantgives.com

• PENNIES FOR PATIENTS FUNDRAISER

We will be hosting our annual Pennies for Patients fundraiser to help the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society from January 7th to February 1st. Please encourage your students to donate with cash or change in designated boxes around the school in classrooms, offices, and the library. If you have any questions email clubsghs@gmail.com.

• *PTA*

Join us for the next PTA meeting on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

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*.

• IMPROVEMENTS TO GRANT FIELDS

The PPS Board of Directors has approved funding for an investigation and the creation of plans for upgrades to the Grant bowl area into a multi-use facility for soccer, lacrosse, softball, track and field, and football. The bond funded upgrades to the upper field area including a turfed multi-use field for soccer, lacrosse and baseball.

The process will include stakeholder meetings, discussion and recommendations to an architecture firm that will come up with a possible plan. Some of the improvements to be discussed include lights, bleachers, two HS softball fields, fencing, press box, concession stand, restrooms and storage. Since this part of the site is PPS Parks property, representatives from Portland Parks will also be involved in any planning and

recommendations. Funding for the improvements has not yet been determined. Stay tuned for additional information.

There is a section on the modernization website titled, "Grant Fields Update," with more information: https://www.pps.net/Page/474

• <u>VIDEO OF GRANT REMODEL</u>

Latest video of Grant remodel by Jonah Herman https://youtu.be/t4CC2uDpvD8

• GRANT GIVES 2019

GRANTgives2019 is a *new* funding campaign that gives you an easy way to support activities kids love! With one click, parents and friends of Grant High School can make a tax-deductible donation to Grant Boosters, and the money goes directly to kid-led clubs, extracurricular, and sports teams at Grant! Just as our auction has done in the past, GRANTgives2019 provides critical support — such as travel expenses, supplies, equipment, tools, uniforms, electronics and so much more...with no overhead and zero stress!!

Boosters funding is currently running low. In order to offer the many engaging opportunities that keep our kids healthy and inspired, we need your support! Simply go to grantgives.com to make a donation. Thank you!



• 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 <u>SafeOregon website</u>
- A live call/text (844-472-3367)
- An email to <u>tip@safeoregon.com</u>
- 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.