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Starting Wednesday, October 12th and continuing every 2nd Wednesday of the month, from 8:45am to 9:15am, you are invited to join Principal McGee for coffee and conversation, featuring a monthly school update.

# HOMECOMING ASSEMBLY Sept 30th





## **DANCE Oct Ist**

Homecoming Dance is at GHS, tomorrow, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Students will enter the building near the softball field. All ticket sales are completed. No tickets available at the door. If your student missed this opportunity, we hope to see them at Winter Formal, Thursday, January 26th (last day of finals).

## **NO OFF CAMPUS LUNCH FRIDAYS**

Beginning next week (the week of October 3rd) we will be starting "No Off Campus Lunch Fridays" for students who struggle to make it back to class on time after lunch. Every Thursday after school, we will run a tardy report for the after lunch periods (3rd and 7th) for the Monday-Thursday of that specific week. For students who have 2 or more tardies in their after lunch periods (3rd or 7th) in that week, they will lose off campus lunch privileges on that Friday. Families and students will receive an email on Thursday night informing them that their child must remain on campus the next day. Students must report to the flex space behind the maker space and eat lunch there. Students can purchase lunch from the flex space if they do not normally bring lunch from home. This will reset every Monday and students will be able to go off campus again. However, any student who receives 3 "No Off Campus Lunch Fridays" during the semester will receive a "No Off Campus Lunch Week." We love and support that students are able to go off campus for lunch, but this privilege cannot come at the expense of being in class on time.

## PARENTVUE YEARLY VERIFICATION

Each year parents and/or guardians are asked to review and update the information on file for their students. This information can be reviewed, edited and submitted online via PPS ParentVUE. PLEASE NOTE: Access to ParentVue will be denied after October 28th if the Yearly Verification is not completed.

## **PSAT DAY - OCTOBER 12th**

Wednesday October 12th is Grant's PSAT day. This is an instructional school day and all students are expected to be here. We will be taking attendance at every session. Please read below to learn more about what this day will look like for each grade.

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9th graders (all)	Will engage in socio-emotional and community building activities that will strengthen community bonds. Students should bring a water bottle and wear comfortable clothes they can move around in.
10th graders (all)	Will take the PSAT. Students should plan to bring their own sealable water bottle and a snack in a plastic bag.  More information to come with testing details.
11th graders (who signed up to take the PSAT)	Will take the PSAT. Same as 10th graders. See above.
11th graders (who did not sign up to take the PSAT)	Will engage in College and Career Readiness activities. A full agenda will be forthcoming via email but know that we will kick off the day with a Resume Writing workshop. Just a reminder, that it is a graduation requirement to have a Resume that meets PPS professional standards. This workshop will be followed by breakout sessions sharing information about the Trades, the Military, Taking a GAP Year, the College Admissions process, How to Decide on a Major, and Personal Finance.
12th graders	Will engage in College and Career Readiness activities. Same as 11th graders not taking the PSAT. See Above.

Note: 11th graders who would still like to sign up for the test can do so by having a parent/guardian sign in to their School Pay account and paying the \$20 to take the test. In the <u>Grant Bulletin under Testing</u> are several helpful links to prepare for the test. Deadline is next Thursday, October 6 with NO EXCEPTIONS.

School will be out at 1:30pm. The cafeteria will be open for Breakfast at 8:00am and Lunch at 12:45pm. Students testing with accommodations will have sack lunches available after testing (whenever that finishes for each student). Please read the Grant Weekly Bulletin and look out for an email next week with more specific information about the day.

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

<u>National Honors Society</u> is an organization dedicated to recognizing outstanding upperclassmen for their leadership, scholarship, character, and service. If you are a junior or senior with a GPA of 3.3 or higher and are interested in joining, please fill out <u>this google form</u> before Friday, October 7th. Our first meeting will be during lunch on October 13.

If you were inducted as a junior last year, please do not fill out this form. You will receive an email with information about how to participate this year.

You can reach out to us at grantnhsmail@gmail.com if you have any questions, and follow our instagram @grantnhs for updates about this year's program.

## CLUB FAIR - Sept 28th - Join a Club!







## **GRANTGIVES!** (Formerly Boosters)



## REGISTER FOR EVENING SCHOLARS

Portland Evening Scholars Registration has started! Evening Scholars is for students who may need to recover a graduation requirement.

- Classes will be held from October 3 January 19, 2023.
- Classes meet from 5:00 8:00pm, once per week, for 13 weeks.
- All classes are in-person and attendance is required.
- Evening Scholars sites are: Roosevelt, Kenton, Grant, McDaniel, and Franklin campuses.
- To register, students must meet with their counselor to review their transcript.

## **SCHOOL PICTURES / RETAKE DAY**

#### SCHOOL PHOTO PICK-UP

AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN MAIN HALL BY STAIRS

Monday, October 3rd through Friday, October 7th LUNCH 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM



PLEASE REMIND YOUR STUDENTS TO PICK UP THEIR PICTURES IN CENTER HALL NEXT WEEK DURING LUNCH OR AFTER SCHOOL. IF YOU'RE NOT HAPPY WITH THE PICTURES THERE IS RETAKE DAY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 19TH (8:30am-4:00pm).

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

We have received all of the school photos taken this year and are looking for volunteers to help us distribute school photos next week. We will be in the main hall all week at lunchtime and after school, Monday, October 3rd through Friday, October 7th.

Please sign up through this link: FILL OUT IN GOOGLE FORMS

## OHSU COVID-19 SCREENING PROGRAM UPDATE

PPS is partnering with OHSU again this year to offer free weekly COVID-19 testing for students. Participation in this program is completely optional, but encouraged, and is offered regardless of vaccination status. Participating students will drop off spit samples in pre-labeled tubes at school *on Wednesdays* each week, whether they have symptoms or not. **Grant HS will begin collecting spit samples starting September 28th.**What's new?

- Registration: Beginning today Parents/Guardians can start enrolling their students through OHSU's NEW Online Portal. If you are unable to enroll for any reason, please call OHSU support at (503) 418-8500.
- Test Tubes: New, pre-labeled test tubes with a scannable barcode will be mailed directly to your mailing address and should arrive within a week of enrollment. Test kits from last year cannot be used, so please throw them away.
- **Spit Samples:** Spit tests can be collected either the night before or the morning of their school's testing day. Please use this **spreadsheet\_to** know what day to drop off your student's spit sample.
- **Test Results:** When the test results are available, you will receive an email telling you to log into the online portal www.labfinder.com/ohsu to view the results.
- Additional drop-off locations: If you miss your weekly testing day, OHSU has added 3 drop-off sites around the Portland metro area.
- O Doernbecher Child Development Rehabilitation Center 707 S Gaines Street, Portland, OR 97239
- o Primary Care Clinic at Gabriel Park 4411 S Vermont Street, Portland, OR 97219
- Richmond Family Health Center 3930 SE Division Street, Portland, OR 97202

#### What stays the same?

- There is no cost to families to participate.
- OHSU uses highly accurate molecular testing, known as PCR.
- Students will continue to bring their spit samples to school on the designated testing day (Wednesdays).
- OHSU nurses will call parents of all students who test positive or whose tests are inconclusive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19.

For more information about OHSU's K-12 Screening Program, visit their website at <a href="http://www.ohsu.edu/k12testing">http://www.ohsu.edu/k12testing</a> or contact the OHSU support team at k12covidtesting@ohsu.edu or (503) 418-8500.

## **SUBSCRIBE TO GRANT MAGAZINE!**

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## STUDENT REMINDERS

Bike riders: All bikes need to be parked and locked in bike rack areas only. The safety team is asking that U locks be used instead of cable locks.

- Student drivers: If you park your vehicle in the Grant neighborhood please do not block driveways. You risk being towed.
- The School front doors, art building doors, back sky bridge, and Hollyrood doors open at 8:00am.
  - The Library is open for students who arrive early to school.
- Students who arrive late to school will need to enter through the front doors of Grant, and then through the main office doors to check in at the attendance window in the main hallway.
- Students arriving late to the Art Building or Hollyrood need to push the call box next to the entrance doors. To gain access they need to present their late pass or student ID card.
- Students leaving early need to check out through the main office, unless they have an open period at the end of the day.
  - The parking lot is for staff use only.
  - See Ms. Xochihua in the Library for StudentVue and password assistance.
- Parents can excuse their students with an email to our attendance office (grantattend@pps.net), a phone call to 503-916-5160, or come in person to the main office.

Unanswered questions? If you have not found the answers to your questions in this bulletin please call us at 503-916-5160 for more assistance.

## PTA

#### Do you own a restaurant or catering company?

We have had wonderful families from our community work with us to cater teacher and staff appreciation events throughout the year. If you own a restaurant and would be interested in working with the PTA on future events please let us know. We pay-- but appreciate your special friends and family discount! Reach out to **grantptaboard@gmail.com** 

#### **ROAD TO 500<sup>TM</sup> Members update:**

We are nearly half way there with 224 members. Join soon and get in on our **EXCITING RAFFLE!** All paid PTA members get an entry and the winner will receive a THOUGHTFUL holiday/solstice/winter pick-me-up GIFT!

Inspired by this sketch <a href="https://youtu.be/FOVCtUdaMCU">https://youtu.be/FOVCtUdaMCU</a>

The winner will be drawn on Monday, November 28, and will get to tell us which neglected member of their family (Yourself? Your spouse? Grandpa? The middle child?) we should shop for. We'll deliver by December 16.

Join now! And maybe win a raffle (but not a robe). www.oregonpta.org/membership

Missed our first meeting of the year? Curious about what goes down at a PTA meeting in general? Read our minutes! A touch drier than being there in person but still informative! We will post each set on the Grant website PTA page: <a href="https://www.pps.net/domain/3759">https://www.pps.net/domain/3759</a>

The PTA has offered to help gather much needed supplies for Grant High School. We would like to thank all of those who have made donations of markers, pens, poster boards, pencils, kleenex, post-its, and much more. If you'd like to make a donation, please use this <u>form</u> to sign up.

## **ATHLETICS**

#### **Grant Women's Lacrosse Information**

Yes, lacrosse season is still months away but planning is starting now! In fact, fall practices are just around the corner. They will be starting on **Oct. 2nd.** While these weekly practices are optional, they are a great way to meet teammates and have some fun. Beginners are welcome!

If you are interested in playing on Grant Womens Lacrosse team this year, please reach out to **Heather Whiteford at whitefordheather@yahoo.com** to make sure you are on the email list. This will insure you don't miss out on any important information like fall practices, registration, gear purchases, etc.

## **YEARBOOKS**

Welcome back Generals! Yearbook is back in full swing, and we have already begun making this year's book. Some important information:

**Senior Portrait and Quote Due Date: 10/31.** It will be a hard deadline this year. Please schedule your photographers <u>now</u>, because if photos are submitted after this date, there is very little guarantee that we will be able to get them into the yearbook. Please note, students must be signed into their PPS Google account to fill out these forms.

<u>Link</u> for senior portrait submission

**Link** for senior quote submission

**Yearbooks are ON SALE NOW!** Buy your yearbook on <u>SchoolPay</u> before January 1st and pay our early bird price of \$55. There will be a price increase, so order now! This is the only way to guarantee you get a yearbook this year, there will not be another print run.

We strive to be inclusive to all of our trans and nonbinary identifying students. If your student uses a name that is different from what the school has on record *please* reach out to us so we can make sure we use the correct name in our book. Email dgranias@pps.net and emartincollier7230@student.pps.net for name changes.

Lastly, we have room available on the Yearbook staff. If your student is interested in being a part of the yearbook, please encourage them to talk to their counselor to transfer in. We hold class during 8th period.

## TRIVORY, GRANT'S OFFICIAL STUDENT APP!



Trivory is our official app of Grant High School, and although it is primarily for students, families should use it, too! This app will be used to help students stay in the know about upcoming school events and activities, school-wide announcements, weekly student video announcements, bell schedules, important dates, links to social media, and more! Download the free app through the Apple Store or Google Play. Watch this helpful tutorial created by our own Grant Leadership students.

On a side note, big shoutout to Terren Gurule, Roosevelt High School senior, who created the amazing app!

## **TESTING**



Advanced Placement test registration is now open for the 2022-2023 school year. Registration happens now in the fall for tests that will happen in May of 2023. The registration window for AP tests closes on November 1, 2022.

<u>Here</u> is a slideshow with detailed instructions for students about how to enroll in AP Classroom, register for the exam and apply for financial aid/pay for AP exams. Students should have completed steps 1-2 in their AP classes. Step 3 needs to be completed at home with parents.



On Wednesday, October 12, 2022 Grant will be administering the PSAT/NMSQT to all 10th graders. They do not need to register for this test as they are automatically registered. We will also be offering this test to our 11th graders who wish to sign up and pay the \$20 fee, payment is made on School Pay. There are limited PSAT tests available to 11th graders, so this is on a first come first serve sign up basis. The deadline for Juniors to sign up is Thursday October 6th. No Exceptions.

Once they have paid they need to see Ms. Martin in the main office to receive their Study Guide and be placed on the testing list. This test qualifies for Financial Aid through the Free and Reduced program. Any questions contact April Martin at amartin2@pps.net or Steven Benson at sbenson@pps.net.

**GET READY FOR THE PSAT** by going to <a href="https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt">https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt</a>
PSAT Student Guides are finally here. 10th graders can get them in their English classes and 11th graders can pick them up in the main office. Also here is the <a href="https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt">Student Guide</a> and 11th graders can pick them up in the main office. Also here is the <a href="https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt">Student Guide</a> and 11th graders can pick them up in the main office. Also here is the <a href="https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt">Student Guide</a> and 11th graders can pick them up in the main office. Also here is the <a href="https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt">Student Guide</a> and <a h

## **GHS RESOURCE CENTER**

#### Mental Health Resources

We encourage you to visit <u>www.sossignsofsuicide.org/parent</u> for information on warning signs for youth suicide, useful resources, and some of the key messages students will learn. This is a evidence based program that Grant High School uses for suicide prevention.

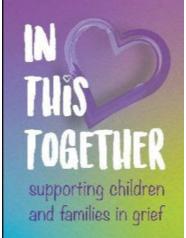
A new resource activated nationwide this summer is the <u>988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline</u>. The Lifeline and its partners are working to change the conversation from suicide to suicide prevention, and to initiate actions that can promote healing, help, and hope. The Lifeline provides 24/7 free, confidential support to people in distress; prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones; and best practices for professionals. Call or text 988 or chat <u>988lifeline.org/chat</u>.

#### A state-level resource:

- <u>YouthLine</u>, which is a free, confidential teen-to-teen crisis and help line. Students can call 1-877-968-8491, text teen2teen to 839863 or email teen2teen@LinesforLife.org.
- Multnomah County Crisis Line 503-988-4888
- The Oregon Suicide Prevention <u>website</u>

<u>NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)</u> offers several ongoing parent and family support groups. For more information visit the website: <a href="https://www.namimultnomah.org/family-support-groups">https://www.namimultnomah.org/family-support-groups</a>.

<u>In This Together</u> is a program that supports children, teens, and families who have experienced the death of someone close to them. Our support groups are offered at no cost to participants. Experiencing the death of someone can be a lonely and confusing time in a child's life. When children and teens attend an **In This Together** group, they discover they are not alone in their grief. They are able to look at one another and realize "we are **In This Together**."



IN PERSON GROUP

**SCHEDULED OCT 25 - NOV 29** 

advanced registration is required for **In This Together** groups contact clinical coordinators below for registration and additional information



Grant High School has Confidential Advocates on campus every Wednesday, 12:00pm-4:00pm.. What does an advocate do? Advocates provide 100% confidential support to PPS youth of all genders. This includes connecting you to resources and walking alongside you regardless of whether you choose to report to law enforcement or participate in a school-based investigation under Title IX. For more information please refer to <u>Title IX services</u>.

Students, families, and PPS affiliates are welcome to call or text our confidential advocacy hotline at (503) 809-HELP (4357). Operating hours are Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, but texts and voicemails received during off hours will be responded to promptly. We are thrilled to be offering this service as we want to make connecting with advocacy services more accessible for our whole community.

## **COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER**

<u>University of Portland Financial Aid Seminar for Portland Area High School Students Planning to Attend College</u>: Saturday, October 1st at 10 am

- Come learn about 2023-2024 FAFSA tips, scholarships, financial aid timelines, and more.
- This free event will be held in Buckley Center Auditorium at the University of Portland.
- Coffee, tea, and pastries will be available upon arrival, and optional UP campus tours will be available following the event from 11 AM to 12 PM.

#### Explore OSU: Sunday, October 2nd at 2 pm at the World Forestry Center

• This event is focused on the Honors College experience and is a great opportunity for students to learn more about OSU's programs, admissions, and scholarships, and meet with other OSU departments. If you have a senior that is high achieving and has at least a 3.75-unweighted GPA, please pass along the information! Students can find more event details and register here.

#### FAFSA/ORSAA Virtual Event - College Goal Oregon: October 19th at 6:30 pm

• The College Place Oregon will be teaming up with OSAC to provide a virtual College Goal Oregon event, a free event that helps students and families complete the FAFSA or ORSAA. Registration and additional information at: <a href="https://bit.ly/CollegeGoalOregon">https://bit.ly/CollegeGoalOregon</a>

**COLLEGE VISITS:** Students can view and register for all upcoming college visits on MaiaLearning -> Events

- 10/3: **Boston University** @ 11:45 am in the College & Career Center
- 10/3: Georgetown University @ 3:00 pm in the College & Career Center
- 10/4: University of Oregon @ 11:45 am in the South Forum
- 10/4: Pitzer College @ 3:00 pm in the College & Career Center
- 10/5: Portland State University @ 11:45 am in the College & Career Center
- 10/5: Lawrence University @ 3:00 pm in the College & Career Center
- 10/6: University of Richmond @ 10:00 am Virtual
- 10/6: Yale University @ 12:05 pm Virtual
- 10/6: University of Washington-Seattle Campus @ 3:00 pm in the South Forum

#### **GHS** is seeking ASPIRE Mentors!

Grant is relaunching our <u>ASPIRE mentor program</u> and is seeking volunteers to help local students explore career and post-high school education options through 1:1 mentoring, essay reviews, class presentations, and more! Volunteer time is flexible and volunteers will receive training and continual support from the ASPIRE Coordinator and site staff. If you are interested in becoming an ASPIRE mentor, you must complete the following steps:

- Complete the PPS Volunteer Application: <a href="https://www.pps.net/volunteer">https://www.pps.net/volunteer</a>
- Complete the ASPIRE Mentor Application: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFD5eNDmKEUt1KUWC\_HEAMTXAStgYBAIn">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFD5eNDmKEUt1KUWC\_HEAMTXAStgYBAIn\_ILR22m4uERkQUjQ/viewform</a>
- Contact the ASPIRE Coordinator, Mary Beth Snell, to set up a meeting time: msnell@pps.net

Lastly, please consider sharing your interests with us so we can plan events, career days and other activities that are targeted to your interests. Just take a few minutes to fill out our <u>PPS</u> <u>Career and Postsecondary Interest Survey</u> and we will start planning!

## LIBRARY NEWS

#### DID YOU DROP A CLASS THIS MONTH? RETURN YOUR TEXTBOOKS!

If you recently dropped a class that you checked out a textbook for, please return those materials as soon as possible.

THANK YOU!

#### **TAG NEWS**

#### **NEW!** Parent Office Hours with the TAG Department

Ask questions and receive information related to TAG identification, services, processes, etc.

We will meet on Zoom, 6:00-7:00 PM on the following dates:

September 28th

October 26th

November 30th

January 25th

February 22nd

March 22nd

April 26th

May 31st

**Zoom link** for Parent Office Hours with the TAG Department We look forward to seeing you!

## **STUDENT STORE**

The Student Store is open for students for the first 15 minutes of lunch. They also offer a limited selection of brand-new items online. There will be more items and specials posted soon. Thanks for your school-spirit and for supporting the Grant High School community.

Start shopping now!

https://www.instagram.com/ghs.studentstore/

https://twitter.com/GHStudentstore

## **NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE**

For more information from our School Nurse visit the Grant school nurse webpage

Grant has a health room near the front office, room 197. We have a web page with information at <u>Grant School Nurse</u>. We have a RN and SHA (School health assistant). Grant does not have a

Student health center. We refer to several area high schools that do have health centers operated by Multnomah County, <u>Student health center locations and hours</u>

If your child needs medication during the school day there are consent forms on the nurse web page. Please notify the health room if your child will need medication at school.

Jennifer Makinster, BSN, RN
Multnomah Education Service District-School Health Services (MESD-SHS)
Serving Grant High School
2245 NE 36th Avenue, Portland, OR 97212
Click this PPS link Grant High School Nurse for information and resources

## **LOST AND FOUND ITEMS**

The Campus Safety Team has 2 rather large items that are waiting to be claimed. If you have lost an item and can give an accurate description it can be returned. If you are locking your bikes on campus we strongly encourage you to use a U Lock instead of a cable lock. If you see something that causes you concern, say something!

We have a lost and found area on the lower level next to room 33. If students have lost clothing items or water bottles, they should check this area. If students have lost smaller items of value, such as; keys, jewelry, phones, chargers, etc. they need to check at the main office.

## **NUTRITION SERVICES**

With the start of school, the Nutrition Services department appreciates everyone's patience as students learn about the cafeteria and remember their student IDs and the procedures. Lunch lines may appear longer and slower during the first few weeks, but as students recall and practice the procedures, the lines should become more efficient.

Our menus for August and September are now posted on our website. Similar to last year, we are still facing challenges with the local and national supply chain, so our menus may be subject to change with substitutions. For this reason, we will be posting the menus monthly to reflect the most updated and current information about the foods that we serve.

Whitney Ellersick, Senior Director, wellersi@pps.net

## **SAFEOREGON TIP LINE**

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/
- > 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 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 <a href="https://www.pps.net">www.pps.net</a> and click on the "Mobile First" button.

**<u>BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS</u>** must be received no later than the end of the day each Thursday for review. Send your submission to <u>sdavis@pps.net</u>.