



December 15th and 16th

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### **PERFORMING ARTS**



One of our beloved Grant traditions returns with our Arts departments' collaborative production of *Grantasia*. This combined concert and showcase features all of the Choir, Dance, Band and Orchestra classes, as well as support from Tech Theatre and Audio Engineering students, and artwork projected during the performance from many of our Visual Arts classes. *Grantasia* will be live in-person on the evenings of December 15th and 16th in the Grant Auditorium at 7pm. It will also be live streaming via YouTube. See the Grantasia "Quick Link" for more information.

### PRE 9TH GRADE CREDIT REMOVAL

Credit may be offered for selected academic courses taken prior to grade nine in the pre-grade nine courses that meet the same, or equivalent, criteria as a high school course. Students must earn a grade of "C" or better, and enroll in the next appropriate course at the high school level. These grades will be factored into the student's grade point average (GPA). If a student wants a pre-high school credit removed from their transcript, they must complete the required paperwork before the end of the first semester of their freshman year. See your counselor for more information or download and print out this form and return it to the counseling office before the end of the 1st Semester of your Freshman (9th grade) year.

Pre 9th Grade Credit Removal form Click here

### **PPS VACCINE MANDATE FEEDBACK WANTED**

PPS wants to hear from students as we consider a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for students 12 and up. Students may visit <u>pps.net/contact</u> to let us know your opinion, or how day-to-day life at school would be with a potential mandate.

### **OHSU COVID-19 SCREENING TESTING**

K-12 students can sign up to get free weekly COVID-19, PCR tests through their school during the 2021-2022 school year. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has contracted with OHSU to provide these tests to participating K-12 schools in Oregon. Grant High School will be participating in this important program. Parents can Opt their students into this program by completing the attached forms (Opt in form + OHSU Authorization form) and return to the main office at Grant HS.

Please note: This partnership program has multiple steps and processes that may take 2-3 weeks before we can distribute a test kit with labels to the student. After submitting paperwork to the Main Office, students should check in every Monday for status.

Our program rolled out on November 15th and continues on Mondays (when school is in session):

#### Mondays -

Students pick up test kits from the main office as they leave for the day.

#### Tuesdays -

Students complete their saliva sample, at home, before they come to school. Then, they bring to school, the labeled saliva sample tube, in the labeled biohazard bag, and drop it off at the main office on their way into school that morning.

For additional questions, you can reach out to OHSU, via their OHSU family support email: <u>https://www.ohsu.edu/health/k-12-covid-19-screening-program</u>

Expectation of Communication from OHSU: **OHSU** is committed to sending results to ALL families within 48 hours. Positive and inconclusive results will receive a phone call; negative results will generate an email. If families do not receive their email they should check ParentVUE to ensure the correct email address is provided, and let their school know that it has been updated. For questions, please contact our Business Manager, Ms. Roberts at <u>croberts@pps.net</u>.

Please click this <u>link</u>, to learn more about this program.

COVID-19 Screening Testing Authorization Form

## ATTENDANCE

For student absences, late arrivals, and early releases, you may excuse your student in 3 different ways. Please choose one way that works for your family:

1) Call 503-916-5171 (Attendance Office).

- 2) Email grantattend@pps.net.
- 3) Have your student bring a note to the Attendance Office.

# When you notify the school regarding an absence, please indicate the following information:

- 1. Student's Name (ID# if known).
- 2. Your phone number.
- 3. Date of Absence.
- 4. Reason for Absence.
- 5. If a COVID test was done, date and result

(If absence is due to ILLNESS, please provide the symptoms. Based on the information you share, our school nurse may also need to contact you for some follow-up information).

Students arriving more than 10 minutes late to a class must sign in at the Attendance Office (outside the main office). Students leaving early must sign out in the main office, and if returning, sign back in at the main office.

#### Asistencia de Ausencias

Para las ausencias, llegadas tardías y salidas tempranas de los estudiantes, puede excusar a su estudiante de 3 formas diferentes. Elija una forma que funcione para su familia.

1) Llame al 503-916-5171 (Oficina de asistencia)

2)Mande correo electronico a grantattend@pps.net

3)Haga que su estudiante traiga una nota a la oficina de asistencia sobre su ausencia.

Cuando notifique a la escuela sobre una ausencia, indique la siguiente información:

- 1. Nombre de estudiante (ID # si conocido)
- 2. Su numero de telefono
- 3. Fecha de ausencia
- 4. Razón de ausencia
- 5. Si se realizó la prueba de COVID, fecha y resultado.

(Si la ausencia se debe a una ENFERMEDAD, proporcione los síntomas. Según la información que comparta, es posible que la enfermera de nuestra escuela también debe comunicarse con usted para obtener información de seguimiento).

Los estudiantes que lleguen más de 10 minutos tarde a una clase deben registrarse en la Oficina de Asistencia (fuera de la oficina principal ). Los estudiantes que se vayan temprano deben firmar su salida en la oficina principal y, si regresan, deberán registrarse nuevamente en la oficina principal.

### **2021-22 YEARBOOKS**

Visit the GHS Yearbook website for all things yearbook.

2021/2022 Yearbooks on sale now in <u>SchoolPay</u>!! \$55- Early bird price.

Price Increase Jan. 1 Order Today!

\*Follow us on Instagram- ghs.yearbook.pdx

2020-2021 Yearbooks Distro Info

2021 Yearbooks are sold out. Distro continues for pre-orders.

CURRENT STUDENTS: Remaining yearbooks can be picked up after school on B-Days, and during flex in rm 277 GRADUATES AND FAMILIES: Check your email (School Pay purchaser) for a survey and info sent Nov. 2. We are trying to reach you!

2022 SENIORS YEARBOOK INFO: Senior Portraits, Senior Quotes, and Baby Ads. Find info on the <u>GHS Yearbook website</u> 2021/2022 Yearbooks on sale now in <u>SchoolPay</u>!! \$55- Early bird price. \*Follow us on Instagram- ghs.yearbook.pdx

## **PARENTVUE STUDENT VERIFICATION**

All families are required to update their student contact information each year. This can be done through ParentVue and the Yearly Verification link.

# CHECK OUT 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 <u>this helpful tutorial</u> 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!

### **STUDENTS / PARENTS NEED TO KNOW**

• *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*: <u>The school parking lot is for staff and visitors only</u>. 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, and back sky bridge doors open at 8:00am.

• The Library opens at 8:00am for students who arrive early to school.

• Students who arrive late to school will need to enter through the front doors, 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 need to push the call box to the right of 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.

• See Ms. Xochihua in the Library for StudentVue and password assistance.

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.

<u>Advanced Placement (AP) Program</u> - We want students to know they get: Free, personal tutoring 24/7 in all AP classes with experienced, professional tutors! Here is a <u>quick overview of Tutor.Com</u> for students & families. Please talk to your AP teacher if you have any questions about this great opportunity.

## **VOLUNTEERING AT GRANT**

Volunteering opportunities are limited at this time, but we do have "essential" needs that allow us to have some volunteers on-site for various school needs. You will need to show proof of Covid-19 vaccination.

Instructions: apply at pps.net/volunteer and Grant HS Parent Volunteer List

If you believe you are already current with your volunteer status, please contact Sue Davis, sdavis@pps.net, to confirm status and proof of Covid-19 vaccination.

### **SENIOR CORNER**

#### Graduation preparations are underway at Grant High School.

- Graduation will be Thursday June 9, 2022 at 7:30pm. It will take place at Providence Park. At this time we do not know the number of tickets each graduate will receive.
- It is now time to order your Diploma! Please go to **<u>THIS FORM</u>** to submit how you want your Legal Name to appear on your Diploma. This form can only be filled out by the graduate while signed into their PPS account.
- Graduation Ceremony Prep orders will be handled by Josten's. Josten's will be mailing packets home the week of November 1, 2021
- Graduation Ceremony Prep Week November 8 -12, 2021. This is the week you want to get your orders in because 1 lucky graduate who has placed their order will receive their entire Josten's order for free.
- November 17, 2021 Josten's will be here to take in orders as well as drop off Senior swag that you ordered the week before.

For questions about Graduation please go to the <u>Grant website</u>. Once at the Senior Graduation Information site don't forget to click on the links to the left of the page. Don't

see what you are looking for contact April Martin at amartin2@pps.net or 503-916-9160 ext 85307

<u>Help is needed with the Senior All Night Party planning!</u> We are looking for people to join the committee and someone to lead and delegate. It's a great way to connect with our school community. For parents of underclassmen, this is a great opportunity to "pay it forward" for our well-deserved seniors. Please reach out if you would like to join the committee. Dana Eaton: danaeaton@gmail.com

## ATHLETICS

<u>Elle Frazier All American Recognition</u> - This Fall, Elle Frazier of Grant High School earned a spot on the West Team at the 2021 High School All-American Game in Knoxville, Tennessee on December 11th, 2021. Congratulations To Elle Frazier on this enormous accomplishment!



*Interested in playing softball*? Softball workouts have started. Come join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45pm to 5:00pm in the weight room for softball conditioning. For any questions please contact Coach Engelstad at <u>dengelst@pps.net</u>.

### **FUNDRAISERS**

#### "Players & Puppies" Grant Lacrosse Calendar Sale Fundraiser

Grant Men's Lacrosse team has collaborated with Piles of Puppies, an amazing local organization that brings joy to terminally ill children and their families by surrounding them with "a Pile of Puppies", to produce a 2022 calendar featuring our players and puppies. Students from the Grant HS Graphic Design program helped create the calendar. See the examples below.

All proceeds support Grant Lacrosse and Pile of Puppies. The team receives no funding from the school or district--we are 100% self-funded. This year, we are raising money for much-needed new uniforms.

The calendars are only \$20.00 a piece. Head over to https://www.granthslacrosse.com/puppies to place an order. Thank you for your support!



## **GHS RESOURCE CENTER**

*Gift of Giving - Help those in need during the holiday season.* If interested in donating gift cards for families in need please contact our Social Worker, Catrina Knoerzer at <u>cknoerzer@pps.net</u> or drop them off at the front office addressed to Ms. Knoerzer.

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

# Holidays can be a really challenging time for people who have experienced loss. Here are some community resources to support students and families:

<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 the participants. For more information please refer to this <u>flyer</u> <u>https://www.dougy.org/grief-support-resources</u>



Grant High School now has Confidential Advocates on campus. 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.

#### <u> 4-Star Hunger Project</u>

The 4 Star Hunger project provides a weekend supply of nutritious food for students/families in need when school lunch and breakfast is unavailable on the weekend or school holiday. This program is funded through donations, so please consider donating (monetary, gift cards or non-perishable food items). For more information please contact Catrina Knoerzer, School Social Worker at 503-916-5160 or cknoerzer@pps.net.

#### Race Equity Support Line 503-575-3764

The Racial Equity Support Line is service-led and staffed by people with lived experience of racism. We offer support to those who are feeling the emotional impacts of racist violence and microaggressions, as well as the emotional impacts of immigration struggles and other cross-cultural issues.

#### MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE INFORMATION:

- <u>Catrina's Virtual Office</u> (Grant school Social Worker) For more information visit our <u>GHS Resource Center website</u>.
- Reach Out Oregon Warmline 1 833 732 2467

#### Monday-Friday 12-7pm

Parents know how lonely it is to care for a young person experiencing emotional, behavioral and mental health challenges. It can be frightening and isolating. It's hard to know where and how to reach out for help and information. As caregivers, we have experience navigating challenges on behalf of our children and families. And as a community, we have much to offer one another. This is what Reach Out Oregon is all about, a supportive community where you will find a support team: Parent to Parent.

• <u>Safe and Strong Helpline:</u> 1 800 923 4357

Available 24/7 with interpretation

A collaboration of Oregon Health Authority and Lines for Life

This is an emotional support and resource referral line that can assist anyone struggling and seeking support. Callers do not need to be in crisis.

• 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

#### HEALTH RESOURCE INFORMATION:

<u>One-Stop Resource for Food Needs</u>. <u>NeedFood.Oregon.gov</u> is a one-stop website for new and existing food needs during the pandemic.

Multnomah County <u>Student Health Centers</u> 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.

### **GRANT PTA**

<u>Please join us for our next PTA Meeting</u> on Tues. Dec 14th at 6:30pm on Zoom. We would love to welcome you into the Grant PTA! Come join us to find out more about what is going on at our school and to find ways to get involved.

Topic: Grant PTA Zoom Meeting

Time: Tues. Nov 9th, 6:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81321288504?pwd=MFVtN2Myd1pTNFJwcFhQOE9xNm41U T09

Meeting ID: 813 2128 8504 / Passcode: 192944

#### Winter Staff Appreciation Event Plans

The Grant PTA, with the help of the student leadership class, is organizing a festive breakfast table on Friday, December 17th for our all of our dedicated Grant HS staff including administration, office staff, counselors, teachers, paraeducators, cooks, coaches, security, and custodians.

All families are invited to bring in a thank you card, which can be placed in the card basket. There are also opportunities to bring a few additional items to supplement the catered items that we have ordered for our breakfast table. If you are interested in participating, please follow the link to our sign up genius, mark which item you can bring, and deliver it to the school on Thursday, December 16 or by 7:30 AM on Friday, December 17th.Thanks for your support and participation.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48A8AB22A57-grant

#### The Grant PTA Needs Your Support to Make a Difference in Our Community!

Whether you attend all of our meetings or none, whether you become a super active volunteer or remain a quiet supporter in the background, your membership matters! Our membership dues are \$25 per year, and these funds help supply our annual budget to serve students and families. In addition to supporting our Grant community as a PTA member, you are also joining the largest and oldest child advocacy organization at the state and national levels.

Annual membership is just \$25 per person. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join. https://grantpta.memberhub.com/store

#### Contact Grant PTA

grantptaboard@gmail.com

### **GRANT BOOSTER CLUB - GRANT GIVES!**



#### WANTED: Board Members at GrantGives!

Are you a parent at Grant High School? Are you committed to creating rich extra-curricular opportunities for your students and others? Are you a natural leader with a lot of energy? Do you love connecting with other Grant parents and the greater GHS community?

If so, please consider becoming a board member at GrantGives! We have several positions open for the 2021-22 school year. Our Board meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of every month (and we're fun!). Come help us take GrantGives to the next level!

Interested or have questions? Email us at grantboosters@gmail.com or call GrantGives president Anthony Effinger at (503) 490-8524

GrantGives is the booster club for Grant High School. We're a parent-run fundraising group that supports clubs and teams ranging from robotics to lacrosse to dance to golf. We also help clubs coordinate events and raise money through our donation platforms.

Donations are always accepted at <u>www.grantgives.com</u> THANK YOU!!

### **TESTING**

#### <u>SAT Testing</u>

The SAT will be administered to all 11th graders on April 13, 2022 at Grant High School. All 11th graders are automatically registered to take this test. This SAT date is only available to current Grant 11th graders.

#### **Oregon State Testing**

State Testing for all 11th graders will happen at the end of April 2022. If you wish to have your student not take part in this State Testing then you will need to fill out the <u>Opt-out</u> Form and return it to April Martin in the main office.

## **COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER**

#### PPS Virtual FAFSA Completion Night!

Wednesday, December 8th at 6 pm - <u>https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/8501805182</u>

Students and parents/guardians are encouraged to attend - register here: <u>http://bit.ly/PPSVirtualFAFSA</u>.

• Come prepared with a copy of your 2020 tax return and <u>FSA IDs</u> for both the student and parent/guardian

• These events are offered virtually with breakout rooms available for 1x1 support with FAFSA experts

• Language support will be offered in: Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Russian, and Somali

#### UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINES:

The Foot Locker Scholar Athletes program honors student-athletes who demonstrate exceptional academic ability and strong leadership skills in sports, in their schools, and within their communities. Applications are due at 11:59 pm EST on December 17, 2021.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Invitational 2022 Essay Contest

Submission Deadline: Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 5 pm PST

Winners will be formally recognized at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Invitational on January 17, 2022. More details at <u>www.pilathletics.com</u>

- 1st Place \$1,000
- 2nd Place \$750
- 3rd Place \$500

#### OSAC Scholarships!

The <u>OSAC Scholarship Application</u> is open - please encourage students to create their profiles and complete their applications. The priority deadline is February 15th at 5 pm PST!

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

Grant has launched an <u>ASPIRE mentor program</u> and is seeking volunteers to help local students explore career and post-high school education options. 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: <u>https://www.pps.net/volunteer</u>
- Complete the ASPIRE Mentor Application:
- <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFD5eNDmKEUt1KUWC\_HEAMTX</u> <u>AStgYBAInILR22m4uERkQUjQ/viewform</u>

• Contact the ASPIRE Coordinator, Mary Beth Snell, to set up a meeting time: msnell@pps.net

If a student is interested in being matched with a mentor, the student and their parents/guardians need to complete the ASPIRE permission form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1aGhvDU49u06wPo3-A\_UGVcB86fI4-l05-t zyT9Z\_sXbcGA/viewform.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Snell, GHS College Coordinator/ASPIRE Coordinator, at msnell@pps.net.

# AND NOW FOR CAREER EXPLORATION, PAYING JOBS AND GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITIES:

1. <u>Are you interested in exploring the field of HEALTH CARE</u>? Check out Emergency Preparedness with our Career Focussed event on the morning of December 8th: <u>EMTs</u>, <u>Firefighters</u>, <u>Emergency Communications</u>. Pre-register and then join the watch party in the College and Career Center.

2. Or, check out next week's <u>Future You 2 Go</u> virtual career talk featuring <u>PCC's Health</u> <u>Programs</u>:

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 from 1:00pm-1:45pm: <u>Post-Secondary Presentation-PCC</u> <u>Health Programs</u>



Healthcare is an exciting and dynamic field with many career options. Whether you want to work directly with patients, behind the scenes, or somewhere in between, come to learn the many choices you'll find at PCC. These programs can be completed in 6-24 months. Connected Careers: Healthcare.

3. Looking for a job? Now is the time - retailers are hiring for the holidays. Go to College and Career Center JOBS info for help. Or stop by the College and Career Center, 128. Instagram for the verv latest: Lastly. be sure to follow us on https://www.instagram.com/ghscollegeandcareercentral/?hl=en. On that note, the latest news is that Safeway and Albertson's are staging a Job Fair tomorrow, December 4th, 11AM to 3PM, at all locations. Apply Here beforehand and then go in to the location of your choice for an on-the-spot interview. Safeway/Albertson's hire starting at 16 years old for Courtesy Clerks and Starbucks Baristas with flexible scheduling, paid time off, and educations scholarship opportunities.

#### 4. <u>How about the National Film Festival Talented Youth (NFFTY) Screenplay</u> <u>Competition?</u>

Story Starts Here is an opportunity for tomorrow's best storytellers to submit narrative & episodic screenplays under 40 pages. The finalists can win awards and cash, along with receiving a copy of Final Draft 12 screenwriting software! Final Deadline: Jan. 7th, 2022, cost is \$35 to enter. See all details <u>HERE</u>.

<u>5. Calling all students working for environmental justice!</u> The EPA has opened its President's Environmental Youth Award Competition. If you have an existing environmental stewardship project or an idea for a project, consider entering! Projects must be started in 2021 and submitted by Friday, February 18, 2022. See all details online: https://www.epa.gov/education/presidents-environmental-youth-award

#### 6. SENIORS! Consider a Gap Year with Americorps:

Thinking about taking a gap year after high school? Consider applying for an <u>Americorps</u> <u>position (NCCC or FEMA)!</u>

<u>NCCC</u> is a full-time service program that covers lodging and travel expenses, allowing young adults to serve on a team and make an impact in communities across the country while gaining valuable leadership skills.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) partnered with Americorps to create <u>FEMA Corps</u> so people like you can help communities prepare for and respond to disasters. FEMA Corps can help you get a foot in the door to work for the federal government and gain experience in the emergency management sector.

Upcoming Webinar:

AmeriCorps NCCC: A to Z, Thursday, Dec. 7, 1:00pm PST (even if you can't make it, you can register for the webinar and receive the recorded session by email.)

7. <u>And then there's this - Upcoming Gap Year and Summer Opportunities Virtual Fairs</u> Check out the link to access details: <u>https://fairs.teenlife.com/conventions</u>

Summer Opportunities Virtual Fair Thursday, Dec. 9th

Go Overseas/USA Gap Year Fairs has produced an extensive <u>Gap Year Guide</u> with all kinds of great information!

8. Lastly, register for the National Virtual Gap Year Fair happening January 18, 2022.

#### COLLEGE UPDATES:

UPCOMING VISITS: Students can register in MaiaLearning

**Oregon Army National Guard:** Thursday, December 16th at 10 am in the College & Career Center

United States Naval Academy: Thursday, December 16th at 11:30 am in the College & Career Center

**Oregon Air National Guard:** Thursday, December 16th at 1 pm in the College & Career Center

**Portland Community College Application and Scholarship Session:** Thursday, January 20th at 2:45 pm (during Flex) in the South Forum

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 Complete the ASPIRE Mentor Application: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFD5eNDmKEUt1KUWC\_HEAMTXAStgYBAlnI</u> <u>LR22m4uERkQUjQ/viewform</u>

• Contact the ASPIRE Coordinator, Mary Beth Snell, to set up a meeting time: msnell@pps.net

If a student is interested in being matched with a mentor, the student and their parents/guardians need to complete the ASPIRE permission form: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1aGhvDU49u06wPo3-A\_UGVcB86fI4-l05-tz\_yT9Z\_sXbcGA/viewform</u>. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Snell, GHS College Coordinator/ASPIRE Coordinator, at msnell@pps.net.

#### UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINES:

The <u>Foot Locker Scholar Athletes program</u> honors student-athletes who demonstrate exceptional academic ability and strong leadership skills in sports, in their schools, and within their communities. Applications are due at 11:59 pm EST on December 17, 2021.

The HOME DEPOT Foundation's Path to Pro Scholarship is for seniors who plan to enroll, or be enrolled, in an approved trade-related program at an accredited two-year school (technical/vocational school or college) in the United States. Focused on Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing, or Construction Management. The deadline is 12/31/21.

#### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Invitational 2022 Essay Contest

Submission Deadline: Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 5 pm PST Winners will be formally recognized at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Invitational on January 17, 2022. More details at <u>www.pilathletics.com</u>

- 1st Place \$1,000
- 2nd Place \$750
- 3rd Place \$500

#### OSAC Scholarships!

The <u>OSAC Scholarship Application</u> is open - please encourage students to create their profiles and complete their applications. The priority deadline is February 15th at 5 pm PST!

#### AND NOW FOR CAREER EXPLORATION, PAYING JOBS, AND GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Next week's <u>Future You 2 Go</u> virtual career talk:

Wednesday, December 15, 2021, from 4:00 pm-4:45 pm: <u>Career Presentation-Nikoyia</u> (<u>Nuh-Koy-Uh</u>) <u>Phillips, Equity Manager-City of Portland Bureau of Planning and</u> <u>Sustainability</u>



Nikoyia Phillips is a 2nd generation Portlander, identifies as Black and uses she/her/hers pronouns. Nikoyia currently serves as the Equity and Engagement Manager for the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) and as Board Chair of the non-profit Beyond Black CDC. Her role at the City blends training, community organizing, and program design to guide City priorities and realize community visions for the future. Her special areas of interest include; public art, policy, community co-creation, and popular education. Nikoyia's superpower is working with youth and communities of color on climate, public health and land use focused projects to produce policy agendas, project recommendations, and art installations.

2. <u>Looking for a job</u>? Now is the time - get in on the tail end of holiday hiring. Go to <u>College and Career Center JOBS info</u> for help. Or stop by the College and Career Center,

room 128. Lastly, be sure to follow us on Instagram or the very latest: <u>https://www.instagram.com/ghscollegeandcareercentral/?hl=en</u>.

3. <u>How about the National Film Festival Talented Youth (NFFTY) Screenplay Competition?</u> Story Starts Here is an opportunity for tomorrow's best storytellers to submit narrative & episodic screenplays under 40 pages. The finalists can win awards and cash, along with receiving a copy of Final Draft 12 screenwriting software! Final Deadline: Jan. 7th, 2022, cost is \$35 to enter. See all details <u>HERE</u>.

4. <u>Calling all students working for environmental justice!</u> The EPA has opened its President's Environmental Youth Award Competition. If you have an existing environmental stewardship project or an idea for a project, consider entering! Projects must be started in 2021 and submitted by Friday, February 18, 2022. See all details online: <u>https://www.epa.gov/education/presidents-environmental-youth-award</u>

5. <u>SENIORS!</u> Consider a Gap Year with Americorps: Thinking about taking a gap year after high school? Consider applying for an <u>Americorps position</u> (NCCC or FEMA)!

• <u>NCCC</u> is a full-time service program that covers lodging and travel expenses, allowing young adults to serve on a team and make an impact in communities across the country while gaining valuable leadership skills.

• The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) partnered with Americorps to create <u>FEMA Corps</u> so people like you can help communities prepare for and respond to disasters. FEMA Corps can help you get a foot in the door to work for the federal government and gain experience in the emergency management sector.

#### Summer Opportunities Virtual Fairs

Check out the link to access details: <u>https://fairs.teenlife.com/conventions</u>

- Summer Opportunities Virtual Fair Thursday, Dec. 9th
- Go Overseas/USA Gap Year Fairs has produced an extensive <u>Gap Year Guide</u> with all kinds of great information!

6. Lastly, register for the National Virtual Gap Year Fair happening January 18, 2022.

### LIBRARY NEWS.

#### LITERARY COMPETITION SEASON STARTS SOON!

#### - POETRY OUT LOUD - FEBRUARY 3rd

Poetry Out Loud is a recitation competition for high school students across the country.

Any student who wants to compete in Grant's school-wide competition on February 3, 2022,

should fill out this <u>registration form</u> no later than Friday, January 7, 2022.

#### - 7TH ANNUAL STORY SLAM - FEBRUARY 17th

The 7th Annual Story Slam - Amazingly True Tales will be held on **Thursday, February** 17th @ 7 p.m.

This year's story theme is **LUCKY.** Any student who is interested in sharing a story at this year's slam,

should fill out this registration form no later than Friday, February 4, 2022.

For inspiration, check out this previous school slam and district-wide high school slam.

Teacher Librarian Ms. Battle will be hosting workshops to prep students for the in-person Slam event being held on February 17th.

Please plan to attend a workshop on February 10th and 16th, from 3:45-5:00 in the Grant Library to learn more about the Story Slam format,

refine your story, and to register to participate. Winner from the Franklin Slam will go on to compete against other Portland High Schools in a city wide Slam competition. Enjoy our video from last year's virtual story slam for inspiration! This year's Story Slam theme is LUCKY and you can register here if you are interested in participating.

#### TAG NEWS SIGN UP FOR THE USA Biolympiad

Students wanting to take the 2022 USABO must fill out this form.

Registration is FREE, but you must sign up by this Monday - December 13th!

#### Talented and Gifted (TAG) Identification nomination forms now available

Students can be **nominated any time before January 7, 2022** (when forms are due). Part of the process includes families sharing information about their student and giving consent to any assessments needed to complete the process.

If you have any questions about the process, please feel free to contact Paige Battle (TAG Coordinator at Grant) at pbattle@pps.net

- English TAG Parent Nomination Form
- <u>Spanish</u> TAG Parent Nomination Form
- <u>Somali</u> TAG Parent Nomination Form
- <u>Vietnamese</u> TAG Parent Nomination Form
- <u>Russian</u> TAG Parent Nomination Form
- <u>Chinese</u> TAG Parent Nomination Form

### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

### <u>Rose Festival 2022</u>



Calling all interested Junior and Senior female identifying students! The Rose Festival Court's mission is to provide scholarships for higher education, to promote community outreach and volunteerism, to offer networking and mentoring opportunities in a program that perpetuates an appreciation for Rose Festival history and tradition. If you are interested in representing Grant High School and the City of Portland please check out this link for more information and application materials, and view this <u>YouTube</u> video for more insight.



Special Olympics Oregon has announced that the Polar Plunge will be in person this year! They are researching new locations, and it looks like the Rose City Plunge will likely be held at Willamette Park, in the Oaks Bottom area, on February 26th.

Here is the link to join/donate The Grant Generals Team and Plunge for a Purpose with us!

You <u>do not</u> have to pay to sign up. Enter Promo code SOORUCS at checkout to waive the registration fee

As soon as you join, create your own fundraising page and share, share, share. The annual Plunge provides 90% of SOORs operational budget for the year. Our goal is \$2500.00 this year and we cannot get there without your help! Grant Unified programs will receive half of all funds raised.

The 2021-22 GHS Clubs Directory can now be found on the school website <u>HERE</u> - it's not too late to join and bond over common interests!!

#### GHS Student Club Directory Now onLine!

The 2021-22 **GHS Clubs Directory** can now be found on the school website **HERE** and on the Trivory app under the resources section - it's not too late to join groups and bond over common interests!! For any questions about starting new clubs, please visit the website or contact Erin McNulty (emcnulty@pps.net), Student Activities/Leadership.

<u>*Holiday Candy Grams*</u> will be on sale during lunch on Monday 12/13 - Wednesday 12/15 in the center hall. Come write a sweet message to a friend and your Candy Gram will be delivered during 6th period on Thursday 12/15. Cash only - \$1 each!

## **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

### **CONTRIBUTING TO GRANT**

Grant High School is able to offer enhanced learning opportunities for students because of your support and contributions. We are very thankful for your commitment to our programs and the success of our students. Families are not required to contribute.

**To contribute:** Please use <u>SchoolPay</u>. This is a PPS online web tool that allows families to make contributions without having to make a special trip to the school or send a check. It also provides the convenience of paying by Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card online. There is no additional fee for using SchoolPay. If you do not see your student's class listed, please feel free to contribute to the **Grant Classroom Support link** in SchoolPay. There is also a **General School Donation** link to support student learning and engagement.

Here is the <u>link</u> to a list of suggested contributions. If you have any questions regarding SchoolPay, please contact our Business Manager, Cynthia Roberts, at <u>croberts@pps.net</u>

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CLASSROOM SUPPORT** - Grant needs your help with keeping our classrooms supplied. The following items are what we are currently in need of:

Marker sets of 10 or 12 colors Post It's 3 x 3 multiple colors Glue Sticks Index Cards 3 x 5 Index Cards 4 x 6 Face Masks Sharpies - regular size in black Sharpies - Large black

### **STUDENT ID/HOP PASS ASSISTANCE**

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 <u>amartin2@pps.net</u> for all HOP Pass issues.

### **NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE**

Multnomah County is holding some vaccine clinics beginning Dec 8th. Students can catch up on routine immunizations that may have been missed during the pandemic, plus get the COVID vaccine.



*The school and the health room staff continue to monitor* for COVID and excludable illnesses. Thanks for keeping us updated. Call or email attendance when your student is out with illness, has tested positive for COVID-19 or been in close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual. Also notify attendance for anticipated prolonged absences. See directions and contact info here <u>Grant attendance</u>

Nemours <u>kidshealth.org</u> is a trusted resource for health information. They report "now that millions of people have gotten a COVID-19 vaccine (including children), it's clear that they're safe and effective when given with other vaccines." It's also believed this could be a tough flu season as we are now back to work and school. It is recommended that students and adults get the flu vaccine.

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*The following high schools have Student Health Centers:* Benson @Marshall campus, Centennial, Cleveland (recently reopened), David Douglas, Franklin, Jefferson, McDaniel, Parkrose and Reynolds. Phone numbers and locations can be found at the hotlinks below Clinics operated by Multnomah County <u>Student Health Centers</u> <u>OHSU student clinic at Benson</u>

### LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

All Lost and Found items can be found in either the hallway outside of classroom 031, or in the Main Office. If you've lost any clothing items, shoes, water bottles, or other accessories please check the Lost and Found area outside of room 031. If you've lost a smaller item, such as keys, wallets, Student ID card, glasses, jewelry, earbuds, etc. then you'll need to check at the Main Office.

### **NUTRITION SERVICES**

All PPS students eat breakfast and lunch for FREE. Students will receive 1 breakfast and 1 lunch. Menu information, along with allergy and carbohydrate counts can be found in the drop down menu below.

Households financially impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) may be able to qualify for The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP offers food benefits to eligible, low-income individuals and families. Find out if you are eligible and how to apply for food benefits by clicking <u>here</u>. For more information or support, please contact the Nutrition Services department at 503-916-3399 or nutritionservices@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 <u>SafeOregon website https://www.safeoregon.com/</u>

> 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. <u>You opt in by texting YES to 68453.</u> 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 <u>www.pps.net</u> and click on the "Mobile First" button.