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Dear GHS Families,

Welcome back to the 2022-23 school year. It has been an exciting first week of school welcoming our 2200+ students. During these first few days, we were able to hold our first student-led assemblies in about three years, have a Pep on the Porch followed by a home varsity football game in the bowl, and our girls volleyball and our defending state championship girls soccer team start their seasons. Our teachers spent much of the week building community with their students. **We encourage every student to be involved in at least one activity that helps connect them to our school.** We have two fall sports that are "no cut" sports and we encourage all students who are not yet involved in a Grant physical activity to give X-Country or Football a try for at least a few weeks. Registration information can be found on the GHS website.

Performance Arts is another way for students to connect with Grant. We're fortunate to have a robust and outstanding Performance Arts program. Tryouts for our first play, Middletown, by Will Eno, are scheduled for next week on September 6th and 9th. More information below under Performing Arts. Stay tuned for Club Fair information coming soon.

Please encourage your student to attend every class period every day! Attendance is a top priority at Grant. Our data shows that when students miss classes they are less likely to succeed at Grant. Please try to schedule appointments and family vacations around the school schedule and calendar whenever possible to support student success.

Thank you to all of our families who support students and Grant in a variety of ways. We would not have been able to get all of our students through our Gear Up days without so many terrific volunteers. Thank you to our PTA for providing a welcome back lunch for our staff. The community support for our students and teachers is greatly appreciated.

We hope to see everyone at Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 21st where families will be able to meet teachers and learn about their students' classes.

I'm looking forward to a productive and memorable 2022/23 school year.

James McGee, Principal

# PTA

THE PTA WELCOMES YOU TO THE NEW YEAR!

We know you have a lot of burning PTA questions, so we've created this handy FAQ:

Q: There is still a PTA in High School?

A: Yes. And just like your own teens still need your help and money, so do we.

Q: How do I join the PTA?

A: Visit <https://www.oregonpta.org/membership> and choose Grant HS in the drop down box. If you have already joined this school year via the Memberhub site, you're good.

Q: Why should I join the PTA?

A: Because we said so.

(I mean, PTA membership and dues support your child by funding essential education and curriculum needs; advocating on behalf of children and educators at the local, state, and national levels; and building an inclusive school community for all families.)

Q: Yeah, but what exactly will you do with my \$25?

A: \$2.25 goes to National PTA, and \$7.25 goes to Oregon PTA. The balance goes to Grant PTA for needs such as classroom grants for our teachers, funds for the All Night Party for seniors, and the Writers in the Schools program. We also organize and fund multiple faculty and staff appreciation events throughout the year to thank them for all they do for our students. **THANK YOU TO BLIND ONION PIZZA- conveniently located near the school for all your pizza needs- FOR HELPING US WITH A BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCH FOR STAFF THIS WEEK!**

Q: How else can I support the PTA?

A: Here's the deal: last year we had around 174 members. With a student body of 2200, that's a sad, sad number. **Surely we can get at least 500 members this year, no?** And once we do, we can leave you alone, skipping right over unpopular fundraisers and general pest-like behavior. So join. And tell everyone else you know to join. Parents, grandparents, teachers, your butcher, your baker, your candlestick maker. The more, the merrier!

Also - the Fred Meyer Rewards and Amazon Smile programs add up to real money for us!

<https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards> Our nonprofit number is UR833  
<https://smile.amazon.com>

Q: If I join the PTA, are you going to expect me to do anything?

A: Nope. But feel free to email [grantptaboard@gmail.com](mailto:grantptaboard@gmail.com) if you would like to join the Board, be part of a committee, or volunteer in other ways.

Q: Who is running the PTA?

A: Your mom. Ok, not your mom, but the moms of some Grant students.

President: Alison Kalmanson

Treasurer: Tricia Christensen

Secretary: Meagan Schuette

Membership Chair: Thea Shiota

Do you know us? Then pay your dues.

Don't know us? Come party with us at the PTA meetings – we're really cool. Like your mom.

Q: What's the deal with PTA meetings?

A: Got some immunity? Let's build some community! We're gonna have in-person meetings from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Grant library. Only members can vote on matters, but ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Mr. McGee, who really puts the “pal” in principal, will join us to share some inside scoop (cause it's not like your teen is telling you anything). We'll handle just a smidge of PTA business and have special guest speakers on topics of interest. And then you can chat amongst yourselves. You know you miss seeing each other.

**The first meeting is coming soon on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Special topic: “Grant 101” – all sorts of helpful info for parents of 9th graders and new students.**

Future meeting dates:

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023**

## PERFORMING ARTS

*Auditions for the fall theatre production*, Middletown by Will Eno, are September 6 - 9 from 3:45 - 6pm in the auditorium. Performance dates are: November 10 - 12, and 17 - 19.

Summary of the play:

Mary Swanson just moved to Middletown, eager to start a family and enjoy the neighborly bonds a small town promises. But when Mary befriends resident John Dodge, she is quick to discover that below Middletown's flinchingly honest exterior lies something much more complex. Middletown is a wry, human portrait of a town with two lives, one ordinary and visible, the other epic and mysterious.

Any questions please contact Ms. Todd in 045, or email @ [ttodd2@PPS.net](mailto:ttodd2@PPS.net)

## 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 now, 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.

[Link](#) for senior portrait submission

[Link](#) for senior quote submission

**Yearbooks are ON SALE NOW!** Buy your yearbook on [SchoolPay](#) 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](mailto:dgranias@pps.net) and [emartincollier7230@student.pps.net](mailto: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.

Here 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](#). 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](mailto:amartin2@pps.net) or Steven Benson at [sbenson@pps.net](mailto:sbenson@pps.net).

# GHS RESOURCE CENTER

## September is Suicide Prevention Month

Each one of us can play a vital role in ensuring that young people of all identities are provided with safe, accepting and supportive environments at home, at school and in their communities. Now, more than ever we need to find ways to stay connected and offer support. As a parent/caregiver, you can be a lifeguard for your children by understanding the warning signs and risk factors of suicide and providing the youth in your life with support and access to resources. Though recognizing these warning signs and risk factors does not automatically mean that someone is considering suicide, but they may be helpful factors to keep in mind when concerns arise. If you recognize some of the warning signs of suicide in someone you know, or feel that someone you know is at risk for suicide, there are steps you can take to help. When you CARE (Connect, Accept, Respond, Empower), you can potentially save a life: Connect the person to resources and to a supportive, trusted adult. Accept and listen to the person's feelings and take them seriously. Respond if a person has a plan to attempt suicide get help immediately via 911, or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988 (call or text). Empower the person to ask for help. It is okay to talk about suicide, it can help others feel comfortable sharing their own experiences rather than hiding it all inside. If a student reports having suicidal thoughts or you have concerns about a student at risk, be sure to share this with your school counselor or school social worker, they are specially trained in crisis response and will help you know what to do next.

**September is Suicide Prevention Month**

**Resources**

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline:  
24/7-988 (call or text)

Multnomah County Crisis Line:  
503-988-4888

Oregon Youthline:  
text Teen2Teen 839836

Trevor Project: 866-488-7386 -or-  
text START to 678678

Trans Lifeline (peer support):  
1-877-565-8860

### **Fentanyl Awareness/Substance Abuse**

For those of you who were unable to attend the Substance Abuse and Fentanyl awareness event on April 19th, here is a link to the recording of the event: <http://bigvillagepdx.org/>

For any behavioral health needs (including substance use treatment resources), consider calling the Multnomah County Crisis Line: 503-988-4888.

- State-wide substance use resources, please see [this guide](#) from the Oregon Health Authority.
- [Health Share/Care Oregon Searchable Directory](#).
- [PPS REAHL page](#).

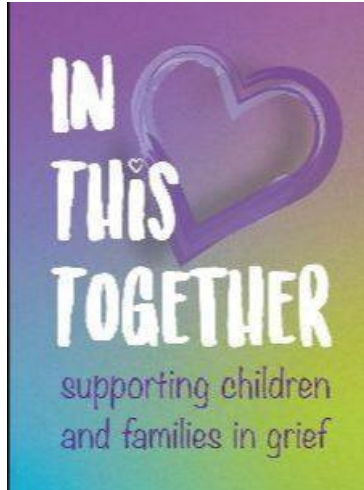
**A FREE, interactive class** where parents and teens explore some of the most influential forces in young people's lives including substances, technology, vaping and brain development.



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

***In This Together*** 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 This Together flier](#)



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 [Title IX services](#).

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**

Welcome back to school everybody! We look forward to working with students and families. The College & Career Center is located on the south side of the building, Room 128, and is run by Ms. Kokes, our Career Coordinator, Ms. Snell, our College Coordinator, and Ms. Bethune-Summers, our YTP Transition Specialist/Career Coordinator. We will have more to come on resources and opportunities to explore all things college and career. In the meantime, stop in and introduce yourself.

### **Pizza lunch with Grant Alumnus & current Stanford student, Huy Nguyen, Wednesday, September 7th**

Come by for a pizza lunch and insights on career exploration and the college application process from Grant Alum and current Stanford student Huy Nguyen (GHS class of 2019/Stanford class of 2023). Huy will share his best practices and also tell us a bit more about what he's been up to at Stanford: "traveling to Italy in the fall to study Renaissance art history. And been working at a neuroengineering lab, which is developing a retinal implant to electrically stimulate nerve fibers and directly convey vision to the brain to treat blindness. Currently writing an honors/masters thesis based on my research, trying to crank out my first first-author paper. In the planning stages of founding a company, to create AI-assisted generative 3D experiences (I don't know if you've ever seen the art DALL-E has put out). Obligatory LinkedIn plug here: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/huy-nguyen-308478166/>."

### **Featured Scholarships:**

- [Cameron Impact Scholarship](#): Deadline September 9, 2022 at Noon (PT)
- [Class of 2023 - Beat the Odds Scholarship](#): Deadline September 13, 2022 at 11:59 PM PDT (Midnight)
- [Bold Science Matters Scholarship](#): Deadline September 14, 2022
- [The Gates Scholarship](#): Deadline September 15, 2021
- [Communicorp See What's More Scholarship](#): Deadline September 15, 2022
- [Golden Door Scholars](#): Deadline September 16, 2022
- [Questbridge National College Match](#): Deadline September 28, 2022
- [NSHSS Foundation Business & Public Policy Scholarship](#): September 30, 2022 at 11:59 PM ET
- [NW Fire Diversity Council Scholarship](#): Deadline October 1, 2022
- [The Skanner Foundation Scholarship](#): Deadline October 8, 2022

### **College Visits:**

College visits will start the week of September 12th! All upcoming visits, both in-person and virtual, are listed in [MaiaLearning](#) under Events. Students can view the most up-to-date list of college visits and register to attend in their [MaiaLearning](#) accounts. Stop by the College & Career Center, room 128, if you have any questions!

### **Scholarships**

The [College & Career Center website](#) has a running list of scholarships with upcoming deadlines!



# LIBRARY NEWS

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### TEXTBOOK/MATERIALS from last school year

Please return all library and textbooks that were checked out in the previous school year. We need to make sure there are enough copies available to meet the needs of this year's students.

We will happily accept books from other schools as well! If you're not sure what you have checked out, you can check your Destiny Library Record online to see if you have anything to return. Go to <http://bit.ly/GrantLibraryPDX> - on the top right, sign in with PPS student Google account. In the menu, click on "My Stuff" to see if you have any checkouts or fines. Once a "lost" item is returned, the fine goes away.

If you have any questions about your library record or returning materials next week, please email:

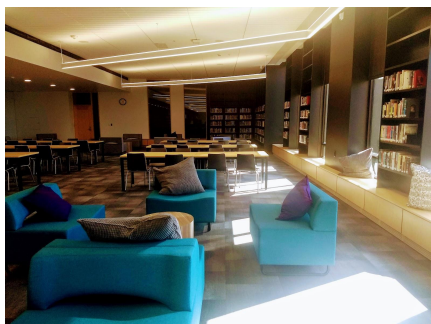
Teacher Librarian: Paige Battle - [pbattle@pps.net](mailto:pbattle@pps.net)

Library Assistant: Jennifer Xochihua - [jxochihu@pps.net](mailto:jxochihu@pps.net)



### Summer Reading Prizes!

Students - Bring your completed Multnomah County Library Summer Reading Game Card to the Grant Library and enter your name for our Powell's gift card giveaway! Winner's name will be announced at Back to School Night, Wednesday, September 21st.



### Library Pass Policy & Hours:

The Grant Library is open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Students can drop in to use the library during

- class time (with the permission of their classroom teacher and a task specific hall pass)

- FLEX

- Early Dismissal/Late Arrival

Students use their PPS ID card/# to check-in/out at the circulation counter.

The Library is open during lunch; however, food is not allowed.

## GRANT MOVIE CLUB



The Hollywood Theatre and Grant Movie Club return to campus for *Dead Poets Society*. This special presentation is programmed and introduced by Grant Movie Club students.

Directed by Peter Weir (*Picnic at Hanging Rock*) and starring Robin Williams in an Oscar-nominated performance, *Dead Poets Society* tells the story of John Keating (Williams), an English teacher at a conservative Vermont boarding school who inspires his students with the power of poetry. Tickets can be purchased at this [link](#).

## TAG



## **AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION (AMC)**

The AMC 10/12 is the first in a series of competitions that eventually lead all the way to the International Mathematical Olympiad.

The AMC 10 and AMC 12 are both 25-question, 75-minute, multiple choice examinations in high school mathematics designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem-solving skills.

The AMC 10 is for students in 10th grade and below, and covers the high school curriculum up to 10th grade. Students in grade 10 or below and under 17.5 years of age on the day of the contest can take the AMC 10. **The AMC 10A test is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2022.**

The AMC 12 covers the entire high school curriculum including trigonometry, advanced algebra,

and advanced geometry, but excluding calculus. Students in grade 12 or below and under 19.5 years of age on the day of the contest can take the AMC 12. The AMC 12B test is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2022. Students must sign up (via [Google form](#)) for one or both tests no later than Thursday, September 15th.

If you have any questions, please email Teacher Librarian, Paige Battle ([pbattle@pps.net](mailto:pbattle@pps.net)).

## 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 [Grant School Nurse](#). 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, [Student health center locations and hours](#)

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

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, charges, 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 menu 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](mailto: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/) <https://www.safeoregon.com/>
- > A live call/text (844-472-3367)
- > An email to [tip@safeoregon.com](mailto: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 [www.pps.net](http://www.pps.net) and click on the “Mobile First” button.

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS** must be received no later than the end of the day each Thursday for review. Send your submission to [sdavis@pps.net](mailto:sdavis@pps.net).