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Five Ways to Celebrate Black History Month With Your Family Programs and Resources through Multnomah County Library Black History Month in Portland

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# GRANT'S OFFICIAL STUDENT APP COMING SOON!

We are excited to announce that coming very soon to our Grant students is the Trivory app! We are finalizing details for the **upcoming official app of Grant High School**, which will be primarily for students, but families will be able to 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. **Stay Tuned!** *We'd like to thank the designer of Trivory, Roosevelt High School Senior, Terren Gurule, for all of his assistance in making this happen!* 

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-8:50	PLC/PD	PLC/PD	Planning (8am-9:15am)	PLC/PD	Planning (8am-9:15am)
9:15-9:55	Period 5	Period 5	P5 SGI/AL	Period 5	Period 5
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2:30-3:15	Period 7	Period 8	(1:45-3:15)	Period 7	Period 8
3:15	Student Clubs may meet after school virtually				

# SCHOOL SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 22-26

# COURSE REQUESTS/FORECASTING 2021-22

#### Course Requesting 2021-22SY.

We ask that all students, who have not yet done so, complete their course request process as soon as possible. A careful selection of your courses is important for a number of reasons. First, it is critical to request courses that students need to meet their graduation requirements. Second, we encourage students to request classes that peak their academic interests and optimize academic engagement. Third, we encourage students to request courses that might help them explore career and post-secondary options. Fourth, not all students will get their first course requests. Carefully selecting course alternates is required. Lastly, we base our course offerings and programs largely off of the courses students request and therefore can not make schedule changes in the Fall for this reason.

To successfully complete this process, please:

- <u>Watch grade level videos and presentations</u>
- In your Advisory Course in Canvas you have an assignment that will assist you in selecting your courses and completing your Course Requests. We ask that you complete this non-graded assignment to help you plan your course requests.

• You can also use the <u>Course Request Planning form</u> to help you see available courses for your grade level.

• If you need further assistance Counselors have added additional help time slots here: https://www.myconferencetime.com/granths/

Again, we ask that students submit their course requests as soon as possible. If a course request is not submitted a student's schedule will be chosen for them.

# **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: SECOND SEMESTER**

On Wednesday, February 24th we will hold an opportunity for teachers to meet and greet parents in their second semester classes. We will begin a 15 minute class rotation starting at 6:30pm. A welcome video will be available at 6pm. You will be able to access all of the links for the evening on Grant's webpage.

## **PICTURE RETAKE/MAKEUP DAY**

Picture Retake/Makeup Day is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24th, from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. This will also be a day for any student, who has not had their picture taken, to come in. We currently have 200 students who have not had their photo taken. That is 200 students who will not have their picture in this year's yearbook, or have their student I.D. with a TriMet Hop Pass! This will be your last opportunity to have your school photo taken. *If this is a retake please remember to bring your picture packet with you.* 



# **GHS RESOURCE CENTER**

**Parent Resources: Lines for Life**, through its Helpers Helping Helpers programming, has launched a variety of "wellness room" spaces on Zoom for folks to attend freely and seek support, share resources, and overall sit together in community during the pandemic. The organization has two exciting programs that have been made with schools in mind – a Wellness Room for educators AND a new Wellness Room for parents! This is a statewide and FREE resource that is meant to support – please do not hesitate to spread the word! Some Wellness Rooms are also available in Spanish.

Educator Wellness Room: Wednesdays at 3 pm.

https://zoom.us/j/93508635429 Parents Wellness Room: Tuesdays at 3 pm. https://zoom.us/j/95044969902

Parent Wellness Room: Thursdays at 3 pm.

https://zoom.us/j/95961979853

4) At Home Strategies for Distance Learning: incredible resource from the Portland Public School's Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS)!

We are aware that parenting during a pandemic presents it's own challenges. If your family is in need of financial or food support, please reach out to our social worker, Catrina Knoerzer: <u>cknoerzer@pps.net</u> Below is a form to assess if there is interest in parent support services. Please help us figure out how to best support you! https://forms.gle/4a5anaU1BHBt9vVf9

**Oregon Mortgage Assistance Program.** For homeowners, the Oregon Homeownership Stabilization Initiative (OSHI) has a COVID-19 Mortgage Assistance Program. You can learn about eligibility requirements and the application process at OHSI's website.

*Community Action provides rent and utility assistance.* Assistance is available for rent payment and utilities. <u>Find out more here.</u>

## 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>.

Drop In Social Emotional Support Group

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.

- Conversations with Spanish Speaking Latinx Families on issues of mental health: Charlas Comunitarias sobre el Bienestar y la Salud Emocional <u>https://www.facebook.com/charlascomunitarias/</u> As a resource, here are the links to past recorded workshops:
- Substance and Drug use in Latino Families & Adolescents during COVID-19
- Safe and Strong Helpline: 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.

## PARENT & CAREGIVER TIPS FOR AT-HOME LEARNING

Humanities Parent Workshop Series: "Partnering with our Parents & Caregivers as learning Partners" Presents: Parent & Caregiver Tips for At-Home Learning

This workshop will take an interactive approach of interviewing PPS staff from the Multi-Tiered System of Support team about resources they have created for parents & caregivers to use at home. In this workshop, parents will have an opportunity to ask questions and explore resources around different strategies to empower young people and the adults they work with to co-create safe and supportive learning environments at home. This will be a live workshop and will be recorded to view at a later time. You are welcome to submit your questions in advance via this <u>padlet</u> board.

At-Home Learning Strategies Website
Parent Workshop: At-Home Learning Strategies

<u>Español | Tiếng Viêt | 中文 | Soomaali | Русский</u>

When: Friday, February 26, 2021

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

How: 3 different ways

- Via Comcast Channel 28
- <u>www.youtube.com/user/ppscomms/live</u>
- Zoom (must<u>pre-register</u>here)

## <u>ADVOCACY</u>



Learn more about advocates in this <u>video</u>



## YOUTH RESOURCE APP NOW AVAILABLE FOR APPLE AND ANDROID USERS

Search "youth resource app" in the Apple app and Google Play app stores. The Youth Resource App is a free resource for all Portland area youth, funded by PPS and created by the PPS mental health advisory team along with 100+ PPS students. PPS does not specifically endorse any of the listed agencies. Each organization has their own independent mission and vision. We know the app is likely missing some information. Consider this the 1.0 version.

If a student does not have a phone, they can access the same information on their chromebook at <u>this URL</u>. Email us to give feedback. <u>youthresourceapp@pps.net</u>

## HEALTH RESOURCE INFORMATION:

• <u>Student Health Centers</u> Open

The <u>Benson Wellness Center</u> is a Certified School-Based Health Center. We are open and ready to serve all PPS students regardless of ability to pay. Important info:

- Students are seen by appointment only: Sorry, no walk-ins
- Hours for Primary Care (medical) visits:
  - In person:

Tuesday afternoons 1-5

Wednesday mornings 8-12

Thursday afternoons 1-5

Virtual visits Monday-Friday 8-5

- Step 1: New patients need to first register with OHSU by calling OHSU patient registration: 503-494-8505
- Step 2: Next, schedule your appointment by calling 503-418-0409
- Directions: Located at Benson High School: 546 NE 12th in the back of the building. Directions: From NE Irving st: head SOUTH on NE 15th Ave. Turn into the parking lot at the back of the school building. Look for signs marking the entrance to the Wellness Center.

**One-Stop Resource for Food Needs.** <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.

**Health and Human Services Resources Webpage of Community Resources.** Check out the new Health and Human Services Resources web page---a "<u>one-stop resource shop</u>" covering a wide range of topics to support the health and human services needs of the community.

## PTA

#### PTA Classroom Grants Awarded in February

PTA is pleased to announce that we approved two requests for curriculum support at our recent meeting. Art Teacher Melody Rockwell requested funds to purchase materials for student use at home. This fulfills a special need at this time as materials that would ordinarily be shared in the classroom setting must be provided to each individual student. English teacher Julia Kirkpatrick requested funds for her student TAs to attend a virtual training on land acknowledgements. Our PTA Classroom Grant program gives teachers the opportunity to fund creative curriculum activities for their courses. We still have funds available in this line item and hope to support other classroom projects yet this year.

#### PTA offers Appreciation to Grant Counseling Team

The first week of February was National Counselor Week. The PTA was happy to partner with the Grant Admin team to provide a lunch delivery for each member of our Counseling Team on Friday Feb. 5th. We offer sincere thanks to these hard working staff members who serve such a critical support role for students and families.

#### Join our PTA Communication Network

You can now sign up for general PTA email announcements and/or discussion groups for parents by class (Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshman) on our web platform. These are new and currently small, but we hope to grow them. Folks who are not PTA members are welcome to join these groups. While we appreciate the financial support of our dues paying members, we are committed to serving all people in our school community.

If you are currently a PTA member, sign in here:

https://grantpta.memberhub.com/

If you would like to become a PTA member, pay \$25 dues in our webstore here:

https://grantpta.memberhub.store

If you would like to join the communication platform but don't want to join PTA, create an account here:

https://grantpta.memberhub.com/join/hv8d43

# **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

<u>*The National Merit Scholarship Program*</u> has awarded three Grant seniors with Certificates of Merit, placing them in the finals to receive National Merit Scholarships. Congratulations to Fenton Bromenschenkel, Alan Ekstrand, and Lucas Kuhnau!

<u>The Art Department</u> is thrilled to congratulate all of this year's Oregon Scholastic Art Award winners! This was a wild year for students to create and submit artwork to scholastics! Grant had 51 winners and a total of 98 awards! Here is a <u>slideshow</u> that shows our honored students and their winning portfolios. Congratulations to all our very talented students!!

## **FUNDRAISERS**

#### **GRANT GIVES**

Have Cabin Fever? Since we are STILL unable to gather in person for our annual Grant Gives Trivia Night, Grant Gives has organized a really fun Murder Mystery (aka Clue) E-vent – along with some fun Trivia – with our friends from Evenchilada!

When: Saturday, March 13, 2021 Time: 5:30 – 7:30 PM



As usual, all proceeds go to support Grant clubs and teams. We've been funding activities and sports teams throughout the pandemic, and we need to refill the coffers. So put on your detective hats, solve a mystery, and help our kids do something besides stare at screens!!! Buy Tickets HERE

Give to Grant Boosters anytime! www.grantgives.com

### > <u>Unified Sports Takes The Plunge!</u>

Grant Unified Sports and Team Together Club will be participating in the BRRR...tual Polar Plunge and 5k in February. Since all events are virtual, there are far fewer barriers to joining the team this year! Invite all your friends and family to participate! Proceeds benefit Special Olympics Oregon and the Grant Unified Sports program. This event is not just for Grant Students/Staff, anyone can join and/or donate at the following link. For further questions, please email me at <u>abrooks1@pps.net</u>

# **YEARBOOK**

## 2020 HISTORY IN THE MAKING 2021

As the world adjusts to change, one thing that remains constant is the yearbook tradition. This yearbook will document life during the 2020-2021 school year as we all adjust to an ever changing reality. This yearbook will be one to look back on for generations to come.





# TESTING



Grant High School will be offering the SAT (without essay) in-person, in our building on April 13th and April 27th, 2021. If you are an 11th grader and wish to take the test you must fill out the SAT Reservation form. The form must be filled out by the student since it is tied to their PPS email address. Students will be assigned to a day alphabetically based on our number of confirmations. We need you to fill out the form before Friday February 26, 2021 if you wish to take the test. There will be no late reservations accepted. You do not need to complete the registration on the college board website to participate on these testing dates.

A reminder that if you want the results from this test to be used for National Merit Scholarship consideration you must submit this separate form by Thursday April 1st.

Wearing a mask and adhering to social distancing will be required to take the test. We will have an informational video for this closer to the test date.

Joe Mitacek VP - Testing

April Martin Test Coordinator amartin2@pps.net Please contact me if you have any questions



Advanced Placement Tests will take place in May - Registration for students taking AP classes in the second semester will open January 25-March 2. Students are receiving their classroom and exam codes from their teachers to be put into MyAP. There has been some messaging from the college board about scheduling test dates there is no action to take with this at this time - our district AP office will be completing this after the registration process has completed.

Registration for Fall AP students has closed, but you may contact Anna Lortz at the PPS District office to register. There is a \$40 late order fee. AP testing provides the opportunity for students to earn college credit for a course in addition to their high school credit. See AP courses offered at Grant <u>here</u>. In order to receive the college credit, the student must show proficiency on the College Board's AP test for that subject. AP tests take place across the world the first two weeks in May. The possible scores on these test range from 1-5, if a student scores a 3 or higher, higher education institutions will often recognize this and accept it as college credit. This can be a money saver when a student goes to college as it usually reduces the courses they are required to take to graduate. A student receives their high school class credit as long as they pass the class; taking the AP test is not required. If you have any questions please contact Joe Mitacek at jmitacek@pps.net or April Martin at <u>amartin2@pps.net</u>.

# **COUNSELING CENTER**

College visits coming up. Zoom link is listed in Maia Learning.

University / Event Name	Date	Time
HBCU Virtual Visits- Albany State University (GA) Charles Drew University of Science and Medicine (CA) North Carolina A&T State University (NC) Tougaloo College (MS)		3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
HBCU Virtual Visits-Fisk University (TN) Spelman College (GA) University of Virgin Islands (BVA) Virginia State University (VA)	02/25/2021	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo	03/03/2021	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Northern Arizona University	03/12/2021	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

*EAFSA/ORSAA* - Do you still need help completing your free federal aid application? February 24th at 6pm is a one-on-one help session with experts. Please RSVP. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AguVjZFQ-arx-IRcAWSD\_kAOrj4S888g/view

## <u>Scholarships:</u>

\*The Oregon Nurseries Foundation scholarship program is accepting applications from students preparing for a career in Horticulture, Landscape, or other Nursery industry careers. High school seniors to graduate students can apply! The deadline for the ONF scholarship Application is **April 1, 2021**. For more information about the scholarships, or to circulate the application link, please visit <u>https://www.oan.org/page/onfdonate</u> or <u>https://www.oan.org/page/onfapply</u>.

\*The Mattress Lot Scholarship is due April 2nd and is available to seniors from 5 PPS high schools. See details here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y05Y2Vjm1HAZsXvsjk2zGzzWmNuJySgU/view?usp=sharin g

FAFSA/ORSAA Application	Open Now	
Future Connect 2021 Application	Deadline March 1, 2021	
OSAC Scholarship Application	Deadline March 1, 2021	
Oregon Promise Grant Application	Open Now	
College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) 2021 Application	Open Now	
**PCC Foundation Scholarship	Deadline March 1, 2021	
PCC Preview Day (10:30 a.m 12 p.m.) <u>RSVP</u> required	Feb 17 / April 21, 2021	

### **Important Dates and Deadlines**

\*\* The PCC Foundation has 18 \$2000 scholarships completely dedicated to Grant High School students who wish to attend PCC. You can't earn it if you don't apply (by March 1st).

## Scholarships for NON-seniors:

\*An amazing scholarship opportunity. A local private donor has given funding to CIEE for a student from Madison, Grant or Benson high school to study abroad for a year in either Spain or France. The scholarship includes a stipend. Here's the <u>flyer</u>. The donor's preference is for a student to spend a full academic year abroad and is looking for a student with financial need. Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm will be an informational meeting. Here is the Zoom link for students and families. Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://ciee.zoom.us/j/85409897231</u> Meeting ID: 854 0989 7231 web <u>ciee.org/</u>

## Portland Evening Scholars Credit Recovery Program Spring Session Information:

- Registration for classes will open around February 1st.
- Pre-registration begins with each student's counselor
- Classes will tentatively run as 13 classes per course from 2/22-5/27.
- Spring term will be under comprehensive distance learning.
- No registration fee for PPS students.

## **Portland Summer Scholars Information:**

- Very tentative dates for Summer Scholars are 6/25-8/31.
- The structure of the program has not yet been determined, so more details to follow.

# **COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER**

## 1. Future You 2 Go Virtual Career Talks:

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 from 12:00pm-12:45pm: Career Presentation- Lorraine Akabuigu, Structural & Payload Design Engineer for Boeing



Meet Lorraine who is a Structural & Payload Design Engineer at Boeing. When Lorraine was in high school in Nigeria, she didn't know which career she would pursue, but knew that she loved Math. Lorraine started college in the US. After college, she was able to work in Japan and then in Seattle at Boeing. Hear her complete career story and learn about the work she does at Boeing as a Design Engineer. Connected Careers: Engineering, Design & Structural.

As part of her presentation, students will be invited to participate in a Design Challenge called "Experimenting with Helicopters". Please bring a printed copy of the attached pattern... (Which has 3 patterns, but you will only need print and use one pattern), a pair of scissors and one paper clip.

You can also watch these videos about Boeing ...

The Future is Built Here No Small Dream

And learn about Internship Opportunities at Boeing

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 from 1:00pm-1:45pm: Post-Secondary Presentation-PCC Career Pathways Program



PCC Career Pathways offers fast-track certificate programs with over 50 options that lead to jobs and degrees. Our team will help you find the right educational path, support you to reach your college and career goals, and connect you with in-demand internships and jobs. We are here to help you advance along your education and career path – whether you are the first in your family to attend college, switching career paths, a non-native English speaker, or wanting advance in your current position and field Connected Careers. to https://www.pcc.edu/career-pathways/options/

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 from 2:00pm-2:45pm: Career Presentation-J'reyesha Brannon, Civil Engineer-City of Portland-Bureau of Environmental Services.



Meet J'reyesha Brannon, who is a Civil Engineer for the City of Portland. When J'reyesha was attending Winterhaven Middle School, she got involved with lego robotics and furthered her passion for robotics through experiences at Cleveland High School. Find out how she decided to

concentrate on Civil Engineering (the People's Engineering). Follow her personal career pathway and learn what helps her find success. Connected Careers: Civil Engineering, Engineering, Government. Click to Join the session on Wednesday, February 24th at 2:00 pm

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 from 3:00pm-3:45pm: Career Presentation-Alyssa Townsend, Account Manager-We Communications



Meet Alyssa, Account Manager for WE Communications. In high school, Alyssa had no clue what career she was interested in pursuing. At college, she explored by taking a wide variety of classes. After taking a couple of communications classes, she was convinced that the communications industry would be a good fit for her. Alyssa participated in internships as a grant write and in public relations. After completing two more internships with WE Communications, she was offered a job. Find out all the details of Alyssa's career story. Connected Careers: Communications, Public Relations, Business

**2. Providence Medical Career Highlights** - Providence provides an on-going series of virtual career talks featuring all sorts of careers in the medical field. Details found on Webpage: https://oregon.providence.org/our-services/p/providence-ready-program/virtual-career-learning/. Next events are on March 3rd (Nursing) and April 22nd (Occupational Therapy). Certificates for attending the event will also be presented upon request. Students will have 20-25 min to ask career/educational related questions.

**3.** Summer Internships in Science and Engineering sponsored by Saturday Academy - rising 10th, 11th or 12th graders who are interested in Biology, Health or Medical, Earth or Environmental Science, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Physics are encouraged to apply to ASE - Apprenticeships in Science and Engineering. Spend the summer working with a scientific mentor for an 8 week term. Deadline to apply is March 5th but don't delay - workshops on writing cover letters and interviewing tips are happening before then - to assist you in your application.

**4. Paid Summer Jobs with Portland Parks and Recreation** - interested in becoming a Lifeguard? Portland Parks and Recreation is looking to hire roughly 700 lifeguards and swim instructors for summer employment at its 12 indoor and outdoor pools. Training starts in March. For more information and to apply, go to Portland Parks and Recreation Aquatic Training Programs and Opportunities.Call Aquatic Administration at 503-823-5130 with questions. Please assess your risk tolerance before applying to any positions. PPS does not endorse these opportunities.

# **LIBRARY NEWS**

#### **TEXTBOOK DISTRIBUTION FEBRUARY 22-29**

Textbook and materials distribution will resume a normal schedule next week: Monday - Friday 3:15 - 4 p.m.

#### FREE LITERARY EVENT: #TRUTHBETOLD: 4th ANNUAL DISTRICT STORY SLAM

The 4th Annual PPS Story Slam - #TRUTHBETOLD will be held on **Thursday, February 25th @ 7 p.m.** via Zoom webinar. Come cheer on Grant's slam winners **Jourdan Dimoff** and **Ellen Lovre** as they share stories about **BORDERS.** Register for this free event <u>here</u>.

#### TAG NEWS

Oregon Writing Festival

OCTE and the PSU College of Education will host a virtual Oregon Writing Festival (the 36th annual) on Saturday, May 1, 2021. They will be able to accommodate a limited number of students. Keynote speakers for the groups will be award-winning authors Jane Kurtz, Roland Smith, and Emily Suvada. Cost is free to any student who would like to participate.

Please email Teacher Librarian Paige Battle(pbattle@pps.net) immediately for details and/or to *reserve a spot for your student*.

# CLASS OF 2021

Seniors: Class of 2021. What you need to know: THERE IS STILL TIME! Currently accepting late senior portraits/quotes. Upload ASAP! All Yearbook Submissions must be submitted electronically. Click on the links below for submission information.

- Senior Portraits
- Senior Quotes

#### BABY AD'S ARE SOLD OUT!

#### **Celebrating Seniors - Class of 2021!**

For many years, the GHS community has celebrated our graduating seniors with the All Night Party (immediately following graduation) and the Senior Picnic. Last year, for the class of 2020, the organizing groups for these senior events had to pivot at the last minute to respond to the restrictions and protocols put in place due to COVID19. We canceled event plans, and with the generous support of the GHS Boosters and parent community were able to provide each graduating senior with gift cards and prizes, and GHS athletic bags for their diplomas and swag. Bags and prizes were distributed during the socially distanced graduation ceremony in June. Response to that activity was extremely positive and we are extremely grateful to the Grant community for help in making that happen.

Because we do not know what COVID protocols will be in place in June, we have again begun planning for the class of 2021 with social distancing and COVID at the top of our minds. Below is the direction we are pursuing:

• Repeating the GHS duffle bag and prize distribution activity for all students at the graduation ceremony

• Planning a "Senior Celebration Week" in the days leading up to graduation, with several socially distant but fun activities for the students (virtual and in person)

Please help make "Senior Celebration Week" a success:

• Donate funds to support our Class of 2021 <u>HERE</u>! Donate prizes via our Amazon gift registry <u>HERE</u>!

• Collect and save unused gift cards that you can donate to the Senior Celebration to use as prizes. We will organize a collection of these at the end of February.

• Volunteer to help plan and execute these events by contacting Beth Shiffman (beshiffman@gmail.com)

#### **Borrowing a Cap & Gown**

I have a limited number of caps and gowns that can be borrowed (amartin2@pps.net). This is on a first come first serve basis. Most students usually borrow the cap and gown then buy a tassel of their choice. You can also buy just the Cap and Tassel if you wish to decorate your cap for graduation. You can contact Josten's directly at 503-255-7120 for these. Remember there is lots of great information on the Grant Website about graduation. Go to https://www.pps.net/domain/2618. Please contact April Martin <u>amartin2@pps.net</u> if you have any questions.

# **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

## APPLY FOR THE ROSE FESTIVAL COURT SCHOLARSHIP!!

You may be qualified for this scholarship! One student at Grant is awarded this scholarship each year, so please consider applying. The mission of the Rose Festival Court program is to provide scholarships for higher education, to promote community outreach and volunteerism, to offer networking and mentoring opportunities to outstanding young women in a program that perpetuates an appreciation for Rose Festival history and tradition. The program is open to all 11th and 12th grade female identifying students. For more information visit the <u>Rose Festival</u> <u>Court page</u>. <u>Applications are due by February 24, 2021</u>. If you have any questions please contact Sue Davis at <u>sdavis@pps.net</u>. Below are several opportunities to learn more about the Rose Festival Court Program:

Topic: Program Overview for students and parents

- \* Thursday, February 18, 7pm
- \* Saturday, February 20, 1pm

Zoom Meeting Link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84089401010?pwd=VTJhL1VoUGxubzEwYlZNTkhFZEZsZz09 Meeting ID: 840 8940 1010 Passcode: 186284 One tap mobile +13462487799,,84089401010#,,,,\*186284# US (Houston)

**Student Clubs are Happening!** It's not too late to start or charter your club! ALL clubs are required to submit a yearly <u>Club Charter</u>. Questions? Contact Erin McNulty at emcnulty@pps.net. If you are interested in joining a student club, please visit the website <u>here</u> and contact club leaders directly using their provided information.

<u>CALLING ALL LEADERS!</u> If you are wondering about Student Leadership as you forecast for classes next year, please review the application information <u>HERE</u>. Applications are due by the end of February.

# **ATHLETICS**

## Sports Practices Have Begun!

Hello Generals!

- Football practice began on MONDAY, February 8
- Soccer and Cross Country begin on MONDAY, February 22

The future of Volleyball is still uncertain: We are hoping to begin official practices on February 22, however we are still waiting for permission from the district, state and local government to conduct indoor sports.

All current Covid-19 protocols will be in place. All athletes and coaches must wear a mask at all times and be cleared through check-in.

Online Registration Is Open for all sports on FamilyID: While the future of some sports still remains uncertain, the athletic department would like to encourage families to register for teams for the 2020-21 school year. Payment is <u>not due</u> at this time. All students also must be registered and cleared prior to practice/tryouts. If you have already registered for sports this

school year- do not register again, but please take the time to make sure that the physical (good for 2 years) is still current. Here is the <u>link</u> for more registration information and instructions.

### Athletic Academic Requirements

An athlete's eligibility to participate in OSAA sponsored sports depends, among other things, on:

- The student-athlete's grades AND
- The student-athlete making satisfactory progress toward meeting graduation requirements

For more information on athletics, clearance, academic requirements please visit our website

#### Join Grant Women's Lacrosse!!

Come join one of the fastest growing sports in the country! Both new and experienced players welcome. The Grant Women's Lacrosse team is currently holding preseason practices and registration for the spring season is open! Official season runs April 4th-May 23rd.

#### There will be an important parent/player informational Zoom meeting on 2/16 at 6pm.

Meet the coaches, get important dates, hear about what to expect for the season, how to register, etc.

Join Zoom Meeting https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89145744932?pwd=djVQeis0eFR0ZmtxQmV5WWgzOHZmUT09 Meeting ID: 891 4574 4932 Passcode: Jg3RkD

Please contact Heather Whiteford at whitefordheather@yahoo.com for more information on registration and the upcoming meeting. Even if you don't play on the team you can still support our fundraising efforts! GWL is selling delicious locally made PIES to help celebrate National  $\pi$  Day, Easter or any special occasion you might have! All proceeds will go towards Grant Women's Lacrosse. Interested? Contact grantgirllax@gmail.com NOW for an amazing list of choices

#### Grant Men's Lacrosse Player & Parent Meeting: February 25th @ 6:00pm

We have an upcoming Player & Parent meeting we want to get on your calendar. Please note that all newcomers are welcome – this is a no-cut sport!

**<u>Player & Parent Meeting</u>**: Coach Henry Ling and his coaching staff will discuss the upcoming season including player assessments, coach's expectations and more. We will also discuss registration, communication, and volunteer opportunities.

When: Thursday, February 25th

Time: 6:00 PM (30 to 45 minutes)

Where: Zoom https://zoom.us/j/98809011043?pwd=cDIRL0t2NURnRC9URzhDZ1dSS2xkdz09

Meeting ID: 988 0901 1043

Passcode: 636865

# **STUDENT STORE**

We are pleased to announce our brand new online Grant Online Store! We would like to offer you a limited selection of brand-new items. There will be more items and specials posted as we navigate our new setup, as the in-person student store is currently closed. Thanks for your school-spirit and for supporting the Grant High School community." <u>Start shopping now!</u>

# **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 Bookkeeper, Darcie Papasadero, (<u>darciep@pps.net</u>).

# **PARENTVUE ASSISTANCE**

If parents have not completed the required Yearly Verification they will be unable to use ParentVUE. Here is the ParentVUE <u>website</u> for more information. If you need assistance please contact <u>fmccarty@pps.net</u> or <u>sdavis@pps.net</u>

# STUDENT ID/HOP PASS ASSISTANCE

If you have not received your Student ID and are in need of the HOP Pass, please contact the school. 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.

# SCHOOL NURSE UPDATES

The Grant High School Nurse webpage includes contact information for nurse Jennifer and links to PPS and MESD health pages.



Here are recommendations and links from the CDC: Reusable masks should be washed regularly. Always remove masks correctly and wash your hands after handling or touching a used mask.

- Include your mask with your regular laundry
- Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the mask
- Use the highest heat setting and leave in the dryer until completely dry For more information, visit our How to Wash Masks web page.

# **NUTRITION SERVICES**

For PPS families not near a meal pickup location or who need assistance accessing meals and would like to request home meal delivery, please contact nutritionservices@pps.net with:

- Family name
- Address (where meals should be delivered)
- Contact phone number
- Number of children in the household
- School(s) attended

Requests submitted by end of day Monday, will begin receiving meal deliveries on the following Monday. For cancellations, changes or updates, please contact nutritionservices@pps.net. Please feel free to visit our website or contact us at nutritionservices@pps.net with any questions. For all updated information from Nutrition Services please visit their website or contact them at nutritionservices@pps.net with any questions.

**STATE PROGRAM OFFERS FAMILIES HELP TO PAY FOR FOOD** - As our community deals with fallout of the coronavirus pandemic, we want to make Portland Public Schools families aware of a state benefit to help pay for food. The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer program, or P-EBT, is available to help families offset the cost of meals that would have been consumed at school. It is administered by the Oregon Department of Human Services. The P-EBT benefit is available to families with a student who qualifies for free or reduced-price meals and any student enrolled in a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school. For those families. For assistance with submitting a meal application, or for more information, please contact the PPS Meal Benefits Office: mealbenefits@pps.net or 503-916-3402.

# **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. You opt in by texting YES to 68453. Parents and students should confirm their cell numbers listed in the student information system. Staff should confirm their cell numbers are the "primary" number in the PeopleSoft system. For more information about texting, go to www.pps.net and click on the "Mobile First" button.