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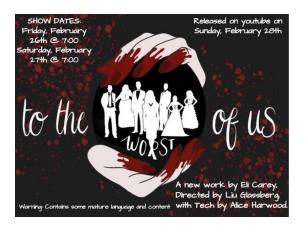
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YEARBOOK

GRANT'S OFFICIAL STUDENT APP IS HERE!



We are excited to announce that Trivory is up and running! This 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!"



Theater Performance Tonight and Tomorrow Night

"To The Worst of Us" written by Eli Carey and directed by Liu Glassberg. The show is live streaming tonight and tomorrow night at 7pm. Donations can be made to the theatre program at PayPalMe@granttheatre. Here are the links for the shows:

The Friday show will be on this link: https://youtu.be/hgi4nyp58P0 and the Saturday show will be on this link: https://youtu.be/mTjoylVaSPA

SCHOOL SCHEDULE MARCH 1-5

	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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11:30-12:10	Period 8	Period 8	P8 SGI/AL	Period 8	Period 8
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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				

GHS RESOURCE CENTER

Substance Use Resources for Parents and Families

One -the PPS Substance Use Supports Team is starting drop-in hours for families that will be offered bilingually in Spanish and English. This is a space for parents, families and caregivers K-12 to drop-in and ask questions, get support, find out about resources and brainstorm with staff and other parents ideas for helping their students. The space will always be staffed with a minimum of one Spanish speaking clinician. English Flyer Spanish Flyer

Two - Six Week Family Support Group - Student Success & Health is working with Vital Space Counseling to co-facilitate a group for parents and families who are concerned about their teen's (6th-12th grade) substance use? Families can gain support, understanding, and tools to help them interact with their child in a way that increases connection and encourages change. The Invitation To Change Group is a 6-week mini course using evidence-based approaches, including CRAFT, that teaches parents and guardians how to understand and invite the process of change and communicate better with their child. Currently, this group is only being offered in English, but we are completing training and updating the curriculum so we can offer the same group in Spanish to families after Spring Break.

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: cknoerzer@pps.net 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

<u>Oregon Mortgage Assistance Program.</u> 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.

<u>Community Action provides rent and utility assistance.</u> 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 https://www.facebook.com/charlascomunitarias/ 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.

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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

Español | Tiếng Việt | 中文 | Soomaali | Русский

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_here</u>)

ADVOCACY

Parent Workshop (virtual) on March 10th from 6-7:30pm.

Dangers for youth in the digital world.

- -What threats our students face in terms of harassment and exploitation.
- -Role of student advocacy and its relationship to Grant High School The event can be accessed off the Grant website on that date.



Learn more about advocates in this video



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 this URL. Email us to give feedback. youthresourceapp@pps.net

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 "one-stop resource shop" 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.

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

Regional Thespian Competition winners:

Liu Glassberg and Finley Taylor: Regional Finalist Duo Musical

Livi Buck: Regional Finalist Solo Musical

Students going on to compete at the State Thespian Competition in April.

Liu Glassberg: State Qualifier Solo Musical Cole Songster: State Qualifier for Solo Acting

Cole Songster and Mei Zuch: State Qualifiers for Duo Acting Sylvia Grosvold and Eli Carey: State Qualifiers for Duo Acting

Also, a special thank you to our Thespian Advisory; Ruth Jenkins.

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**

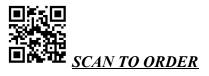
Give to Grant Boosters anytime! www.grantgives.com

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.

Follow us on Instagram- ghs.yearbook.pdx



TESTING



For 11th grade only

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 <u>form</u> 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 here. 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 amartin2@pps.net.

COUNSELING CENTER

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

University / Event Name	Date	Time
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

Scholarships:

*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 https://www.oan.org/page/onfapply.

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

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Important Dates and Deadlines

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	

^{**} 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 3rd at 3:00 pm will be an informational meeting. Here is the Zoom link for students and families. Join Zoom Meeting https://ciee.zoom.us/j/85409897231 Meeting ID: 854 0989 7231 web ciee.org/

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, March 3, 2021 from 1:00pm-1:45pm: <u>Post-Secondary Presentation-PCC CADD (Computer Aided Design and Drafting).</u>



The design drafter is a skilled technician who starts with a concept and develops the working drawings and digital models required to guide the production of items such as: Machines, Consumer products, Structural details, Important tools,

The Portland Community College Computer Aided Design and Drafting (CADD) program teaches you the skills to help launch a successful mechanical design and drafting career. Connected Careers: Design, Technology, Computer Science, Business, Construction, Architecture and Engineering

Click to Join the session on Wednesday, March 3 at 1:00pm

Wednesday, March 3

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 from 2:00pm-2:45pm: <u>Career Presentation-Cara Snow, Chief of Staff and Community Engagement Officer-Technology Association of Oregon.</u>



Meet Cara Snow, Chief of Staff and Community Engagement Officer for Technology Association of Oregon. When Cara was in high school she was interested in becoming a Marine Biologist. Find out how after changing her majors several times, she ended up finding that technology was a great fit for her. Learn about how she uses her positive attitude to serve technology professionals across the state. **Connected Careers: Technology, Computer**

Science, Business, Outreach

Click to Join the session on Wednesday, March 3 at 2:00pm

Wednesday, March 3

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 from 3:00pm-3:45pm: <u>Career Presentation-Kristel Wissel, Sports & Philanthropy Professional.</u>



Meet Kristel, a Sports & Philanthropy Professional. When Kristel was in high school, she hadn't yet decided which career she would pursue. After graduating from Linfield University and working in several [position relating to sales, accounting and advertising, Kristel started her own business. One of her clients was the Portland Timbers. This connection led to a position with the Timbers that lasted ten years. Find out how Kristel's positive attitude and being a team player helped her to have great work experiences. **Connected Careers: Sports Industry,**

Marketing, Business, Sales, Community Outreach

Click to Join the session on Wednesday, March 3 at 3:00pm

Wednesday, March 10

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 from 1:00pm-1:45pm: Post-Secondary Presentation-PCC Music & Sonic Arts and Multimedia Program



This is a program unique in the state, region, and nation. In a caring and supportive environment, with the help of contemporary and emerging technologies, students push the boundaries of music and sound, discovering what is artistically and technologically possible.

Multi Media -This program is designed to provide individuals with the entry-level skills and experience needed for employment in a wide variety of professional opportunities such as a multimedia associate producer, interface designer, digital video specialist, motion graphic artist, digital compositor, 3D artist, multimedia graphic production artist, multimedia project manager, and more. Connected Careers-Music, Sonic Art, Multimedia, Business Click to Join the session on Wednesday, March 10 at 1:00pm

Wednesday, March 10 Wednesday, March 10, 2021 from 2:00pm-2:45pm: Industry Spotlight-Prairie Electric



Are you interested in a career as an electrician? Join us for this session to learn about the details of an electrician's career, how to get into an apprenticeship and the "day in the life" of an

electrical apprentice. "Thinking about a career as an electrician but aren't sure where to begin? You should consider an electrician apprenticeship. It's the perfect way to get grounded in the basics of electrical contracting work and the electrical industry as a whole."

And the future looks bright, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, who report that "employment of electricians is projected to grow 10 percent from 2018 to 2028, faster than the average for all occupations. Increases in construction spending and demand for alternative energy sources will drive demand for electricians." **Connected Careers-Electrician**, **Construction and 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.
- <u>3. Job Search Workshops</u> Thinking about getting a job or internship? Get started with help from the following <u>Thursday Workshop Series</u>:

3/11/21 Resume Building 1:00-2:30

Get the latest information on how to effectively write and format job search documents, such as what information to include, how to create a targeted resume, and to illustrate how your qualifications "fit" with a position.

3/18/21 Interview Tips 1:00-2:30

Come learn the basics of interviewing and strategies to develop and improve your interview skills. We will discuss how to prepare for an interview, what employers expect, and how to handle the most common interview questions.

Registration link for all workshops: https://forms.gle/EZU4xHB5c1x6FuaY8

- **4.** Summer Internships in Science and Engineering sponsored by Saturday Academyrising 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.
- 5. 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.
- **6. FOR FRESHMEN:** The EAGLE Caddie Scholarship program (Early Adventures in Golf for a Lifetime of Enjoyment) is a unique internship program that is a cooperative venture between Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R), The Western Golf Association Evans Scholars Foundation and public and private high schools located within the city of Portland. Qualified students are paid an hourly wage, receive work credit hours, and have a mentor who monitors their progress. In addition, scholarship opportunities are available from their involvement in our program. Eligibility requirements: Students and their family must meet the program's financial (low-income) criteria, must have good attendance in school, must have achieved an 8th grade cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5, must have a passing grade in all enrolled 9th grade classes (provide GPA if applicable); must maintain a passing grade in all classes.

Students and their families have the opportunity to learn more and ask questions at our EAGLE Caddie Application Zoom calls on March 9th and April 6th. For more information and the

links to those meetings, please go to our webpage: <u>Portland Parks Golf | Portland.gov</u>. **Deadline to apply is May 7th.**

LIBRARY NEWS

TEXTBOOK DISTRIBUTION FEBRUARY 22-29

Textbook and materials distribution has resumed its normal schedule: Monday - Friday 3:15 - 4 p.m. at the front doors of Grant.

POETRY OUT LOUD WINNER

Congratulations to senior Jourdan Dimoff - this year's winner of Grant's Poetry Out Loud school competition. Jourdan will be representing Grant at the state competition of Poetry Out Loud that will begin filming poet's performances next week. Best of luck, Jourdan!

SPOKEN WORD CLUB

There will be a club meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd, from 12:10 - 12:40 p.m. We will be discussing the upcoming #Virtualandia Poetry Slam. Text **grantsw24** to the phone number **81010** if you want to get Remind messages about future club meetings and literary competitions.

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. Deadline to register is March 12th. Please email Teacher Librarian Paige Battle(pbattle@pps.net) immediately for details and/or to reserve a spot for your student.

CLASS OF 202I

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 amartin2@pps.net if you have any questions.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

<u>Student Clubs are Happening!</u> 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 <u>emcnulty@pps.net</u>. 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

Important Spectator Guidance from PIL Athletics

We are excited to offer our student-athletes an opportunity to participate in PIL's first athletic competitions in over a year. In preparation for the season, our principals, athletic directors, coaches, and other support staff have spent a great deal of time reviewing the guidance provided by the Governor, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) and planning for our athletic events' safe conduct. Based on the restrictions placed on

interscholastic activities as a result of the pandemic, Portland Public Schools has determined that only certified coaches, athletes, and approved event personnel will be allowed to attend contests in person.

Unfortunately, we cannot allow spectators to attend contests for a number of reasons. The OHA has indicated that people can remain in their vehicles in the parking lot to view a contest. However, people congregating outside of their vehicles or along a fence line at a venue would be considered spectators and thus it is not allowed.

We know it will not be the same without friends and family in the stands this spring. Still, we understand how important it is to provide this opportunity for our student-athletes, regardless of what precautions we have to take to make it happen. Many feared we would not be able to arrive at this point. We appreciate the support it took to get here and thank the athletes, parents, and coaches who made it possible.

Sports Practices Have Begun!

Football, Soccer, Volleyball and Cross Country have all started their practices. Competition schedules can be found on the OSAA website. Here are the links for individual sports:

<u>Football</u>

Women's Soccer

Men's Soccer

Volleyball (coming soon)

Men's Cross Country (coming soon)

Women's Cross Country (coming soon)

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 Now Closed.

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! New players welcome! Registration for Grant Women's Lacrosse team is open! Official season runs April 4th-May 23rd.

Due to the power outages last week, we have rescheduled the parent/player meeting for Tues, March 2nd at 7pm. Meet the coaches, get important dates, learn about what to expect for the season, how to register, etc.

Topic: Grant Women's Lacrosse Info Meeting

Time: Mar 2, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86154752877?pwd=N1I5emhMMWt6Z1ErbHlSRkpWZnVNQT09

Meeting ID: 861 5475 2877

Passcode: WAWtf4

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 π 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

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 amartin2@pps.net for all HOP Pass issues.

SCHOOL NURSE UPDATES

A big shoutout to Grant families for being in compliance with Oregon Vaccine law from Grant School Nurse Jennifer

As activities are ramping at the school campus some may wonder about the use of Trimet. Trimet has a COVID 19 page Here's what you need to know about safe travel with TriMet during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 SafeOregon website https://www.safeoregon.com/
- > A live call/text (844-472-3367)
- > An email to <u>tip@safeoregon.com</u>
- > The mobile app that can be downloaded from your Smart Phone via iTunes or Google Play

Trained staff are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to respond. Please be sure to share this information with your friends and family. Remind your students: **If you see or hear something, say something – immediately.**

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.