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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year. It's been exciting to welcome our new and returning GHS students. In fact, we welcomed 2,189 students to our campus this week. I've enjoyed meeting and getting reacquainted with students these first few days of the school year as well as those that have been here for the Gear Up day, student orientation, Leadership training and fall sports activities over the past few weeks. I encourage every student to be involved in at least one activity that helps connect them to our school. Grant students thrive when they are actively involved at Grant. Stay tuned for Club Fair information coming soon.

I'm excited to announce new hires in our Counseling, Health, Special Education, Social Studies, World Languages, Art, and Math departments. In fact, we've added over 20 new staffers to the GHS team. Last week, GHS Vice Principal Joe Mitacek, was announced as the interim Principal for Hosford Middle School. We wish Mr. Mitacek well in his new role. I hope to announce a new Vice Principal in the coming weeks. In the meantime, longtime PPS administrator Juanita Valder will be assisting GHS in a part-time role.

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 our students through Gear Up day and distribute class schedules on the first day of school without so many terrific volunteers.

Finally, I want to give a special Thanks to our GHS PTA and Sweet Basil for providing lunch to our staff last week on their first day back in the building. It was a nice treat that was appreciated by our GHS staff.

With Gratitude,

James McGee Go Generals!





# **BELL SCHEDULES/SCHOOL CALENDAR**

### GRANT HIGH SCHOOL

#### 2021-22

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Period 2 /6	10:08-11:39	FLEX	9:52-10:51	Period 2 /6	9:44-10:53
Lunch	11:39-12:14	Period 2/6	10:56-12:13	<b>Race Forward</b>	10:58-12:28
Period 3/7	12:21-1:52	Lunch	12:13-12:46	Lunch	12:28-1:02
Period 4/8	1:59-3:30	Period 3/7	12:51-2:08	Period 3/7	1:07-2:16
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Period 3	11:38-12:07	Period 3	10:08-10:52	Lunch	12:39-1:14
Period 4	12:12-12:41	Period 4	10:57-11:41	Period 3/7	1:21-2:22
Lunch	12:41-1:14	Lunch	11:41-12:14	Period 4/8	2:29-3:30
Period 5	1:19-1:48	Period 5	12:19-1:03		
Period 6	1:53-2:22	Period 6	1:08-1:52		
Period 7	2:27-2:56	Period 7	1:57-2:41		
Period 8	3:01-3:30	Period 8	2:46-3:30		
Finals	- Day 1	Finals	- Day 2	Finals -	Day 3
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Period 2	10:05-11:35	Period 6	10:05-11:35	Period 7	10:05-11:35
Lunch	11:40-12:15	Lunch	11:40-12:15	Lunch	11:40-12:15
Period 4	12:20-1:50	Period 8	12:20-1:50	Flex	12:20-3:30
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\* Assemblies held during Flex IMPORTANT DATES

 September 1st
 First Day of School

 Start times
 sth @ 8:30 / All Grades @ 10:30

 September 22nd
 Back to School Night

 October 13th
 PSAT Testing (10th/11th grades)

 November 44th
 End of 1st Grading Period

 November 22nd/23r Conferences
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Spring Break	June (TBD)	Gra
End of 3rd Grading Period	June 8th-10th	Pos

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

- The School front doors, art building doors, and back sky bridge doors open at 8:00am.
- The Library is open for students who arrive early to school.
- Students who arrive late to school will need to enter through the front doors, and then through the main office doors to check in at the attendance window in the main hallway.
- Students arriving late to the Art Building need to push the call box to the right of the entrance doors. To gain access they need to present their late pass or student ID card.
- Students leaving early need to check out through the main office, unless they have an open period at the end of the day.
- The parking lot is for staff use only.
- Parents can excuse their students with an email to our attendance office (grantattend@pps.net), a phone call to 503-916-5160, or come in person to the main office.

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

# CHECK OUT GRANT'S OFFICIAL STUDENT APP!

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

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



### **GHS RESOURCE CENTER**

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

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

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

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

### <u>Mindfulness for High School Teens</u>

https://www.hamsameditation.com/product/mindfulness-for-teens/ <u>AAPI Community resources:</u> https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vTl8X35dKh15dO5v28kG3wZVk89hBEXCat4 jNMtnAb-db8XDwqc9hXrBiVeQSrYxxnjNgrmzOgm5H5g/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms =3000

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

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

#### MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE INFORMATION:

• <u>Catrina's Virtual Office</u>(Grant school Social Worker) For more information visit our <u>GHS Resource Center website</u>.

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.

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

Available 24/7 with interpretation

A collaboration of Oregon Health Authority and Lines for Life

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

Student Success and Health Department https://sites.google.com/pps.net/ssh-covid19/home

• Call to Safety: If you are an adult and worried about your safety at home, 888-235-5333. Interpretation line available.

• Proyecto Unica: Spanish version of Call to Safety, 503-232-4448

• Multnomah County Crisis Services: Call Center/Crisis Line, 503-988-4888 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). Interpretation services are available.

• National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: English, 800-273-8255; Spanish, 800-628-9454 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). Interpretation services are available.

• Oregon Youthline: For youth to connect with other youth, text "Teen2Teen" to 839863 to instantly text with another person. Interpretation services are available.

• Trevor Project: Supporting LGBTQiA+ youth. Text "START" to 678678 or call TrevorLifeLine, 1-866-488-7386

• Trans Lifeline: Supporting trans community members, call 877-565-8860

• DHS Hotline (Oregon Department of Human Services) If you are worried about the safety of a child, 855-503-7233. Interpretation services are available

#### HEALTH RESOURCE INFORMATION:

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

Multnomah County <u>Student Health Centers</u> are open at David Douglas, Parkrose and Roosevelt high schools for in-person health services and mental health counseling this fall, while schools are engaged in distance learning. Phone and video appointments are also available. Any Multnomah County K-12 youth can access care at any center and there are no out of pocket costs.

## **GRANT PTA**

#### Grant PTA Meeting Tuesday, Sept 14th at 6:30pm on Zoom

Welcome back to a new school year. The purpose of the Grant PTA is to advocate for the health, education, and safety of all students and to provide a forum for family involvement in education. Everyone in the Grant community is welcome to attend our meetings. Watch this space for details (including a zoom link) in the next newsletter.

To pay dues and become an official member of the Grant PTA, please follow this link to our member store: <u>https://grantpta.memberhub.com/store</u>

We are currently seeking a Treasurer and a Vice President for our organization. If you would like more information about serving as a PTA officer or would like to explore other ways to be involved, please email us at grantptaboard@gmail.com

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



WANTED: Board Members at GrantGives!

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

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

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

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

Donations are always accepted at www.grantgives.com

THANK YOU!!

### **SCHOOL PICTURES**

We held our picture make-up day today so all students should now have their Student ID. If your student does not have their ID please have them come to the main office. School pictures will be mailed to Grant and we will distribute them in the English classes.

### **TESTING**

PSAT - October 13, 2021

The PSAT will be offered to all 10th graders at no cost. All 10th graders are automatically signed up to take the PSAT at Grant.

In our inability to offer the PSAT test last year due to the pandemic, PPS is offering the PSAT to all 11th graders, at no cost as well. **<u>BUT</u>** we need to know by Wednesday, September 8, 2021 if you are planning on taking the PSAT this year. Please fill out <u>THIS FORM</u> if you wish to take the PSAT. (Please note that only the student can fill out the form since it is attached to their pps email address)

At this time our testing date is October 13, 2021. However, we may add a second date of October 26, 2021 if we have a large number of Juniors requesting to test. The SAT will also be offered on April 13, 2022 for all 11th graders, as well.

### **COUNSELING CENTER**

Welcome back! Every year, students have questions for their counselors regarding their schedules. We recognize that this transition back to in-person learning will come with some uncertainty. We are working to make this transition as smooth as possible. In collaboration with the administrative team we have prioritized our scheduling work (please read the email sent to families <u>here</u>). August is a very busy time for counselors and we appreciate your patience.

If students need to make an adjustment to their schedule, we ask that they fill out this <u>form</u> (please don't send individual email requests right now). Please read the form closely and understand that not all course request changes will be made. We will reach out to you if we need more information.

We are excited to be serving you this year with a larger counseling team and we are anxious to get through this work and get to know you!

## **COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER**

Welcome back to school everybody! We look forward to working with you, students, and families. The College and Career Center is located on the south side of the building, Room 128, and is run by Ms. Kokes, our Career Coordinator of 10 years, and Ms. Snell, our new College Coordinator as of last March! More to come on resources and opportunities to explore all things college and career. Meantime, stop in and introduce yourself.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

#### 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.

If you have any questions about your library record or returning materials next week, please email: Teacher Librarian: Paige Battle - pbattle@pps.net Library Assistant: Jennifer Xochihua - 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 22nd.

#### TAG NEWS



#### 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 Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

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 Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

Students must sign up (via <u>Google form</u>) for one or both tests no later than Wednesday, September 22n. If you have any questions, please email Teacher Librarian, Paige Battle (pbattle@pps.net).

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

Attention seniors interested in learning more about the U.S. Constitution, History and Current Events we need you to join the Constitution Team! If you like independent and collaborative work and being part of a team, then Constitution Team is for you. If you want to learn how to become a better public speaker, then the Constitution Team is for you. If you are interested in competition then, Constitution Team is for you. Class is held during 3rd period and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30. Email Ms. DiPasquale at <u>adipasquale@pps.net</u>

AUDITIONS FOR THE GRANT THEATRE ARTS ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL What: One Act Play Festival AUDITIONS When: September 13 - 16 Where: meet in the auditorium Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday at 3:45 pm - 6 pm Questions: email Ms. Todd ttodd2@pps.net

### **STUDENT STORE**

The Student Store will be opening soon. We will share more information soon. Until then, we 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." <u>Start shopping now!</u>

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

### **CONTRIBUTING TO GRANT**

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

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

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

### 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.

## **NUTRITION SERVICES**

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

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

### **SAFEOREGON TIP LINE**

SafeOregon was funded by the Oregon Legislature as part of a statewide effort to improve school safety. It provides a secure means for anyone to anonymously report suspicious or imminently unsafe situations, such as threats of violence, fights, drugs and alcohol, weapons, bullying, harassment, intimidation or self-harm. Anyone, from students to parents to community members, can access the system in a variety of ways, including:

- > The "Report unsafe behavior" button found on every PPS school's website
- > The <u>SafeOregon website https://www.safeoregon.com/</u>
- > A live call/text (844-472-3367)
- > An email to tip@safeoregon.com
- > The mobile app that can be downloaded from your Smart Phone via iTunes or Google Play

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

### **PPS COMMUNICATION TOOL**

PPS has shifted family, student and staff communication to a new tool that gives schools the ability to send texts about emergencies, closures, delays and other important news. To receive text notifications, you must opt in to the service. <u>You opt in by texting YES to 68453</u>. Parents and students should confirm their cell numbers listed in the student information system. Staff should confirm their cell numbers are the "primary" number in the PeopleSoft system. For more information about texting, go to <u>www.pps.net</u> and click on the "Mobile First" button.