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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!"

SCHOOL SCHEDULE MARCH 15-19

	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
10:00-10:40	Period 6	Period 6	P6 SGI/AL	Period 6	Period 6
10:45-11:25	Period 7	Period 7	P7 SGI/AL	Period 7	Period 7
11:30-12:10	Period 8	Period 8	P8 SGI/AL	Period 8	Period 8
12:10-12:40	Lunch				
12:45-1:30	Period 5	Period 6	Office Hours/Flex (12:40-1:40pm)	Period 5	Period 6
1:30-2:30	Teacher Planning	Teacher Planning		PLC (1:45-3:15)	Teacher Planning
2:30-3:15	Period 7	Period 8		Period 7	Period 8
3:15	Student Clubs may meet after school virtually				

FUNDRAISERS

GRANT GIVES - TOMORROW NIGHT!!

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

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>

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. [Find out more here.](#)

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE INFORMATION:

- [Catrina's Virtual Office](#) (Grant school Social Worker) For more information visit our [GHS Resource Center website](#).

[Drop In Social Emotional Support Group](#)

If you would like to see our parent workshop from Wednesday night 3/10, here is the [recording](#)

- 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/ppp.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.

ADVOCACY

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS ALONE.
ASK FOR HELP.

1/3 OF STUDENTS WILL BE SEXUALLY HARASSED BY A CLASSMATE DURING THEIR 1-12 YEARS.

1 IN 5 ADOLESCENTS WILL BE A VICTIM OF PERSONAL, SEXUAL, EMOTIONAL OR VERBAL ABUSE BY AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT, AN EMILING FORM OF HARASSMENT, IS WHEN SOMEONE THREATENS TO POST INTIMATE IMAGES TO GET YOU TO DO SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT TO DO.

WWW.PPS.NET/TITLEIX

CONFIDENTIAL ADVOCACY
A Unique Partnership to End the Cycle of Violence

Volunteers of America
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PORTLAND

WHAT DOES AN ADVOCATE DO?
An advocate provides confidential support to PPS youth of all genders, connects them to resources, and walks alongside them regardless of whether they decide to formally report to law enforcement or participate in a school-based investigation under Title IX.

GUIDING PHILOSOPHY
This important collaboration between PPS, PSH & VOA is based on a shared vision that everyone deserves to live a life free from violence. We believe that to reach our goal, we must start early in the K-12 years.

NON-JUDGEMENTAL
Advocates provide individualized, non-judgmental support to help you develop coping strategies and can assist with safety planning, attend meetings or medical appointments with you and/or refer you to other resources.

FREE & CONFIDENTIAL
Free, 100% confidential support for PPS students who experience abuse, sexual or dating violence. Unlike school staff, advocates are **not** mandatory reporters under the law.

EQUITABLE RELATIONSHIPS
Advocates empower students, teachers, and parents to change school culture, so everyone understands what healthy, equitable relationships look like and how to promote them.

ADVOCACY & TITLE IX
Title IX is a law that prohibits all forms of sexual harassment at school including sexual assault, dating violence & stalking. This also includes bullying or harassment that occurs online, on social media or using other forms of technology to intimidate, coerce, or cause fear. Visit www.pps.net/titleix to learn more about your rights.

SCHOOL PROGRAMMING
Dedicated to advocating for safe and equitable relationships through workshops, trainings, and peer-led programming throughout the Portland Metro area. Workshops are flexible and designed to meet the diverse needs of school communities.

SAPANTHA (CALL/TEXT) 971.246.3030 OR SC@SDH@PSIAHILLCLIFF.COM
PAMELA (CALL/TEXT) 503.388.8211 OR PV@SDH@VOA.ORG

Learn more about advocates in this [video](#)

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**ADVOCACY
HOTLINE FOR
PPS STUDENTS**

*Under Oregon law, Advocates are not mandatory reporters.

503.809.HELP (4357)

www.pps.net/titleix

Available in Spanish & English

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:

- [Student Health Centers](#) Open

The [Benson Wellness Center](#) 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. NeedFood.Oregon.gov is a one-stop website for new and existing food needs during the pandemic.

Multnomah County [Student Health Centers](#) 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

Upcoming PTA Meeting

Save the Date - Next PTA Meeting Tuesday April 13th at 6:30 pm.

All are welcome! Watch this bulletin for more details as we get closer to the meeting date. If you would like to support the PTA, it's not too late to become a member by paying \$25 annual dues or making a general donation in our webstore: <https://grantpta.memberhub.store>

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](https://www.instagram.com/ghs.yearbook.pdx)



SCAN TO ORDER

TESTING



For 11th grade only

Thank you to those Juniors that registered for the April SAT at Grant. Last week you should have received an email to your PPS Student email account confirming your testing date. This email also gave you a study guide and practice test information.

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

COUNSELING CENTER

College visits coming up. Zoom link is listed in the student's Maia Learning account under Universities - Visits.

University / Event Name	Date	Time
Temple University, Japan Campus	03/18/2021	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
University of Colorado Boulder	04/13/2021	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Warner Pacific University	04/14/2021	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Other Important Dates

March 17th 6-8pm FAFSA Completion Help Night for Senior families. Please pre-register.

*April 15th 6-8pm College and Career Information Night. Registration to come...

Amherst, Bowdoin, Carleton, Pomona, Swarthmore, Williams Colleges are hosting two events for juniors and their families to help answer questions about the college search process. Students register here and counselors are welcome to join!

- Junior Jumpstart - April 20 at 8 pm EDT or April 22 at 8 pm EDT
- Navigating and Belonging: A Special Session for First-Generation and Low-Income Students - May 24 at 8 pm EDT or May 26 at 8 pm EDT

The College Place is a free resources that works to help students apply to college. They are offering several free upcoming sessions for all grade levels.

*Encourage your juniors, sophomores and first year students to sign up with The College Place Oregon. We have a lot of wonderful information to share, and we're here all summer to help your students stay on track. Students can sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/TCP-KDS>. We use the same system that The Ford Family Foundation uses for their scholarship application; we just use our to manage our communications.

*We'll have two College Knowledge series running in March and April. On Tuesdays at 3:30, we'll be targeting the classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024 with information about careers, colleges, scholarships and more. On Thursdays at 3:30, we'll be working with the class of 2021 regarding verification, financial aid offers, making a final college choice and more. Students who are signed up with The College Place will receive login information; I've attached a PDF with information about the series to this email.

*ECMC, which sponsors The College Place Oregon, recently released new information about their Question the Quo survey, which found that many high school students are exploring options other than a four-year college experience after high school. You can read

more about it at:

<https://questionthequo.org/news/buzz/today-s-teens-questioning-the-status-quo-when-it-comes-to-college> Here at The College Place, we're developing additional materials regarding CTE education, including a supplement to our Opportunities Booklets which highlights CTE paths for students:

https://www.ecmc.org/students/documents/2020-*2021-CTE-Opps.pdf (this publication is also available in Spanish).

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. **SOPHOMORES TO THE NW YOUTH CAREERS EXPO TUESDAY, 3/16, 1-4pm:** As discussed in the the Sophomore Class Meeting on Wednesday, all sophomores are going to the NW Youth Careers EXPO on Tuesday: [Student Video Guide to the NW Youth Careers EXPO](#). If you missed the meeting, you can find the recorded presentation in Canvas. It's in the "Assignments" section of Advisory. Questions re Maia Learning and the Career Interest Survey, contact your counselor. Questions re the EXPO, email me at mkokes@pps.net. Attending the EXPO counts as a "Career Related Learning Experience". Career Related Learning Experiences ("CRLEs" for short), are required for graduation. Students need to have 2 under their belt by the time they are a senior.

2. **PPS EMERGENCY SERVICES CAREER FOCUS EVENT!** This is your opportunity to learn about Emergency Services careers - EMT-AMR, Firefighter - Portland Fire Bureau, 911 Dispatcher-Bureau of Emergency Communications and Post-Secondary Pathways. [Register today](#) and Join us on March 18th!

3. **JOB SKILLS WORKSHOPS:**

a) **"Start Your Professional Branding with LinkedIn"**

Sponsored by Lincoln Business Class and welcomes any PPS student to attend on **Wednesday, March 17 from 1:00-2:30 pm**

Learn how to craft a LinkedIn profile and an engaging brand with Dr. Faith Avery from Goodwill Industries. LinkedIn is the most popular professional networking website/app and building your network increases career and academic opportunities while improving communication skills. Practice building a professional network and interacting with potential colleagues and employers through LinkedIn.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand how LinkedIn networking grows professional opportunities
- Learn the key elements of building a profile
- Practice connecting with people and companies to expand your network

When: Wednesday, March 17, 1:00-2:30 pm (Asynchronous learning time- let your teacher know that you are attending) Where: [Google Meet](#)

b) **Then you are ready for the Interview Workshop - thank you to Benson CCC**

Th, 3/18, 1-2:30PM 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: <https://forms.gle/EZU4xHB5c1x6FuaY8>

4. **CALLING ALL CREATIVES!** Check out the fun workshops from the [Bodecker Foundation](#). Still recruiting for the final "Be the Creative Director/Advertising Intensive" workshop of Winter program happening on **March 22nd, 5pm**.

5. **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 April 20th (Colorectal Surgery), April 22nd (Occupational Therapy) and May 18th (Finance in Healthcare). Certificates for attending the event will also be presented upon request. Students will have 20-25 min to ask career/educational related questions.

6. **PAYING WORK - WANT TO BE 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.

7. **OR, HOW ABOUT WORKING OUTSIDE IN NATURE?**

Portland Parks & Recreation's [Youth Conservation Crew](#) will be hiring youth (ages 14-19) and adult crew leaders for summer 2021. Are you looking for a job this summer? Would you like working outdoors and/or are you interested in the environment? If so, please apply! One of few opportunities for freshmen/women.

[Youth Job application](#) – due April 9. The application will take 10 to 30 minutes to complete.

8. **SUMMER INTERNSHIP:** [Do you like to work with your hands, create and problem solve? Invention Bootcamp is a four-week, summer educational experience for historically underserved and underrepresented populations.](#) It is led by PSU faculty, Dr. Gerald Recktenwald, and a group of undergraduate engineering student mentors, hosted by the PSU College of Engineering. At its core, Invention Bootcamp is all about showing students they have the skills to be an engineer and giving them the confidence to see themselves pursuing a STEM career. This year's camp will be held from June 21st to July 16th, 2021, Monday-Friday 10 am- 3:30 pm. No prior experience in STEM is necessary. Students must be currently enrolled in 9-12th grade for the 2020-2021 school year and be an Oregon resident to be eligible to participate. More information and apply here: <https://www.pdx.edu/engineering/invention-bootcamp>.

9. **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 call on April 6th. For more information and the links to those meetings, please go to our webpage: [Portland Parks Golf | Portland.gov](#). Deadline to apply is May 7th.

10. **FOR JUNIORS:** [The Haggerty Scholars Program offers high school students an opportunity to explore their interest in the law and civil rights](#) by spending time with a local attorney mentor, visiting one or more law offices (such as a law firm or government prosecutor or defender's office) during a week in the summer, and invitations to law and civil rights special events during the 2021-2022 school year. Eligibility requirements: The Haggerty Scholars Program is for current high school juniors (graduating in 2022) with an

interest in law and civil rights. Students must be willing to spend time working with an attorney mentor, visiting legal workplaces during a summer week, and attending an awards ceremony, in May or June 2021, with a parent or teacher. Email Ms. Kokes, mkokes@pps.net for an application. Deadline to apply is April 9th

LIBRARY NEWS

TEXTBOOK DISTRIBUTION March 15-19

Textbook and materials distribution will offer extended hours next week:

March 15th - 19th 3:15 - 5 p.m. at the front doors of Grant

Students who have not had the opportunity to pick up their book bags need to stop by school before Spring Break.

Any materials that have not been picked up by Friday, March 19th, will be checked back in and reshelved.

If you have any questions about picking up your materials, please email Library Assistant Jennifer Xochihua (jxochihu@pps.net)

#VIRTUALANDIA - LITERARY ARTS POETRY SLAM WORKSHOPS



MONDAY, MARCH 15TH - PERFORMANCE THAT POPS! WORKSHOP

Refine your performance chops in anticipation of #Virtualandia! and more at this workshop co-led by two amazing slam poets—Jacque Dixon, an educator and coach for our Brave New Voices team, and Jolly Wrapper, third place Verselandia! 2018 winner and Brave New Voices poet. Topics may include projecting your voice with confidence, extending metaphors, transitioning themes, memorization tips, body language, and anything in between.

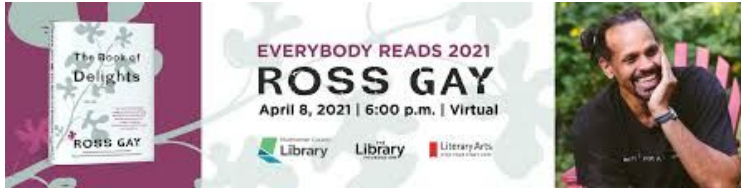
Workshops are free and open to all students. These will be hosted via Google Meet and led by talented youth and adult slam poets. For questions about *this* workshop, please contact Emily Prado, Director of Youth Programs, at emilly@literary-arts.org.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH - FEEDBACK SESSION #2 FOR YOUTH SLAM POETS



Get 1:1 support from slam experts during 15-20 minute sessions whether you need support with writing, revision, performance, or anything else. Co-hosted by Jacque Dixon and Alex Dang. Feedback sessions are free and open to all #Virtualandia students. These will be hosted via Google Meet. Sign up for free workshops at this [link](#).

EVERYBODY READS!



This year's selection for Multnomah County Library's Everybody Reads program is *The Book of Delights* by Ross Gay. Literary Arts is sponsoring an evening lecture with the author on **Thursday, April 8th at 6 p.m.** Any student who is interested in receiving and reading a FREE copy of the book and then attending the lecture should email Teacher Librarian Paige Battle (pbattle@pps.net) for details.

ART AND WRITING COMPETITION



[The Jakob and Sala Kyrszak Art and Writing Competition](#) deadline is two weeks away!

This competition is open to middle and high school students and encourages youth to evaluate history, foster an awareness of the Holocaust, and broaden their minds in the areas of art, history, civics, and literature.

This year's prompt asks students to reflect on Holocaust history and create a piece of writing or work of visual art that considers the role that laws played in the discrimination against and persecution and genocide of Jewish people, and the importance of civic responsibility and engagement.

Work can be submitted digitally through email or by mailing entries to the Museum. Any submission sent via mail will be scanned or photographed and uploaded to a drive for judges to view remotely. The two Grand Prize winners — one for art and the other for writing — will win a trip to Washington D.C. to visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for themselves, a caretaker, and their teacher!

The submission deadline is **March 19, 2021**.

CLASS OF 2021

Celebrating Seniors - Class of 2021!

We are off and running to plan a fabulous Senior Celebration! Thanks so much to Tammy Going, Principal Broker, Windermere Realty Trust for being our first Senior Celebration sponsor! We appreciate your support of the class of 2021! Are you interested in sponsoring one of these fabulous events? Please contact Christine Ognall (theognalls@gmail.com) for details.

Here are other ways you can help:

- Donate funds to support activities to celebrate the Class of 2021 [HERE](#) !
- Donate prizes via our Amazon gift registry [HERE](#) ! Prizes will be distributed via drawings at the Senior Celebration events.
- Collect and save unused gift cards to donate to the Senior Celebration to use as prizes. Starbucks! Target! Amazon! Everything helps! Please mail these to:

Grant Senior Celebration
c/o Kristina Perry
3439 N.E. Sandy Blvd #340
Portland, OR 97232

- Volunteer to help plan and execute these events via our Signup Genius [HERE!](#) More events and activities will be added in the next few weeks, so visit the site regularly!
- Got questions? Please contact 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

SPRING ONE ACT FESTIVAL AUDITIONS!

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday March 16 - 18, 3:30pm - 6:00pm.

Here is the link: <https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/84942981153>

Student directors will audition students for 9 short plays to be performed April 30 - May 7. The platform for performances will be determined later, but there will be at least 1 all zoom show.

Questions, please contact Trisha Todd ttodd2@pps.net

CALLING ALL LEADERS! We are looking for new members of the Student Leadership class, if you're interested please review the application information [HERE](#). Applications are due by March 17th.

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:

[Football](#)

[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](#)

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." [Start shopping now!](#)

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 [SchoolPay](#). 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 [link](#) to a list of suggested contributions. If you have any questions regarding SchoolPay, please contact our Bookkeeper, Darcie Papasadero, (darciep@pps.net).

PARENTVUE ASSISTANCE

If parents have not completed the required Yearly Verification they will be unable to use ParentVUE. Here is the ParentVUE [website](#) for more information. If you need assistance please contact fmccarty@pps.net or sdavis@pps.net

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

As children with asthma return to school, check if their maintenance medications and rescue medications are current or in need of refill. You can find a link for consent to self-administer here: [Grant school nurse webpage](#)

Inhalers with spacers are recommended over nebulizers to prevent spreading a virus to others. You can find information on asthma, COVID and masks on the CDC website and at kidshealth.org [COVID-19 and caring for your child with asthma](#)

For students with other health conditions, including severe allergies, you can find the forms needed here [Student health condition portal](#)

NUTRITION SERVICES

MARCH MEAL SERVICES

On Friday, March 19, all grab and go, curbside services and home meal deliveries will include 7 days worth of meals. Meal services will pause during the week of Spring Break, March 22-26 and resume Monday, March 29.

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/) <https://www.safeoregon.com/>
- > 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.