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## 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 <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!"

### **PARENT WORKSHOP**

Grant High School and Raphael House Student Advocacy Group are partnering to host a (virtual) Parent Workshop the evening of March 10th, from 6-7:30pm, regarding Dangers for Youth in the Digital World. Topics covered will include what threats our students face in terms of harassment and exploitation, and the role of student advocacy and its relationship to Grant High School. The event can be accessed off the Grant website on March 10th at 6:00 pm.

	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	Teacher Planning		Teacher	Teacher
	Planning		PLC (1:45-2:15)	Planning	Planning
2:30-3:15	Period 7	Period 8	(1:45-3:15)	Period 7	Period 8
3:15	Student Clubs may meet after school virtually				

### SCHOOL SCHEDULE MARCH 8-12

### **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

### **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 - <u>Six Week Family Support Group</u> - 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: <u>cknoerzer@pps.net</u> Below is a form to assess if there is interest in parent support services. Please help us figure out how to best support you! <u>https://forms.gle/4a5anaU1BHBt9vVf9</u>

<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.

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

### MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE INFORMATION:

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

Drop In Social Emotional Support Group

 <u>Reach Out Oregon Warmline</u> 1 833 732 2467 Monday-Friday 12-7pm

Parents know how lonely it is to care for a young person experiencing emotional, behavioral and mental health challenges. It can be frightening and isolating. It's hard to know where and how to reach out for help and information. As caregivers, we have experience navigating challenges on behalf of our children and families. And as a community, we have much to offer one another. This is what Reach Out Oregon is all about, a supportive community where you will find a support team: Parent to Parent.

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

### 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 Viêt | 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</u> here)





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



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

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

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

### HEALTH RESOURCE INFORMATION:

• <u>Student Health Centers</u> Open

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

- Students are seen by appointment only: Sorry, no walk-ins
- Hours for Primary Care (medical) visits: In person: Tuesday afternoons 1-5 Wednesday mornings 8-12 Thursday afternoons 1-5 Virtual visits Monday-Friday 8-5
- Step 1: New patients need to first register with OHSU by calling OHSU patient registration: 503-494-8505
- Step 2: Next, schedule your appointment by calling 503-418-0409
- Directions: Located at Benson High School: 546 NE 12th in the back of the building. Directions: From NE Irving st: head SOUTH on NE 15th Ave. Turn into the parking lot at the back of the school building. Look for signs marking the entrance to the Wellness Center.

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

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

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

### PTA

### PTA Meeting, Tuesday March 9, 6:30pm

Please join us on Zoom for our monthly PTA meeting. Principal McGee will start us off as usual with an update on what is going on at Grant. Then we will have a presentation about plans for Senior Week to celebrate our graduating seniors at the end of the school year and share some opportunities to get involved. We'll end with some business items for those who are interested in staying, including a legislative update, plans for Teacher Appreciation Week, and PTA leadership development for next year.

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#### **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: <u>https://grantpta.memberhub.store</u>

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

### **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



SCAN TO ORDER

### **TESTING**



Thank you to those Juniors that registered for the April SAT at Grant. This 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 <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

# **A**P

This message is only for 11th grade students who have signed up for AP testing.

**URGENT:** All AP students must fill out this form asap. **This form lets you request taking the AP Exam in person.** We cannot guarantee that we will have the space for everyone, but we will try our very best. If you don't fill this out, we will automatically assign you to online. You can fill the form out more than once for different exams if necessary.

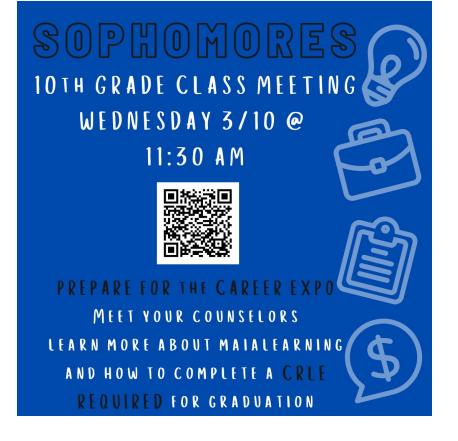
#### **MANDATORY PPS AP Student Form**

This survey also asks about your at home technology and lets us know if you need more support.

### **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
Southern Oregon University	03/09/2021	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
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Northern Arizona University	03/12/2021	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
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



**Portland Parks & Recreation Golf Program** will have a Zoom meeting for all 9th graders interested in the Early Adventures in Golf for a Lifetime of Enjoyment **(EAGLE) Caddie Program**. Please forward this email to students you feel would be successful in the EAGLE Caddie Program.

What students and guardians that join can expect:

-EAGLE Caddie application/caddie expectations and responsibilities

-Evans Scholarship criteria

-Testimonial from EAGLE alumnae and current Oregon Evans Scholar Chapter President Taylor Phomphakdy

-Open Question & Answer

Meeting information:

- March  $9^{\text{th}}$ ; 5:00 pm 6:30 pm
- Join Via Zoom:
- <u>https://zoom.us/j/94570680415?pwd=eC91WFVaK0FBd2ZwQlRLdmtSVTk5QT09</u>
- Join by phone:
- Dial-In: +1 253 215 8782

Meeting ID: 945 7068 0415

Passcode: 161424

### <u>Scholarships:</u>

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

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

 $\underline{https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y05Y2Vjm1HAZsXvsjk2zGzzWmNuJySgU/view?usp=sharin}$ 

#### **Important Dates and Deadlines**

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

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

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

### **Portland Summer Scholars Information:**

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

### **COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER**

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

Wednesday, 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.** 

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 from 3:00pm-3:45pm: <u>Industry Spotlight-Pacific Northwest</u> <u>Carpenters Institute</u>



The premier educational institution in Oregon, Southwest Washington, and Idaho for Carpenters and the affiliated trades. PNCI is sponsored by Willamette Carpenter Training Center, Inc. a non-profit organization based in Portland, Oregon. PNCI provides apprenticeship and journeyman skill advancement training for many construction trades including: Carpenters, Millwrights, Pile Drivers, Interior/Exterior Specialists, Scaffold Erectors, Drywall Finisher (Taper), Trade Show exhibition workers.

2. <u>PPS EMERGENCY SERVICES CAREER FOCUS EVENT!</u> 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. <u>Register today</u> and Join us on March 18th!

**3. 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 event is on *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>4. 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**: <u>https://forms.gle/EZU4xHB5c1x6FuaY8</u>

**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 <u>Portland Parks and Recreation Aquatic</u> <u>Training Programs and Opportunities</u>.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.** 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.

**7. 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.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **TEXTBOOK DISTRIBUTION March 8-12**

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



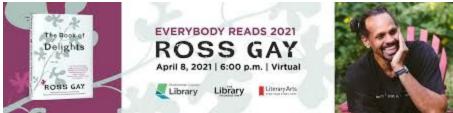
Shout out to seniors Jourdan Dimoff and Ellen Lovre who represented Grant at this year's PPS district high school story slam. Both of these students have shared stories for the past three years! We really appreciate their willingness to share their true tales and for providing many audiences with moments filled with both humor and solemnity.



#### **#VIRTUALANDIA - Literary Arts Poetry Slam Workshops**

Want to learn about the slam poetry process? Thinking of competing in #Virtualandia and have questions? Local experts in slam poetry—Jacque Dixon, an educator and coach for Literary Arts' Brave New Voices team, and Jordan Wolmut, 2019 Verselandia! grand slam champion and Brave New Voices poet, are leading a Q&A session, along with Olivia Jones-Hall, Youth Programs Manager, on **Monday, March 8th**.

### **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 Kyrszek 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.

### 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.

- <u>Senior Portraits</u>
- <u>Senior Quotes</u>

### BABY AD'S ARE SOLD OUT!

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

We are off and running to plan a fabulous Senior Celebration! Here are ways you can help:

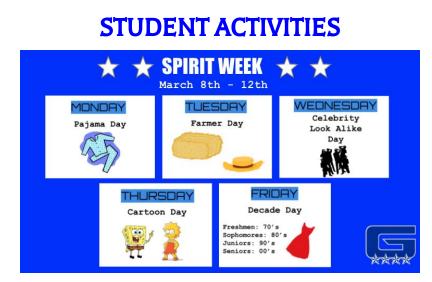
- Donate funds to support activities to celebrate the Class of 2021 <u>HERE</u> !
- Donate prizes via our Amazon gift registry <u>HERE</u> ! Prizes will be distributed via drawings at the Senior Celebration events.
- Collect and save unused gift cards to donate to the Senior Celebration to use as prizes. 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 <u>HERE</u>! 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.



The countdown to spring break is upon us, so what better time for GRANT GENERALS SPIRIT WEEK! We'd love to see you turn your camera on and show that General pride in class each day! Make sure to DM @usgranthigh with your outfits to be featured on our story and entered for a chance to win some Grant swag!!

(Note to Sue/Scott: I will send you a different version of the pic below once my student sends me the updated one. The days are set, I just asked for more pizzazz. If it comes to you in time to replace the image before you send out the weekly bulletin and GoTo great...if I miss the window of time, I totally understand).

<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 emcnulty@pps.net. If you are interested in joining a student club, please visit the website <u>here</u> and contact club leaders directly using their provided information.

**<u>CALLING ALL LEADERS!</u>** We are looking for new members of the Student Leadership class, if you're interested please review the application information <u>HERE</u>. 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 <u>OSAA website</u>. Here are the links for individual sports:

<u>Football</u> <u>Women's Soccer</u> <u>Men's Soccer</u> <u>Volleyball</u> (coming soon) <u>Men's Cross Country</u> (coming soon) <u>Women's Cross Country</u> (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." <u>Start shopping now!</u>

### **CONTRIBUTING TO GRANT**

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

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

Here is the <u>link</u> to a list of suggested contributions. If you have any questions regarding SchoolPay, please contact our Bookkeeper, Darcie Papasadero, (<u>darciep@pps.net</u>).

### **PARENTVUE ASSISTANCE**

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

### **STUDENT ID/HOP PASS ASSISTANCE**

If you have not received your Student ID and are in need of the HOP Pass, please contact the school. If your HOP Pass is not working please contact the school, not Trimet, to help you with any issues you may have with the card. If you have lost your card please contact Trimet's Lost and Found (503-962-7655) to see if they have the card. If they do not have the card contact the school to have another one printed for you. Also, if you have a new card made and then find your old card do not destroy it, hold onto it. If you lose the new one we can always reactivate the old one. Contact April Martin at <u>amartin2@pps.net</u> for all HOP Pass issues.

### **SCHOOL NURSE UPDATES**

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: <u>Grant school nurse webpage</u>

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 <u>Student health condition portal</u>

### **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.

### LAST DAY FOR NEW HOME MEAL DELIVERY REQUESTS

Friday, March 5th will be the last day to submit new home meal delivery requests. Please share this message with staff who have been supporting families and connecting them with our services. We appreciate your understanding as both the Nutrition Services and Student Transportation teams start to transition and prepare for hybrid learning.

New requests for home meal delivery should include the following information to <u>nutritionservices@pps.net</u>:

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

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

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

### **SAFEOREGON TIP LINE**

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

> The "Report unsafe behavior" button found on every PPS school's website

> The <u>SafeOregon website https://www.safeoregon.com/</u>

> A live call/text (844-472-3367)

- > An email to <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 <u>www.pps.net</u> and click on the "Mobile First" button.