



PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dear Gunn families,

Welcome to the 2017-18 academic year at Gunn High School! Gunn is a place where strong connections are made between the home and school and all staff members are committed to developing the whole child. Remember to start stocking up on red and black apparel!

We hope to see all new parents at our "Parents Meeting for Incoming Freshmen and New Students" on Thursday, August 10 at 7pm in Bow Gym. Incoming freshmen and new students are highly encouraged to attend our "Freshmen and New Student Orientation" held noon to 4pm on August 11 starting in Titan Gym.

The Gunn High School Handbook is online at gunn.pausd.org. No hard copies are available, so please review it online with your student.

Supplemental Student Accident and Health Insurance application forms can be found at pausd.org under "Student Services /Health Services." A Gunn financial aid application can be downloaded by selecting "For Parents/Forms" at gunn.pausd.org.

STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student schedules will be available on Infinite Campus by 6pm on August 6. You should download your own schedule since they will not be distributed on paper except to freshmen and new students after Freshman Orientation. Please note that if students do not clear their book obligation fees owed, they will not be able to view schedules on Infinite Campus.

The Counseling staff worked hard to make sure that class schedules reflect graduation requirements, academic/career plans discussed with counselors, and elective choices. Schedule changes may be made on August 7 and 8 for the following reasons:

- **Schedule has an error (same class listed twice, class omitted, or class requested not included)**
- **Schedule has a class which has been taken over the summer and needs to be dropped in the Fall**
- **Schedule has a class level which needs to be changed**

If students have a schedule change form turned in, they still must attend ALL classes shown on their Infinite Campus student schedule. When their schedule is changed on Infinite Campus they should follow that schedule.

SUMMER MAILING FORMS & SCHOOL PICTURES (Friday, August 11)

On Friday, August 11, beginning at 8:30am in front of Bow Gym, students should drop off Summer Mailing forms and checks and get their pictures taken.

If your student can't come to Gunn on August 11 . . .

- Bring summer mailing forms and checks on the first day of school, Monday, August 14, to Titan Gym starting at 7:45am
- Bring last year's Student ID card for textbook distribution
- Get makeup photos on August 15 or September 18

IMPORTANT DATES

- THURSDAY, August 10
 - Freshman/New Student Parents Meeting, 7-8:30pm in Bow Gym
- FRIDAY, August 11
 - Photo Day for all students, 8:30-3:30 in Bow Gym (ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED to have a school photo taken for the Gunn ID card. The ID card is free.)
 - Freshman Orientation, noon-4pm starting in Bow Gym
- MONDAY, August 14
 - First Day of School, 8:25am-2:35pm

REMINDERS:

- **BEING ON TIME AND ATTENDING CLASSES** – it is crucial that students learn the importance of attendance and being on time so these habits become part of their lifelong behavior. To quote Shakespeare, “Better three hours too soon than one minute too late.”
- **BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT, AUGUST 31**, is a wonderful opportunity to meet teachers. It begins at 6:00pm with short introductions and a brief welcome from the principal. Then you can meet your child's teachers and learn about their plans and expectations. Remember to bring a flashlight since our campus is quite dark in places. The Back-to-School Night schedule is included in this mailing.
- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, is a MINIMUM DAY** for students and teachers

Go Titans!

Kathie Laurence
Gunn Principal