Welcome Class of 2018

Parent Information Night
Gunn High School
Gunn Overview 101
Welcome!
Key People at Gunn
About Gunn High School
  ◦ Gunn Students
  ◦ Guidance Services
  ◦ Student Activities
  ◦ Athletics
  ◦ Academic Program
Key People: Admin Team

- Katya Villalobos
  - Principal

- Kimberley Cowell
  - Assistant Principal, Operations & Student Services

- Tom Jacoubowsky
  - Assistant Principal, Guidance

- Trinity Klein
  - Assistant Principal, Administrative & Student Services

- James Lubbe
  - Dean of Students, Discipline, Testing

- Lisa Hall
  - Director of Student Activities

- Daisy Renazco
  - Professional Development

- Roni Habib
  - TOSA/Technology Coordinator

- Jill Naylor
  - Director of Athletics

- Martha Elderon
  - Main Office Secretary
Add the video on Monday Night
Gunn is known for:

- Unparalleled Academic Program
- Celebrated Visual and Performing Arts Departments
- Outstanding Athletic Program
- Creative Students
- Distinguished, Dedicated Faculty
- Successful Alumni
Who goes to Gunn?

Athletes  
Philosophers  
Musicians  
Scholars  
Concerned Citizens  
Engineers  
Activists  
Artists  
Authors  
Volunteers  
Scientists  
Thespians  

Students like YOU!!
Academic & Elective Programs

- English
- Social Studies
- Math
- Science
- PE
- World Languages

- Visual & Performing Arts
- Career Technical Education

Core Academic

Elective
Support Departments & Services

- Gunn Administration
- Counseling Department
- Special Education Department
- Adolescent Counseling Services
Counseling Department

- Seven Counselors
- 504 management
- Academic Center
- Focus on Success
- School Psychologists
- College and Career Center
- Registrar
- Data Processing
- Work & Exploratory Experience
- College Pathways
- College for Every Student
- Opportunity Program

Support Departments & Services
Tom Jacoubowsky, Assistant Principal
Gunn Counseling

- Guidance Counselors
  - Assigned by alpha and grade
- 9th grade group guidance meetings
- Individual and group meeting with 10th, 11th, & 12th graders
  - Current and post-secondary planning

- Parent Information Nights throughout the school year
- Support for struggling students
  - Academically
  - Health issues
  - Socially & emotionally
- College applications

Student Drop in!  Appointments!
Special Education Department

- Speech and Language
- Resource Program
- Specialized Core Program
- Social and Emotional Support services

Services provided through an Individual Education Plan (IEP)

Transitions IEP’s will be held in the spring
Adolescent Counseling Service
  ◦ Contracted service with a non-profit
  ◦ Site Director & Interns
  ◦ On-campus counseling
  ◦ No cost
  ◦ Parent permission required after first visit
  ◦ Referrals
    • Parent
    • Student
    • Guidance counselor
    • Teacher
    • Administrator

Support Departments & Programs
  Pamela Garfield, ACS Site Director
Student Activities

All-Campus Activities:
- Dances
- Assemblies
- Homecoming
- Sports Rallies
- Spring Fling
- Lunch Games and Events
- Theater & Music Productions
- Culture/ Awareness Events
- Over 80 student led clubs
Student Government

- Elected and Appointed Offices
  - (Frosh August)
- Leadership Class
- Class Council
## Athletics

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Athletics

- Athletic Packets available on Gunn website under “Athletics”
- Physicians form clearing a student for participation is required BEFORE try-outs
  - May also contact our Team Doctor, Dr. Fran Chen at PAMF 650–853–2943, $20 for a physical.
- Fall season sports practices begin Aug. 11
- Winter season sports practices begin Oct. 27
- Spring season sports practices begin Jan. 26
- More Information on gunn.pausd.org/athletics
- Summer Camps & Clinics
  - Coaches Contact Info
  - Calendar, Schedule
- Jill Naylor – Athletic Director
  jnaylor@pausd.org
Academic Program

- Four Core Classes:
  - Math, Science, English, Social Studies
- World Language:
  - Spanish, French, German, Mandarin, Japanese
- Physical Education
- Electives
- Special Education – support programs
Choices for 9th Grade Students...

- English
  - Regular or Advanced
- Science
  - Biology 1, 1A
  - 1AC teacher/Gunn rec
- Math
  - Middle School Math
  - Teacher make recommendations
- For More Information:
  - Course information available on Course Catalog @Gunn Website
Electives

Theatre
Chinese
Spanish
French
Foods
Choir
Video Production

German
Japanese
Multimedia Design
Art Spectrum
Intro to Engineering & Design
Band

AND MORE!

Check the Course Catalog!
Career Technical Education

Kim Cowell, Instructional Supervisor
Career Technical Education (CTE)

- Automotive Engineering
- Intro to Engineering Design
- Foods
- Stage Technology
- Broadcast Video
- Interior Design
- Multimedia Design & Applications
- Criminal/Civil Law
- Flash/Photoshop
- Video Production
- Fiber Arts
English

Ellen Feigenbaum, Instructional Supervisor
English Choice for Freshmen: Regular or Advanced

- Similarities:
  - Taught by All English Teachers
  - College Preparatory
  - Similar Curriculum (identical in some cases)
Differences: quantitative and qualitative
Quantitative: may have more reading, faster pace
Qualitative: students are expected to enter with more skills
To Choose:
Consider student’s past performance and interest
Consult current English teacher
See “Characteristics of Advanced Students” on English Department’s website
Keep in mind: it is only a one-semester commitment.
History
Social Science

Lynne Navarro, Instructional Supervisor
Social Studies Department

World History
Required, year long course

Living Skills
Semester class
9–12 grades
Graduation requirement
Mathematics

Kathy Hawes, Instructional Supervisor
Course Pathways

Algebra 1 → Geometry → Algebra 2 → Pre-Calc

Algebra 1A → Geo A → Alg2/Trig → I.A.C → AB Calc AP

Geo/Alg 2 → T.A.H → Analysis → BC Calc AP
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Computer Science Electives

Programming Concepts
Programming with Java
AP Computer Science

Other Math Electives

AP Statistics
Problem Solving
Placement Test Dates

May 28 at 3:15 PM.

August 13 at 9:00 AM.
Physical Education

Don Briggs, Instructional Supervisor
Gunn Physical Education – 9th Grade

The focus for 9th grade students is to develop fitness levels in order to pass state fitness tests; refine individual skills and develop strategies and apply these in a variety of individual and dual activities. Further, students will develop an understanding of personal responsibility within a physical education environment. The following are sports or activities freshman will engage in:

FALL ACTIVITIES
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Track and Field
- Fitness

SPRING ACTIVITIES
- Badminton
- Soccer (SSG)
- Swimming
- Over the Line
- Self Defense/Dance
Science

Laurie Pennington, Instructional Supervisor
SCIENCE

All 9th grades students take Biology

- Biology 1
- Biology 1A
- Biology 1AC (recommendation required)
Visual and Performing Arts

Mark Gleason, Instructional Supervisor
Many freshmen take their core classes, PE + World Language and Visual and Performing Arts
World Languages
Anne Jensen, Instructional Supervisor
What Languages are Offered at Gunn?

- FRENCH, GERMAN, JAPANESE, MANDARIN CHINESE AND SPANISH
- Levels 1 through AP are available in 5 languages.
- Levels 1 and 2 are designed for non-native speakers of the target language.
- Exception: Spanish for Spanish speakers
World Language at Gunn

- Students need the equivalent of 2 years of high school foreign language to graduate.
- New A–G requirements.
- Alternative paths available for selected students.
- Colleges require 2 years for entrance or 3 years to exit.
What Do 9th Graders Take?

- Students who have taken French, Japanese and Spanish 1a and 1b in Middle School should take level 2 at Gunn.
- Students who have not taken a language in Middle School should enroll in level 1.
- Native speakers are encouraged to take another foreign language since our courses are designed for non-native speakers.
- Contact Anne Jensen, World Language IS (annejensen@pausd.org).
Proficiency Placement Exam
Language Lab Room L-23

- Dates: February 18 – 2:30 or 3:30 PM
  February 25 – 2:30 or 3:30 PM

- Sign up sheets available in gym after this presentation.

- Contact Anne Jensen for further information.
- Information posted on Website.
Special Programs for 9th Graders

- By Application and/or Recommendation
  - Focus on Success
  - College Pathways
  - Small Learning Community
  - Titan 101
Focus on Success

WHAT IS IT?
Focus on Success is a for-credit course designed to support students in their academic classes by providing study and life skills lessons, time to do homework, and the opportunity to work with tutors.

FOR WHOM?
FOS is designed for any student, not enrolled in another special program, who could better meet Gunn’s high academic standards with structured support.

MORE INFO?
For more detailed information, please visit the Gunn website, click on “Academics” and then “Focus on Success.”

SIGN ME UP!
Focus on Success is an invitation only program, requiring a phone interview with a parent/guardian and an in-person interview with the student. Please contact us to request an interview.
College Pathway
Small Learning Community

- For Freshmen
- Tightly knit community
- Students share some common classes (English, Biology, Science) and teachers
- Cross-curricular projects
- Outdoor Adventure Trips

For More Info: Check the Gunn Web Page
Titan 101

- Titan101 is a freshman transition program that welcomes freshman to Gunn, while informing them about Gunn’s unique resources and culture and building meaningful connections with peers and staff.
- Titan 101 coaches are dedicated teachers who love freshman!
- LinkCrew leaders partner with coaches to facilitate discussions and activities.
- Through Titan 101, 9th graders have information sessions with their own guidance counselor.
9th Grade Course Selection Process

- JLS, Jordan, Terman & Students New to PAUSD:
  - Paper Process
  - Must complete Course Selection Worksheet (Due Feb 21)
  - Confirmation sent March 25
- Counselors Visited Middle Schools
  - JLS: Jan 29–30
  - Jordan: Feb 6
  - Terman: Feb 10–11
Students New to PAUSD...

- PAUSD registration information is on the District website (pausd.org)
- 9th Grade Course Selection Worksheet Available from the Guidance Office or from the Gunn Web Site
- Math Placement Testing: May TBA
- If your child has a 504 plan, contact Tom Jacoubowsky, <tjacoubowsky@pausd.org>
- Questions? Call Guidance office and the Guidance Tech will direct you to Due (JLS, Terman, Jordan)
  - Feb 22
- Confirmation Forms to Middle Schools
  - Mid April
- the appropriate resource
- Guidance Phone: 354–8212
Gunn Office Opens August 4
Counseling Office August 7
First day of Fall Sports Practice – Aug 11
Out of District Placement Tests – May TBA
Freshman Orientation Wednesday, Aug 13 (12:00–4:00, Spangenberg–Pictures for all students)
Freshmen Parent Meeting – Tue, Aug 12, 7pm
Freshmen Schedules Available On-line, Aug 12
First Day of School – Aug 18
Back to School Night – (August 28)
Parent Ed Night: “How Things Work” (Date TBA)
Guidance Parent Night – (Date TBA)
For More Information...

- **Gunn Web Site**
  - http://gunn.pausd.org

- **Incoming 9th Grade Page**

- **Contact Guidance Office** – 354-8212
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Freshman & New Student Parent Info Night:
Tuesday, Aug 12 7:00PM
Spangenberg