



CUNN'S WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

October 1, 2017

Dear Titan Community,

This past week, we completed the grade-level specific Parent Information Night series with our 9th and 10th grade families. If you were unable to attend the events or would like to access them again, the slides from each are posted on our [web site](#).

Professional Learning Day (all grades)

There is no school for students on Friday, October 6th. Staff will be engaging in an all day professional learning.

Alternate Schedule October 2-5, 9-13 (all grades)

Please check the [calendar](#) on the school's web page for daily schedules during these days.

First Quarter Ends (all grades)

October 13th will be the last day of the first quarter. Grades will be available on the IC Portal, October 20th at 8:00pm.

SELF/College & Wellness Sessions/PSAT October 11th (all grades)

Freshman will be engaged in community building activities, Sophomores will participate in college and career awareness as well as digital citizenship activities. Seniors will participate in College & Wellness focused supports while Juniors will take the PSAT. This year's day is built from the feedback from last year. The options reflect topics that students and staff found most timely and beneficial. ***Please note that both sophomores and seniors will need their Chromebooks (or laptop from home) for this day.***

Please note that the PSAT is also the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program. In order to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Competition, your child must also take the SAT exam at least once.

Family Connection for Sophomores (10th grade)

Sophomores, if you have not done so, please email Mr. Lang (llang@pausd.org) to get your Family Connection account set up; accounts are linked to your personal email. See Mr. Lang, should you have questions. You will have an opportunity to use specific features as well as explore additional components within the program.

College & Career Corner (12th grade focus)

College workshops 2017-Building a College List: Oct. 11th (PSAT Day)

Common App: Oct. 5th, and Nov. 14th (Flex), Oct. 11th (PSAT Day)

UC/CSU App: Oct. 3rd, Nov. 2nd, Nov. 14th, Nov. 28th (Flex), Oct. 11th (PSAT Day)

College Essay Writing: Oct. 11th (PSAT Day)

Mrs. Kirsch is now seeing JUNIORS.

If you want your student to do this without you, let Mrs. Kirsch know. All scheduling is done through Mala At 650 804 1287. Leave a message and she will get back to you in the PM. This personal way of setting the appt insures you get the best time for you and your student. All of you show up on that day at that time...no call slips go out. Special arrangements can be made if need be.

If you are a senior and still need assistance, send an e-mail to Mrs Kirsch to see what is possible.

College Fairs

Oct 8 STEM fair 1-4 pm at the SCC convention Center (near Great America)

Oct 9 College Fair at 6:30-8:30PM in the Paly HS Gym. Please carpool, bike or walk as parking is limited. Meet 125 representatives from private California colleges and universities as well as out-of-state public and private institutions. Please go to <http://paly.net/list-of-colleges> for a list of participating colleges. The College Fair will have a Financial Aid Workshop at 7:30pm Dance Studio as well.

OCT 11 McGill (Canada) 7-8:30 PM Kehillah Jewish HS 3900 Fabian way. <https://mcgillinmind.ca>

Oct 25 Colleges and Career Day at Google for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. 9am to 2 pm at Google Headquarters in Mt View. www.rit.edu/ntid/ccd

College Visits (11th and 12th Grades)

Colleges continue to visit Gunn. To see which colleges are coming, please check your Family Connection account for details. To be able to attend one of the sessions, sign up at least 24 hours in advance through Family Connection. Students should make arrangements with their teachers if the college visit leads to missed class time. Please note that when the seat count says the session is full, **it is full**; unfortunately, no more students can be added.

If your plans include visiting college campuses, please take note of the [attendance procedures](#) should the visit require missing class time.

Wellness Center Updates

Have you heard about the new on campus mental health provider, **Counseling and Support Services for Youth (CASSY)**? CASSY supports students through individual and group counseling, crisis support, prevention, and intervention, parent consultations, and staff consultations. Students can be seen for short term therapeutic intervention for 12 sessions. Assessment and treatment planning processes occur with each student that receives on going services. The student's family is collaborated with through the treatment process. The CASSY therapists at Gunn are Genavae Pierre Dixon, Melisa Moran, and Samar Warmerdam.

Senior Conferences(12th grade)

The Gunn Counselors are continuing senior conferences. In the sessions, each counselor checks in with the student, goes over the college application process and shares services that are available in our expanded College and Career Center.

SELF (10th-12th Grade)

We're very excited to announce the arrival of opt-in SELF sessions for 10th through 12th graders. Lessons will include Introduction to Social Emotional Learning (SEL), The Teenage Brain, and The Power of Thought. Interested students should sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/SELFsignup> for a three week session, which will take place during three consecutive Thursday Flex periods (students may opt for either the 10/19, 10/26 and 11/2 session, or the 11/2, 11/9 and 11/16 session). If you have any questions, please contact the SEL TOSAs, Courtney Carlomagno (ccarlomagno@pausd.org) or Tara Firenzi (tfirenzi@pausd.org).

SELF (9th Grade)

This week, the SELF classes will once again be focused on building community, this time by anticipating and celebrating a time-honored Gunn tradition: homecoming! Titan Ambassadors from the upper classes will visit SELF groups to explain all aspects of this important part of the Gunn experience, and to lead students through a practice run of some of the games they'll play during homecoming week.

Support PiE

Thank you to all that have supported Partners in Education (PiE). The donations to PiE continue to support many programs at Gunn, including our guidance department. Your donations have made a difference for all students at Gunn.

Thank you for your continued support!

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