



GUNN'S WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

September 3rd, 2017

Dear Titans,

I hope this week's edition finds you enjoying the three-day weekend. Please read updates from our counseling and wellness programs.

No School (All Grades)

Monday, September 4th, Gunn High School is closed for Labor Day. Please note that this week is will be on an alternate schedule.

Alternate Schedule September 5- 8 (all grades)

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

Senior Workshop Make-up (12th grade)

Seniors - If you missed last week's assembly, join our counseling team for the make up session this week:

- Senior Assembly Makeup: Wednesday, September 6th 12:30-1:05 in the Staff Lounge

Family Connection (Naviance) Sessions (12th grade)

We will be running two sessions on Family Connection for our seniors. These sessions will:

- support students new to the platform (or haven't logged in as a Gunn High School student yet)
- College search features
- Accessing "To Do's" for college packets

Tuesday, September 5th at lunch in the College & Career Center

Thursday, September 26th at lunch in the College & Career Center

Parent Informational Evenings (11th and 12th grade)

- **Wednesday, September 13th**
 - 11th grade parents 6:30 - 7:30PM in our library
Topics that will be discussed:
 - The college process
 - Family Connection information
 - 12th grade parents 7:45 - 8:45PM in our library
Topics that will be discussed:
 - Important dates/timelines
 - College admissions/application information

- Campus and online resources

Parent Informational Evenings (9th and 10th grade)

- **Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

- 9th grade parents 6:30 - 7:30PM in our library
Topics that will be discussed:
 - Gunn counseling services
 - Informational booths
- 10th grade parents 7:45 - 8:45PM in our library
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 - Gunn counseling services
 - Informational booths

SELF (9th Grade)

This week, 9th graders will be thinking about the most important guidelines for building a positive classroom community, which will form the basis of a “social contract” for each SELF cohort. If you have any questions or comments about the SELF program (Social-Emotional Literacy and Functionality), please contact us: Courtney Carlomagno and Tara Firenzi (SEL TOSAs) at ccarlomagno@pausd.org or tfirenzi@pausd.org.

Sources of Strength (all grades)

Peer Leaders are coming together on September 6th to continue the work of Sources of Strength this year to promote overall wellness and Titan Strength.

Gunn Peer Leaders will continue to spend time in activities and trainings throughout the year with two main goals:

1. To learn how to serve peers as connectors to help and trusted adults.
2. To spread messages and stories of hope, help, and strength throughout Gunn.

Wellness Center Information

September is Suicide Prevention Month. The Wellness Team at Gunn is pleased to support several campus wide educational initiatives for Suicide Prevention Month throughout September. Students engaged in Kognito friend2friend training on September 1st. Kognito is a game-based simulation for adolescents that builds awareness, knowledge, and skills about mental health while reducing stigma. It prepares youth to recognize signs of distress, reach out to a friend they are concerned about, and help identify a trusted adult for support. Updates will continue each week on the ways your student is engaging in Wellness material.

College and Career Corner (11th and 12th grade)

Grade 12 appointments are still open for a meeting with Mrs Kirsch...simply send an e-mail to lkirsch@pausd.org with you best time to miss a class and it will get confirmed for a day and time. *Students should tell teachers in advance IF they will be missing a class.*

Save the date: Oct 9 is the PALY College Fair at 6:30 pm. All of us are welcome to attend.

California State University (CSU) will again host an evening event to introduce you to all the colleges in their system. It will be on September 27th at the Santa Clara Convention Center (101- exit at Great America Parkway).

Be sure your junior or senior student is checking Naviance to see what colleges are visiting when. Attending these sessions is a good way of showing demonstrated interest to a college or gathering information in general. If you need help with your Naviance account--see Mr Lang.

New Families Potluck (All Grades)

Thursday, Sep 14, 5:30-7:30 PM, Library

New Families are invited to attend the annual New Families Potluck and meet staff, SEC students, PTSA parents and representatives from the Parent Networks for an informal evening of socializing, food and fun. Please bring a favorite snack or dish to share, whether it is homemade or store bought. Dessert, coffee and tea will be provided. Childcare for children under 12 is provided free of charge. Please RSVP to gunnpotluck@gmail.com.

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.

Thanks for your support and engagement,

Mike Heffner
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Gunn High School