



GUNN'S WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

October 8, 2017

Dear Titan Community,
Please stay informed by reading this week's counseling and wellness program updates.

Alternate Schedule October 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 through Family Connection 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 on October 11 (PSAT day).

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 conduct the junior meeting without you, please let Mrs. Kirsch know. All scheduling of the junior appointments is through Mala@GHSCollege and careercenter@gmail.com. When contacting us to schedule, please leave student name, period free for your student to miss a class, your name and the best phone number to reach. You will get a phone call back to set the date and time. This personal way of setting the appointment 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 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.

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.

Wellness Center Updates

This week the Wellness Team was excited to invite a non-profit, Community Matters on campus to train students and staff surrounding peer intervention when peers abuse Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs. Students learned skills about practicing upstanding citizenship with peer pressure faces them in situations regarding substance abuse.

SELF

SELF students have a big week coming up, with a Challenge Day competition on Wednesday, oriented around teamwork skills and building community, and academic check-ins during the double Flex on Friday. Each student will spend 3-4 minutes with their mentor, one on one, talking about how things are going in their classes, and discussing strategies to address the academic or social-emotional challenges they may be working on.

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,

Mike Heffner
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