



GUNN'S WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

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Dear Titan Community,

As the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year is underway, course selection for 2018-2019 is upon us, I am sharing [Challenge Success' Parent Guidelines](#) as food for thought.

Alternative Schedule Wednesday, Feb. 7

Please note [Wednesday's alternative schedule](#).

Wellness Center Update (all grades)

Children's Health Council (CHC) is sponsoring a screening of One Love's film *Escalation* on February 7th. This is an awesome opportunity for students and parents to learn more about the way we view healthy and unhealthy relationships. See the Eventbrite link below for more information on this educational event.

[One Love Escalation Film Eventbrite](#)

Our Titan Upstander PSA Contest has launched! The Wellness Center is hosting a PSA contest for Gunn students to create their own video on sexual harassment prevention and healthy relational behaviors. Students are encouraged to submit their self-made PSA to bring awareness to fellow students for a chance to win free prom tickets! For more information students can check Schoology, visit the Wellness Center, or reach out to the Wellness Outreach Worker Lauren Rocha at LRocha@pausd.org.

Sources of Strength (all grades)

The Sources of Strength project "A Titan Is" has debuted this week during the Titan Broadcast Network segments. Each morning, three students have shared their adjectives for what "A Titan Is" to them, and then explained the interactions on campus that support that adjective. This project is part of Titan Pride Week, a new, student-led effort dedicated to appreciating Gunn's diversity and inclusivity.

Sources of Strength also hosted the Friday event "My Source of Strength Is" campaign, where students shared their source of strength on social media with a specific Snapchat geofilter.

The next meeting for Sources of Strength will be Tuesday, Feb. 13 during lunch in the Staff Lounge. Student leaders will be planning for ongoing events, like "Dress like your mentor." All students are welcome to get involved in the Sources of Strengths projects.

Affiliated with Sources of Strength is a student-led club, R.O.C.K (Reach Out. Care. Know). The club is a group of students dedicated to reducing the stigma surrounding mental illness and boosting the emotional well-being of students through school-wide events and initiatives. They sponsored an arts and crafts table in the amphitheatre on Monday of Titan Pride Week. Club co-vice presidents, co-presidents Gaya Gupta and Meghna Singh, will be sharing like to share a summary of what we did as a club first semester and a preview of the upcoming semester via the [R.O.C.K. web page](#). ROCK is expanding our social media presence with the creation of our new Instagram (@rockatgunn) and plan to launch a new Facebook page.

Strengthening the student-body support system in innovative ways has been at the forefront of ROCK initiatives this year. Members of our club are currently working with Gautam Mittal on launching his anonymous messaging service "Copilot" that would allow students to directly support one another. Rachel Barkin and Francheska Ko are building a peer-to-peer counseling program in which students can meet in a confidential setting to express hardships they may be facing. This program has received permission from the administration and is intended to launch this year! Another leader, Hanlong Fan, is creating a campaign similar to "A Titan Is" with signs people can hold up that read "I'll be there for you when ____" in hopes of bolstering the Titan community. ROCK meets on Tuesdays at lunch in N114. Contact them with questions at rockatgunn@gmail.com.

SELF Update (9th grade)

The last round of our month of rotations will take place this week as about two-thirds of cohorts engage with a lesson about active listening, described in earlier updates. The remaining cohorts will be learning about the Sources of Strength program here at Gunn, and will reflect on the sources of strength that provide them with the greatest sense of connection and support.

Course Selection/Registration Window Opens This Week (9th-11th grades)

The registration window for the 2018-2019 school year will be open February 5th - February 16th. Please reach out to current teachers if you have questions regarding which courses to register for next year. Remember, students will now select their own math, science and English courses. Your current teachers and guidance counselor are a wealth of information in helping you develop a balanced schedule for the upcoming school year. The [course catalog](#) is available on the Gunn HS web page.

AP Testing (all grades)

AP Exam registration is now available. Early registration ends February 28 and late registration continues until March 26. You may visit www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/052347 to register for AP Exams. Please see the middle section on the main Gunn web page for more information. For questions, please contact Mr. Jack Ballard (jballard@pausd.org).

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

Community College Information Night, Wednesday, March 28th in the Gunn library at 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We will have multiple Community Colleges present to showcase areas of special

interest for each of the colleges (i.e. fashion design, architecture, drones, etc.). All community members are welcome to attend this informational night. If you have a Gunn alum who is still looking for what to do next, this may be just the event to spark interest.

Juniors: Approximately 25% of you are left to set your appointments with Mrs. Kirsch. If you want your student seen without you being present, please let Mrs. Kirsch know. Otherwise, contact Mala at GHScollegeandcareercenter@gmail.com. Volunteers are sending reminders to those who have not yet booked.

Seniors: Your early college replies are coming in. Please let Mr. Lang know what the results were by sending a quick [e-mail](#). This gives us a general idea of how things worked out in the early pool.

Gunn Scholarship Process:

A scholarship listing is compiled and updated weekly to assist students and their parents who are looking for scholarships in your **Family Connection account with Naviance** under the “colleges” tab then scroll down to “scholarship list”.

The Gunn scholarship process goes through the College and Career Center, so please have recommendations sent to Mr. Lang. Students’ transcripts for scholarships are free and will be provided with the completed scholarship application by Mr. Lang. Your scholarship packet must be submitted to the College and Career Center three (3) days before the deadline. Students are responsible for the cost to mail the scholarship application.

Student’s interested in applying for the **Gunn Foundation Scholarship** must complete a [Gunn Foundation online application by Tuesday, March 6, 2018](#). Filling out this application is essential if you wish to be considered.

The Gunn Foundation scholarship is a need-based grant, so we will need to review your financial situation as well as your scholastic qualifications. Our maximum family income guideline is \$110,000; the Gunn Foundation will consider special circumstances if your income exceeds this amount. Once all applications are reviewed for financial suitability, interviews will be scheduled with all qualified candidates. Students will be notified about award decisions in April.

Save the Date

- Feb 7: **ELAC** meeting at Gunn at 6PM in K-4. Meeting for all parents/guardians of English language learners.
- Feb 22: **”Out of State Public College Info Night”** will be held at Paly at 7 PM in the Media Arts building Atrium. Info on how to save money and why this is a real option.
- Mar 3: **GAP Fair** in Los Altos 12 to 3 at Los Altos High.
- March 28th: **Community College Information Night** in the Gunn library at 6:30 to 8:00 pm.
- Apr 28: **College Fair** at the Cow Palace from 1:30-4:30.
- May 3: **College Fair** at West Valley. all day and closes at 8.

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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 support,

Mike Heffner
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