



GUNN'S WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

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Dear Titan Community,

I hope each of you are well. Here are this week's updates from the counseling and wellness programs.

Quarter Grades are Posted (All current Gunn students)

All Third Quarter grades are now available online through Infinite Campus.

A copy of the grades will be mailed home early this week. The only area where quarter grades have an impact is for athletic eligibility. If a student has any questions about their grade in a certain class, they should speak directly with their teacher.

Wellness Center Update (All grades)

Mark your calendars for a community presentation with speaker Jackson Katz. Save the date for April 11th at 7:00 pm. The [Superintendent's RISE Task Force](#) is sponsoring this event as one part of PAUSD's ongoing sexual harassment and misconduct prevention programming.

SELF Update (9th grade)

This week, students will be talking about the value of curiosity and grit, building onto the work that they started last week in exploring the idea of a growth mindset. Concepts from both weeks--mindset and grit--reinforce the powerful learning and new opportunities that can come through challenge and setbacks, ultimately allowing students to become stronger and happier.

Sources of Strength Update (All grades)

Peer Leaders and Trusted Adults met on Thursday, March 15 to discuss having difficult conversations and connecting people to help, and the role played in different scenarios.

We will hold a training for students new to Sources of Strength on April 18, 2018, from 11:30-4:00. This training will be highly interactive, and, through activities, art, role play, and discussions, will cover the main principles of Sources of Strength. Invitations based on the generous list of nominations and volunteers will go out shortly.

For more information, see the national website www.sourcesofstrength.org, or contact any of the Adult Leads. Follow their instagram @gunnsourcesofstrength

ROCK's Warriors Watch Party was a success, with over 100 people attending. Meghna Singh and Helena Cirne gave a half-time presentation comparing basketball to mental health and wellness.

Junior Parent Night (11th grade)

Join our amazing counseling team on May 9, beginning at 6:30 pm in Titan Gym. The evening will focus on preparing for senior year and remaining calm and focused during the college admission notification season.

The evening will begin with junior parents together in Titan Gym learning about the many benefits and tools available in Family Connection. After the opening session, parents will be engaging in one of two breakout sessions. One will be focusing on writing the Common Application essay questions and the other focusing on the Personal Insight questions required for UC's.

The evening will close with parents coming back together for a panel discussion. The panel will host counselors, parents, current seniors and graduates.

Don't miss this fabulous event, mark your calendars now.

Junior Conferences

Junior Conferences have begun! Following up on individual appointments with Mrs. Kirsch in the College and Career Center, counselors will hold these individual student conferences in March, April and into May. To get started on the process, each junior will need to complete a 5 minute survey on Family Connection that gives the counselor a glimpse into the student's post-secondary goals, current needs and anything specific they'd like discussed at the meeting. The survey can be found on the "About Me" tab in the left hand column titled "**Junior Conference Survey**." After your student has completed the survey, they should email the counselor to request a meeting.

This information is being sent to all juniors through their Schoology accounts and will be broadcast on multiple showings of the daily Gunn produced television show, TBN.

If your student is unable to log on to Family Connection, they should seek out Leighton Lang in the College & Career Center for support.

March Madness and College Outcomes. If you have questions, we have help. Money matters: please contact Mr Leighton Lang. Muddled about where to go and need to think out loud about your choices, let Mrs Kirsch know you need an appt. PLEASE go visit colleges you are interested in attending before you send in your firm YES. Know that ALL UCs except Merced *will have wait lists*. Wondering if you are in to a college, don't wait for mail, check your portal to that location... many have posted already if you are in.

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

Save the Date

- Mar 21: **Looking at the Statistics Connected to College**. The “O list” founder will be here to share her insights. Staff Lounge at 7 PM.
- March 28th: **Community College Information Night** in the Gunn library at 6:30 to 8:00 PM.
- April 10 **Rethinking the College Arms Race: What do companies really want**. Dr. Don Williams will lead a panel at the Paly Performing Arts Center. [Registration required \(https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rethinking-the-college-arms-race-what-do-companies-really-want-tickets-43491892421\)](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rethinking-the-college-arms-race-what-do-companies-really-want-tickets-43491892421).
- April 19: **Southeastern Conference College Tour** (14 college from that area) at the Garden Court Hotel 520 Cowper ST, Palo Alto 7-9 PM.
- April 21 **ED REV Expo** at AT&T Park in SF. This event is advertised as support for students “with learning and attention challenges”. Byron Pitts is the keynote speaker, and there will be free admission, onsite consults, booths, workshops and resources. EdRev@chconline.org. Endorsed by CHC.
- April 24: **The Changing Trends in College Admissions**. Felicia Fahey, PHD will speak on this important topic. Gunn Staff Lounge at 7 PM. Ms. Fahey earned a PhD in Latin American Literature and Cultural Studies. Ms. Fahey is a frequent volunteer at Gunn on college essay writing and help to college pathways students. She recently toured colleges in Europe and can provide information on that at this event.
- Apr 28: **College Fair** at the Cow Palace from 1:30-4:30 PM.
- May 3: **College Fair** at West Valley, all day and closes at 8 PM.
- May 9: **Junior Class Student and Parent Night** in Gunn’s Titan Gym 6:30 PM.

Summer School (all grades)

The summer school website: <https://www.pausd.org/programs/summer-school>

Counselors will continue to enroll students for summer school classes that are “credit recovery.” For student registration of classes, registration went live on March 7th at 8 AM.

Self-registration is only applicable for the following courses:

1. Living Skills (priority to rising 11th and 12th grade students)
2. Economics
3. Work/Exploratory Experience
4. Bridge to Geometry A (rising 9th graders)
5. Geometry A (rising 10th graders)
6. Transition to Calculus

To register for these classes on the summer school website the following information is required:

1. Student’s Infinite Campus ID Number
2. Student’s email address
3. Parent email address
4. Phone number

Please 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!

With appreciation,

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