



## GUNN'S WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

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Dear Titan Community,

As next week starts the spring break, we will not be sending out the next Titan Talk until Sunday, April 11. I wish each of you a great week, and spring break to follow.

### **Alternate Schedule March 26-30, April 10-12 (All grades)**

Please refer to the school's [web page](#) for the alternative schedule.

### **SELF (9th grade)**

This week, SELF cohorts will be learning about different ways to memorize information, with the aim of helping students learn how they can improve their performance on tasks that require significant amounts of recall. Students will play a number of fun and engaging games to reinforce these research-based strategies, and continue to strengthen the relationships within the cohorts along the way. SELF will meet during Flex on Wednesday, due to the alternative schedule.

### **Sources of Strength Update (All grades)**

We have sent out invitations for the upcoming Sources of Strength training, which will be held April 18. If you were nominated, please return the permission slip as soon as possible, so we can plan accordingly.

During last week's Thursday lunch meeting, attending students discussed strategies for connecting peers in crisis to adult support. Students looked at a specific scenario and had a conversation around what they would say and what resources on campus they would suggest.

This month's wedge is Mentors. On March 21, ROCK hosted a Trusted Adult quilt-making event — students wrote the name of trusted adults and the year on a fabric square. They are all knotted together into a single rope/banner that will be draped across the open area in the middle of the N buildings.

ROCK launched their Gunn Shoutouts campaign through Facebook, posting student-submitted shoutouts to promote everyday acts of kindness. See [facebook.com/rockatgunn](https://facebook.com/rockatgunn). They also have a rock challenge — colorful rocks hidden around campus, including three with gold stars that can be redeemed at a ROCK meeting for prizes on Tuesday, March 27 at lunch in N114.

#### **Wellness Center Update** (All grades)

Jackson Katz will be presenting to students and the community next month! Students will get the opportunity to hear from Jackson on April 11th during grade level assemblies.

Parents and community members are also invited to meet Jackson Katz on April 11th at 7pm in the Paly Performing Arts Center (PAC).

Jackson Katz, Ph.D., is an educator, author, filmmaker and cultural theorist who is internationally renowned for his pioneering scholarship and activism on issues of gender, race and violence. He has long been a major figure and thought leader in the growing global movement of men working to promote gender equality and prevent gender violence. Stay tuned for continued details about this upcoming work with Jackson Katz.

#### **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.

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

If you have questions, we are here to 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 accepted to a college, don't wait for mail, check your portal to that location... many have posted already if you are in.

#### Scholarship Opportunity

Established in 2011, the Honmyo Nguyen Family Trust Scholarship seeks to provide scholarship support to students residing in Santa Clara County who are planning to attend a four-year California public university full-time and are committed to addressing the most challenging problems and improving the quality of life within the Silicon Valley. These scholarships are designed to recognize students who demonstrate academic excellence, financial need and leadership qualities as evidenced by school and community activities.

Information and the application form can be found at the following link:

<https://www.siliconvalleycf.org/scholarships/honmyo>

but to summarize:

The scholarship is for up to two \$1500 one-time only scholarships:

Eligibility

- Current graduating senior of a public or private high school in Santa Clara County
- Currently enrolled or planning to enroll on a full-time basis at a four-year California public college (Cal State, Cal Poly) or university (UC)
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.3
- Demonstrated financial need

Deadline: April 24th, 2018

Save the Date

- 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](mailto: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.

**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.

## **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,

Mike Heffner  
Assistant Principal  
Gunn High School

