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04/07/2014	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p data-bbox="414 126 901 157">Subject: Gunn Counseling Update April 7</p> <p data-bbox="414 231 698 262">Dear Gunn Community,</p> <p data-bbox="414 346 1258 378">Here is this week's update from the Gunn Counseling Department</p> <p data-bbox="414 525 901 556">Home Stretch and Senioritis (All Grades)</p> <p data-bbox="414 640 1421 829">We now have 37 days left of school and we are entering the home stretch of the school year. It's important that students keep the pace they have been doing all year as May 29 will arrive sooner than you can imagine. Teachers and counselors will be working with students to make sure they finish the year strong and we also ask that you keep supporting your student to continue the excellent work they have been doing all year.</p> <p data-bbox="414 913 1421 1060">With a warmer weather forecast for this week, many seniors may become afflicted with "Senioritis." Senioritis may take many forms but the most common symptoms are observing your senior taking a relaxed approach to school and not spending the time and energy on their schoolwork that they have in the past. Senioritis can be contagious so it's important to make sure your student doesn't fall victim.</p> <p data-bbox="414 1144 1421 1333">It's critical that students finish up their final semester at Gunn with grades the same or approximately close to what they have in the past. If a student has always received A's, a B or two won't necessarily be bad, but a couple of C's might and a D will most likely have a student's admittance rescinded. Every year we get letters from colleges informing us of students who have been disenrolled because their grades dropped significantly in their final semester.</p> <p data-bbox="414 1470 836 1501">Seniors and Colleges (12th Grade)</p> <p data-bbox="414 1585 1421 1732">Over the past couple of weeks the final notifications have been sent to seniors in regards to college acceptances. Many students now have questions and decisions to make on where they will go next year. If your student has any questions in regards to their college decision the College and Career Center and our counselors are available to help.</p> <p data-bbox="414 1879 738 1911">Scholarships (12th Grade)</p> <p data-bbox="414 1995 1404 2089">In addition to helping students about questions on attending college, this time of the year C&CC also becomes a very busy place as many seniors inquire about scholarships for school. Our C&CC scholarship director, Leighton Lang, is here to</p>

help. Many scholarships require letters of recommendation and it is important that you give at least two weeks notice to the people that you would like to write a letter on your behalf.

If you have any questions about our College and Career Center, please feel free to contact Mr. Lang at llang@pausd.org

Last Day to Drop A Class is Friday (All Grades)

This Friday (April 11), marks the final day a student may drop a class without it showing on their transcript. All drops must be approved by the teacher of the subject and the student's counselor.

Course Selection Verifications (9th, 10th, 11th Grades)

At the end of next week, all returning Gunn students will receive their course selection verifications for the 2013-2014 school year. The students will take a look at their course selections and if they wish to make a change, they can indicate it on the form. All forms need to be signed off by the student and a parent and returned to the counseling office by Wednesday, April 23.

Junior Conferences (11th Grade)

The Gunn Counselors have begun meeting one on one with their juniors. This meeting is in addition to the meeting they had with Ms. Linda Kirsch in the College and Career Center.

The counselors will be reviewing transcripts, graduation requirements, course selections for next year, and going over the road map of upcoming activities for the remainder of the junior and senior years.

G Period Prep (Rising 11th and 12th Grades)

Many students have requested a G period prep for next year. The first priority goes to Gunn athletes, the second priority goes to students who have jobs, which must be verified by the counseling department. Also, any student who signs up for a zero period class will receive a G prep whenever possible.

Some seniors have requested an F and G prep. The only way this could be considered is if a student signs up for a zero period class.

Requesting Accommodations for Standardized Testing (Rising 11th and 12th Grades)

Students who receive accommodations at school through a 504 Accommodation Plan or an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) need to separately request those accommodations through the College Board (for PSAT, SAT and Advanced Placement testing) and ACT. Each organization has its own process that must be completed independently of one another.

To help you with the process, please click the link below.

<http://www.gunn.pausd.org/sites/default/files/Requesting%20Accommodations%20for%20Standardized%20Testing.pdf>

Blended Courses (Rising 11th and 12th Grades)

For 2014-2015 we are again offering Blended Courses. These are courses that meet either two or three times a week with the student being responsible for following along via online work or self study in the time the class does not meet. We still have room available in Blended Courses such as Programming for Mobile Devices, Cold War (Social Studies) and Reading Between the Lines and Basic College Skills in English. If you have interest in being in one of these blended courses, please email me at tjacoubowsky@pausd.org.

To learn more about Blended Courses, please click the link below.

<http://pausd.org/parents/curriculum/high/BlendedLearning/index.shtml?>

Summer School (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

Summer school enrollment for Living Skills and Econ is now closed. Summer school is open for students who need to take credit recover courses and counselors will be contacting students who fall in this category.

It is important for students who receive a grade of D+ or lower at semester in core academic subjects of English, math, science, world languages or history (with the exception of Contemporary World), to make up the class in the summer rather than waiting until their senior year.

Upcoming Events

Not In Our Schools Week (All Grades)

For the 12th year in a row, Gunn High School will be hosting "Not In Our Schools Week" (NIOS). Throughout this week, there will be a series of activities both inside and outside of the classroom to bring social awareness and acceptance with the theme of "We're All in This Together."

Thanks to the efforts of many staff members and students over the years, NIOS has helped create the special culture of appreciating and celebrating our differences

**Jane L
Stanford
Middle School**

Subject: JLS -- Project SHINE opportunity

Dear JLS Parent,

Our school has been invited to participate in a research study called Project S.H.I.N.E. , which is being conducted by Stanford University School of Medicine and the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital (LPCH). Researchers from Stanford and LPCH are working with our school and the school district to better understand youth culture and communication patterns.

Project S.H.I.N.E., which stands for Support, Help, Inspiration, Nurture, and Encouragement, will be studying how cultural factors contribute to parent-teen communication, the promoters and barriers to teens asking for help, and how youth culture and communication impact adolescent wellbeing and resilience. Ultimately, what our school, the school district, and researchers from Stanford hope to better understand is how we can best support our teens and young adults as they transition through the adolescent years.

You may remember that a letter was sent home in late January about Project S.H.I.N.E. administering a survey. Thanks to your support, we were able to survey the majority of our 8th grade students. The Project S.H.I.N.E. team is currently analyzing the results of the survey and will be presenting their findings at a later date.

On April 28th-30th, during the lunch period, the Project S.H.I.N.E. team from Stanford will be conducting focus groups with about 50 of our students. Your child has been nominated as a thought leader by his/her teachers and school administrators to participate in the focus group to represent our school. The focus group will ask students about communication patterns, who they turn to during tough times (i.e., parents, teachers, friends, or mentors), and their thoughts about strategies for coping and resiliency.

Attached is a parent information letter that provides more details about the project and who to contact if you have further questions. If you choose for your child to participate, please fill out the consent form at the end of the attached parent information letter, and return it to Dr. Stephanie Sheridan (Main Office) by Monday, April 14, 2014.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and our students.

Sincerely,

Sharon Ofek, Principal

Dr. Shashank V. Joshi & the Project S.H.I.N.E. Team

04/08/2014

**Escondido
Elementary
School**

Subject: Common Core Parent Education Night Wednesday, April 9/Noche Informativa para Padres Miércoles 9 de Abril

Dear Escondido Families,
Escondido Site Council will host an Open House for Parents on the Common Core State Standards and Smarter Balanced Assessment.

Join Escondido Teachers on Wednesday, April 9th as they share with you how they are implementing the Common Core State Standards. You will have the opportunity to try out sample questions on the new standardized assessment given to all students in grades 3-5.

Wednesday, April 9, 2014
Light Dinner 5:00PM (free)
Presentation and Workshops: 6:00-7:30
Escondido MP Room & Classrooms

Can children attend? Parents only, however, free childcare ages 5-11 will be provided from 6-7:30PM.

This will be a fun, informative and interactive evening. I look forward to seeing you.

Warm Regards,
Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.
Principal, Escondido Elementary School

Estimado Familias de Escondido,

El consejo escolar de Escondido celebrará una noche informativa para padres sobre las Normas Estatales de Conocimientos Básicos Comunes y la prueba Smarter Balanced Assessment.

Reunirse con los maestros de Escondido, el Miércoles 9 de Abril, ellos explicarán cómo están implementando las normas estatales de conocimientos básicos comunes. Ensaye la muestra de preguntas en la nueva evaluación estandarizada ofrecida a todos los estudiantes en los grados de 3-5.

Miércoles, 9 de Abril, 2014
Cena ligera gratis a las 5:00 PM
Presentación y Talleres: 6:00-7:30PM
Salón múltiple de Escondido

¿Pueden asistir los niños?
Únicamente para padres, sin embargo se ofrecerá cuidado de niños 5-11 (gratis). Esta será una noche divertida, informativa y interactiva. Espero poder verlo a usted.

Afectuosamente,
Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.
Directora, Escondido Elementary School

**Jordan Middle
School**

Subject: Jordan Middle School Principal's Coffee

<p>04/08/2014</p>	<p>Jordan Middle School</p>	<p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>We hope each of you had a wonderful and restful spring break. The Jordan Weekly will return next weekend with more highlights and up-coming events from Jordan.</p> <p>In the meantime, you are invited to stay connected to school by attending the "Principal's Coffee" tomorrow morning from 8:30 to 10:00am.</p> <p>Principal's Coffee:</p> <p>Wednesday, April 9th, 8:30am.</p> <p>Jordan Library</p> <p>The topics covered this month will include gathering parent feedback on "What an ideal writing program looks like." This feedback will help us shape the writing goal work Jordan is scheduled to begin next fall.</p> <p>Please know additional feedback opportunities will be made available to parents in the future should one not be able to attend tomorrow.</p> <p>Greg Barnes</p> <p>Principal, Jordan Middle School</p>
<p>04/09/2014</p>	<p>Escondido Elementary School</p>	<p>Subject: Common Core Parent Night Tonight</p>

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Afectuosamente,
Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.
Directora , Escondido Elementary School

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: Freshmen - no school on April 16 - STAR (10th Grade) & Smarter Balanced Assessment (11th Grade)

04/09/2014

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

April 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians of Freshmen students,

On April 16, Gunn High School will administer the California Standards Test (STAR) grade level Life Science to all sophomore students. Juniors will take the Field Test of the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Freshman will not take any portion of the CSTs and will not be required to show up on April 16.

Due to this testing, the bell schedule for all Gunn students will be changed for the testing week of April 14-18. The amended schedule is included in this email and can be found at <http://www.gunn.pausd.org/events>.

Additionally, as you may already know, we, along with thousands of schools across California, are participating in a field test of a modern assessment system designed to help shape teaching and learning in the classroom. Known as the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP, these computer-based tests replace the STAR program. These tests are also called Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) and are designed for juniors.

Here is a link to video that describes the Smarter Balanced Assessment
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXd451e580>

You can find out more information about the Smarter Balanced here
<http://www.smarterbalanced.org>

If you have any questions, please contact James Lubbe at (650) 354-8260

Sincerely,

James Lubbe

Dean of Students

Henry M. Gunn High School

jlubbe@pausd.org

Subject: Seniors - no school on April 16 - STAR test (10th grade) and Smarter
Balanced Assessment (11th grade)

04/09/2014

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

April 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians of Senior students,

On April 16, Gunn High School will administer the California Standards Test (STAR) grade level Life Science to all sophomore students. Juniors will take the Field Test of the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Seniors will not be required to show up on April 16.

Due to this testing, the bell schedule for all Gunn students will be changed for the testing week of April 14-18. The amended schedule is included in this email and can be found at <http://www.gunn.pausd.org/events> .

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Palo Alto
High School

Subject: Reminder: Special Schedule for Monday, April 14th

04/09/2014	Palo Alto High School	<p>Reminder, Monday, April 14th is a special schedule.</p> <p>Sophomores will be taking CST science. Juniors will be taking Smarter Balanced Assessment. Testing will take place from 8:15- 10:20 am for both Sophomores and Juniors. Please bring ID and #2 pencil(s).</p> <p>Room assignments are posted on guidance and ERC windows, and at http://paly.net/news/april-testing-schedule. After testing is complete, students will go home for the day.</p> <p>Freshmen and Seniors will not come to school on Monday.</p> <p>The rest of the week will be a normal scheduled week. Tuesday will be a &#39;T&#39; day, Wednesday a &#39;B&#39; day, Thursday an &#39;A&#39; day, and Friday a &#39;B&#39; day.</p>
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04/10/2014	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Subject: Special Parchment Announcement to Seniors</p> <hr/> <p>Register on Parchment by April 15</p> <p>Dear Seniors,</p> <p>If you are planning to attend a four year college next year, it is almost time for you to decide on where you will be going to college! Remember that four year colleges need to receive your final high school transcript in order to verify grades.</p> <p>This year, Gunn will be using Parchment to send your final transcript to your college of choice. Therefore, you will need to follow the Parchment registration instructions you recently received via email.</p> <p>Please be sure to register by April 15 so you will be eligible to receive two (2) free official transcripts assigned</p> <hr/> <p>Subject: Small Learning Community Donation</p>
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04/10/2014

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

Dear Small Learning Community Families,

In the beginning of the school year we presented information about the cost of running the numerous outdoor experiential learning opportunities associated with SLC: the ropes course, two trips to Jasper Ridge, and Yosemite.

In order to help cover the cost of these trips, we asked for each family to consider a \$900 donation per student. Our records indicate that your family has not made a donation.

If this message is in error, please disregard. If you would like to make a donation, we would greatly appreciate your contribution. SLC cannot continue to be offered without the support of families. Even if you cannot donate the full amount, any contribution is valued and appreciated.

Checks can be made payable to Gunn High School. Student's name and "SLC" should be in the memo line. We don't automatically generate tax receipts, but you can ask for one if you would like. Please leave checks in Trinity Klein's main office mailbox or mail to her attention.

We deeply appreciate your support.

If you have any questions please contact Assistant Principal Trinity Klein at tklein@pausd.org or 650-354-8227.

Thank you,

The SLC Team

Subject: Juniors tot take Smarter Balanced Assessments on April 16

Smarter Balanced Field Test

Parent and Guardian Notification Letter

April 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This is an exciting time for everyone at Henry M Gunn High School.

As you may already know, we, along with thousands of schools across California, are

participating in a field test of a modern assessment system designed to help shape teaching and learning in the classroom. Known as the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP, these computer-based tests replace the STAR program. These tests are also called Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA). Juniors will take the SBA on April 16. Please see attached schedule.

These tests are aligned to the Common Core State Standards for English and math, which California adopted in 2010 to describe what knowledge and skills students need to be well prepared for college and careers, no matter where they come from or where they live.

Part of the goal of the field test this year is to determine how well individual questions allow students to demonstrate what they know and still need to learn. We are also taking this opportunity to see how well our technical capabilities meet the demands of computer-based assessments and to see what resources our teachers and school may yet need. For an excellent video describing additional rationale for participating the SBA field tests from a student's perspective, please click here : <http://youtu.be/DXXd451e580> .

Finally and importantly, this year also gives your student an opportunity to try out the new system without consequences. All of this combined means that we will not be capturing scores this year. Instead, we will use what we learn from this field test to help ensure a successful full launch of the system in the 2014-15 school year.

Our next step in that transition is to administer the field test to 11th grade students from April 16 18. If you want to see what types of questions students will be asked or how the test will be presented, there is a practice test available online at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp> . For questions specific to the high school testing requirement, please see the FAQ attached at the end of this letter.

If you would like more information, please visit the California Department of Education Smarter Balanced Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/smarterfieldtest.asp>

If you have any questions regarding your child's participation, please contact me or Dr. Diana Wilmot, our Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment at dwilmot@pausd.org

Sincerely,

James Lubbe

Dean of Students

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FAQ

Smarter Balanced Assessment for Juniors

What does the Smarter Balanced field test mean? Why are juniors participating?

The participation requirement for this field test is laid out by AB484 on October 2, 2013. Watch the high school students in this video describe the rationale for participating in the Smarter Balanced Field test. (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXd451e580>)

Juniors will participate in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Field Test so we can: 1) test our infrastructure for administering online assessments to 400+ students at the same time, 2) give our educators a better sense of how college readiness and the Common Core State Standards will be measured, and 3) help students understand the alignment in expectations between high school and college and to provide important feedback about the process.

What is the Smarter Balanced assessment?

The Smarter Balanced assessment will replace the STAR test in English-Language Arts and Math in 2014-15 and in the future. There will be no scores generated during this first field test year because the test is still under development; that is, the purpose of the field test is to ensure quality of test questions, evaluate testing software, evaluate effectiveness of test administration and training materials, and establish scoring and reporting levels. In effect it is a dress rehearsal.

Do my students need to study for the Smarter Balanced assessment?

No. We only ask students to try their best and give it an honest effort.

Will my student miss class time to take the Smarter Balanced assessment?

No. We purposely scheduled the Smarter Balanced assessment for juniors so they won't miss class time.

Subject: Sophomores to take STAR Life Science exam on April 16

April 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians of Sophomore students,

On April 16, Gunn High School will administer the California Standards Test (STAR) grade level Life Science to all sophomore students. Juniors will take the Field Test of the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

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04/11/2014

**Hoover
Elementary
School**

Subject: Clarification Regarding International Festival and Art Show Hours

Dear Hoover Families,

It appears that there has been some confusion about the hours of tomorrow's much anticipated International Festival and Art Show.

The festivities begin at 4:00 P.M., where you'll be able to visit international booths with activities, tour the "Hoover Art Museum", formerly known as the M.P. Room thanks to the amazing Ms. K., eat delicious delicacies, and watch a full fledged talent show and cultural clothing fashion show.

Please join us for this fun-filled community event from 4:00-6:30 P.M. tomorrow!

Many thanks!

Katy Bimpson

Principal

**Nixon
Elementary
School**

Subject: Kindergarten Enrollment for 2014-2015

04/11/2014	Nixon Elementary School	<p>This is to inform you that your child has been placed in kindergarten at Nixon for the 2014-2015 school year. Please complete all District requirements (i.e. immunizations, original paperwork) before school begins on August 19th.</p> <p>If your plans change and you do not intend to send your child to Nixon, please notify us as soon as possible so that we can accept another student from our waitlist. You can contact me by email at bbrewer@pausd.org or by phone at 650-856-1622 x4152. If your plans are not definite before summer break begins, please contact Central Attendance at centattendance@pausd.org or by phone at 650-329-3707.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Becky Brewer, Nixon Secretary</p> <hr/> <p>Subject: Fall Planning 14-15</p> <hr/> <p>We are now planning for the Fall 2014-2015 school year at Nixon. Our student placement for next year is based on responses from our current families. We sent out a golden rod 1/2 sheet form asking for information on your plans. We know that some of you may not know for sure where you will be, but please respond to the best of your knowledge. We will not drop your child from Nixon's enrollment until you have confirmed that you will not be returning.</p> <p>Some of you may have returned the sheet with your child and it just did not reach my office. If so, sorry for the additional request. I have attached the form. If you could send me the correct response either by email or on the form. Thank you in advance.</p> <p>Becky Brewer, Nixon Secretary</p>
04/12/2014	Palo Alto High School	Subject: Paly Prom and Senior "talk"

04/12/2014

Palo Alto
High School

Greetings Paly Parents and Seniors,

The first big end-of- the-year event is upon us tomorrow night. Over 750 students plan on attending prom, our largest ever! Unfortunately, we received a credible tip late this afternoon that a small number of senior students intend to bring drugs, specifically cocaine, to prom. Of course, we will follow-up directly with those individuals to ensure that prom is a safe, drug-free environment for all.

In the meantime, I wanted to inform ALL of our parents and students of this tip in hopes that you will have conversations about good decision making prior to what should be a fun evening. We want to fully support our students and let everyone know that we take information such as this very seriously. I'm hopeful this email will serve to notify those students who may be considering bringing drugs to prom to reconsider their plans so that they too will have a safe and enjoyable prom experience.

Hopefully you heard the news that over the past 2 days, we spoke to almost 350 seniors in 12 History/Soc Science classes. We discussed a number of topics concerning our school, including an appeal to end the "tradition" of student streaking and to create a positive legacy instead. Our school resource officers, Detective DuJuan Greene and Detective Ben Lee, joined me in these discussions and answered many great questions from our students. In some classes, we had lots of laughs (wish you could have been a fly on the wall!). Overall we enjoyed our time connecting with the senior class and listening directly to student concerns.

While we weren't able to meet with every senior this past week, we hope we reached a critical mass who can help spread the good word. Paly is a school that cares about students. In that spirit, we hope students, especially our seniors, will make good decisions over the next few months and have a great end of the year. Seniors deserve to have fun/celebrate, and we want to support the class of 2014 in this regard. Go seniors!

If you have any questions/concerns, please let me know. Thank you again for your support and partnership. Here's to a great night at the museum!

Sincerely,

Kim Diorio

Principal

<http://www.paly.net/event/prom-2014-night-museum>

04/13/2014

Jordan Middle
School

Subject: The Jordan Weekly

04/13/2014	Jordan Middle School	<p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p>This Week's Edition:</p> <p>Jordan International Fair</p> <p>This Week @ Jordan</p> <p>Not In Our Schools Week</p> <p>In the Know: SBAC Testing, Annual Household Update, Author Laini Taylor, Important End of Year Dates</p> <p>Spotlight on: AVID</p> <p>April Calendar & Important Dates</p> <p>The Jordan Cup</p> <p>Please Click on, or copy and paste the link below:</p> <p>https://app.box.com/s/mc6qypqsgp6a7nlt25zq</p> <p>The Weekly can also be read by visiting our school website at: http://www.jordan.pausd.org NEWS>JORDAN WEEKLY.</p> <p>Gregory Barnes, Principal, Jordan Middle School</p>
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04/14/2014	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Subject: Gunn Counseling Weekly Update April 14</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Gunn Community,</p> <p>Here is this week's Gunn Counseling Update</p> <p>Testing on Wednesday (April 16) No School for Freshmen and Seniors (10th and 11th Grades)</p> <p>This Wednesday, all sophomores and juniors will be taking state tests. There will be no school for freshmen and seniors.</p> <p>Sophomores will be taking the STAR test from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Juniors will be taking the Smarter Balance test from 8:25 AM to 12:40 PM.</p> <p>After the testing is over, the students will be excused for the rest of the day.</p>
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This Thursday and Friday (April 17-18), all returning Gunn students will receive their course selection verifications for the 2014-2015 school year in their English classes. The students will take a look at their course selections and if they wish to make a change, they can indicate it on the form. All forms need to be signed off by the student and a parent and returned to the counseling office by Wednesday, April 23.

IMPORTANT NOTE ON COURSE SELECTIONS

When going over course selections it is critical to remember that students should not have signed up for classes with the idea they can easily drop down a level if they find the class too challenging. In many cases it is difficult for a student to go down to a lower level so it is imperative that students sign up for courses with the idea that this will be the class they will take and they will stay in the class regardless of how difficult it may be.

If students have any questions they should see their counselor.

Blended Courses (Rising 11th and 12th Grades)

For 2014-2015 we are again offering Blended Courses. These are courses that meet either two or three times a week with the student being responsible for following along via online work or self study in the time the class does not meet. We still have room available in Blended Courses such as Programming for Mobile Devices, Cold War (Social Studies) and Reading Between the Lines and Basic College Skills in English. If you have interest in being in one of these blended courses, please email me at tjacoubowsky@pausd.org.

To learn more about Blended Courses, please click the link below.

<http://pausd.org/parents/curriculum/high/BlendedLearning/index.shtml?>

G Period Prep (Rising 11th and 12th Grades)

Many students have requested a G period prep for next year. The first priority goes to Gunn athletes, the second priority goes to students who have jobs, which must be verified by the counseling department. Also, any student who signs up for a zero period class will receive a G prep whenever possible.

Some seniors have requested an F and G prep. The only way this could be considered is if a student signs up for a zero period class.

Summer School (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

Summer school enrollment for Living Skills and Econ is now closed. Summer school is open for students who need to take credit recover courses and counselors will be contacting students who fall in this category.

It is important for students who receive a grade of D+ or lower at semester in core academic subjects of English, math, science, world languages or history (with the exception of Contemporary World), to make up the class in the summer rather than waiting until their senior year.

Junior Conferences (11th Grade)

The Gunn Counselors have begun meeting one on one with their juniors. This meeting is in addition to the meeting they had with Ms. Linda Kirsch in the College and Career Center.

The counselors will be reviewing transcripts, graduation requirements, course selections for next year, and going over the road map of upcoming activities for the remainder of the junior and senior years.

Create Your College List (11th Grade)

The College and Career Center will be hosting a series of workshops to help juniors create their college lists for schools they wish to apply for admission for the Fall of 2015.

There will be workshops on the following Tuesdays; April 15, April 29 and May 13 at 2:37 PM.

There will be a special lunch time session on April 23 at 12:52 PM.

To sign up for a workshop, please go to Naviance.

Requesting Accommodations for Standardized Testing (Rising 11th and 12th Grades)

Students who receive accommodations at school through a 504 Accommodation Plan or an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) need to separately request those accommodations through the College Board (for PSAT, SAT and Advanced Placement testing) and ACT. Each organization has its own process that must be completed independently of one another.

To help you with the process, please click the link below.

<http://www.gunn.pausd.org/sites/default/files/Requesting%20Accommodations%20for%20Standardized%20Testing.pdf>

Upcoming Events

Author of "The Naked Roommate" Comes to Gunn Tomorrow (April 15) (11th and 12th Grades)

Tomorrow night, April 15, at 7:00 PM, Harlan Cohen, author "The Naked Roommate," will come to Spangenberg Theater.

Cohen's talk will address some of the idiosyncrasies of college dorm life along with facts about the adjustment to college life. His talk will give tips to students for making the transition from high school and home life to life in college.

To learn more, just click the link below.

<http://www.nakedroommate.com>

De Anza Placement Tests (12th Grade)

If your student is thinking about attending De Anza Community College, there will be placement tests the next two Saturdays (April 19 and 26).

To learn more, just click the link below.

<https://pod51035.outlook.com/owa/#path=/mail>

PiE (All Grades)

Thanks to all of you who have supported Partners in Education (PiE). The donations to PiE have helped many programs at Gunn including our counseling program. Your donations have made a difference for all Gunn students.

Thanks for all of your support and see you soon.

Sincerely,

Subject: Special Parchment Announcement to Seniors

Register on Parchment by April 15

Dear Seniors,

If you are planning to attend a four year college next year, it is almost time for you to decide on where you will be going to college! Remember that four year colleges need to receive your final high school transcript in order to verify grades.

This year, Gunn will be using Parchment to send your final transcript to your college of choice. Therefore, you will need to follow the Parchment registration instructions you recently received via email.

Your "fee waiver" to receive two (2) free official transcripts, will be assigned to your account on April 15, so be sure to register by that date.

Note: if you did NOT receive a "Welcome" email from Parchment and you will need a final transcript sent to your college, please see the Registrar as soon as possible.

Subject: RE: Principal SeLECTION

Dear Gunn Families,

Good morning, on behalf of Dr. Scott Bowers, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources, I am sending this message regarding the principal selection process. Attached please find an invitation for a meeting on Thursday, April 24 7-8:30pm in the

Gunn Library.

Sincerely,

Katya Villalobos

Gunn High School

Juana Briones Elementary School

Subject: Book Fair/ Smarter Balanced Field Testing

Dear Briones Community,

Our Banana Seed Book Fair runs this week in the MP Room. We hope that you can come and join us. Here are the Book Fair hours:

MONDAY 2:00-3:45 PM

TUESDAY 8:00-9:00 AM, 11:45-12:45 PM, 2:15-3:45 PM

WEDNESDAY 8:00-9:00 AM, 11:30-12:30 PM, 1:15-3:15 PM

THURSDAY 8:00-9:00 AM, 11:45-12:45 PM, 2:15-3:15 PM

FRIDAY 8:00-9:00 AM

Also, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be taking the Smarter Balanced field tests this week. These tests are aligned to the Common Core State Standards for English and math. The field tests give us an opportunity to try out the new system without consequences. There will be no results given to the schools or parents. We will be providing headphones for students to use, but students are welcome to bring their own if they prefer. If you want to see what types of questions students will be asked or how the test will be presented, there is a practice test available online at <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/>

5th graders will test the next two Tuesdays, 4th graders will test the next two Wednesdays, and 3rd graders will test this Thursday and Friday, and the following Thursday. Please make sure your child gets a good night's rest the night before testing, and eats breakfast on testing mornings. Also, please help by making sure your child arrives to school on time. 5th graders will also be taking the STAR science test on Wednesday, April 30th. There will be no make ups for the testing except for STAR science. Thank you for your support.

Regards,

Lisa Hickey

04/16/2014

Escondido Elementary School

Subject: Join Site Council/Unanse al Consejo Escolar

04/16/2014

**Escondido
Elementary
School**

Dear Escondido Parents,
Might you be interested in the teaching and learning aspect of Escondido? Looking for a way to get involved on campus? Join Site Council! This is a great opportunity for you to get to know teachers and other parents while gaining a deeper understanding about how our school works.

The Escondido School Site Council is responsible for establishing and reviewing school goals, and allocating School Improvement Program (SIP) funds received annually from the District for prioritized school improvements related to teaching and learning. The Site Council assesses the needs of the school and submits to the Palo Alto Unified School District Board of Education its plan for use of School Improvement Program funds. The Site Council is composed of parents, teachers, and staff, and meets monthly. Meetings are open to all parents and staff members. Site Council meets the last Tuesday of each month from 3:15-4:45PM in the Library.

School Site Council members serve for two years. Two members have served our council well and must step down. Therefore, there are two open positions for Site Council for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years. Should we have more than two interested parents, an election will be held. Please email Dana Reynolds at dreynolds@pausd.org with a short description (3-5 sentences) by Friday, May 9, 2014 at 4:00PM indicating your interest in being a member of the Escondido School Site Council. Should elections need to be held, your description will be used to help the parent community decide upon the new members. Thank you for your continued support of teaching and learning at Escondido!

Warm Regards,
Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.
Principal, Escondido Elementary School

Estimadas Familias de Escondido,
Padres de Escondido, ¿están interesados en el aspecto de enseñanza y aprendizaje de Escondido? ¿Están buscando la manera de involucrarse en la escuela? ¡Únase al Consejo Escolar! Esta es una gran oportunidad para que ustedes conozcan a los maestros y a otros padres mientras obtienen un aprendizaje más a fondo sobre cómo funciona nuestra escuela.

El Consejo Escolar de la Escuela Escondido es responsable de establecer y repasar metas escolares, y de asignar los fondos del Programa para Mejoras Escolares (SIP por sus siglas en inglés) recibidos anualmente del estado para mejoras escolares de prioridad relacionados a la enseñanza y aprendizaje. El Consejo Escolar evalúa las necesidades de la escuela y le entrega al Distrito Escolar Unificado de Palo Alto su plan para el uso de Fondos para Mejoras Escolares. El Consejo Escolar está compuesto por padres, maestros y personal, y se reúne mensualmente. Las reuniones están abiertas a todos los padres y miembros del personal. El Consejo Escolar se reúne el último martes de cada mes de 3:15-4:45PM en la Biblioteca.

Los miembros del Consejo Escolar de la Escuela sirven durante dos años. Dos miembros han servido en nuestro consejo y sus términos han vencido. Por consiguiente, hay dos plazas para el Consejo Escolar para los años escolares 2014-15 y 2015-16. Si tienes hermanos de dos padres interesados, se llevarán a cabo elecciones. Por favor envíe un correo electrónico a Dana Reynolds a dreynolds@pausd.org con una descripción corta (3-5 oraciones) antes del viernes 9 de mayo a las 4:00 PM indicando su interés en ser miembro del Consejo Escolar de la Escuela Escondido. Si se necesitara llevar a cabo elecciones, su descripción será usada para ayudarles a los padres a decidir sobre los nuevos miembros.

Gracias por su apoyo continuo de la enseñanza y aprendizaje en Escondido.

Cordialmente,
Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.
Directora, Escuela Primaria Escondido

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: Important Announcement for Seniors Regarding Online Transcripts

04/16/2014

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

Ordering Your Final Transcript (New Registration Deadline-April 23)

If you are planning to attend a four year college next year, your final transcript needs to be sent to your selected college at the end of the school year. This year, Gunn is using a company called "Parchment" to send your final transcript to your college. You should have receive a "welcome" email from Parchment, with instructions on how to register with Parchment.

If you have not yet registered, please do so by April 23, using the information in the Parchment email. After Parchment processes your registration data, you will get an email from them, telling you that your two (2) free official transcripts are available. At this point, you can order a transcript for your college. Be sure to indicate that you want the transcript sent after the final grading period (when second semester ends at the end of May).

Subject: Special Junior Parent Night on May 8

04/16/2014

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

Don't Miss the Gunn Junior Parent Night In Spangenberg on May 8

Throughout this year we have expanded the services we have been able to offer in Gunn Counseling and one of the key additions is the Junior Parent Night on May 8 at 7:00 PM in Spangenberg. We are fortunate to have a great group of presenters who will make this a night you won't want to miss as it will help you prepare your student for the college application process.

Former Stanford Admissions Officer, Jon Reider, will start the night with a keynote speech of "What is a Good College? Making Realistic Choices."

We are also pleased to have Felicia Fahey and Elena Wong join us as we have workshops for you to attend.

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Felicia Fahey-Essay Writing-P-1

Elena Wong-Finding Balance Between Academics and Extra Curriculars-P-2

Q&A with Gunn Counselors-Library

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We look forward to seeing you for this great evening.

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Palo Alto
High School

Subject: Parent Education Night

04/16/2014	Palo Alto High School	<p>Dear Paly parents,</p> <p>Please come and join us for a panel discussion titled "Is it Normal or ...? Understanding My Teen's Emotions and Behaviors" from 7:00 - 9:00 PM on Thursday, April 24 in the PAUSD Board Room.</p> <p>Please see the attached flyer for more detailed information. We hope to see you there.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Kathie Laurence</p> <p>Assistant Principal</p> <p>Palo Alto High School</p>
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04/17/2014	Escondido Elementary School	Subject: Common Core & Smarter Balanced Parent Education Night
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		<p>Dear Escondido Families,</p> <p>There are many aspects about leading Escondido that make me proud. Our recent Common Core State Standards and Smarter Balanced Assessment Parent Education Night is currently at the top of my list!</p> <p>Escondido Site Council hosted an AMAZING and INFORMATIVE evening on the ways in which the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are being implemented at Escondido. Site Council Member and Educator, Mike Metz provided context for the CCSS and Smarter Balanced Assessment. His power point presentation can be viewed on the Escondido website. Parents participated in three of six interactive sessions led by Escondido teachers: John Brubaker, Tamar DeFrancesco, Amanda Dungan, Kimi Kuruma, Helena Holmes, Jessica Pineda, Angeline Rodriguez, Jenna Segall and Teri Wilde. Parents experienced the ways in which children use critical thinking and problem-solving skills in mathematics, cite evidence in writing, integrate technology to demonstrate their thinking and develop and utilize oral language to engage in high level thinking across the content areas in each and every grade level. Site Council Member, Judy Hicks led a session that provided parents with the opportunity to try out sample test questions on the computer for the new state standardized assessment, the Smarter Balanced Assessment. This assessment will be given to all Escondido students in grades 3-5 beginning April 17th. As you may recall, schools, school districts and parents will not be receiving scores, as this is a practice year to test the test. Site Council Members Annie Talbot and Mike Metz led parents in conversations about ways in which they can support their children at home with the CCSS.</p> <p>Parents provided the following feedback about the event:</p> <p>"Tonight gave me the opportunity to experience what my kids are going to learn in writing in the coming years."</p> <p>"Great presentations. They built confidence about the standards."</p>
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"Please have another similar night!"

"It was helpful in understanding that the Common Core State Standards sets the standards students should learn but does not dictate the curriculum."

This was a magical night filled with so many reasons to be proud. The partnership between teachers and parents in creating this event was really powerful!

Warm Regards,
Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.
Principal, Escondido Elementary School

Apreciadas Familias de Escondido:

Existen muchos aspectos de mi liderazgo en Escondido que me hacen sentir orgullosa. Pero la noche informativa para padres de familia sobre las normas comunes de contenido bilingüe - Common Core Standards- y la nueva evaluación -Smarter Balanced Assessment- es el mero uno de mi lista!

El Consejo de Escondido realizó una noche informativa y maravillosa sobre la forma en que se está implementando las normas comunes de contenido bilingüe (CCSS) en Escondido. Mike Metz, educador y miembro del consejo de Escondido brindó el contexto en el que se da el CCSS y la evaluación Smarter Balanced Assessment. Su presentación de Power Point puede verse en la página de internet de Escondido. Los padres de familia participaron en 3 de 6 sesiones interactivas lideradas por maestros de Escondido: John Brubaker, Tamar DeFrancesco, Amanda Dungan, Kimi Kuruma, Helena Holmes, Jessica Pineda, Angeline Rodriguez, Jenna Segall and Teri Wilde. Los padres pudieron vivir la forma en la que los niños utilizan las habilidades de pensamiento crítico y resolución de problemas en matemáticas, presentar evidencias en sus trabajos escritos, integrar la tecnología para demostrar sus pensamientos, y desarrollar y utilizar el lenguaje oral en procesos de pensamiento de alto nivel a lo largo de todas las áreas de contenido en cada grado. Judy Hicks, miembro del consejo de Escondido brindó la oportunidad a los padres de familia de responder preguntas de la nueva evaluación estandarizada del estado, el Smarter Balanced Assessment en el computador. Esta prueba será presentada a los alumnos de Escondido de los grados 3-5, comenzando en Abril 17. Como ustedes recordarán, las escuelas, distritos escolares ni los padres de familia recibirán puntajes, ya que este es un año de práctica para evaluar la prueba. Annie Talbot y Mike Metz, miembros del consejo de Escondido, lideraron las conversaciones con los padres sobre la forma en que ellos pueden apoyar a sus hijos en casa con el CCSS.

Estas son algunas de las opiniones ofrecidas por los padres de familia sobre el evento:

"Esta noche me brindó la oportunidad de vivir lo que mis hijos van a aprender en escritura en los próximos años"

"Una gran presentación. Crean confianza en los estándares"

"! Por favor organicen otra noche similar!"

"fue muy útil para entender que las normas comunes de contenido bilingüe determinan los estándares que los alumnos deberán aprender, pero no dictan el currículo"

Esta fue una noche llena de magia con muchas razones para estar orgullosos. El

trabajo en equipo entre padres de familia y maestros para crear este evento fue realmente poderoso.

Un cordial saludo,
Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.
Directora , Escondido Elementary School

Subject: *You* For Jordan Site Council

You For Jordan Site Council
Three Parent Positions Open for Fall 2014

Dear Incoming and current Jordan Parents,

Want to help set school improvement goals and funding for Jordan Middle School? Hoping to get to know Principal Barnes and his excellent staff better? Consider serving on the Jordan Site Council next year.

The Jordan Middle School Site Council is now accepting applications to fill three parent positions for the fall of 2014. Current and Incoming Jordan parents are encouraged to apply. Site Council is composed of parents, teachers, and staff, and meets once per month on Tuesdays after school. It is a great way to learn about the school and provide valuable input about school goals and funding.

Site Council is responsible for establishing and reviewing school goals--such as the proposed new school-wide writing goal-- and allocating School Improvement Program (SIP) funds received annually from the state for prioritized school improvements. It assesses the needs of the school and submits to the Palo Alto Unified School District its plan for use of School Improvement Funds and other school grants and discretionary monies.

Members serve for two years, with parents of incoming 8th graders eligible for a 1 year term. The positions are filled via a low-key election with ballots distributed to all Jordan parents in the PTA back to school pack.

To run for site council, please complete and forward a short position statement by May 1st. For more information and a sample position statement, or to submit your name as a candidate, please contact: Andrea Fleming
atandreaflaming@stanfordalumni.org or Principal Barnes at gbarnes@pausd.org.

It is a great opportunity to get to know teachers and parents while gaining a deeper understanding about how our school works.

Best regards,

Andrea Fleming, parent of former Escondido students

04/18/2014

Duveneck
Elementary
School

Subject: Duveneck School Site Council Election Results

04/18/2014

**Duveneck
Elementary
School**

Dear Duveneck Families,

This is a message to announce the winners of our recent School Site Council Election. The Election Committee met this afternoon to tally all of the ballots that had been turned in before today's 3:30 PM deadline, and the following people emerged as the winners:

Ann Schilling, Clara Dye, and Steve Bui

Please congratulate these Duveneck Parents as they take office and serve for the next two school years.

I'd also like to appreciate everyone who ran in the Site Council Spring Election; it was great to have four people show their enthusiasm and pride in our school by throwing their name into the ring. Thank you all for your participation in our recent election.

If you have any questions about the School Site Council, please let me know.

Have a great weekend!

Chris Grierson
Duveneck Principal

**Nixon
Elementary
School**

Subject: Nixon Update Requirement before 8/15

Hello Nixon Families -

You should have already received an email from the District requesting that you update your online information. We would appreciate your completion of this process by May 16, 2014. Please note that you will need to go through each page until you get to the end to submit, even if there are no changes.

If you do not have access to a computer or if you need assistance with the Annual Data update process, please email infinitecampus@pausd.org or leave a message for Infinite Campus Support at (650) 329-3796 to arrange for help. Someone will respond to your message within one business day.

For families who need in person assistance, there are appointments available for help at this link: <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/4s36jhjv/>. Help will also be available in English and Spanish. They will try to meet other language needs on a requested basis.

Thank you.

Becky Brewer, Nixon Secretary

**Palo Alto
High School**

Subject: Important info re: Paly NIOS week

Dear Vikings,

Across the country, students and teachers are sharing stories, joining together and taking action to create safe schools, free from stereotypes, intolerance and hate. They're part of a movement called "Not In Our School (NIOS)." For more than a decade, Not In Our School has inspired students of all ages to develop and share innovative ways to end bullying and promote an atmosphere of acceptance and inclusion.

Next week, April 21-25, 2014, Paly will join the movement. A student led committee has been hard at work developing our NIOS program. We hope to see greater awareness and participation in what will likely be the most dynamic NIOS week in recent history. The themes for each day and schedule of events can be found here: <http://goo.gl/ujqz1U>

We're pleased to share with you that many teachers will be engaging in powerful conversations in their classrooms next week in support of this movement. A comprehensive curriculum guide has been developed by our librarian, Rachel Kellerman, Student Activities Director, Matt Hall and School Climate TOSA, Eric Bloom. We want to share this guide with our parents so you may continue the conversations at home to best support our students. Here is the link: <http://libguides.pausd.org/nios>

Please know that our dedicated counseling staff, including our guidance counselors, school psychologists, mental health therapists and ACS counselors are here for you should your student need additional support around any of the NIOS topics. Please call the Guidance Office at (650) 329-3712 to let us know.

We're extremely proud of our amazing students and caring staff. We appreciate your partnership and support in our efforts to create "a school for everyone...everyday."

Have a great weekend,

Kim Diorio

Principal

"Hear Our Voices-See Our Actions"

04/20/2014	Jordan Middle School	<p>Subject: The Jordan Weekly</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p>This Week's Edition:</p> <p>Smarter Balanced Testing Begins</p> <p>This Week @ Jordan</p> <p>Poetry, Drama Performance, Author Visits Jordan</p> <p>In the Know: SBAC Testing, Annual Household Update, 5th Graders to Visit Jordan, Important End of Year Dates</p> <p>Spotlight on: 8th Graders Visit Alcatraz</p> <p>April and May Calendar & Important Dates</p> <p>The Jordan Cup</p> <p>Please Click on, or copy and paste the link below:</p> <p>https://app.box.com/s/omcu4bvemm9jow75byyu</p> <p>The Weekly can also be read by visiting our school website at: http://www.jordan.pausd.org NEWS>JORDAN WEEKLY.</p> <p>Gregory Barnes, Principal, Jordan Middle School</p>
04/21/2014	Escondido Elementary School	Subject: Earth Week at Escondido

04/21/2014

**Escondido
Elementary
School**

Dear Escondido families,

This week is Earth Week, and on Tuesday April 22, we will celebrate Earth Day with a community Walk and Roll. Our goal is to have no cars driving to Escondido in the morning except for carpools! We will have coffee & snacks to celebrate our healthy commuting achievements. So dust off your family bikes, check our Safe Routes to School map, or find a SchoolPool at escondido.carpooltoschool.com to help us achieve this goal for Earth Day.

On Friday April 25 at 6 pm, 5th grade families and the Green Team are hosting our first ever Spring Fling + Earth Fair. The Spring Fling is a dance party in the MP room for all ages of kids. Pizza and home baked goods will be sold in support of 5th grade graduation. And this year, parents and kids alike will enjoy the Earth Fair outside, where they can see and learn hands on about greening up with urban chickens, solar, electric vehicles, energy audits, composting, and the premiere a new film featuring our very own Green Team bin monitors, Zero Waste Escondido. See the trailer at <https://vimeo.com/92183771>. It promises to be a fun night for the whole family.

Warm Regards,
Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.
Principal, Escondido Elementary School

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update April 21

Dear Gunn Community,

Here is this week's update from the Gunn Counseling Department.

Progress Reports (All Grades)

The progress report period for the fourth quarter ended this past Friday and all students who are in danger of failing will receive a progress report that will be available online by 8:00 PM this Wednesday (April 23).

If you have any questions about the academic progress of your student, please contact their teacher.

Course Verifications Due on Thursday (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

A reminder that all course verifications need to be returned to the Gunn Counseling Office by April 24 (Thursday). For those requesting a class change, the counselors will take a look at all requests and grant those that are possible. Priority is given to rising seniors first, then juniors and then sophomores.

We will accept late course verifications and will make changes if possible, but first priority will be given to those who turned them in by April 24.

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Many students have requested a G period prep for next year. The first priority goes to Gunn athletes, the second priority goes to students who have jobs, which must be verified by the counseling department. Also, any student who signs up for a zero period class will receive a G prep whenever possible.

Some seniors have requested an F and G prep. The only way this could be considered is if a student signs up for a zero period class.

Summer School (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

Summer school enrollment for Living Skills and Econ is now closed. Summer school is open for students who need to take credit recover courses and counselors will be contacting students who fall in this category.

It is important for students who receive a grade of D+ or lower at semester in core academic subjects of English, math, science, world languages or history (with the exception of Contemporary World), to make up the class in the summer rather than waiting until their senior year.

Junior Conferences (11th Grade)

The Gunn Counselors are meeting one on one with their juniors. This meeting is in addition to the meeting they had with Ms. Linda Kirsch in the College and Career Center.

The counselors will be reviewing transcripts, graduation requirements, course selections for next year, and going over the road map of upcoming activities for the remainder of the junior and senior years.

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Requesting Accommodations for Standardized Testing (Rising 11th and 12th Grades)

Students who receive accommodations at school th

04/22/2014

**Barron Park
Elementary
School**

Subject: Reminder from Principal Magdalena

04/22/2014

**Barron Park
Elementary
School**

Dear Barron Park Families,

By now you should have received an email with instructions on how to complete the Annual Data Update. If you did not receive the email, forgot your user name or need assistance with the update process please email: infinitecampus@pausd.org or leave a message at 650-329-3796.

Please complete the update as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Principal Magdalena

Subject: Mensaje de la Directora Magdalena

Estimados Padres de familia,

Ya debería haber recibido un correo electrónico con las instrucciones sobre cómo llevar a cabo la actualización anual de los datos de su hijo. Si usted no ha recibido el correo electrónico, olvido su contraseña o necesita ayuda para completar el proceso por favor llame y deje un mensaje en el 650-329-3796, lo puede dejar en Español si usted lo desea. También puede enviar un correo electrónico a infinitecampus@pausd.org

Por favor complete la actualización lo mas pronto le sea posible.

Gracias,

La Directora Magdalena

**Palo Verde
Elementary
School**

Subject: From Palo Verde School

04/22/2014

Palo Verde
Elementary
School

Welcome to Palo Verde Kindergarten 2014-2015!

I would like to invite you and your family to our annual Open House and Science Fair on Tuesday, April 29 from 6:30 to 8 PM.

The classrooms will be open and student science projects will be on display in the Multipurpose Room and Library.

For the most part teachers will NOT be available for conversation but the evening is a good opportunity to familiarize yourselves with Palo Verde.

You will be receiving a mailing from us in a week or so with more information, as well as parent and preschool input forms that we will use for classroom placement.

We are looking forward to having you join the Palo Verde Community.

Anne Brown

Principal

Subject: Need SSC Members

04/22/2014	Palo Verde Elementary School	<p>Dear Families:</p> <p>I would like to remind everyone that Palo Verde's Open House is next Tuesday, April 29th.</p> <p>At Open House we plan to hold the School Site Council Elections for next year's committee. We are in need of two new parents to run for the two year position. If you are interested in running for a seat on the council, please submit a letter of interest to Mrs. Brown with the following information: name, grade levels for your children, a brief statement for the reason you want to be a member of the School Site Council as soon as possible. As of last Friday, the first cut off date, we have had zero letters of interest. If you would like to know more about the position, please do not hesitate to ask.</p> <p>Our Open House Schedule for Next Tuesday is as follows:</p> <p>5:30 - 6:00</p> <p>Current 5th Grade Parents meet in the PVKC room for Project Resilience discussion regarding what to expect when your child transitions to middle school.</p> <p>5:30 - 6:30</p> <p>5th Grade Pizza Fundraiser for class gift, outside MP Room</p> <p>6:00</p> <p>Science Fair Opens</p> <p>6:30 - 8:00</p> <p>Science Fair continues and Classrooms Open</p> <p>See you at Open House,</p> <p>Anne Brown</p>
04/23/2014	Duveneck Elementary School	Subject: Article in The Daily Post Regarding Duveneck

04/23/2014

**Duveneck
Elementary
School**

Dear Duveneck Families,

Today, there is an article in The Daily Post regarding a parent of a student at our school and our school's response to reports of bullying.

Please know that our staff is tirelessly dedicated to providing a safe and welcoming school environment for everyone in our community, and that when we receive concerns or complaints regarding bullying we respond swiftly and thoroughly.

We promote upstanding behaviors by teaching kindness, acceptance, and problem-solving skills. When conflicts arise, students and families meet with me and/or members of our faculty to address and resolve them. Once a situation is brought to our attention, we investigate, intervene, and closely monitor all parties involved to be certain that any negative behavior has ended.

Today's story in The Daily Post may prompt you to want to know more about the ways that we support your child and all Duveneck students. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Chris Grierson

Duveneck Principal

**Juana
Briones
Elementary
School**

Subject: Join us for Open House- May 6th

Dear Incoming Juana Briones Families,

We would like to invite you to Juana Briones's Open House on Tuesday, May 6th from 7:00-7:30 PM. This is a great time for you and your child to see the Kindergarten classrooms, rooms 1 & 2. Please note that this Open House is for the entire Briones community. It is not specifically for incoming Kindergarten families. There will not be a formal presentation. You will be able to walk through the classes on your own. We hope you are able to stop by.

Warm Regards,

Lisa Hickey

Principal

04/24/2014

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: Special Parchment Announcement

04/24/2014

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

REMINDER ABOUT FINAL TRANSCRIPTS (Register by May 1!)

If you are planning to attend a four year college next year, your final transcript needs to be sent to your selected college at the end of the school year. This year, Gunn is using a company called "Parchment" to send your final transcript to your college. You should have received a "welcome" email from Parchment, with instructions on how to register with them. (If you can't find the email, see the Registrar.)

If you have already registered, great!

If you have not yet registered, register by MAY 1 !!

Soon after Parchment processes your registration, you will get an email from them, telling you that a fee waiver has been assigned to your account (meaning the first two (2) transcripts ordered are free). Once you get that email, and you know where you want to go to college, you can then order a final transcript for your college. Be sure to indicate that you want the transcript sent after the final grading period (when second semester ends at the end of May).

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Registrar will only send your final transcript to ONE COLLEGE!! The only exception is if you are in a Wait List situation with another college. If that is the case, then you MUST stop by the Registrar's office and show her your Wait List letter. Please see the Registrar if you have questions.

**Juana
Briones
Elementary
School**

Subject: Family Movie Night/ Handouts

04/24/2014	Juana Briones Elementary School	<p>Dear Juana Briones Families,</p> <p>Please join us for our Family Movie Night tomorrow night, Friday, April 25th, at 7:00 PM in the MP Room, for a showing of Despicable Me 2. Students are encouraged to come in their pajamas. Please bring blankets to sit on. After the movie begins (about 7:15 - 7:20 PM), we will be holding our PTA meeting at the picnic tables right outside of the MP Room. We hope you will join us during the movie, as we will be passing next year's budget.</p> <p>Also, sometime this week you will receive two handouts. The first page is a blue "Parent Input for the 2014-15 Learning Environment." This is your opportunity to provide us your input for class placement next year. Turn it into your child's teacher by May 9th. Please note that 5th grade students will not receive the blue form since they will be moving on to middle school next year.</p> <p>The second form includes instructions to take the parent survey. This handout is on white paper. The Briones School Site Council would like your input. There are three ways to access the survey:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Scan the QR code on your phone or ipad 2) Text "HPNVVQ" to 805-619-5667 3) Click the following link http://loop.gs/HPN/VVQ <p>The survey is quick and should only take a few minutes. Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Warm Regards, Lisa Hickey</p>
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04/25/2014	Barron Park Elementary School	Subject: ADU Update support
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04/25/2014

**Barron Park
Elementary
School**

Happy Friday,

Our records indicate that you have not completed your online ADU update.

If you have any questions or need assistance please call 650-329-3796 or send an email to: infinitecampus@pausd.org

Due to the urgency of this matter we will have a District staff member at Barron Park on:

Thursday, May 1st from 2:30- 5:30PM if additional assistance is needed.

Thank you!

Barron Park Office

Feliz viernes,

Nuestros registros indican que usted no ha completado la actualización de los datos de su hijo(a). Si usted tiene alguna pregunta o necesita ayuda por favor llame al 650-329-3796 o envía un correo electrónico a infinitecampus@pausd.org (puede dejar su mensaje en Español).

Debido a la urgencia de este asunto, tendremos un miembro del personal del Distrito en Barron Park el jueves, 01 de mayo de 2:30-5:30PM por si necesita ayuda adicional

Muchas gracias.

La oficina de Barron Park

**Palo Alto
High School**

Subject: 4th quarter progress grades

Dear Paly students and parents,

The 4th quarter progress notes are posted in the Infinite Campus portal. If you have any questions about a progress note in a particular class, please contact the teacher directly.

Thank you and have a great weekend,

Palo Alto High School

Subject: Today's Campanile

04/25/2014

Palo Alto
High School

Dear Paly Community,

Today's issue of The Campanile contains the following message to the Paly community (see attached). I hope you will read the Campanile and discuss the attached letter as a family. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Campanile editors and the entire Campanile staff for their support and hard work on their latest edition. I'm very impressed and grateful for their partnership as we move forward.

We've had a transformative NIOS week which has led to powerful conversations on our campus. I'm extremely proud of ALL our students, especially the senior class of 2014, for their lasting legacy to our school. Here's to a great end of the school year!

Thank you for your continued support. Go Vikings!

Sincerely,

Kim Diorio

Principal

Palo Alto High School

04/26/2014

El Carmelo
Elementary

Subject: El Carmelo - Student Showcase dates

El Carmelo's Student Showcases are a series of grade-level performance assessments that range from student-led conferences to poster sessions. Here are this year's dates:

Kinder- Tuesday, 5/6 and Thursday, 5/8 - Student-led conferences

1st- Tuesday, 5/20 and Wednesday, 5/21 - Student-led conferences

2nd- Wednesday, 5/14 - Music and guided tours

3rd- Tuesday, 5/13 - Student-led conferences

4th- Wednesday, 5/21 - California Icon & walk-through

5th- Tuesday, 5/27 - State Fair poster sessions

Your child's teacher will contact you with more specific information.

Have a great weekend!

Chuck Merritt cmerritt@pausd.org

04/27/2014	Jordan Middle School	<p>Subject: The Jordan Weekly</p> <p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p>This Week's Edition:</p> <p>Earth Week</p> <p>This Week @ Jordan</p> <p>Welcome New Assistant Principal, Jordan Garage Sale</p> <p>In the Know: Performing Arts at Jordan, 5th Graders to Visit Jordan, Important End of Year Dates</p> <p>Spotlight on: 8th Grade Promotion</p> <p>April and May Calendar & Important Dates</p> <p>The Jordan Cup</p> <p>Please Click on, or copy and paste the link below:</p> <p>https://app.box.com/s/rbfto7uwwtu9omtcvh6v</p> <p>The Weekly can also be read by visiting our school website at: http://www.jordan.pausd.org NEWS>JORDAN WEEKLY.</p> <p>Gregory Barnes, Principal, Jordan Middle School</p>
	Palo Verde Elementary School	Subject: From Palo Verde - Time to Update

04/27/2014

**Palo Verde
Elementary
School**

Dear Families of PV Students:

All students' information must be updated each year to ensure that the district has current information: emergency contacts, health conditions, and healthcare providers. If you have not done so as of yet, please log on today and update your child's information. Registration for the 2014/15 school year is not complete until the update is finished.

This must be completed by May 16, 2014

To complete this process, you will need to access your PAUSD Parent Portal account with your username and password by going to this page:

<https://ic.pausd.org/campus/portal/paloalto.jsp>

Once you log into the portal, go to your inbox to start the update process. You will see a message in your inbox called "Annual Data Update." Click on that message to start the information updated process.

If you do not have access to a computer or you need assistance with the online information update process, please leave a message for Infinite Campus Support at (650) 329-3796 to arrange for help. Someone will respond to your message within one business day. For families who need in person assistance, there are appointments available for help at this link:
<https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/4s36jhjv/>

If you have questions, please refer to the How To's section, Annual Data Update FAQ at <http://pausd.org/parents/InfiniteCampus/index.shtml> or send email to infinitecampus@pausd.org.

Thank you for taking care of this today.

Anne Brown

04/28/2014

**Escondido
Elementary
School**

Subject: Registration for 2014: Annual Data Update

Hello Escondido Families,

The 2014-15 school year is right around that corner. That means that it's time to update emergency and health information for all PAUSD students. All students' information must be updated each year to ensure that the district has current information: emergency contacts, health conditions, and healthcare providers.

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If you have not done so, please take a moment to set up your security preferences (email address, 8 likes, 8 dislikes and the password you logged in with) so you will be able to use the "Forgot your password?" link in the future.

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Thanks,

PAUSD Infinite Campus Support

Apreciada Familias de Escondido:

El año escolar 2014-15 está a la vuelta de la esquina. Eso significa que es hora de actualizar la información de emergencia y salud para todos los estudiantes de PAUSD. Toda la información de los estudiantes debe ser actualizada cada año para asegurar que el distrito tiene la información actual: contactos de emergencia, condiciones de salud, y proveedores de salud.

Esto debe ser completado antes de 05/16/2014.

Para completar este proceso, tendrán que acceder a su cuenta del Portal de Padres de PAUSD con su nombre de usuario (username) y contraseña (password) visitando esta página:

<https://ic.pausd.org/campus/portal/paloalto.jsp>

Si no lo han hecho todavía, favor tomen un momento para fijar sus preferencias de seguridad (correo electrónico, 8 preferencias, 8 aversiones y la contraseña con la que ingresan) para que en el futuro puedan usar el enlace "¿Olvidó su contraseña?" ("Forgot your password?")

Vayan a su bandeja de entrada (inbox) para buscar un mensaje llamado: "Annual Data Update." Haga click en ese mensaje para iniciar el proceso.

Si no tienen acceso a una computadora o si necesitan ayuda con el proceso de actualización de información en línea, por favor envíen un email a infinitecampus@pausd.org o dejen un mensaje para el servicio de apoyo de Infinite Campus al (650) 329-3796. Alguien responderá a su mensaje dentro de un día laboral.

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Gracias,

Equipo de Apoyo de Infinite Campus de PAUSD

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update April 28

Dear Gunn Community,

Here is this week's update from the Gunn Counseling Department.

Zero Period Classes (9th, 10th, 11th Grade)

Once again we will be offering Zero (0) Period classes. Students who sign up for Zero Period are automatically given a G Prep Period unless there is a schedule conflict. If you are interested in enrolling in a Zero Period class, please email me at tjacoubowsky@pausd.org

Choosing What College You Will Attend (12th Grade)

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To help you with the process, please click the link below.

<http://www.gunn.pausd.org/sites/default/files/Requesting%20Accommodations%20for%20Standardized%20Testing.pdf>

Summer School Outside of PAUSD (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

If a student is signing up for a summer class outside of the Palo Alto Unified School District, the student must get that class pre approved by their counselor. Only classes that are pre approved will be eligible to receive credit on a Gunn transcript.

Important Information for Seniors (12th Grade)

Senioritis

We are entering the final weeks of school and so far cases of "Senioritis" have been kept to a minimum. We are on the watch for Senioritis as it can be very contagious and can dramatically impact post secondary options for students. Every year we have some students who have their college admission rescinded because of a drop in grades in the final semester.

Naviance Surveys

The Senior Survey is now available for students to take online through their Naviance account. The senior survey is an important tool for the school as it gives the students an opportunity to give feedback on their experiences at Gunn High School. The survey must be completed before seniors get their cap and gowns.

Caps and Gowns

After completing the Senior Survey on Naviance, students will be eligible to receive their caps and gowns which will be distributed on May 13.

Senior Awards

Beginning on May 1 (Friday) all Senior Awards recipients will be notified by email to attend Senior Awards. A notification will also be sent in the mail and should arrive on May 10 or 11. Senior Awards will be on May 19 at 7:00 PM in Spangenberg.

If you are receiving an award, you will be notified by Mr. Lang or Ms. Francesconi.

Gunn Graduation Events

Seniors have a host of graduation events for the final week of school including the senior picnic and grad night. To help answer many of the questions, the organizing committee has information on the PTSA website.

<http://gunn.paloaltopta.org/gradnight.htm>

Upcoming Events

AP Testing Begins May 5 (11th and 12 Grade)

Beginning May 5, Advance Placement (AP) testing will take place at Gunn High School. AP testing will run through May 16. All information about AP testing is available on the home page of the Gunn website.

Baccalaureate/Senior Awards May 18 and May 19 (12th Grade)

With the end of the year fast approaching, we want to remind you that Baccalaureate and Senior Awards are coming up.

Baccalaureate will be on Sunday, May 18 at 11:00 AM in Spangenberg. All Gunn graduates should be at Gunn by 10:30 AM.

Our Senior Awards night will be the following night on Monday, May 19 at 7:00 PM in Sp

Subject: RE: Senior Reminders

Dear Seniors, Parents, and Guardians,

Good afternoon, it is amazing to think but in thirty days your senior will be graduating from Gunn High School. Attached is the "senior letter" which includes important dates and reminders. In addition, below is the PTSA link which includes key information as well.

PTSA Link:

<http://gunn.paloaltopta.org/gradnight.htm>

See you all on the athletic field on May 28, Go Titans!

As always thank you for your continued support of Gunn!!

Sincerely,

Katya Villalobos

Gunn High School

**Hoover
Elementary**

Subject: Volunteer Breakfast Invitation

School	<p>Good Morning Treasured Parent Volunteers,</p> <p>The Hoover staff would like to invite you to join us for breakfast in your honor on Wednesday, May 14, from 7:30-8:30 AM. Please look for the flier in this week's eNews.</p> <p>This invitation extends to ALL parents and guardians who serve our students and community in the myriad of ways that you do!</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you on the 14th!</p> <p>Warm regards,</p> <p>Katy Bimpson</p> <p>Principal</p>
Jane L Stanford Middle School	<p>Subject: JLS -- SAVE THE DATE</p> <hr/> <p>Dear JLS Families:</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you on May 7th for a fun-filled evening of sharing -- food, shopping, and open classrooms.</p> <p>Sharon Ofek</p> <p>Principal</p>
Nixon Elementary School	<p>Subject: request from Nixon principal and School Site Council</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Nixon Families,</p> <p>Nixon Elementary School Site Council serves as a forum for obtaining staff and parent input regarding Nixon programs and issues. To this end, we'd like to hear your opinion about school communications as well as a few other topics that were raised to Site Council this year.</p> <p>This survey should just take two to three minutes. Thank you for your valuable input!</p> <p>Mary Pat O'Connell, Nixon Elementary Principal</p> <p>Cinnamon Chu, Nixon Elementary School Site Council Chairperson</p> <p>Click on the link below to complete the survey:</p> <p>https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y6KLBFY</p>

04/29/2014

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

Subject: Special Junior Parent Night on May 8

Don't Miss the Gunn Junior Parent Night In Spangenberg on May 8

Throughout this year we have expanded the services we have been able to offer in Gunn Counseling and one of the key additions is the Junior Parent Night on May 8 at 7:00 PM in Spangenberg. We are fortunate to have a great group of presenters who will make this a night you won't want to miss as it will help you prepare your student for the college application process.

Former Stanford Admissions Officer, Jon Reider, will start the night with a keynote speech of "What is a Good College? Making Realistic Choices."

We are also pleased to have Felicia Fahey and Elena Wong join us as we have workshops for you to attend.

Ms. Fahey is well known as an essay writing consultant and has been a fixture of the Gunn Community over the year.

Ms. Wong is an admissions officer for Drew University and specializes in helping people understand the balance of academics and extra curricular activities.

We will be offering the following workshops with two sessions on May 8 from 7:30-8:00 PM and 8:10-8:40 PM.

Jon Reider-Building a College List-Spangenberg

Felicia Fahey-Essay Writing-P-1

Elena Wong-Finding Balance Between Academics and Extra Curriculars-P-2

Q&A with Gunn Counselors-Library

To sign up for the workshops, please click the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-kKoDPJnNkQtM_W0RT9i5B-w5zFmnU_PkoXr2hvgSh8/view form

We look forward to seeing you for this great evening.

Subject: SLC Commencement Cords

04/29/2014

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

To the Families of the First Graduating Class of SLC Students:

Congratulations on the impending graduation of your son or daughter from Gunn High School! As a family that participated in and supported the very first Small Learning Community at Gunn, you will be happy to know that the program is still going strong. In order to recognize and honor SLC students at graduation, we'd like to give them the opportunity to wear a cord denoting participation in SLC, similar to the cords that students wear for language honor societies, yearbook, or robotics. In the case of cords for club affiliations, the clubs defray the cost of the cords for their members. There is no similar source of funding for the SLC, however. For this reason we are asking for a donation of \$8.00 to cover the cost of the SLC graduation cords. If you are able to contribute more, we would be most appreciative. And if you are unable to contribute at all, we understand and will make sure that all SLC students in the graduating class of 2014 are able to wear a cord, as proud representatives of the Small Learning Community.

If you wish to donate please make checks payable to Gunn High School and write SLC cords in the memo line. These checks can be left in the mailbox of or mailed to Gunn at the attention of Assistant Principal Trinity Klein.

Thanks in advance for whatever contribution you are able to make.

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Subject: Gunn Athletics Wrap-Up

Dear Gunn Families,

During this time of year, we enjoy celebrating the many successes of our students. Our Gunn student-athletes have much to celebrate this year. Recently a group of athletes, accompanied by our Athletic Director, Jill Naylor, presented to the PAUSD School Board about their phenomenal winter and spring seasons. You can watch a student-produced film of highlights by following this link:
<http://youtu.be/wEsdsvinxaw??>

The athletics program at Gunn continues to succeed and grow. We want to thank the families who financially contribute to keep our program healthy. We rely on donations from you to sustain the athletic budget.

At Gunn, the Athletic Department budget covers, among others, the following:

- league fees
- tournament fees
- umpires/referees
- buses
- medical supplies
- equipment

Your donation of \$175 per athlete for each sport is the only source of income to cover these expenses. High schools in Palo Alto receive minimal athletic funding from the District or state.

If the donation is a financial burden for your family, please consider giving what you can. Any contribution matters and helps. Here's how you can contribute:

• By check: make payable to Gunn High School; write in memo line your athlete's name and sport; submit to coach or mail to:

Jill Naylor, Athletic Director

Gunn High School

780 Arastradero Road

Palo Alto, CA 94306

• Online : pay on the Gunn Sports Boosters website (write at the very bottom of the page Gunn Athletics and your athlete's name and sport
<http://www.gunnsportsboosters.com>

Thank you for supporting Gunn Athletics.

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