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09/02/2013	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p data-bbox="412 128 980 159">Subject: Gunn Counseling Update September 2</p> <p data-bbox="412 233 699 264">Dear Gunn Community,</p> <p data-bbox="412 411 1263 443">Here is this week's update from the Gunn Counseling Department.</p> <p data-bbox="412 590 1235 621">Thank You for Coming to Back to School Night and Thank You to PiE</p> <p data-bbox="412 705 1414 800">A big thank you goes to our Gunn community for coming to our Back to School Night and thank you to everyone who dropped by the counseling department. We look forward to seeing you at future Gunn events.</p> <p data-bbox="412 884 1390 1031">A big thanks also goes to Partners in Education (PiE) who were out and about on Back to School Night. Thanks to generous donations by so many in our community, Gunn High School received \$659,221 for this year to help fund electives and additional counseling support services, including our expanded College and Career Center.</p> <p data-bbox="412 1178 716 1209">September 4 Assemblies</p> <p data-bbox="412 1293 1398 1419">Because of the Labor Day Holiday this week our school week is imbalanced as E period meets four times that week while all other classes meet three times. Throughout the year when we have a Monday holiday, we plan on taking advantage of the extra E period for assemblies that will benefit our students.</p> <p data-bbox="412 1503 1414 1682">On Wednesday (September 4), we will have different activities for all of our students. Students will go to their E period class first where attendance will be taken and then they will go to their event. Freshmen will have Titan 101 sessions, sophomores will meet in Titan Gym to go over Adolescent Counseling Services (ACS), juniors will have tutorial time to meet with teachers and seniors will be in Spangenberg to hear about planning this fall for the college application process.</p> <p data-bbox="412 1829 935 1860">Upcoming College and Career Event Dates.</p> <p data-bbox="412 1944 1263 1976">Choosing College with Money in Mind-Tuesday (September 3) 7:00 PM</p> <p data-bbox="412 2060 1422 2091">On Tuesday (September 3), Gunn will be hosting Vicki O'Neil Day at 7:00 PM in the</p>

Gunn Library. Ms. O'Day will discuss looking at your college choices with financial considerations in mind. She will discuss how college finances work and how to find colleges that will be an excellent financial fit for your family. This evening will be open to parents and students.

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Titan 101 This Thursday for Groups 15-21

This Thursday (September 5), Gunn Freshmen in Titan 101 groups 15-21 (Ms. Sabbag-Ms. Compton, Mr. Shelby-Mr. Christensen, Ms. Stauffer-Ms. Mistele, Mr. Summers-Ms. Michaelis, Mr. Weinmann-Ms. Michael, Ms. Wilson-Mr. Johanson and Ms. Zizmor-Ms. Michael and Mr. Johanson) will be meeting their counselors. The counselors will talk about the services the counseling office offers and will have some get acquainted activities with their students as they are looking forward to getting to know their members of the Class of 2017.

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Those attending will learn about resiliency, academic supports, parents resources, health education, mental health services, recreation opportunities and volunteer opportunities to help support our youth.

Thanks for all of your support and see you soon.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky
Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling
Gunn High School

Jordan Middle School

Subject: Jordan Middle School Weekly

Dear Jordan Families,
Welcome back to the Weekly.

This Week's Edition:

Back to School Night

This Week @ Jordan

PIE & the PTA

Spotlight on Inclusion

In the Know: Lunchtime Clubs, Intramural Football, Homework and Grades, Student Services

September Calendar & Important Dates

The Jordan Cup

Please Click, or copy and paste the link below:

<https://app.box.com/s/wiiqeqnztzvphlqxsz1a>

Gregory Barnes,
Principal, Jordan Middle School

09/03/2013	Escondido Elementary School	<p>Subject: Early Release Wednesday, 1:30PM/Clases Temprano Hoy a la 1:30PM</p> <p>Hello Families,</p> <p>This is just a friendly reminder that tomorrow is an early release day, 1:30PM. Students are released early every Wednesday at 1:30.</p> <p>Warm Regards,</p> <p>Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.</p> <p>Principal, Escondido Elementary School</p> <p>Hola Familias,</p> <p>Este es un recordatorio amigable de que las clases terminan temprano mañana, a la 1:30 PM. Los estudiantes salen temprano cada miércoles a la 1:30.</p> <p>Gracias,</p> <p>Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.</p> <p>Directora, Escuela Primaria Escondido</p>
09/04/2013	Jane L Stanford Middle School	Subject: JLS - Back to School Dinner

09/04/2013

Jane L
Stanford
Middle School

Good Afternoon JLS!

The school year is off to a fantastic start and everyone at JLS is excited to host our school community for the upcoming Back to School Dinner and Building Celebration. A group of parents have been working hard to make this traditional community building event extra special this year. Please also consider signing up to volunteer that evening. Below are all the details.

See you next week!

Sharon

"Back to School Dinner/New Building Celebration!
Come to the Back to School Dinner / Ribbon-Cutting Celebration!

Tickets will be very limited at the door. Click [here](#) to fill out your reservation now.

We also need lots of helping hands to make this Ribbon-Cutting Celebration a fun success! Please volunteer by signing up at the [Jooners](#) site! We need help with Check-in, Serving, and as Runners. Don't worry – the shifts are only for one hour, so you'll have time to eat, too!

Please note: Each dinner ticket will entitle you to ONE choice of dinner from one of these local restaurants:

Ø FIGO : pasta with vegetarian or meat sauce and salad

Ø Sancho's Taqueria : bean/cheese or chicken burrito, salad, guacamole and chips

Ø Indochine : Red curry beef or vegetarian yellow curry, with brown rice

Desserts are from Esther's German Bakery!
Doors open at 6 pm, so come early to get first choice of your preferred cuisine.
Questions? E-mail [Kristen Lee](#) .

We hope all families can join us at this special event. Those needing financial assistance should reach out to their guidance counselor or Ms. Sherer in the Guidance Office.

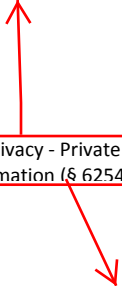
Nixon
Elementary
School

Subject: After School Pick-up/Enrichment

09/04/2013	Nixon Elementary School	<p>Dear Nixon Parents -</p> <p>With the beginning of school confusion, often students do not know their schedules yet. It is extremely important that your child's teacher know where they should be after school. Please email your teacher by Friday with your after school instructions. This should include any after school activities or daycare. If you pick up your child from the classroom, no instructions are needed.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Becky Brewer, Nixon Secretary</p>
	Palo Verde Elementary School	<p>Subject: From Palo Verde School - PV 101 Meeting</p> <p>Dear Families,</p> <p>Next Wednesday, September 11th, we will be holding our first annual "Palo Verde 101 Coffee" in the multipurpose room after our 8:15 am assembly. At this coffee we will share information about the following Palo Verde programs:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Our PTA</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Project Cornerstone's ABC program</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Partners in Education (PiE)</p> <p>I am writing to invite all new families, and anyone else who would like to learn more about these programs to the event.</p> <p>I know the start to a new school year is always a crazy time, and even more so for families who are new to a school. We hope if you are new to Palo Verde that you will consider attending this special event to learn more, meet new people, ask questions and enjoy a cup of coffee and other refreshments provided by the PTA.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing you next week,</p> <p>Anne Brown</p> <p>Principal of Palo Verde</p>
09/05/2013	Juana Briones Elementary School	<p>Subject: Join us at the PTA Ice Cream Social next Tuesday, Sept. 10th</p>

<p>09/05/2013</p>	<p>Juana Briones Elementary School</p>	<p>Dear Briones Parents,</p> <p>The PTA Ice Cream Social is here! Enjoy FREE Ice Cream and Pizza sponsored by the PTA</p> <p>Come celebrate the start of the school year with your fellow Briones families at the PTA ice cream social on Tuesday, September 10th, from 5:30-7 PM.</p> <p>It's a great time to relax with your kids, meet other parents and enjoy FREE ice cream and pizza!</p> <p>The PTA ice cream social is the first of many wonderful traditions that help build a warm and engaged community here at Briones.</p> <p>Following the ice cream social, Soma McCandless will be here from Project Cornerstone to talk about developmental assets from 7-8 PM in the MP Room. Childcare will be available from 7-8 PM in Room 6.</p> <p>If you haven't already, please inform your Room Parent or email [REDACTED] by Friday, September 6th, the following information, so we can plan to have ice cream and pizza for all.</p> <p>Family name: Child's name(s): Room #: # of pizza eaters: # of ice cream eaters: Contact # or email:</p> <p>Please bring your own cups (or purchase a yellow \$1 Briones cup)</p> <p>If you have questions or can help volunteer at the event, please contact [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>
<p>09/08/2013</p>	<p>Jordan Middle School</p>	<p>Subject: The Jordan Weekly</p>

Invasion of Privacy - Private contact information (§ 6254c)



09/08/2013	Jordan Middle School	<p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p>This Week's Edition:</p> <p>Student Clubs</p> <p>This Week @ Jordan</p> <p>PIE & the PTA</p> <p>Spotlight on Collaboration and Innovation</p> <p>In the Know: Mix It Up Day, Drama Auditions, Progress Reports, Student Services</p> <p>September Calendar & Important Dates</p> <p>The Jordan Cup</p> <p>Please Click, or copy and paste the link below:</p> <p>https://app.box.com/s/cg1w0ud1q94jzjb2gko0</p> <p>Gregory Barnes,</p> <p>Principal, Jordan Middle School</p>
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College Packet Workshop Wednesday (September 11) at Lunch

This Wednesday (September 11) at lunch, the College and Career Center will host a workshop to help students with their college packets. This workshop is open to all and will be held in the College and Career Center in M-3.

College Visits are Starting

We are beginning to have colleges visiting Gunn and to check to see who is coming, please check your Naviance account. To be able to attend one of the sessions, you'll need to sign up at least 24 hours in advance through Naviance.

Naviance Account

While we're talking about Naviance, please check to make sure your Naviance account is up to date. If you're not receiving messages from Naviance, it's possible that they may be in your "junk" folder on your email.

Support PiE

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,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling

Gunn High School

09/10/2013

**Nixon
Elementary
School**

Subject: Picture Day 9/24 & 9/25

09/10/2013	Nixon Elementary School	<p>To All Nixon Families -</p> <p>Please see the attached flyer regarding Picture Day. It will be held on two days. Third through Fifth grade will be taken on the morning of Tuesday, 9/24 and Kinder through Second grade will be taken on Wednesday, 9/25.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Becky Brewer, Nixon Secretary</p>
09/11/2013	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Subject: Community Service Forms for Seniors Due Friday (September 13)</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Gunn Community,</p> <p>This is a reminder that community service forms are due this Friday (September 13). Only seniors are able to turn in community service forms at this time. If you are a freshmen, sophomore or junior, you need to wait until your senior year to turn it in.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Tom Jacobowsky</p> <hr/> <p>Subject: PSAT @ Gunn on October 16th</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Middle College Students and Families,</p> <p>Gunn offers its juniors the opportunity to take the PSAT free of charge on Wednesday October 16, 2013 during the school day. Our Middle College students are invited to join us as well.</p> <p>Please R.S.V.P. to Assistant Principal Mrs. Klein at tklein@pausd.org or call 650-354-8227 and we will reserve an exam for you. Once you are registered we will send more detailed information before the testing date.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
09/12/2013	Palo Alto High School	<p>Subject: Paly Viking Stadium Grand Opening Celebration</p>

<p>09/12/2013</p>	<p>Palo Alto High School</p>	<p>Dear Vikings,</p> <p>On behalf of Palo Alto High School, we invite all of our friends, family, and little Vikes to join us tomorrow night for the grand opening celebration of Viking Stadium! Our Paly Vikings football team will be taking on the San Benito High School Haybalers. Come out and cheer on the 2013 Vikings football team led by legendary Coach Earl Hansen.</p> <p>Opening ceremony will begin at 7:10 pm and will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a grand performance of the Star Spangled Banner by the Viking Pep Band and 100+ student volunteers, AND special guest Jim Harbaugh, as honorary captain for the coin toss. Kick-off is at 7:30 pm. Don't miss out on Paly history!</p> <p>Please arrive early to allow plenty of time for parking and ticket sales. Car pooling is strongly encouraged.</p> <p>Hope to see you there! Go Vikings!</p> <p>Fondly,</p> <p>Kim Diorio</p> <p>Principal, Palo Alto High School</p>
<p>09/13/2013</p>	<p>Juana Briones Elementary School</p>	<p>Subject: Elementary Report Card Committee- Parent Advisory</p>

<p>09/13/2013</p>	<p>Juana Briones Elementary School</p>	<p>Dear Juana Briones Parents,</p> <p>PAUSD is seeking parents to be a part of the Parent Advisory Group for the new Elementary Report Card.</p> <p>About the Parent Advisory Group</p> <p>The current report card used to report student progress at grades K-5 is tied to the California State Content Standards. California is now one of 45 states that has adopted the Common Core Standards in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Palo Alto Unified School District is excited to transition to these standards and plans to fully implement these standards by the 2014-15 school year.</p> <p>We are interested in developing a report card that reflects the California Common Core Standards and that effectively communicates student progress. The Elementary Report Card Committee made up of staff from across the District has been formed for that purpose.</p> <p>The Parent Advisory Group to the Elementary Report Card Committee will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share thoughts and ideas as to what you, as a parent, would most like to see in a report card for your elementary-aged student Review drafts of the report card throughout the year and provide input Seek input from other parents in your child's school community as requested by the Elementary Report Card Committee. <p>For more information and the application, please click on this link.</p> <p>http://pausd.org/community/Committees/ElementaryReportCard/ParentAdvisoryGroup.shtml</p> <p>Applications are due this coming Monday. We would really like to have at least one Briones parent representative.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
<p>09/15/2013</p>	<p>Jordan Middle School</p>	<p>Subject: The Jordan Weekly</p>

09/15/2013	Jordan Middle School	<p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p>This Week's Edition:</p> <p>6th Grade Elections</p> <p>This Week @ Jordan</p> <p>Grades & "Jag Dads"</p> <p>Spotlight on Mix It Up Day</p> <p>In the Know: School Climate, School Dance, Club Schedule</p> <p>September Calendar & Important Dates</p> <p>The Jordan Cup</p> <p>Club Schedule and Mix It Up Day</p> <p>Please Click, or copy and paste the link below:</p> <p>https://app.box.com/s/6004cw51ddwprgj6r0uk</p> <p>Gregory Barnes,</p> <p>Principal, Jordan Middle School</p>
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09/16/2013	Henry M. Gunn High School	Subject: Gunn Counseling Update September 16
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		<p>Dear Gunn Community,</p> <p>Here is this week's update from the Gunn Counseling Department.</p> <p>First Quarter Academic Progress Reports</p> <p>This Wednesday academic reports will be available online through Infinite Campus. All students who are in danger of failing a class will receive an academic progress report.</p> <p>Counselor of the Day Begins This Week</p> <p>Last year the Gunn Advisory Committee (GAC) was formed to take a look at all the services the counseling department offers and to recommend improvements. One of the recommendations was to have a "Counselor of the Day" and we are introducing it this week.</p>
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Recommendation Request Form for Seniors

Following are the instructions for both students and parents to login to Family Connection and complete the Recommendation Form used by Gunn Counselors for the Senior Appointment and Letter of Recommendation. There are a group of four steps that parents can complete as a "Brag Sheet."

1. Please go to the Naviance Family Connection login page.

<https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid-hmgbs>

2. Sign in to your account.

3. Navigate to the "About me" tab and click on "Recommendation Request Form" in the left menu. Questions for parents to complete are #17, 18, 19 and 20. The questions represent the "Brag Sheet" that we used on our previous form.

4. You can type directly into the form or copy and paste directly from a Word document.

If you are having any problems accessing your Naviance Family Connection account, please email Mr. Leighton Lang at llang@pausd.org.

Upcoming Events

Online Awareness for Parents in the Digital Age October 1 7:00 PM

Student Assembly on Digital Citizenship on October 8 in B Period

As a parent, you remember when advanced communication technology was when your phone had "call waiting" and "three way calling." As you know, times have changed and the way your student communicates with their friends has absolutely exploded from when you were in high school. Changes in social media happen at such a fast pace and social media sites such as Facebook are looked at as passe by many students as new sites gain popularity every week.

We at Gunn feel it is important for our school community to have the tools to navigate through this changing landscape and we're planning a couple of events for parents and students. To better help parents understand the digital age we now live in, Gunn will be hosting My Digital TAT2 with Gloria Moskowitz-Sweet on October 1 at 7:00-8:30 PM in the Gunn Library.

The evening event is recommended to anyone who would like to learn thoughtful ways to help engage your student in a conversation about responsible and ethical behaviors online and teach them how to be responsible and ethical on their online communications.

On October 8, all Gunn students will have a "Digital Citizenship" Assembly in their B period class. Teachers will lead a discussion of social media etiquette that is relevant for students living in today's social media world based on results from a survey students participated in last year.

Parent Information Night for 9th and 12th Graders on October 3 and 10th and 11th graders on October 10.

On October 3 the counseling department will host an information night for 9th graders (6:30 PM) and 12th graders (7:45 PM) in the Gunn Library. The counselors will go over important information that is pertinent for your child in regards to preparation for college and services the counseling department offers. There will be a similar night for 10th and 11th graders on October 10h.

College Fair at Palo Alto High School on October 14 6:30-8:30 PM

The annual College Fair this year will be held at Palo Alto High School on October 14. The evening starts at 6:30 PM and will have representatives from over 100 colleges.

To learn more about the evening, just go to the link below.

http://paly.net/college/making_most_college_fair

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Subject: 100% Extended Time on October SAT

Dear Gunn Student,

You are receiving this email because you are approved by the College Board for 100% extended time on the SAT in October. This exam is administered over 2 days.

I would like to have students test on Sunday October 6th and Monday October 7th. Each day would be about 3.5 hours. Here is the proposed schedule:

Sunday 10/6- 1:30-4pm

Monday 10/7- 8:30-12pm

If you cannot test at this time, please let me know immediately. I need to test all 3 students at the same time/days. The other alternative would be to test during the school day on Monday and Tuesday or Tuesday and Wednesday. I have scheduled this for a Sunday in the hopes of minimally impacting students's schedules.

Please email Mrs. Klein to confirm that you can test on Sunday and Monday.

Thank you,

		<p>Trinity Klein</p> <p>tklein@pausd.org</p> <p>650-354-8227</p>
	Jordan Middle School	<p>Subject: Dance Chaperones Needed</p> <p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>A message from the Jordan Leadership Class.</p> <p>The Jordan Leadership class is asking for parents to help chaperone the upcoming dance this Friday night. Please sign up on the attached google document if you are interested.</p> <p>Upcoming School Dance</p> <p>Friday, September 20th: 7:30pm</p> <p>Chaperone Times: 7:30-8:30 OR 8:30-9:30</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0Ai2rFacc9678dEQzQklzdEp2YkRFSnBVSEswaWpaMnc&usp=sharing</p>
09/17/2013	El Carmelo Elementary	<p>Subject: El Carmelo - Coffee w/the Principal 9/18</p> <p>Coffee with the Principal, Wed. 9/18 at 8:25am, Library</p> <p>Tomorrow morning you are welcome to join me for coffee in the school library. After I update you all on the ABC Reader Program for the current school year, parenting trainer Janada Clark will present the Love & Logic Parenting program and information about the Monday morning classes that she will run at El Carmelo on October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4.</p> <p>Chuck Merritt, cmerritt@pausd.org</p>
	Jordan Middle School	<p>Subject: Dance Chaperones Needed</p>

09/17/2013

Jordan Middle School

Dear Jordan Families,

A message from the Jordan Leadership Class.

The Jordan Leadership class is asking for parents to help chaperone the upcoming dance this Friday night.

If you are interested in being a Chaperone, please e-mail Cindy Pappas at:

cpappas@pausd.org

Upcoming School Dance

Friday, September 20th: 7:30pm

Chaperone Times: 7:30-8:30 OR 8:30-9:30

-Leadership Class

Palo Alto High School

Subject: Senior Portrait for Yearbook Reminder

09/17/2013

Palo Alto High School

Dear Senior Parents,

The due date for Senior Portraits is fast approaching - October 11th.

Madrono offers FREE studio portraits throughout September during Tutorial.

Seniors come to the Theater at the beginning of Tutorial for a free portrait.

You may also arrange for studio portraits with any of the 8 listed photographers doing Senior portrait photos for Madrono. The list of approved photographers is available on www.madrono.paly.net No other photographer portraits will be accepted for Senior portraits so please do not email a request for an exception. We handed out Senior Portrait information at the Junior Parent Night last March and have posted this information in the PalyLink, and EVERY Junior yearbook had a Portrait and Baby Ads flyer insert. All information for Senior portraits and Baby Ads are on the Madrono website www.madrono.paly.net

If Seniors do not have a studio portrait taken by October 11th Madrono will use their Paly student ID photo for their Senior Portrait. Thanks for taking care of this important and exciting tradition for Seniors by October 11th.

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09/18/2013

El Carmelo Elementary

Subject: El Carmelo - My Digital Tat2 event 9/24 7pm Library

09/18/2013	El Carmelo Elementary	<p>Parenting In the Digital Age</p> <p>Tuesday, September 24th, 7pm in the El Carmelo Library</p> <p>Open to all El Carmelo parents</p> <p>It's a reality - our kids are digital natives. Most kids by age 11 are interacting in the digital world in one form or another, whether they are texting friends, playing multiplayer video games, or posting photos on Instagram. With middle school around the corner, they will be online more than ever for both social and academic purposes.</p> <p>To prepare them for the risks, rewards, and responsibilities of digital media, El Carmelo is having all fifth grade students participate in an interactive workshop presented by My Digital Tat2 <http://mydigitaltat2.com/index.html>. Developed by Erica Pelavin and Gloria Moskowitz-Sweet, the mission of My Digital TAT2 is to help educators, parents, and students work together to create a community of kindness and respect both on- and offline. Their goal is to help students see the power and responsibility associated with living out loud in the digital world while empowering them to be 21st century learners who are ethical and responsible producers and consumers of digital media.</p>
09/19/2013	Henry M. Gunn High School	Subject: Special Mid Week Counseling Update September 19

09/19/2013

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

Dear Gunn Community,

Here is a special mid week update from the Gunn Counseling Department.

First Quarter Progress Reports Now Online

Progress reports are now available online on Infinite Campus for all students who are in danger of failing a class. A mailed copy of the progress report will be sent out on Friday.

Sophomore/Junior Parent Night Moved to October 9.

Because of a conflict with October 10, the Sophomore/Junior Parent Night will be moved from October 10 to October 9. The event will be in the Gunn Library with the sophomore presentation beginning at 6:30 PM and the junior presentation at 7:45 PM. The counselors will go over important information that is pertinent for your child in regards to preparation for college and services the counseling department offers. The freshmen/senior event will be on October 3.

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Seniors will have college and career activities for the day. More details to follow in future weekly updates.

Thanks for all of your support and see you soon.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling

Gunn High School

09/19/2013	Juana Briones Elementary School	<p>Subject: REMINDER- Picture Day Tomorrow (9/20)</p> <p>Dear Juana Briones Families,</p> <p>Just a reminder that tomorrow (Friday, 9/20) is PICTURE DAY. Envelopes were sent home late last week or early this week. If you haven't brought your envelope to school already, please have your child bring it to school tomorrow.</p> <p>SMILE AND SAY CHEESE!</p>
	Palo Alto High School	<p>Subject: 1st Quarter Progress Notes</p> <p>Dear Paly students and parents,</p> <p>The 1st quarter progress notes have been posted in the Infinite Campus portal. If you have any questions about a progress note in a particular class, please contact the teacher directly.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Palo Alto High School</p>
09/22/2013	Jordan Middle School	<p>Subject: The Jordan Weekly</p>

09/22/2013	Jordan Middle School	<p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p>This Week's Edition:</p> <p>Mix It Up Day</p> <p>This Week @ Jordan</p> <p>Jordan Dance, Art and Technology</p> <p>Spotlight on Ms. Benson</p> <p>In the Know: Ice Cream Socials, Principal's Coffee, Jordan Gear, Homework Intervention</p> <p>September & October 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/6pr0dms6c3knevbgh7b</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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09/23/2013

**El Carmelo
Elementary**

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**Escondido
Elementary
School**

Subject: Principal's Message/Mensaje de la Directora

Hello Escondido Families,

Thank you all for driving carefully and slowly each morning at drop off and afternoon at pick up. Please note that the bear in the chair will be returning to the parking lot to remind our drivers to slow down and to let children out of the vehicle once the car passes the bear. This allows more cars to enter the parking lot and ensures cyclists are safe as car doors open. Students should exit on the passenger/right side of the vehicle to ensure their safety. The left lane is for passing only. For student safety, children should not exit or enter vehicles from the left lane. Continue to look out for bikers and walkers as you drive slowly in the school parking lot.

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

Hola Familias de Escondido:

Muchas gracias a todos por manejar con cuidado durante la mañana y a la hora de salida. Gracias por recordar que el estacionamiento de atrás y el SCRA no son seguros para dejar o recoger a estudiantes. Por favor recuerden que el osito de peluche sobre la silla va a regresar para recordar a todos los conductores que deben disminuir su velocidad y solo dejar que los niños se bajen del carro cuando hayan llegado al oso. Esto ayuda a que mas carros entren al estacionamiento y asegura que los ciclistas estén seguros. Los estudiantes deben bajar del lado derecho del carro. El carril de la izquierda es solo para pasar. Por favor continuen teniendo precaución con los peatones y ciclistas al manejar en el estacionamiento.

Saludos cordiales,
Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.
Directora de la Escuela de Escondido

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update September 23

Dear Gunn Community,

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

Creating a College List

This Wednesday (September 25) at lunch, the College and Career Center will be presenting "Creating a College List" to help students in applying for college. For more information, please feel free to contact Monica Espinoza at mespinoza@pausd.org.

Practice on Oral Interviews-Each Thursday from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM.

The Gunn College and Career Center will be having workshops for students each Thursday from 2:00-4:00 PM to work on their oral interview skills for the college application process. For more information, please feel free to contact Linda Kirsch at lkirsch@pausd.org

Online Awareness for Parents in the Digital Age October 1 7:00 PM

Student Assembly on Digital Citizenship on October 8 in B Period

As a parent, you remember when advanced communication technology was when your phone had "call waiting" and "three way calling." As you know, times have changed and the way your student communicates with their friends has absolutely exploded from when you were in high school. Changes in social media happen at such a fast pace and social media sites such as Facebook are looked at as passe by many students as new sites gain popularity every week.

We at Gunn feel it is important for our school community to have the tools to navigate through this changing landscape and we're planning a couple of events for parents and students. To better help parents understand the digital age we now live in, Gunn will be hosting My Digital TAT2 with Gloria Moskowitz-Sweet on October 1 at 7:00-8:30 PM in the Gunn Library.

The evening event is recommended to anyone who would like to learn thoughtful ways to help engage your student in a conversation about responsible and ethical behaviors online and teach them how to be responsible and ethical on their online communications.

On October 8, all Gunn students will have a "Digital Citizenship" Assembly in their B period class. Teachers will lead a discussion of social media etiquette that is relevant for students living in today's social media world based on results from a survey students participated in last year.

Parent Information Night for 9th and 12th Graders on October 3 and 9th and 10th and 11th graders on October 9.

On October 3 the counseling department will host an information night for 9th graders (6:30 PM) and 12th graders (7:45 PM) in the Gunn Library. The counselors will go over important information that is pertinent for your child in regards to preparation for college and services the counseling department offers. There will be a similar night for 10th and 11th graders on October 9.

College Fair at Palo Alto High School on October 14 6:30-8:30 PM

The annual College Fair this year will be held at Palo Alto High School on October 14. The evening starts at 6:30 PM and will have representatives from over 100 colleges.

To learn more about the evening, just go to the link below.

http://paly.net/college/making_most_college_fair

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Support PiE

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,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling

Gunn High School

Subject: Gunn New Families Potluck- October 10th

Dear New To Gunn Families,

We here at Gunn recognize that joining, or re-joining, a school community with near 2000 families presents a challenge to making connections. In an effort to bring new families together with one another and to connect them to our dedicated PTSA parents and our staff, we welcome you to join us for the 3rd Annual New Families Potluck on Thursday October 10th from 6:30 to 8:30 in the Library.

Please see the attached flyer and rsvp if you are able to join us.

RSVP to gunnpotluck@gmail.com

Thank you!

The Gunn Administration, in partnership with the PTSA

**Palo Alto
High School**

Subject: Last chance for Free Senior Portraits

Dear Senior Parents,

Please be sure to have your Senior get dressed and ready for the LAST CHANCE FREE Senior portrait session for yearbook portraits - Tuesday during the Tutorial period. Free portraits by professional studio photographers will be taken on campus - check in at the Theater at the beginning of Tutorial tomorrow. All information for Senior Section (portraits and Baby Ads) are on our webpage at www.madrono.paly.net ALL Senior portraits are due October 11th - so don't miss this LAST CHANCE for a free portrait. After October 11th we will use Senior ID photos from Lifetouch for the Senior portrait.

Kind regards,

MADRONO Staff

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<p>09/26/2013</p>	<p>Palo Alto High School</p>	<p>Subject: Paly updated attendance procedures announcement</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Vikings,</p> <p>By now, you've hopefully heard the news that we have updated and improved our attendance procedures effective immediately for the 2013-2014 school year. Details regarding this announcement, including our refinements, rationale and the decision-making process, can be found at http://palyvoice.com/2013/09/26/principal-announces-new-attendance-policy/</p> <p>I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the students of the Paly Voice for their excellent reporting and for eloquently capturing the important details to share with our entire school community. I couldn't have said it better myself!</p> <p>On behalf of the entire staff at Palo Alto High School, we truly believe every minute we have with our students is precious. We are committed to improving the school climate and culture at Paly so that every student feels connected, capable and that they count.</p> <p>With that in mind, I thank you for your support and understanding as we improve student success on our campus.</p> <p>With gratitude,</p> <p>Kim Diorio Principal Palo Alto High School</p>
<p>09/27/2013</p>	<p>Henry M. Gunn High School</p>	<p>Subject: Gunn SLC reminders</p>

<p>09/27/2013</p>	<p>Henry M. Gunn High School</p>	<p>Dear Small Learning Community Families,</p> <p>We want to remind families and students to please submit permission forms and whatever portion of the \$900 donation request your family can afford. We could not offer as many fabulous outdoor learning opportunities without your generous help and support.</p> <p>If you are unsure if all your forms are in, please feel free to email Mrs. Klein at tklein@pausd.org for verification.</p> <p>Your students will receive an additional form that is required for the November 1st Jasper Ridge Field Trip during class next week. Please turn that in to the SLC forms bin in the main office. Attached please find an important page about preparing for our day of hiking and learning in the Biological Preserve.</p> <p>On October 9th, all SLC students will engage in a team-building and leadership workshop hosted by Silicon Valley FACES. Students will remain on campus and will not miss any classes. They will be served lunch as the workshop starts during B period (11:54am) and continues during lunch, F and G period. These are all SLC class periods.</p> <p>We are still looking for interested parents to help plan fun family events as the Social Chair. If anyone is interested, please email Mrs. Klein.</p> <p>We are enjoying getting to know your students better. Thank you for sharing them with us!</p> <p>Kindly,</p> <p>The SLC Team</p>
<p>09/29/2013</p>	<p>Jordan Middle School</p>	<p>Subject: The Jordan Weekly</p>

09/29/2013

Jordan Middle
School

Dear Jordan Families,

Welcome back to the Weekly.

This Week's Edition:

Welcome Back JTV

This Week @ Jordan

Professional Development, PTA Just Parties

Spotlight on Memorable Experiences

In the Know: Ice Cream Socials, Parent Brunches, Jordan Gear, JAG SWAGS

October Calendar & Important Dates

The Jordan Cup

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