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02/01/2014	Palo Alto High School	<p data-bbox="410 132 1008 163">Subject: Final Corrections for Yearbook this Week</p> <p data-bbox="410 296 581 327">Dear Seniors,</p> <p data-bbox="410 354 1417 506">We have printed the Senior portraits section and posted it in Room 101. Please stop by at any brunch, lunch, Tutorial or 7th period this week through Thursday to make corrections or changes - like spelling your name correctly :-). We must have all corrections completed by Thursday. Please do not disrupt classes during 2-3-4-6 periods.</p> <p data-bbox="410 590 643 621">The Madrono Staff</p>
02/02/2014	Jordan Middle School	<p data-bbox="410 783 753 814">Subject: The Jordan Weekly</p> <p data-bbox="410 884 680 915">Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p data-bbox="410 942 769 974">Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p data-bbox="410 1058 724 1089">This Week's Edition:</p> <p data-bbox="410 1117 621 1148">Paris in Palo Alto</p> <p data-bbox="410 1176 669 1207">This Week @ Jordan</p> <p data-bbox="410 1234 709 1266">Jordan International Fair</p> <p data-bbox="410 1293 1414 1356">In the Know: Day of Service, Jordan Transition Dates, Principal's Coffee, 5 Day Weekend</p> <p data-bbox="410 1383 638 1415">Spotlight on: AVID</p> <p data-bbox="410 1442 862 1474">February Calendar & Important Dates</p> <p data-bbox="410 1501 610 1533">The Jordan Cup</p> <p data-bbox="410 1623 1003 1654">Please Click on, or copy and paste the link below:</p> <p data-bbox="410 1682 956 1713">https://app.box.com/s/d4g70rg2xqbr6zak3s1v</p> <p data-bbox="410 1797 1151 1860">The Weekly can also be read by visiting our school website at: http://www.jordan.pausd.org NEWS>JORDAN WEEKLY.</p> <p data-bbox="410 1944 794 2039">Gregory Barnes, Principal, Jordan Middle School</p>

02/03/2014

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update February 3

Dear Gunn Community,

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

If You're Sick, Please Stay Home (All Grades)

We all know that good attendance is crucial for academic success, however, if your child is sick, please err on the side of caution and keep your child home. Like clockwork, about three to four weeks into a semester, we start getting a rash of health related absences and the past couple of weeks we have seen an increase of cases of the flu and the common cold.

While nobody wants their child to fall behind, they are at greater risk of getting themselves sicker and others sick if they come to school when they are under the weather. We ask that you please keep your child home if they are ill so they can fully recover before they return.

Special Schedules Coming Up

February 4 (Tuesday) AMC Testings (All Grades)

Tomorrow (Tuesday), approximately 500 students will be taking the AMC math test beginning at 8:25 AM. All students who will be taking the test have been informed.

For the rest of the students, classes will start at 10:00 AM and there will be shorter class periods with no tutorial. Please check the Google calendar on the Gunn website for details on the schedule.

Schedule for February 10, 11, 12 (All Grades)

Because students will have a short week the week of February 10, each class will only meet twice. Please check the Google calendar on the Gunn website for details on the schedule.

PLAN Scores for Sophomores (10th Grade)

Similar to how we did an assembly for the juniors and their PSAT scores, we'll also do one for the sophomores on February 19. The PLAN test is to the ACT what the PSAT is to the SAT. We'll help sophomores analyze how they did and areas of growth for them. In addition, the assembly will also explore the use of Naviance as a tool for the students to use during their time at Gunn.

Titan 101 on Thursday (9th Grade)

The Gunn Counselors will meet with Titan 101 groups 15-21 to check in to see how their students are doing and also go over the course signup process for 2014-2015 that will begin at the end of the month.

Titan 101 Survey (9th Grade)

After introducing Titan 101 in 2011-2012, we have looked at ways at improving the program. A couple of key areas that have been added have been older students coming to sessions and sessions with the counselors. Last month, our freshmen did a survey on their thoughts on their Titan 101 experience and the results have shown significant improvement over the results from two years ago.

Here are some of the survey highlights.

This year, 74% of the freshmen agree that "A freshman transition program is important when entering high school." This is up from 60% in 2012.

This year, 52% of freshmen agree that "Titan 101 helped me with my transition to high school." This is up from 17% in 2012.

This year, 74% of freshmen agree that "Titan 101 helped me feel connected to the Gunn community." This is up from 19% in 2012.

Upcoming Events

Foothill Middle College Visit on February 11 (10th and 11th Grade)

On February 11 at 10:45 AM, Gunn will have a representative from Foothill College come to the College and Career Center and talk about the Foothill Middle College program that is available for our students.

Foothill Middle College is designed for rising juniors and seniors to finish up their high school education requirements while also taking community college courses. It is a great program for students who are college bound and want an alternative environment to what a full comprehensive high school offers.

If you have further questions about the program, please feel free to email me.

Progress Reports

The end of this week (February 7) marks the halfway point of the third quarter of school and progress reports will be sent out next week to all students who are struggling in a class. The progress reports will be made available by next Wednesday (February 12).

Thanks for all of your support and see you soon.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky
Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling
Gunn High School
tjacoubowsky@pausd.org

**Nixon
Elementary
School**

Subject: Registration for Incoming Kindergarten Siblings (14-15)

We have your child on our list as an incoming kindergarten sibling for the 2014-2015 school year. Please make sure you do not miss the priority registration period which ends February 13th. If you decide not to send your kindergartener in the Fall, we would appreciate it if you could let us know.

If you have any questions, please contact me at bbrewer@pausd.org or 650-856-1622.

Thank you,

Becky Brewer, Nixon Secretary

02/04/2014

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: Registration for Advanced Placement Testing is now open

02/04/2014	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Dear Gunn Students and Families,</p> <p>Registration for 2014 Advanced Placement (AP) Testing is now open.</p> <p>AP Testing is for students who are currently enrolled in an Advanced Placement course, and occasionally for students who have studied independently or at a different institution that does not offer AP testing.</p> <p>AP Testing is an end-of-course assessment and NOT for students who want to take AP classes next year.</p> <p>Registration is open until March 2nd; late registration (with an additional fee) closes March 16th. Please CAREFULLY read the attached document or visit the Gunn website http://gunn.pausd.org/features/2014-ap-exam-registration-information for complete details.</p> <p>ALL registration is done through the online service Total Registration. You can find the link in the attached document and on the weblink above.</p> <p>Please contact Assistant Principal Trinity Klein at 650-354-8227 or tklein@pausd.org with any questions.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
	Hoover Elementary School	<p>Subject: Child care is available for the CCSS parent evening. Please RSVP</p> <p>Dear Hoover Families,</p> <p>I am pleased to announce that child care will be provided during our Common Core State Standards parent evening. Please join us next Tuesday, February, 11, from 7:00-8:30 PM, for an informational and interactive look at the Common Core State Standards and new Smarter Balanced Assessments. This important information will help you to better support your child as we continue to align our programs with the standards and prepare for the new assessments.</p> <p>This event will require an RSVP, as we will need to prepare enough laptops for parent use and enough adult supervision for our students. Please RSVP to Ms. Betty either in person, or at bodom@pausd.org, and let her know how many adults and how many children will be attending. RSVPs should be received by Monday, February 10, at noon.</p> <p>I encourage your attendance and hope to see you on Tuesday.</p> <p>Warm regards,</p> <p>Katy Bimpson</p> <p>Principal</p>
02/05/2014	El Carmelo Elementary	Subject: El Carmelo - Family Engineering Day 2/9

02/05/2014

**El Carmelo
Elementary**

Dear families,

This year, for the Math & Science Exploration Day, El Carmelo is proud to bring Family Engineering to our school! It will be held this Sunday, February 9 from 2-5pm.

This program actively engages elementary school kids and their parents in hands-on engineering activities.

Program:

2-3 P.M. – Explore 10 hands-on activities designed for kids and parents to think about different fields of engineering: mechanical, aerospace, civil, materials, chemical, biomedical and environmental.

3-4 P.M. – Families will tackle two fun engineering challenges, working in a team, and will accomplish something facing real-life constraints!

Event chair Tais Schmitt and I hope to see you there!

Chuck Merritt

**Escondido
Elementary
School**

Subject: Principal's Coffee 2/6/14 - Caf  con la Directora 6/2/14

Greetings Escondido Families,

Please join me for our next Principal's Coffee on Thursday, February 6th from 8:15-9:00AM in the staff lounge. Elementary Director, Kathleen Meagher, will be sharing a draft of the new report card with Escondido parents to get input from you. As you know, we are implementing the Common Core State Standards, therefore, the PAUSD has a committee of teachers and parents creating a new report card to reflect these standards for the 2014-15 school year. The report card committee is looking forward to receiving input from you.

I look forward to seeing you Thursday morning,
Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.
Principal, Escondido Elementary School

Saludos, familias de Escondido:

Estos todos invitados al Caf  con la Directora el Jueves 6 de Febrero, de 8:15 a 9:00 am, en la salita de descanso de los maestros.

La directora de la escuela Primaria Kathlen Meagher compartir  un borrador de la nueva libreta de informe escolar con los padres de familia, para recibir comentarios y opiniones de ustedes. Como ustedes ya saben, estamos implementando los est ndares b sicos comunes del estado, Common Core State Standards. Por lo tanto PAUSD form  un comit  de maestros y de padres de familia para crear una nueva libreta de reporte que refleje dichos est ndares, para el a o escolar 2014-2015. El comit  de la libreta del informe escolar busca recibir sus reacciones y opiniones.

Estoy deseosa de verlos en la ma ana del jueves,

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

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: Titan 101 Groups 15-21 on Thursday (February 6)

02/05/2014

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Dear Freshmen Families,

Titan 101 Groups 15-21 on Thursday (February 6)

This is a reminder that beginning tomorrow (Thursday) at 2:37 PM, the Gunn Counselors will be meeting with their Titan 101 students. Tomorrow, Titan 101 groups 15-21 will gather in their normal Titan 101 classrooms to meet with their counselor to go over how the year is going and to give them information to get ready for course registration that will begin at the end of this month.

Subject: Titan 101 Groups 15-21 on Thursday (February 6)

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This is a reminder that beginning tomorrow (Thursday) at 2:37 PM, the Gunn Counselors will be meeting with their Titan 101 students. Tomorrow, Titan 101 groups 15-21 will gather in their normal Titan 101 classrooms to meet with their counselor to go over how the year is going and to give them information to get ready for course registration that will begin at the end of this month.

**Terman
Middle School**

Subject: Terman Middle School - 8th Grade Promotion News

02/05/2014

Terman Middle School

Dear 8th Grade Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe that our kids will be moving toward high school soon and that the 8th Grade Promotion Party is only 4 months away! First, we want to thank those 68 families (about 30% of our class) who have had a chance to donate to the 8th grade promotion party.

As a reminder to everyone, the promotion party is completely self-funded by our class, and we are not allocated any money through the Terman PTA. Our greatest source of funding for the promotion party is from you - our 8th grade families.

If you haven't had a chance to contribute towards the promotion party and would like to, there's still time! Any amount of gift is welcome, and a gift of \$50 or more will include your student's admission ticket to the dance and dinner.

Your donation minus the ticket price (when determined) will be tax deductible and a letter serving as your receipt will be mailed to you by April.

To make a donation, please make your check payable to Terman Middle School PTA - 8th Grade Promotion. You may drop off your donation check in the PTA mailbox in the Terman Main Office or mail to: Terman Middle school PTA-8th Grade Promotion, 655 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto, CA 94306

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

If you have questions, please contact Your 8th Grade Promotion Co-Chairs [REDACTED]

Thank you!

02/06/2014

Escondido Elementary School

Subject: New Report Card/Nueva Libreta de Reporte

Greetings Escondido Families,
Please join me for our next Principal's Coffee on Monday, February 10th from 6:30-7:00PM in the Escondido Library. I will be sharing a draft of the new report card to get input from you. As you know, we are implementing the Common Core State Standards, therefore, the PAUSD has a committee of teachers and parents creating a new report card to reflect these standards for the 2014-15 school year. The report card committee is looking forward to receiving input from you.

I look forward to seeing you Monday evening,
Dana; L. Reynolds, M.Ed.
Principal, Escondido Elementary School

Saludos, familias de Escondido:
Est;n todos invitados al Caf; con la Directora el lunes 10 de Febrero, 6:30 -7:00 PM, en la biblioteca de Escondido. Voy a compartir un borrador de la nueva libreta de informe escolar, para recibir opiniones de ustedes

Como ustedes ya saben, estamos implementando los est;ndares b;sicos comunes del estado - Common Core State Standards-. Por lo tanto PAUSD formo; un comit; de maestros y de padres de familia para crear una nueva libreta de reporte que refleje dichos est;ndares, para el a;o escolar 2014-2015. El comit; de la libreta del informe escolar busca recibir sus reacciones y opiniones.

Estoy deseosa de verlos el lunes por la noche.

Dana; L. Reynolds, M.Ed.
Principal, Escondido Elementary School

02/06/2014

**Juana
Briones
Elementary
School**

Subject: Cultural Day/ New Report Card for 14-15 School Year

Dear Briones Community,

Tomorrow is Cultural and Country Day

Tomorrow (Friday) is Cultural and Country Day in honor of the 2014 Winter Olympics. Wear something that represents your family's background, or a country you have studied, and look forward to watching the competitions in the Olympics next week.

New Report Card coming in the 14-15 school year

With the transition to Common Core State Standards, a new K-5 report card is being developed for the 2014-2015 school year. Staff and parent groups have been working since September to design a new report card aligned with the Common Core Standards. In addition, we have used this as an opportunity to consider changes in format and to make the language more parent-friendly.

The Common Core Standards address the content areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics; therefore the most significant changes will be seen in these areas. 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. Efforts have been made to streamline all content on the report card, to make the language more understandable to parents, and to identify performance labels that are more effective in helping describe student progress.

During the month of February, all elementary staff and parents are being asked to review a first draft of the revised report card. If you are interested in reviewing the first draft, please join us at the next School Site Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 11th at 3:15 PM in the library.

For more information about how the committees were formed, the timeline for the work, and a link to a PowerPoint presentation designed for use with parent groups to gain input, visit:
<http://pausd.org/community/Committees/ElementaryReportCard/index.shtml>

Thank you!

02/07/2014

**Hoover
Elementary
School**

Subject: Important Invention Convention Information

Mrs. Rigas needs parent volunteers to help set-up the Invention Convention on Monday, February 24th. Please e-mail her at srigas@comcast.net if you can make yourself available on this day. You will be contacted directly to coordinate a time that will work best for you. Take a look at the hours and tasks summarized below for more

details. The success of previous Invention Conventions has been made possible thanks to parents like you.

HOURS

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

10:20 a.m. to noon

12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Times can be tailored to your own availability. The preliminary table set-up starting at 8:00 determines how soon students can be called to come set-up. More parents during this time is appreciated.

TASKS

- Covering and arranging tables needs to be completed before students can set-up.

- Moving hot lunch tables outside to accommodate lunch service.

- Letting classrooms know when it is their turn to come to the MP room. We call classes from one grade before moving to another. This takes some time.

- Manning the student sign-in desk where they initial their name on their class roster and pick up a DO NOT TOUCH sign, if needed. Special attention is required for students who need an outlet for electricity or over sized inventions.

- Giving each student or team the label with their name/room to place in the top center position on the back of their board. This makes returning boards after the invention convention much more efficient.

- Ensuring that students fill up one table before moving to the next in grade order sequence.

- Helping with student display set-up, as needed.

- Taking pictures of each individual or team BEFORE they return to their classrooms.

- Working on MP Room bulletin boards or hanging student contributions on walls, as needed.

- Helping with other miscellaneous set-up tasks that require attention.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Katy Bimpson

02/09/2014

Jordan Middle School

Subject: The Jordan Weekly

Dear Jordan Families,

Welcome back to the Weekly.

This Week's Edition:

Valentine's Day Dance

This Week @ Jordan

Jordan International Fair & Sixth Grade Ice Skating

In the Know: Day of Service, Jordan Transition Dates, Elective Night, 5 Day Weekend

Spotlight on: Teacher Newsletters

February Calendar & Important Dates

The Jordan Cup

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<https://app.box.com/s/kmw7oq7sbuecclv7foq2>

The Weekly can also be read by visiting our school website at:
<http://www.jordan.pausd.org> NEWS>JORDAN WEEKLY.

Gregory Barnes,

Principal, Jordan Middle School

02/10/2014

Henry M. Gunn High School

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update February 10

Dear Gunn Community,

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

If You're Sick, Please Stay Home (All Grades)

We all know that good attendance is crucial for academic success, however, if your child is sick, please err on the side of caution and keep your child home. Like clockwork, about three to four weeks into a semester, we start getting a rash of health related absences and the past couple of weeks we have seen an increase of cases of the flu and the common cold. Those of us in the counseling office can personally attest to this year's outbreak of the cold and flu as basically everybody has missed a day or two to illness.

While nobody wants their child to fall behind, they are at greater risk of getting themselves sicker and others sick if they come to school when they are under the weather. We ask that you please keep your child home if they are ill so they can fully recover before they return.

Progress Reports (All Grades)

All progress reports for students who are in danger of failing will be made available online on Wednesday evening. A paper copy will be mailed out at the end of the week.

Sophomore Conferences (10th Grade)

Counselors are continuing to meet with their sophomores to check in to see how they're doing and to review their four year academic plan. After their sophomore conference is over, a copy of their four year plan along with the student's PLAN results from their test they took this past October will be mailed home.

Sophomore Assembly (10th Grade)

Similar to last month's assembly for the juniors, the sophomores will have an assembly next Wednesday (February 19) to go over in depth the results of their ACT PLAN test. The ACT PLAN test is similar to the PSAT as it gives students an opportunity to see how they will do on the ACT Test.

In addition to going over the PLAN results, the sophomores will also receive training on how to use Naviance. Naviance is an invaluable tool that helps students learn more about colleges and helps them plan accordingly for the college application process.

Course Selections for 2013-2014 (9th, 10th, 11th Grade)

Beginning in two weeks the Gunn Counselors will be meeting with 9th, 10th and 11th

grade students in their English classes to begin the process of registering them for classes for next year. The counselors will review graduation requirements, elective classes, course selections and everything that is involved with students picking their classes for next year.

The format will be different this year as each counselor will be meeting in groups with specifically their students to go over the information.

Infinite Campus will open up on February 28 for students to make their course selections and will close on March 10. Students will receive verification of their course selections by March 18 and they will be due back on March 25.

Incoming Freshmen Meet the Counselors (8th Grade)

Over the past week the Gunn Counselors have had an opportunity to meet all the incoming 9th grade students from our Palo Alto Middle Schools. The students received their course registration forms that will be due back to their middle school by February 21.

No School on Thursday, Friday and Next Monday (All Grades)

A reminder that students will have this Thursday (staff development day) and Friday (local holiday), In addition, the students will have Monday of for President's Day. We hope our students enjoy their five day weekend.

Upcoming Events

Elective Fair February 26

At lunch on February 26, all Gunn teaches of electives will be out in the quad to talk about elective options for students for 2014-2015.

Thanks again for all of your support and see you soon.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling

Gunn High School

02/11/2014

Palo Alto
High School

Subject: Message from Paly Principal

Dear Paly Parents and Students,

Please find attached a message to our community regarding our decision to postpone our English 9A pilot and instead continue to offer both English 9 and English 9A for our freshman class in 2014-2015.

I'm extremely proud of the hard work and dedication of our entire 9th grade English Teaching Team as we continually work on improving English instruction at our school. Finally, I'd like to thank our community for your support, honest feedback and patience as we work towards providing a rich and rigorous curriculum for all students.

Thank you for your support,

Kim Diorio

Principal

Subject: Information and Times for Upcoming Statewide Testing for 9th Grade Students

Hello 9th grade Students and Parents,

We wanted to give you information and schedules below for the upcoming testing days in March and April. This year is a transition year as we move to Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA's), while still administering a small number of California Standards Tests (CST's).

Freshmen will not be participating in the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam), SBA's, nor the CST's. This means that on Tuesday, March 18, classes will start for Freshmen at 1:20 pm. On Wednesday, March 19, classes will start at 12:35 pm. On Monday, April 14, Freshmen will not have to attend school since there will be no classes that day, only testing. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 15th.

The detailed schedules for those days can be seen below and also at

Thank you,

Paly Staff

Schedule for Tuesday, March 18th and Wednesday, March 19th

Tuesday Testing

Times

Wednesday Testing

Times

CAHSEE ELA

8:15 - 12:40 pm

CAHSEE Math

8:15 - 11:55 am

Smarter Balanced - computer-enhanced

9:40 - 12:40 p.m.

Smarter Balanced - performance task

9:25 -11:55 am

Lunch

12:40 - 1:15

Lunch

11:55 - 12:30 pm

2nd period

1:20 - 1:55

1st period

12:35 - 1:10

4th period

2:00 - 2:35

3rd period

1:15 - 1:50

6th period

2:40 - 3:15

5th period

1:55 - 2:30

7th period

2:35 - 3:10

Schedule for Monday, April 14th

April 14th for Juniors

Schedule

Subject/Class Period

Time Allotted

8:15 - 9:45

CST English Language Arts, part 1

90 min.

9:45 -10:00

Brunch

15 min.

10:05 - 11:35

CST English Language Arts, part 2

90 min.

11:35 - 12:10

Lunch

35 min.

12:15 - 1:40

CST Math, part 1

85 min.

1:40 - 1:50

Break

10 min.

1:55 - 3:20

CST Math, part 2

85 min.

April 14th for Sophomores

Schedule

Subject/Class Period

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Subject: Information and Times for Upcoming Statewide Testing for 10th Grade Students

Hello 10th grade Students and Parents,

We wanted to give you information and schedules below for the upcoming testing days in March and April. This year is a transition year as we move to Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA's), while still administering a small number of California Standards Tests (CST's).

All Sophomores will be taking the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam) on Tuesday, March 18 and Wednesday, March 19 and the CST science on Monday, April 14. For CAHSEE, testing will start on both days at 8:15 am. On Monday, April 14, Sophomores will start testing at 8:15 am and finish at 10:20 am. There will be no classes the rest of the day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 15th.

The detailed schedules for those days can be seen below and also at <http://www.paly.net/events2>

Thank you,

Paly Staff

Schedule for Tuesday, March 18th and Wednesday, March 19th

Tuesday Testing

Times

Wednesday Testing

Times

CAHSEE ELA

8:15 - 12:40 pm

CAHSEE Math

8:15 - 11:55 am

Smarter Balanced - computer-enhanced

9:40 - 12:40 p.m.

Smarter Balanced - performance task

9:25 - 11:55 am

Lunch

12:40 - 1:15

Lunch

11:55 - 12:30 pm

2nd period

1:20 - 1:55

1st period

12:35 - 1:10

4th period

2:00 - 2:35

3rd period

1:15 - 1:50

6th period

2:40 - 3:15

5th period

1:55 - 2:30

7th period

2:35 - 3:10

Schedule for Monday, April 14th

April 14th for Juniors

Schedule

Subject/Class Period

Time Allotted

8:15 - 9:45

CST English Language Arts, part 1

90 min.

9:45 - 10:00

Brunch

15 min.

10:05 - 11:35

CST English Language Arts, part 2

90 min.

11:35 - 12:10

Lunch

35 min.

12:15 - 1:40

CST Math, part 1

85 min.

1:40 - 1:50

Break

10 min.

1:55 - 3:20

CST Math, part 2

85 min.

April 14th for Sophomores

Schedule

Subject/Class Period

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Subject: Information and Times for Upcoming Statewide Testing for 11th Grade Students

Hello 11th grade Students and Parents,

We wanted to give you information and schedules (below) for the upcoming testing days in March and April. This year is a transition year as we move to Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA's), while still administering a small number of California Standards Tests (CST's).

Juniors will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessments on Tuesday, March 18 and Wednesday, March 19 and the CST English and Math on Monday, April 14. For SBA, testing will start at 9:40 am on March 18 and 9:25 am on March 19. On Monday, April 14, Juniors will start testing at 8:15 am and finish at 3:20 pm. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 15th.

The detailed schedules for those days can be seen below and also at <http://www.paly.net/events2>

Room assignments and more information will be shared in the upcoming weeks. If you would like to find out more information about SBA's, please look at <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/> or <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/>

Thank you,

Paly Staff

Schedule for Tuesday, March 18th and Wednesday, March 19th

Tuesday Testing

Times

Wednesday Testing

Times

CAHSEE ELA

8:15 - 12:40 pm

CAHSEE Math

8:15 - 11:55 am

Smarter Balanced - computer-enhanced

9:40 - 12:40 p.m.

Smarter Balanced - performance task

9:25 -11:55 am

Lunch

12:40 - 1:15

Lunch

11:55 - 12:30 pm

2nd period

1:20 - 1:55

1st period

12:35 - 1:10

4th period

2:00 - 2:35

3rd period

1:15 - 1:50

6th period

2:40 - 3:15

5th period

1:55 - 2:30

7th period

2:35 - 3:10

Schedule for Monday, April 14th

April 14th for Juniors

Schedule

Subject/Class Period

Time Allotted

8:15 - 9:45

CST English Language Arts, part 1

90 min.

9:45 -10:00

Brunch

15 min.

10:05 - 11:35

CST English Language Arts, part 2

90 min.

11:35 - 12:10

Lunch

35 min.

12:15 - 1:40

CST Math, part 1

85 min.

1:40 - 1:50

Break

10 min.

1:55 - 3:20

CST Math, part 2

85 min.

April 14th for Sophomores
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Subject: Information and Times for Upcoming Statewide Testing for 12th Grade

Hello 12th grade Students and Parents,

We wanted to give you information and schedules for the upcoming testing days in March and April. This year is a transition year as we move to Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA's), while still administering a small number of California Standards Tests (CST's).

Seniors will not be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessments, the CAHSEE, nor the CST. This means on Tuesday, March 18, seniors will start classes at 1:20 pm. On Wednesday, March 19, seniors will start classes at 12:35 pm. On Monday, April 14, seniors will not attend school that day as they will not be taking any tests. On Tuesday, April 15, classes will resume as normal.

The detailed schedules for those days can be seen below and also at <http://www.paly.net/events2>

Thank you,

Paly Staff

Schedule for Tuesday, March 18th and Wednesday, March 19th

Tuesday Testing

Times

Wednesday Testing

Times

CAHSEE ELA

8:15 - 12:40 pm

CAHSEE Math

8:15 - 11:55 am

Smarter Balanced - computer-enhanced

9:40 - 12:40 p.m.

Smarter Balanced - performance task

9:25 - 11:55 am

Lunch

12:40 - 1:15

Lunch

11:55 - 12:30 pm

2nd period

1:20 - 1:55

1st period

12:35 - 1:10

4th period

2:00 - 2:35

3rd period

1:15 - 1:50

6th period

2:40 - 3:15

5th period

1:55 - 2:30

7th period

2:35 - 3:10

Schedule for Monday, April 14th

April 14th for Juniors

Schedule

Subject/Class Period

Time Allotted

8:15 - 9:45

CST English Language Arts, part 1

90 min.

9:45 - 10:00

Brunch

15 min.

10:05 - 11:35

CST English Language Arts, part 2

90 min.

11:35 - 12:10

Lunch

35 min.

12:15 - 1:40

CST Math, part 1

85 min.

1:40 - 1:50

Break

10 min.

1:55 - 3:20

CST Math, part 2

85 min.

April 14th for Sophomores

Schedule

Subject/Class Period

Time A

02/12/2014

**El Carmelo
Elementary**

Subject: El Carmelo - Long holiday weekend

Dear families,

Wishing you a restful Presidents' Day weekend. As you know, tomorrow through next Monday is a holiday for your kids. The teachers and I will be developing our Common Core writing curricula tomorrow in the company of Addison Elementary staff.

Friday is the district celebration of Washington's Birthday and Monday the celebration of Lincoln's Birthday. We are looking forward to our getting together again on Tuesday, February 18th.

See you then,

Chuck Merritt

**Juana
Briones
Elementary
School**

Subject: No School- 2/13-2/17

02/12/2014	Juana Briones Elementary School	<p>Dear Briones Families,</p> <p>Please remember that there is no school tomorrow, February 13th, due to Staff Development Day, and no school on February 14th and February 17th due to President Lincoln and Washington's Birthdays. Enjoy your long five-day weekend and have a Happy Valentine's Day!</p>
	Nixon Elementary School	<p>Subject: No School Reminder (2/13, 2/14 & 2/17)</p> <p>This is a reminder from Nixon Elementary School that there will be no school on Thursday, February 13th for a Staff Development Day, Friday, February 14th and Monday, February 17th in observance of Presidents' Day. School will resume on Tuesday, February 18th. Hope you all enjoy the long weekend.</p> <p>Becky Brewer, Nixon Secretary</p>
02/13/2014	Palo Alto High School	<p>Subject: 3rd quarter progress notes</p> <p>Dear Paly students and parents,</p> <p>The 3rd 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>
02/17/2014	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Subject: Gunn Counseling Update February 17</p> <p>Dear Gunn Community,</p> <p>Here is this week's update from the Gunn Counseling Department</p> <p>Progress Reports (All Grades)</p> <p>A reminder that progress reports are now available online on Infinite Campus. All students who received a progress report will receive a copy in the mail this week.</p>

Course Registration for 2014-2015 (9th, 10th, 11th Grades)

Beginning next week, the Gunn Counselors will be meeting with 9th, 10th and 11th grade students in English rooms to begin the process of registering them for classes for next year. The counselors will review graduation requirements, elective classes, course selections and everything that is involved with students picking their classes for next year.

The format will be different this year as each counselor will be meeting in groups with specifically their students to go over the information.

Infinite Campus will open up on February 28 for students to make their course selections and will close on March 10. Students will receive verification of their course selections by March 18 and they will be due back on March 25.

To learn more about course registration, check out our guidance website page on the link below. Our new updated website is full of valuable information, including the course catalog, that will make the process easier than ever.

gunn.pausd.org/registration

Sophomore Assembly on Wednesday (10th Grade)

On Wednesday morning (February 19) during E period, we will be having an assembly for all sophomores to go over their ACT PLAN tests they took this past October and have a session on our Naviance software system that is available to all students to help them with the college application process.

The PLAN test is similar to the PSAT test that students take their junior year. The PLAN test gives students an idea of how they'll do on the ACT test and it will show them areas of growth for them to work on to improve their academics. Students will receive their PLAN booklet so they can compare their answers to the questions.

In addition to going over PLAN, our college and career center adviser, Leighton Lang, will cover our Naviance program that is available to all students. Naviance is a powerful tool for students to use to research colleges they may be interested in attending.

Senioritis (12th Grade)

As seniors are now in the midst of their final semester, it is time to be on the lookout

for "Senioritis"

Senioritis can 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 school work that they have in the past. Senioritis can be contagious so it's important to make sure your student doesn't become afflicted.

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.

Upcoming Events

Sources of Strength Training for Peer Leaders on Tuesday (All Grades)

Tomorrow (Tuesday, February 18), 25 students and 12 faculty members, including administration, will participate in a four hour workshop facilitated by the national Sources of Strength (SOS) suicide prevention organization. SOS is sponsored by the Lucille Packard Children's Hospital and the University of Rochester. In addition, SOS has also been sponsored by Gunn's ROCK (Reach Out Care Know) group and supported by Gunn Counseling and has been a staple of Gunn the past three years. In that time, over 100 students have gone through the introductory training.

The training focuses on empowering Peer Leaders who work with "trusted adults" to identify sources of strength in their lives as a way to gain resiliency, increase connectedness and spread the message of "Hope, Health and Strength."

To learn more about SOS, just click the link below.

<http://sourcesofstrength.org>

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PiE (All Grades)

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Thanks again for all of your support and see you soon.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling

Gunn High School

02/18/2014	El Carmelo Elementary	<p>Subject: El Carmelo - Coffee & Bingo</p> <hr/> <p>Dear families</p> <p>Two events happening really soon:</p> <p>Wed 2/19 (tomorrow!) Coffee with the Principal 8:30am in the Library. I'll show the drafts of the Revised Report Cards to anyone interested for comments/feedback.</p> <p>Thu 2/20 is Bingo Night in the MP Room at 6pm. Annual fun event!</p> <p>Chuck Merritt cmerritt@pausd.org</p>
02/19/2014	Escondido Elementary School	Subject: Talent Show Friday & Saturday/Talent Show - es este fin de semana

02/19/2014

Escondido
Elementary
School

Greetings Escondido Families,

The Talent Show is this weekend! I want to encourage you all to attend the fantastic show. Come and support your fellow classmates and friends. They have practiced and prepared and are ready to perform. You will be entertained and amazed by the diverse skills and talents of the Escondido students.

Talent Showtimes:

Friday, Feb. 21, 4pm - Cast A: The Hollywood Cast

Friday, Feb. 21, 7pm - Cast B: The Broadway Cast

Saturday, Feb. 22, 4pm - Cast B: The Broadway Cast

Saturday, Feb. 22, 7pm - Cast A: The Hollywood Cast

Tickets on sale before and after school; limited tickets sold at the door. Adult \$5 and Child \$3.

Thank you,

Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.

Principal, Escondido Elementary School

Saludos, Familias de Escondido:

El espectaculo de los Talentos - Talent Show - ¡es este fin de semana! Quiero animar a todos para que asistan a este fantástico espectáculo. Vengan a apoyar a sus compañeros y amigos. Ellos han practicado y preparado sus números y están listos para presentarse. Ustedes se divertirán y quedarán maravillados por las diversas habilidades y talentos de los estudiantes de Escondido.

Presentaciones del Talent Show:

• Viernes, 21 de Febrero, 4pm- Reparto A: Hollywood

• Viernes 21 de Febrero, 7pm: Reparto B: Broadway

• Sábado 22 de Febrero, 4pm: Reparto B: Broadway

• Sábado 22 de Febrero, 7pm: Reparto A: Hollywood

Los tiquetes se están vendiendo antes y después de la escuela. Habrá venta limitada de tiquetes en la entrada, antes de las presentaciones. Adultos \$5 y niños \$3.

Gracias,

Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.

Principal, Escondido Elementary School

02/20/2014

Escondido
Elementary
School

Subject: Important Message from the Escondido Librarian

02/20/2014	Escondido Elementary School	<p>Dear Escondido Families, On Tuesday of this week the new PAUSD Library Circulation system went live. As a result, I need ALL library books checked out prior to this week returned by FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21. On Friday I will begin generating lost book bills for any outstanding library books as I prepare to close out our old circulation system.</p> <p>PLEASE help your children to locate, and return, their Escondido library books. At this time, there are still almost 600 books in circulation on our old system. I greatly appreciate your assistance in resolving this matter in a timely fashion. Please contact me if you have any questions.</p> <p>Regards, Nina Bailey</p> <p>Nina Bailey, M.Ed. Library Media Teacher Spanish Immersion Lead Teacher Escondido Elementary School Palo Alto Unified School District</p> <p>Phone: 650.856.1337, ext. 4655 Fax: 650.424.1079</p>
02/21/2014	Escondido Elementary School	Subject: Lice/Piojos

02/21/2014

Escondido
Elementary
School

Dear Escondido Families,

As some of you may know, we have had lice in three of our classrooms. To support you with preventing and removing lice from your child's hair, our District nurse will be providing a workshop for parents on this topic on Tuesday, February 25th at 8:30AM in the Escondido MP Room. Please join us!

If you are unable to make this training, additional information regarding performing regular lice checks on your children at home can be found on the district's Health and Wellness page at <http://pausd.org/parents/services/health/>. Scroll to the bottom of the page for information on head lice, including the PAUSD Lice Protocol and Board Policy. Educational materials and videos are posted for families to use for performing regular lice checks at home throughout the school year. Please inform Bella, Judy or JaLynn in the office at 856-1337 if you discover head lice, so that we can send home exposure notices. The best way to control head lice is parents regularly checking your children at home.

Thank you for your work on this!

Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.

Principal, Escondido Elementary School

Apreciadas familias de Escondido:

Como algunos de ustedes ya lo saben, hemos tenido casos de piojos en tres de nuestros salones. Con el fin de ayudarlos a ustedes a prevenir y eliminar piojos del cabello de sus hijos, la enfermera de nuestro Distrito estaré ofreciendo un taller para los padres sobre este tema. El taller tendrá lugar el Martes 25 de Febrero a las 8:30 am, en el salón múltiple de Escondido. Por favor acompañenos!

Si no pueden asistir a este taller, es posible encontrar más información sobre cómo realizar constantes revisiones del cabello de sus niños en casa. Esta información se encuentra en la página de la salud y Bienestar del Distrito en <http://pausd.org/parents/services/health/>. Busquen al final de la página la información sobre piojos de la cabeza, incluyendo el Protocolo para el manejo de los piojos de PAUSD y la Política de Junta Directiva. Se ha publicado material educativo y videos para el uso de las familias, sobre cómo realizar las revisiones regulares de piojos en casa a lo largo del año escolar. Por favor informe a Bella, Judy o JaLynn en la oficina, al teléfono 856-1337 si descubren piojos, para poder enviar notas de advertencia a las casas. La mejor forma de controlar los piojos, es la revisión constante de los niños en el hogar.

Gracias,

Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.

Principal, Escondido Elementary School

Subject: Sewage Leak

02/21/2014	Escondido Elementary School	<p>Dear Escondido Families,</p> <p>We had a sewage leak on campus on Thursday afternoon and early this morning near room L-6 and the staff bathrooms in the library quad due to a tree root obstructing the sewer line. As a result, some children may have been exposed to raw sewage. Sewage contains bacteria, viruses and other germs that can cause illness. The most common illnesses one might acquire are generally gastrointestinal (GI) distress and/or skin rashes/infections.</p> <p>The area has been cleaned, contained and students have not had access to the area today. The District Maintenance Department is currently working on this issue.</p> <p>When your child returns home from school please have them wash completely with soap and water, launder all clothing and clean shoes.</p> <p>If your child experiences any GI symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) or skin rashes or infections contact your Doctor.</p> <p>Sincerely, Dana Reynolds, M.Ed. Principal, Escondido Elementary School</p>
	Palo Verde Elementary School	<p>Subject: Our Last Movie Night Is Tonight</p> <p>Tonight, Friday the 21st, at 6:30pm, is our last FREE Family Movie Night of the year. Remember to bring your floor blanket and your own reusable water bottle. PTA will provide fresh hot popcorn! Tonight's move is SURF'S UP with very funny surfing penguins! It will be great fun for the whole family!</p>
02/23/2014	Jordan Middle School	Subject: The Jordan Weekly

02/23/2014	Jordan Middle School	<p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p>This Week's Edition:</p> <p>Elective Night</p> <p>This Week @ Jordan</p> <p>Jordan International Fair & PTA Luncheon</p> <p>In the Know: Day of Service, Read Across America, African Library Project, Alice in Wonderland</p> <p>Spotlight on: Students making a difference</p> <p>February 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/5k5gjrtrd8hgs3d2f5t</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	<p>Subject: Reminder: Report Card Meeting Tomorrow</p> <p>New Report Card Parent Input Meeting</p> <p>Monday, February 24th</p> <p>8:15 in MP Room</p> <p>With the new Common Core State Standards being fully implemented next year, the PAUSD Report Card Committee, consisting of school district employees and parents from PAUSD, are currently working on developing a new report card. You are invited to view a draft of that report card and give input at the PTA Coffee tomorrow, February 24th at 8:15 in the MP room. We do want to hear from you to make sure the report cards are clear and comprehensive. Hope to see you tomorrow morning.</p>
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Elementary
School**

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**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update February 24

Dear Gunn Community,

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

Registration for 2014-2015 Classes Begins on Friday (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

Beginning today and continuing through Thursday (February 27), all returning Gunn students are meeting in group sessions with their individual counselors to receive information to register for classes for 2014-2015.

This is a new format we're using this year where we are having students meet specifically with their counselor to receive registration information.

On Friday afternoon (February 28) at 4:00 PM we will officially open up Infinite Campus so students can register. The window will remain open through midnight on March 14. While we encourage all students to not wait until the last moment to sign up for classes, there is no preference given for classes by signing up early. The key part is to make sure to register before the window closes.

AP Applications Available for Pickup or Online

Beginning Friday, all students who are interested in taking an AP class next year that has an application process, may pickup the application in the counseling office or go online to the counseling website. For more information online, just go to the school website and click "Guidance" followed by "Course Registration 2014-2015."

Students Have Until March 14 to Pickup Test Booklets

If your student took the EXPLORE, PLAN or PSAT this past October at Gunn and hasn't picked up their test booklet, they have until March 14 to pick it up in the counseling office. All the booklets have been passed out at the sophomore or junior assembly or during Titan 101.

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Gunn High School

Subject: RE: Information Update

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Good afternoon, there is a confirmed case of head lice in one of your student's classes. Below are information links outlining the basics of head lice, management, and treatment:

PAUSD Protocol

<http://pausd.org/parents/services/health/PAUSD LiceProtocol.shtml>

Santa Clara County Department of Health on Head Lice Information

http://pausd.org/parents/services/health/documents/ParentsGuideToHeadLiceEngandSp_000.pdf

Video from HeadLice.org in English and Spanish

<http://www.headlice.org/video/index.php>

If your student does have head lice s/he must check in with school nurse prior to returning to school and classes; attached is the treatment/re-admit form.

If you have further questions, please contact Ms. Linda Lenoir, District School Nurse at <llenoir@pausd.org>.

Sincerely,

Katya Villalobos

Gunn High School

**Jane L
Stanford
Middle School**

Subject: JLS -- Common Writing Assessment

Dear Parents and Families,

The JLS English teachers are pleased to announce that all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will began taking an in-house writing assessment starting today (Monday, February 24th). All students will have multiple periods to respond to the same grade-level prompt, and JLS English teachers will be scoring and analyzing the results.

When students take other standardized essay tests, such as the annual ERB WrAP, we have to send their essays to the respective scoring organizations so quickly that we don't have a chance to examine the students' actual writing ourselves. We as teachers would like to know if we are effectively teaching students certain writing skills, and we want to see how well our students are writing response to literature essays in particular. The essay prompts that we have chosen for this year are Common Core-inspired writing tasks.

The English Department has been working together extensively for the past several years to better align our instructional practices around the teaching of writing. To this end, we created the in-house writing prompts and rubric together as a department. We are eager to calibrate and score the student essays in March, in order to better understand our students as writers and ourselves as writing teachers. We expect that the scores will be shared with students and parents in April.

Sincerely,

02/25/2014

Henry M. Gunn High School

Subject: Gunn Challenge Success Event on Thursday in Gunn Library at 7:00 PM

Dear Gunn Community,

The event below was featured in last night's weekly update with the wrong time. The correct time for Thursday's event is 7:00 PM and is now correctly reflected.

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Subject: February Reminders

Dear Gunn Parents/Guardians,

Good morning! Incredibly, the end February is almost here and Spring is around the corner. I hope you enjoyed our first Gunn Titan Newsletter and thank you for the great feedback--expect another after Spring break.

I want to share three items with you as March begins:

1. Our accreditation process, WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges), officially launched on February 13 during staff development day. In the next week or so you will receive a more detailed description of the process along with an invitation to participate.

2. Gunn Athletics is part of our Titan tradition, so to continue this tradition, please

review this message from Gunn Athletics and Gunn Sports Boosters:

The Palo Alto Unified School District only pays for coaches' stipends. Budget cuts and the state regulations in recent years have eliminated all additional funding for high school sports. On average, the cost per athlete per sport is close to \$200. This amount includes league fees, tournament fees, referees, buses, medical supplies and equipment needed to compete.

Your participation donation of \$175 per athlete (per season) is the sole source of income to cover these expenses. (The district sets this amount.) Donations from student athletes cover about 80% of total program expenses; the rest is provided through fundraising. Without this money the athletics program cannot continue, and will cease, as has already happened in some districts in California.

If the participation donation is a financial burden for your family, please consider giving what you can. Every contribution helps. Please make out your checks to Gunn High School, with your athlete's name and sport in the memo line. If you pay the participation donation online on the Gunn Sports Boosters website <http://www.gunnsportsboosters.com/>, please make sure to note your athlete's name and sport in the memo line at the very bottom of the page.

The Gunn Athletics Program is a successful and important part of the Gunn experience. Participation increases each year and last year over 55% of Gunn students participated in the sports program. Through the hard work and dedication of our coaches and athletes, Gunn athletes compete in the Central Coast Section and CA State tournaments each year as well as other prestigious sporting events. These students, your children and their friends, need our support.

3. International Week (March 10-14) will soon be here and we need your help to make it a week our students will not forget.

International Festival & Potluck 2014

Continue the tradition! Celebrate the day!

Gunn PTSA will be holding its 10th annual International Potluck Lunch on Thursday, March 13. At this highly anticipated potluck, we serve traditional foods donated by our incredibly diverse community. Foods are grouped by themed tables (see below).

Without YOUR help in serving cooking and cleaning, we cannot make this happen. So please sign up by clicking on the links below.

Sign up early and sign up often

Volunteer List: http://www.jooners.com/guest?utm_campaign=invites&utm_medium=email&utm_source=web&l=382f1a68-26e2-4efd-804e-a07325bedaf8

Indian Sub-Continent Table: http://www.jooners.com/guest?utm_campaign=invites&utm_medium=email&utm_source=web&l=52b209f8-8aba-4dc4-844e-4201c01068b7

Europe, Middle East and Africa Table: http://www.jooners.com/guest?utm_campaign=invites&utm_medium=email&utm_source=web&l=164dbd38-18ba-4e0e-9172-8a24c2e98877

Dessert Table: http://www.jooners.com/guest?utm_campaign=invites&utm_medium=email&utm_source=web&l=5c54cce4-1afa-4841-9b84-d895bcf8ffbd

North America Table: http://www.jooners.com/guest?utm_campaign=invites&utm_medium=email&utm_source=web&l=5c54cce4-1afa-4841-9b84-d895bcf8ffbd

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Subject: Incident Update February 25

Dear Gunn Parents/Guardians,

Good evening, around 7:00PM the fire alarm was triggered within a Science classroom due to a large amount of smoke. The smoke was caused by an unattended heating unit used during lab experiments and was not toxic. There was no fire, no individual was hurt or harmed (building was empty), and no physical damage occurred.

The Palo Alto Fire Department responded and quickly determined there was no immediate threat or a fire. We are grateful for their quick response and support. In addition, our wonderful Gunn custodial crew helped direct the PAFD and has already cleaned the room for student use.

Our apologies to our students, staff, and other campus visitors for this inconvenience tonight--thank you for your understanding.

As always thank you for your continued support of Gunn, Go Titans!

Sincerely,

Katya Villalobos

Gunn High School

**Juana
Briones
Elementary
School**

Subject: Family Math Night/ PTA Meeting/ Report Cards

Dear Briones Parents,

Please join us tonight for Family Math Night starting at 6 PM in the MP Room. It will be followed by our PTA meeting at 7:30 PM in Room 6. There will be adult supervision in the MP Room for you to join us for the PTA meeting, and have your child enjoy math night for a little longer.

Also, 2nd Trimester Progress Reports will go home this Friday (2/28). Please look for them in a 6" X 9" manila envelope. We ask that you sign the envelope and return them the next school day, as we will be reusing the envelopes for the 3rd Trimester Progress Report.

Thank you.

Lisa Hickey

02/26/2014

**Duveneck
Elementary
School**

Subject: Duveneck Open House is Tomorrow 6-7 PM

02/26/2014

**Duveneck
Elementary
School**

Dear Duveneck Families,

I hope your week is going smoothly.

This is a quick reminder that tomorrow evening, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, Duveneck is having our annual Open House Celebration.

All classrooms will be open at the same time for students and parents to enjoy. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about your child's work and learning in their classroom, and I hope you are able to join us to acknowledge and appreciate your child's efforts and achievements.

Please Note:

Due to the weather forecast for rain, please use caution when driving to Duveneck and parking nearby. The sidewalks and streets may be dark and slippery.

This is a family-friendly evening. We welcome your children - both future Dragons and Duveneck Alumni. I'm sure our current students are very excited to show you (and their family members) their learning achievements.

Our students and faculty members are really looking forward to your visit during our Open House tomorrow evening. Please let me know if you have any questions.

See you soon!

Chris Grierson

Duveneck Principal

email: cgrierson@pausd.org

**Escondido
Elementary
School**

Subject: HEALTH INSURANCE SIGN UP EVENT THIS SATURDAY

02/26/2014	Escondido Elementary School	<p>Dear Escondido Families, Please take advantage of this great opportunity for Health Care. See the attachment Thank you, Dana&eacute; L. Reynolds, M.Ed. Principal, Escondido Elementary School</p> <p>Queridas familias de Escondido: Por favor tomen ventaja de esta oportunidad para cuidado de salud. Por favor vean el adjunto.</p> <p>Gracias, Dana&eacute; L. Reynolds, M.Ed. Principal, Escondido Elementary School</p>
	Palo Alto High School	<p>Subject: Important message re: Paly CST/EAP testing</p> <p>Dear Paly Juniors and Parents/Guardians,</p> <p>Please find attached a letter with important information regarding the upcoming 11th grade CST English/math testing and the EAP program.</p> <p>We are writing to inform you that due to the voluntary nature of the EAP, we are in the process of adjusting our testing schedule on April 14th. We will be sending out additional information shortly.</p> <p>I apologize for the confusion this may have caused and want to thank the many parents and students who brought this issue to our attention.</p> <p>Have a good night,</p> <p>Kim Diorio Principal Palo Alto High School</p>
02/27/2014	El Carmelo Elementary	Subject: El Carmelo - Site Council Survey

02/27/2014

**El Carmelo
Elementary**

Dear families,

The El Carmelo Site Council gathers information from the school community to work on many areas of interest; traffic safety, school climate, emergency preparedness, character education, etc. In the interest of getting information from families directly, we would ask you to take a few minutes to fill out this very brief survey linked below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3P6MFQZ>

We will leave the survey open until March 28, after which the Site Council will use the results to shape our work. Results will be reported on the school website on the Site Council page.

Thank you for taking our survey!

El Carmelo Site Council

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: Infinite Campus is Now Open for Registration

Dear Gunn Students,

We have opened up Infinite Campus early for you to register for classes for 2014-2015. You are now able to sign up for classes for next year.

We are going to keep Infinite Campus open until March 14 to coincide with when applications are due for most Advance Placement courses.

While we would like you to not wait until the last moment to register, there is no priority given to registering early. All registrations will be treated equally as long as they're done by March 14.

Math classes will be recommended for you and many have already been selected and you will see it when you go to register. If you do not see a math class, it will appear by the end of next week. Many science classes will also be selected for you. If you have any questions about what level of science or math you should be in, please consult with your current teacher in that department.

We will keep you updated through special messages and in our weekly update throughout the registration process.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling

Gunn High School

