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12/02/2013	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p data-bbox="412 1491 974 1518">Subject: Gunn Counseling Update December 2</p> <p data-bbox="412 1593 699 1621">Dear Gunn Community,</p> <p data-bbox="412 1713 1289 1740">Here is this week's message from the Gunn Counseling Department.</p> <p data-bbox="412 1892 849 1919">Titan 101 This Thursday (9th Grade)</p> <p data-bbox="412 2011 1401 2097">This Thursday (December 5), we will be having a Titan 101 session for all freshmen that will talk about Not in Our School's Week (NIOS). NIOS is a series of school-wide events that are designed to create a school culture where students</p>

accept one another for their differences and to raise awareness to becoming more conscious of how our actions and words impact the people around us.

The session begins at 2:37 PM and will go to 3:35 PM. All freshmen should report to their groups in the classrooms that they have previously been held.

Finals (All Grades)

The week after next we'll be having our finals. This is a reminder for all students to take advantage of tutorial and check in with their teachers tomorrow (Tuesday) and next Tuesday to receive additional support in their studies.

Extended Hours for Library (All Grades)

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Caps and Gowns (12th Grade)

Seniors' Cap and Gown forms for graduation are here! Please come by the Student Activities Center and pick up a form and then turn in your completed order form plus payments to the Jostens Representatives at lunch on the quad, either Thursday (December 5) or Friday (December 6). The order form will also have details on ordering online.

Second Semester Schedules (All Grades)

All second semester schedules for students will be available online on December 18 at 8:00 PM.

College and Career Center News

Junior Conferences in College and Career Center (11th Grade)

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Support PiE (All Grades)

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

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

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal of the Guidance Department

Gunn High School

tjacoubowsky@pausd.org

Subject: RE: Smarter Balanced Testing

Dear Gunn Families,

Good morning, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break--amazingly it is December and the fall semester ends on the 20th. Please review the Gunn Google calendar for the finals schedule and other December activities, including longer hours for the Gunn Library.

A few weeks ago you received an email from Dr. Skelly on the Common Core and the new testing system Smarter Balanced, which will be field-tested next spring. Attached is an update letter, which includes links to web resources on Smarter Balanced.

Sincerely,
Katya Villalobos

**Hoover
Elementary
School**

Subject: Smarter Balanced Assessment Information

December 2, 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am pleased to announce the availability of the Smarter Balanced Practice Tests. Smarter Balanced is the system of academic tests that will replace the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program tests in English–language arts and mathematics

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/> . Students in grades 3-8 and 11 will participate in a field test in Spring 2014, prior to full implementation in the 2014–2015 school year. The Smarter Balanced tests are based on the Common Core State Standards adopted by California in August 2010.

The Smarter Balanced tests will be taken on computers, and the Practice Tests provide a good idea of what the new tests will look like. The Practice Tests are available for everyone to use at <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/> . There is a Practice Test for each of grades 3 through 8 and grade 11 in both English–language arts and math. Each Practice Test has about 30 questions. Examples of classroom activities, rubrics, and scoring guides that accompany the various item types are available at <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/resources/> . The Smarter Balanced Practice Tests will be available through the 2013–14 school year. After experiencing the practice test with your child, please feel free to take the Smarter Balanced Practice Test User Survey .

If you have additional questions about the transition to the Smarter Balanced Assessment System, please contact me at (650) 320-8106 or kbimpson@pausd.org . Please also feel free to contact Dr. Diana Wilmot, our Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment at 650-833-4223 or dwilmot@pausd.org ."

Sincerely,
Katy Bimpson

**Jordan Middle
School**

Subject: Smarter Balanced Assessments

Dear Jordan Families,

Please find the attached letter school site administrators have been asked to share with their communities.

Mr. Barnes will host a repeat of last month's Principal's Coffee on Wednesday, December 4th at 8:30 in the Jordan Library. Parents will get an overview of the Common Core and Smarter Balanced Assessments. Additionally, computers will be available for parents to access the assessments themselves.

I hope to see you on Wednesday morning,

Gregory Barnes,

Principal, Jordan Middle School

**Juana
Briones
Elementary
School**

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Break.

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Sincerely,

Lisa Hickey

12/03/2013	Nixon Elementary School	<p>Subject: Fire Drill Today at Nixon</p> <hr/> <p>To All Nixon Parents -</p> <p>This is to let you know that today at school, we had two unexpected fire drills. Your child may come home talking about them. There was an issue with one of the detectors in D pod, which caused the alarm to ring. Just as we came in from the first alarm, it rang again. Everything went smoothly and the repair has been made. It was great practice for all of us.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Becky Brewer, Nixon Secretary</p>
12/04/2013	Duveneck Elementary School	<p>Subject: Inclusive Schools Week and Spirit Day at Duveneck</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Duveneck Families,</p> <p>As many of you may know, we are in the middle of celebrating Inclusive Schools Week.</p> <p>Since Monday, students have been involved in special activities; they have met with their buddy classes, read a digital book about a boy with Autism called I am a Child, Just Like You, and many have participated in a lunchtime art activity called "What Makes Me Special." In addition, every student will contribute toward a larger, school-wide art project called "Zentangle." All of these special learning experiences symbolize how we are all unique and how we all come together to make our Duveneck Community amazing!</p> <p>On Friday, December 6, we will be having an assembly to celebrate the culmination of Inclusive Schools Week. In an effort to show our solidarity and school spirit, please encourage your child to wear our school colors (blue and white), their logo wear, or a team jersey with numbers. The theme for Friday is "Everyone Counts" and a member of our Social Emotional Learning Committee had the idea to invite students to wear their sports jerseys with numbers, if they have them. As always, participation is optional.</p> <p>For more information about Inclusive Schools Week, please visit www.inclusiveschools.org. If you have specific questions about these activities or the upcoming Spirit Day, please contact your child's teacher.</p> <p>Warm regards,</p> <p>Chris Grierson</p> <p>Duveneck Principal</p>
	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Subject: Titan 101 Update</p>

12/04/2013

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

Dear Freshmen Families,

On November 13th freshmen attended Titan 101 session #5 with their coaches and received resources and information about time management and preparing for finals. Please visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/gunntitan101/home/titan-101-session-resources/session-5---time-management> to review the lesson materials. You may find these very helpful in preparing your student for the end of the semester.

Thursday, December 5th at 2:30pm is the next Titan 101 session. The focus of this lesson is diversity and acceptance.

Thank you!

Subject: RE: Reminder, Studying, and Awareness

Dear Gunn Students and Families,

It is definitely gloves and scarf time, brr, brr--just a few things I want to share with you:

Inclusive Schools Week:

December 2-6 marks the 13th anniversary of Inclusive Schools Week. During this week, school districts across the country, and internationally, celebrate and focus their attention on inclusive education practices. Inclusive education is about following research-based educational practices that work for all our students, including students with disabilities. Research demonstrates that inclusive teaching practices are effective and beneficial for all students, and ensure that our classrooms offer opportunities for all children to succeed. Inclusive teaching means presenting information in ways that are relevant and meaningful to each and every student and creating an environment where all students learn and are able to show what they know.

It is useful to note that the majority of students with special needs receive their education in a general education classroom with necessary support services to ensure that their educational needs can be met in that setting. As part of our efforts to make Gunn a truly inclusive campus, we piloted the research-driven co-teaching model in the 2012-2013 school year. For this academic year, we continue to build on this program and are currently co-teaching 21 classes/sections, coordinating as necessary for success. We have made use of the new VGo robot that allows home-bound students with special needs to participate in school remotely. Our Futures Program, for students with moderate or severe needs, provides meaningful community experiences both on and off campus. The Gunn Abilities United Club is planning the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. For further information about Inclusive Schools Week, please go to <http://www.inclusiveschools.org>. In addition, please watch the following video, which highlights the power of an idea and a group of teens...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PgBmi0vO1-M>

Seniors:

If you still have to take your "senior portrait", Mr. Gleason has arranged for ProImage to come to Gunn on Friday, December 6 (12:30-3:35PM). We want all your beautiful faces to be in the yearbook! Please come to the Spangenberg lobby and if you have questions email Mr. Gleason at <mgleason@pausd.org>.

Finals:

The "finals schedule" is on the school calendar on the main webpage. Thanks to Ms. Meg Omainsky the Gunn Library will be open till 6:00PM starting next week (December 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, &18). The Library webpage has great resources, <http://gunnlibrary.net/> please visit. During these next two weeks encourage your student to check-in with their teachers, organize their review materials, and attend Tutorial next Tuesday, December 10.

Support:

The end of the semester may feel stressful, if you have concerns about your student please do not hesitate to contact their counselor or email Mr. Tom Jacoubowsky, assistant principal, at <tjacoubowsky@pausd.org>.

Sincerely,

Katya Villalobos

Gunn High School

12/05/2013

**Escondido
Elementary
School**

Subject: New Testing for Grades 3 - 5

Hello Escondido Families,
Please join me in the staff lounge on Friday, December 6, 2013 from 8:15-9:00AM to hear about the new standardized assessment replacing the STAR Test, the Smarter Balanced Assessment. This test will be given to students in grades 3-5 at Escondido in the Spring.

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

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: SLC Parent Meeting - Yosemite Reminder

12/05/2013

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

Dear Small Learning Community Families,

This message is to remind you about our SLC team will meeting tonight, December 5th, at 6 pm in N-111 to

discuss the Yosemite trip. We will cover the following:

- * Departure and arrival times from Gunn
- * What to bring
- * What to expect
- * What students will learn
- * Answer any questions you have about the trip

Nature Bridge - Yosemite Links

Information for parents can be found at
<https://www.naturebridge.org/your-naturebridge-program-yosemite>

Students can bring additional money to purchase store items, although it is suggested you order online at <https://www.naturebridgestore.org/>

We encourage all families to attend this meeting. Your students are welcome to join us.

Thank you,

Your SLC team

Subject: SLC Parent Meeting - Yosemite Reminder

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<p>12/06/2013</p>	<p>Duveneck Elementary School</p>	<p>Subject: Provide your input! Duveneck Site Council Survey December 6th - 20th</p>

<p>12/06/2013</p>	<p>Duveneck Elementary School</p>	<p>Dear Duveneck Families,</p> <p>Over the last few months, our School Site Council has been working hard to design a survey that will provide important parent feedback, your feedback! This is an important way to provide anonymous feedback to the Duveneck School Site Council in order to improve and maintain our programs and communication. The questions are grouped into three main categories: teaching and learning, promoting a safe and welcoming learning environment, and school-to-home communication.</p> <p>This survey will take about 15 minutes to complete, and we are hoping to reach a 50% response rate from all Duveneck families by Friday, December 20, 2013.</p> <p>To access the survey now, please use the following link:</p> <p>https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CLPL3F3</p> <p>We truly appreciate your feedback in order to improve and maintain our existing programs for all Duveneck students and families. Thank you for taking this survey!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>The Duveneck School Site Council</p> <p>Chris Grierson (Principal) Doree Tschudy (Co-Facilitator, Librarian) Jennifer Antonow (Co-Facilitator, Parent) Cathy Hsu (4th Grade Teacher) Christine Meyer (Parent) Carolyn Jones (3rd Grade Teacher) Lisa Rimsa (Parent) Barbara Susco (Kindergarten Teacher) Nana Chancellor (Parent) Jodi Gutierrez (3rd Grade Teacher) Richard Ho (Parent) Sarrie Paguirigan (Special Ed Aide) Julia Soderbery (Parent)</p>
<p>12/08/2013</p>	<p>Jordan Middle School</p>	<p>Subject: The Jordan Weekly</p>

12/08/2013	Jordan Middle School	<p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p>This Week's Edition:</p> <p>Jordan Dance</p> <p>This Week @ Jordan</p> <p>Cyber Awareness</p> <p>'Kindness' Campaign</p> <p>In the Know: SB Assessments, 3rd Annual Spelling Bee, Band Concerts, Second Qtr. Ending</p> <p>Spotlight on: 'Foods and Industrial Tech';</p> <p>December 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/qb4anhzumdyqwh41bphs</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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12/09/2013	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Subject: Gunn Counseling Update December 9</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Gunn Community,</p> <p>Here is this week's message from the Gunn Counseling Department.</p> <p>Finals (All Grades)</p> <p>Finals will begin next week and this is a reminder for all students to take advantage of tutorial and check in with their teachers tomorrow (December 10). There will be no tutorial next Tuesday (December 17).</p> <p>Schedule for Finals Week (All Grades)</p>
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December 16 and 17

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Second Semester Schedules (All Grades)

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Seniors and Second Semester Schedules (12th Grade)

Seniors, please make sure to check your second semester schedule to see that it coordinates with what you sent your colleges for your second semester classes. If your schedule is different than what you originally reported for your college applications, you will want to make sure to check in with your counselor.

College and Career Center News

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

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal of the Guidance Department

Gunn High School

tjacoubowsky@pausd.org

**Nixon
Elementary
School**

Subject: Holiday Giving

To All the Nixon Families -

Over the years, I have received so many generous gifts at the holidays. My family is again focusing on how fortunate we are. Last year, it was my wish that families might give to a Secret Santa fund instead of gifts to me. With no expectation, if you were considering including me in your gift giving this year, please consider a gift card or small donation, that I can pass on to other families. This would be my way of sharing with those who really need it.

Thank you for everything you have done for me.

Happy Holidays!

Hugs,

Becky

Nixon Secretary

12/12/2013

**Duveneck
Elementary
School**

Subject: PiE Before the Break: Duveneck

12/12/2013

**Duveneck
Elementary
School**

Dear Duveneck Families,

Thank you for supporting Partners in Education (PiE). As you know, donations from Duveneck families make a huge impact in our school, but we are currently 20 Duveneck families behind our participation at this point last year.

As you consider your charitable giving for 2013, please include PiE. At Duveneck, students benefit from aides in their classrooms, regular art instruction, hands-on science sessions with Arad, special Theatreworks programs, and additional counseling support thanks to your PiE contributions. Donate at www.papie.org or leave a check in the office. Thank you for your continued support of our students!

Happy Holidays!

Chris Grierson

Duveneck Principal

**Jane L
Stanford
Middle School**

Subject: JLS -- Supporting PiE

12/12/2013	Jane L Stanford Middle School	<p>Dear JLS Families:</p> <p>Last night, as I was welcoming the audience to the winter band concert, I shared the value and importance of Partners in Education (PiE) funds being used at JLS. Since only a subset of JLS families were in attendance I decided to send this message to everyone.</p> <p>First, thank you for supporting PiE. Donations from JLS families make a HUGE impact in our school. At JLS, all students benefit from additional compelling electives, dedicated student guidance and support, as well as classroom support. If you have read the recent issue of "The Slice", the PiE newsletter, you may have learned that funds contributed have also been used to support the development of a systematic practice for teaching writing across all grades at JLS. The English Department has been hard at work creating a writing handbook for use by all students as well as a common assessment of writing within each grade level. This allocation of PiE funds has provided time for the entire department to engage in conversations about creating a coherent writing program that flows from year to year. These experiences have been invaluable to the teachers and there is a direct impact on your students as a result!</p> <p>Donations from JLS families are a bit behind this year. At the moment, there are 27 fewer families contributing compared to last year at this same time. As you consider your charitable giving for 2013 please include PiE. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Donations can be made at www.papie.org or you can leave a check in the JLS office.</p> <p>Thank you and happy holidays!</p> <p>Sharon Ofek Principal</p>
12/13/2013	Juana Briones Elementary School	<p>Subject: Minimum Day next Friday 12/20</p> <p>As we head into the last week before Winter Break, just a reminder that next Friday (12/20) is a minimum day and dismissal for 1st-5th graders is 1:30 PM.</p> <p>Kindergarten dismissal is either at 11:50 AM or 1:30 PM depending on whether or not Friday is a day your child stays late.</p> <p>Enjoy your weekend.</p>
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12/16/2013	Escondido Elementary School	Subject: Universal Screenings/Evaluaciones Universales

12/16/2013

**Escondido
Elementary
School**

Dear Escondido Families,

Our teachers have enjoyed getting to know and instructing your children this year. Our work includes getting to know each and every student, academically, socially and emotionally, to meet his or her individual needs. As a result, universal screenings are done at all grade levels. Depending upon the grade level, these screenings may include measures such as articulation screening, DRA, MARS, ERB, AimsWEB, and others. Since your child is part of the classroom community as well as part of the Escondido community, this is a collaborative process and as a result, Escondido staff including classroom teachers, instructional aides and specialists will conduct these screenings. This information will help us individualize your child's education within the regular education classroom including any needed intervention specifically designed for your child's need.

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

Queridas familias de Escondido,

Ha sido un placer para nuestros maestros el conocer a sus hijos y enseñarles este año. Nuestro trabajo incluye llegar a conocer los aspectos académico, social, y emocional de cada estudiante, para poder responder a sus necesidades individuales. Como resultado, en todos los grados se hacen evaluaciones universales. Según el grado, estas evaluaciones pueden incluir medidas como evaluaciones de articulación, DRA, MARS, ERB, AimsWEB, y otros. Dado que su niño pertenece a la comunidad de su clase, así como a la comunidad de Escondido, este es un proceso colaborativo, y como resultado todo el personal de Escondido realizará estas evaluaciones, incluyendo sus maestros de clase, los auxiliares de clase y los maestros especializados.

Esta información nos ayudará a individualizar la educación de su hijo dentro de la educación regular de la clase, incluyendo cualquier intervención necesaria específicamente diseñada para responder a las necesidades de su niño.

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

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update December 16

Dear Gunn Community,

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

Schedule for Finals Week (All Grades)

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Academic Study Hall (All Grades)

Gunn has launched an Academic Study Hall in N200 (the math office lobby) which is a quiet study place for students. There is an adult supervisor who can provide assistance and resources for students.

The Study Hall will be open this week on December 17-19 from from 12:30-4:30 PM. On Friday (December 20), it will be open from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Starting second semester, the Study Hall will be open daily from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

First Semester Grades (All Grades)

Grades for first semester will be available online on Infinite Campus on January 15.

Second Semester Schedules (All Grades)

We will have all schedules available online on Wednesday (December) 18 at 8:00 PM. Please take a look at your schedule and if there is an error, please come and see the counselors during finals week. Counselors will only be handling errors on schedules during finals week.

Any other schedule requests will be handled on January 6 and 7.

Seniors and Second Semester Schedules (12th Grade)

Seniors, please make sure to check your second semester schedule to see that it coordinates with what you sent your colleges for your second semester classes. If your schedule is different than what you originally reported for your college applications, you will want to make sure to check in with your counselor.

Gunn Hits District Mark for a-g UC/CSU for Class of 2013 (All Grades)

Last year the Palo Alto Unified School District Board set a goal for 85% of each graduating class to fulfill the a-g college admission requirements established by the University of California and the California State University systems. We are pleased to announce that 90.8% of the Gunn class of 2013 achieved that goal.

Our mark represents the great work by our students with the help of their teachers and the support of their counselors and families. While we're extremely pleased in our results, we are working to improve that number for the class of 2014 and the classes to follow and to help make college a possibility for all of our students.

PSAT Results/January 22 Assembly (11th Grade)

We recently received the PSAT results for our juniors and have mailed a copy home. If you do not receive a result by Wednesday, please contact Robin Francesconi at rfrancesconi@pausd.org.

On January 22, we will be having an assembly for all juniors where we make available a copy of the PSAT test booklet from their October test and we will go over important information on how to interpret their PSAT results. The assembly will also deliver early information on what juniors need to know in regards to the college application process.

College and Career Center News

Junior Conferences in College and Career Center (11th Grade)

New this year for juniors will be a meeting with College and Career Counselor, Ms. Linda Kirsch. Ms. Kirsch will be working with their students in depth on their plan for post secondary options. Ms. Kirsch will be contacting students to schedule the meeting and parents are invited to attend the session if they choose. Parents will be contacted directly to let them know when the meeting is happening.

All juniors will also have a meeting with their counselor to check on how the student is doing academically, socially-emotionally and to do some post secondary planning. Your student's counselor and Ms. Kirsch will work together to help support your student to be successful at Gunn and to plan for life after Gunn.

Support PiE (All Grades)

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

Happy Holidays

Everybody in the Gunn Counseling Department wishes you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. We've enjoyed making available to you these weekly updates and our next update will be on January 6.

Thanks for all your support and see you in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal of the Guidance Department

Gunn High School

tjacoubowsky@pausd.org

**Jane L
Stanford
Middle School**

Subject: JLS -- Lockers for 7th graders

Dear Seventh Grade Families:

Over the winter break, the lockers in the new building will receive new doors, and additional lockers will be installed. This work will allow all seventh grade students to have a locker in the new building, close to the majority of their classes.

To make this work, we need your child's help: all seventh grade students must clear out their locker before leaving for winter break -- regardless of whether the locker is in the new or old building. Students must also be sure to take their lock home.

Because of reconfiguration to lockers already installed, even students who already have new-building lockers must empty them. The lockers are being renumbered; all students will have some kind of shift from their current locker location/assignment.

Upon students' return in January, seventh graders will receive their new locker assignments. One of their first activities will be to find their new locker and put their school supplies in it. It will be important for students to come to school on January 6th with their lock.

If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Principal Eston Melton at emelton@pausd.org.

		Sharon Ofek and Eston Melton
	Palo Alto High School	<p>Subject: Season's Greeting from Paly Principal</p> <p>Dear Paly Students and Parents/Guardians,</p> <p>I hope this email finds you well. I've attached a letter with our school's 2nd quarter highlights and some pertinent information regarding what to expect in January.</p> <p>Best of luck with finals and finishing up the semester. You've got this Paly!</p> <p>Happy Holidays!</p> <p>Kim Diorio Principal</p>
12/17/2013	El Carmelo Elementary	<p>Subject: Minimum Day 12/20</p> <p>Dear El Carmelo parents,</p> <p>I wanted to wish you all Happy Holidays and to remind you that the Winter Break begins this Friday, Dec. 20, with a minimum day. Kinders will follow their normal schedule but grades 1-5 will let out at 1:30pm on Friday, so please plan ahead for pickup at that time. After the break, school starts up again on Tuesday January 6th.</p> <p>Hoping that you have a peaceful Winter Holiday,</p> <p>Chuck Merritt, principal cmerritt@pausd.org</p> <p>Subject: Correction to last email!</p> <p>Dear El Carmelo parents,</p> <p>In my last email I should have said that school begins again after the holidays on Monday, January 6. And, again, have a great holiday season!</p> <p>Chuck Merritt, principal</p>
12/19/2013	Palo Verde Elementary School	Subject: Happy Holidays from Palo Verde

<p>12/19/2013</p>	<p>Palo Verde Elementary School</p>	<p>Dear Palo Verde Families:</p> <p>A quick reminder that this Friday, December 20th is a minimum day. All students and staff will be excused from school at 1:15 to start their winter break. The school office will close at 1:30, so please make arrangements for your child to be picked up on time so that the office staff may also begin their vacation on time.</p> <p>I am blessed to work with our exceptional staff, supportive families and your children who are the best part of our day. As we approach the holiday season, the faculty and I would like to wish you peace, happiness, and best wishes for a wonderful New Year.</p> <p>As we travel together through the holidays towards the next year, May you have Walls for the wind And a roof for the rain, And drinks bedside the fire Laughter to cheer you And those you love near you, And all that your heart may desire</p> <p>~ Celtic Blessing</p>
<p>12/20/2013</p>	<p>Jordan Middle School</p>	<p>Subject: Jordan Middle School: URL Update</p>

12/20/2013

Jordan Middle School

Dear Jordan Families

Jordan Middle School has recently updated their URL. We encourage our families to refresh their cache. Please find instructions below for each of the major search engines.

Chrome:

<https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/95582?hl=en>

Safari

<http://www.refreshyourcache.com/en/safari/>

Firefox

<https://support.mozilla.org/en-US/kb/how-clear-firefox-cache>

Gregory Barnes,
Principal, Jordan Middle School.

Subject: Jordan Weekly Update: December 20th

Dear Jordan Families,

Jordan Middle School would like to send you the very best during this Holiday Season.

Happy New Year!

Gregory Barnes,
Principal, Jordan Middle School.

Jordan Weekly: December 20th, 2013

<https://app.box.com/s/vjlke42xwoa0n7zoiitz>

Juana Briones Elementary School

Subject: Reminder: Minimum Day Today

12/20/2013	Juana Briones Elementary School	<p>Dear Juana Briones Families,</p> <p>Just another reminder that 1st-5th grade students will be dismissed at 1:30 PM today. We hope you have a wonderful winter break and Happy New Year!</p> <p>See you all on January 6, 2014.</p>
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12/27/2013	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Subject: Common Application Issues</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Families of Senior Students,</p> <p>On December 25, apparently there were some glitches that developed within the Common Application online process, resulting with some students, teachers and counselors being unable to access their accounts.</p> <p>As we do not know why these problems have occurred, we have been working with the tech team at Common App to resolve the problem. During the past few hours, corrections have been made resulting in a good number of accounts restored and all submitted work has been accounted for.</p> <p>We will continue to monitor this situation throughout the weekend and we are requesting that all senior students check their Common App accounts and if problems still occur by 10:00 AM tomorrow (December 28), please email me at tjacoubowsky@pausd.org so that I may forward your issue to the tech team at Common App.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Tom Jacoubowsky Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling Gunn High School tjacoubowsky@pausd.org</p>
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