



PLEASANT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Things are hopping at Pleasant Grove as we near the end of the first semester. It's been another exciting start to the school year, with students working hard in the classroom and participating in a range of school activities.

We started October with our annual fall *Academic Awards* ceremony, where we honor students who earned a 3.67 GPA or higher in the spring semester of the prior school year. On October 5 we held our first *Food Faire* - a tremendous success! Many of the clubs sold all kinds of food but especially students' favorite...pizza. The first quarter finished on October 6 with a *Blood Drive*, where I'm proud to say students donated 100 lifesaving pints of blood.

The following week we started prepping for *Homecoming* with the enjoyable task of float building. That week finished with the Homecoming Rally on Friday. Then came Homecoming week, with dress-up opportunities every day. Wednesday night brought the popular *Powder Puff* game, with the seniors defeating the juniors and the sophomores defeating the freshmen and congrats due to all participants. On Friday we enjoyed the *Homecoming Parade* after school and the football game against Davis that evening. The game was thrilling, with our Eagles winning on a two-point conversion in overtime - 57 to 56! Saturday's *Homecoming Dance* was our largest ever, with over 1,200 students attending and, I'm proud to say, producing not a single "incident." October ended with *Red Ribbon Week* and a well-attended *Parent Lunch Day* on October 26.

Our school musical, *Oliver!* opened November 2 and ran for two weeks. First-time producer Gabe Sandoval and director Kevin Little did an outstanding job producing a lively, colorful show. Student performances were entertaining and a pleasure to watch. All involved should be well pleased with the musical.

December 8 we'll have our annual *Talent Show* from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the main gym. It's an opportunity for many of the multi-talented students at PGHS to perform in front of an enthusiastic audience. I always look forward to this special evening, which always delights and surprises me. On December 7 we'll have our second *Soaring Eagle luncheon*. The week of January 8 is our annual *Multicultural Expo*. This week gives the student body and staff a chance to celebrate and value the diversity that's present, alive, and authentic at PGHS. The highlight of the week is the assembly on Wednesday, January 10, much enjoyed by students and staff. At the end of the month, we'll present our second *Unity Day* on Thursday, January 25.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: (continued)

Please note that finals for the first semester will be December 13, 14, and 15 – all minimum days with a dismissal time of 12:10 p.m. Please see the final exam schedule on page 5 of the newsletter, and note that lunch is from 12:10 to 12:30 p.m. The cafeteria and student store will be open at this time. Your student might also want to bring a snack to have during the 10 minute break. Remember, first semester grades are reported on each student's permanent record. **Second semester will begin on Wednesday, January 3.**

As ever, our student core values are the 4 R's – *Rigor, Relevance, Relationships, and Respect*. Our goal is for these core values to guide students not only during their educational pursuit at Pleasant Grove, but also in their lives after Pleasant Grove. Thanks to all who've helped to support this goal and make it a reality for our students. I'm particularly proud of the relationship building our staff does with students, parents, guardians, and community members. The result is a safe and nurturing place to learn.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,
Principal Hank Meyer

2017-18 GRADE REPORTING

TERM 2

12/18/2017-05/25/2018

Report Card T-1, S-1, T	FRI, DEC 15	MON, DEC 18 2:00 P.M.	MON, DEC 18	MON, DEC 18	MAILED MON, DEC 18
Progress Report T-2, S-1, P1	FRI, FEB 2	MON, FEB 5 4:00 P.M.	TUES, FEB 6	TUES, FEB 6	HAND OUT ADVO. THUR, FEB 8
Quarter Report T-2, S-1, P2	FRI, MAR 9	MON, MAR 12 4:00 P.M.	TUES, MAR 13	TUES, MAR 13	D'S & F'S MAILED HAND OUT ADVO. THUR, MAR 15
Progress Report T-2, S-1, P3	FRI, APR 20	MON, APR 23 4:00 P.M.	TUES, APR 24	TUES, APR 24	D'S & F'S MAILED HAND OUT ADVO. THUR, APRIL 26
Report Card T-2, S-1, T	FRI, MAY 25	MON, MAY 28 2:00 P.M.	MON, MAY 28	MON, MAY 28	MAILED MON, MAY 28

PBIS NEWS

The staff at PGHS continues to look for ways to make the high school experience a positive one for all students. To that end, the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) team of students, staff and administrators meet to establish a school-wide expectation for common respect, to teach what that means, and to ensure that all students and staff members share in the responsibility of making PGHS a safe and respectful place. The PBIS team at PGHS is a leader in the district in that effort. In addition we applaud our teachers for implementing restorative practices, peer mediation and 21st century pedagogy to connect and establish meaningful relationships with students.

Rigor	Relevance	Relationships	Respect
<p>Perfect Attendance: 893 Students had perfect attendance in September! 694 students had perfect attendance in October! Keep up the good work EAGLES!</p> 	<p>PGVoice, a student focus group, was created to teach the PGHS Core Values in Advocacy Classes and to acknowledge staff. They have been doing a great job with two successful advocacy lessons taught so far and nine validations sent to staff.</p>  <p>PGHS established a Student Equity Group which continues to meet to address cultural responsiveness and diversity through a solution-based lens.</p>	<p>Ten staff members have volunteered to mentor Foster Youth who attend school at PGHS.</p> <p>Seventeen staff members have received validations during monthly staff meetings for their hard work and for making a difference at our school.</p> <p>PGHS ceramics under the leadership of Jana Pritchard has carried on the holiday tradition of providing pumpkins to staff. Over the years they have made over 120 pumpkins to help PGHS celebrate the holidays!</p> 	<p>Sixty five students have expressed their thanks for family, friends, and teachers in the library on “thankful feathers”.</p>  <p>To show their gratitude to security, support staff, counselors, and administrators, the PG Star Café (a student enterprise run by our Pathways program) caters free coffee and tea – what a treat before the holidays.</p> 

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY/ATTENDANCE

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Personal electronic devices include such things as cell phones, iPods, mp3 players, cameras, laptop computers, iPads, tablets, and personal gaming systems. These devices are permitted on the campus and students are permitted to use them at certain times, but are prohibited from using them at other times.

These devices are permitted to be used:

- before and after school
- during the lunch period
- in the classroom during school hours **ONLY** when given specific permission by the teacher *for educational purposes that are directly related to the course content for that particular class.*

These devices are **NOT** permitted to be used:

- during passing periods
- in classrooms during school hours
- in classrooms during **ANY** quiz, test, or exam even if it is for “educational purposes” as described above
- in any restroom or locker room

Students violating the Electronic Device Policy are subject to disciplinary consequences including, but not limited to, Saturday School, home suspension, and/or the confiscation of the device. Devices that have been confiscated can **ONLY** be picked up by the parent/guardian at the administration office during normal hours of operation.

2017 - 2018 PGHS ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES AND FAQS

Student has to leave school early or call in an absence?

Parent can call the **Attendance Office 916 686-0230 ext. 1**
Parent will need to come into the office with ID to sign out student.

Student arrives late to school?

Student is considered **late** once bell has rung.
Student needs to check into the office upon arrival.
Student will be sent to the Vice Principal's Office if more than 30 minutes late without acceptable excuse.

Student arrives late to school due to early medical, dental or court appointments?

An official note must be presented to the Attendance Office upon arrival to school and the student's attendance record will be adjusted.

Student becomes sick or hurt at school?

Student should report to Student Services (Health Clerk) with hall pass.
Parent will be notified and asked to come into Student Services office to sign out students.
Students **SHOULD NOT USE CELL PHONES TO CALL PARENTS** when ill. They must obtain a pass to the Health Clerk from the teacher or staff member.

STUDENT LOST AND FOUND ITEMS ARE REPORTED TO THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE.

2017-18 BELL SCHEDULE

Regular Day		
Period 0	7:00	7:55
Period 1	8:00	9:00
Period 2	9:06	10:06
Period 3	10:16	11:16
Period 4	11:22	12:22
1 st Lunch	11:22	11:53
Period 5	11:59	12:59
2 nd Lunch	12:28	12:59
Period 6	1:05	2:05
Period 7	2:11	3:11

Minimum Day		
Period 0	7:00	7:55
Period 1	8:00	8:35
Period 2	8:41	9:16
Period 3	9:22	9:57
Period 4	10:03	10:38
1 st Lunch	10:03	10:33
Period 5	10:39	11:14
2 nd Lunch	10:44	11:14
Period 6	11:20	11:55
Period 7	12:01	12:36

Opening Day (Fall)		
Advocacy	8:00	8:30
Period 1	8:36	9:30
Period 2	9:36	10:30
Period 3	10:40	11:34
Period 4	11:40	12:34
1 st Lunch	11:40	12:11
Period 5	12:17	1:11
2 nd Lunch	12:40	1:11
Period 6	1:17	2:11
Period 7	2:17	3:11

PSAT (Reverse Min Day)		
Testing	8:00	11:59
Lunch	12:05	12:35
Period 1	12:41	1:01
Period 2	1:07	1:27
Period 3	1:33	1:53
Period 4/5	1:59	2:19
Period 6	2:25	2:45
Period 7	2:51	3:11

Late Start Thursday		
Period 0	7:00	7:55
Period 1	8:48	9:34
Period 2	9:40	10:26
Advocacy	10:32	11:02
Period 3	11:12	11:58
Period 4	12:04	12:50
1 st Lunch	12:04	12:35
Period 5	12:41	1:27
2 nd Lunch	12:56	1:27
Period 6	1:33	2:19
Period 7	2:25	3:11

Rally		
Period 0	7:00	7:55
Period 1	8:00	8:53
Period 2	8:59	9:52
Period 3	10:02	10:55
Period 4	11:01	11:54
1 st Lunch	11:01	11:32
Period 5	11:38	12:31
2 nd Lunch	12:00	12:31
Period 6	12:37	1:30
Period 7	1:36	2:29

Opening Day (Spring)		
Period 0	7:00	7:55
Advocacy	8:00	8:10
Period 1	8:16	9:14
Period 2	9:20	10:17
Period 3	10:27	11:24
Period 4	11:30	12:27
1 st Lunch	11:30	12:02
Period 5	12:08	1:05
2 nd Lunch	12:33	1:05
Period 6	1:11	2:08
Period 7	2:14	3:11

Final Exam & SBAC		
Testing Block 1	8:00	10:00
Passing	10:00	10:10
Testing Block 2	10:10	12:10
Lunch	12:10	12:30

IMPORTANT EVENTS TO REMEMBER...



DECEMBER

- 12/2 SAT Test
- 12/6 Winter Concert @ Sheldon PAC
Time: 7:00 p.m.
- 12/8 Talent Show in main gym
Time: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
- 12/9 ACT Test
- 12/13 - 12/15 MINIMUM DAYS (Finals)
- 12/18 - 12/29 WINTER BREAK



JANUARY



- 1/3 School Starts (2nd semester)
- 1/8 - 1/10 Renaissance sign-ups
- 1/10 Multi-Cultural Assembly 1st period
- 1/15 NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/18 Food Faire #3 (weather permitting)
- 1/19 RALLY DAY SCHEDULE
(Black Light Rally)

Black Light Dance
Time: 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.
- 1/24 MINIMUM DAY FOR WASC
- 1/25 Unity Day #2 in the small gym
- 1/26 Live and Unplugged in Theatre
Time: 6:30 p.m.
- 1/29 - 2/2 Academy Week
- 1/31 Winter Sports Lunch

Last day to buy yearbooks for \$90

DRESS CODE FOR PLEASANT GROVE HIGH

Parents or guardians have the primary responsibility for appropriate standards of dress and grooming. However, as an educational entity, the Secondary Division of the Elk Grove Unified School District has the responsibility to establish and maintain standards of dress and grooming that support a positive, appropriate, and safe learning and teaching environment.

The purpose of a dress and grooming code is to facilitate education, not to inhibit any person's taste in attire or appearance. Students should be clean and neatly dressed in a manner that will be appropriate to the school setting, not hazardous to the health and safety of the students, and not disruptive or distracting from the educational program of the school. To that end, no articles of clothing, apparel or school materials, including hats, backpacks, and binders, may have pictures, printing, or writing that is crude, vulgar, profane, sexually suggestive, racially, ethnically, or religiously intolerant, that contain images of weapons, tobacco, drugs and/or alcohol, or which the school's administration reasonably predicts will disrupt the learning environment.

Specifically, the students at Pleasant Grove High School are expected to abide by the following dress code:

1. PANTS, SHORTS, SKIRTS, DRESSES:

- Cover all undergarments
- Any holes, rips or frays are to be mid-thigh or lower
- Pants are worn at the natural waist/hip area as opposed to "sagging"
- Hems of shorts, skirts and dresses are to be mid-thigh or longer
- Pajama bottoms may only be worn during designated spirit days
- Belts are to be worn around the natural waist/hips.

2. TOPS, SHIRTS, BLOUSES:

- Cover all undergarments, including clear bra straps
- Cover the midriff; tops must completely cover the skin and overlap the waistband of pants, shorts, or skirts. It is suggested to avoid wearing garments that, when arms are raised above the student's head, do not fall naturally below the midriff area
- Are modestly cut to minimize exposing cleavage
- "See-through" or fishnet fabrics are worn over an opaque garment to ensure skin is covered
- Keep the following items at home: muscle shirts, halter tops, strapless tops, bandeaus, off the shoulder tops, or bra-like tops

3. FOOTWEAR:

- Shoes are to be worn at all times
- House slippers and "wheelies" are to remain at home

4. HAT/HEAD COVERING POLICY:

The Elk Grove Unified School District allows students to wear certain types of hats on campus to protect them from damage caused by exposure to the sun. At Pleasant Grove High School students are expected to respect others by not wearing hats or caps that contain writing and/or images that are deemed by school administration to be disruptive to the learning environment and assure that cap bills face forward during the school day. Also, bandanas, skull/wave caps, and masks are to be removed prior to school starting as are grooming items and headwear such as hair rollers, shower caps, hair rags and picks.

Please note that teachers may prohibit the wearing of hats within their individual classrooms as consistent with their respective classroom policies.

The school administration may limit or prohibit specific clothing that has been determined by law enforcement or gang experts to be affiliated with an actual gang. In consultation with law enforcement or other gang experts, the school administration may limit clothing or apparel where there is a reasonable basis for identifying such clothing or apparel as gang affiliated. Limitations and prohibitions on gang-related clothing or apparel will be applied equally to all students, and in no instance will a student's clothing or apparel be identified as gang-related based solely on the student's race, national origin or ancestry.

Students failing to comply with the dress code will be provided the opportunity to borrow loaner clothes or to call their parents or guardians to bring a change of clothing. Inappropriate items are confiscated for the remainder of the school day or taken from campus by the parent/guardian. In the case of repeated violations, students may be subject to progressive disciplinary consequences.

PTSO NEWS...



**Pleasant Grove High School - PTSO
Membership & Volunteer Form
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
Join the PGHS Parent/Teacher/Student Organization (PTSO)**

What is P.T.S.O.? It stands for Parent, Teacher, and Student Organization. We are a volunteer, non-profit service organization that supports Pleasant Grove High School. If you have questions, suggestions or would like to be able to help, please email Shelley Morris (President) PTSO@pghs.net

Why join? Support your school. Find out firsthand what is happening with your student's education. We are not part of the national PTA so all your money stays at PGHS. Your money goes toward Sober Grad Night, Staff Appreciation, PTSO Scholarships, Classroom and Club Scholarships.

Meetings Dates to be determined, in the ASB room. You do not have to be member to attend, only to vote.

Senior Grad Committee: We have had **seven** successful years and would like to continue this tradition. We are currently seeking **volunteers, parents** of all grades are needed. **If** you don't get involved this year it can put next year's party in jeopardy. Please be a part of this terrific event. We usually meet once a month prior to the event.

PGHS PTSO Membership Form

1. Name (*nombre*): _____

parent (*padre*) student (*estudiante*) teacher (*maestro*) staff (*personal*) community (*comunidad*)

2. Name (*nombre*): _____

parent (*padre*) student (*estudiante*) teacher (*maestro*) staff (*personal*) community (*comunidad*)

Address (*dirección/ciudad*) _____

Preferred phone number (*número de teléfono*) (_____) _____

E-mail address (*dirección de correo electrónico*) _____

Your student*(s) in this school and grade (circle one):

Estudiante(s) en la escuela y su año escolar

1. _____ 9 10 11 12

2. _____ 9 10 11 12

Total amount paid (\$10 per person) _____

* If you have more than two students please write on the back. All your dues stay at PGHS. Thank you!

ASB NEWS...

The highlight for the month of December is the PGHS Talent Show which takes place on December 8 in the main gym starting at 6:30 p.m. This show is an opportunity for students to show off their talents to the PGHS community. The show will end at about 9:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold for \$10 all week and if it doesn't sell out, tickets will be available at the door for \$10.

In January, we will be having Renaissance sign-ups for students who received a 2.5 GPA or higher on their first semester grades, no F's on final quarter grade and no more than 3 single period truancies for the entire quarter. The sign-ups will take place from January 8-10 in the quad during both lunches. The students will receive academic coupons that they can use in their classes and they also receive a delicious package of candy for their hard work.

Other events in January include the Multi-Cultural Assembly on January 10, Unity Day on the January 25, and a Food Faire on January 18. The sign-up period for Unity Day will start on January 12 and will be held until the spots are filled (approx. 140 students).

We will also be holding our annual Black Light Rally on January 19! The rally will be followed by a basketball game and a dance that night. It is always a BIG HIT!

We are looking forward to another great year in 2018!

ATHLETIC NEWS...

Message from Bruce Belden, Athletic Director.....

Congratulations to the following fall athletic teams on their recent accomplishments.

- **Girls Golf – Competed in the CIF Northern California Golf Tournament - First time for PGHS golf**
- **Girls Volleyball – Qualified for CIF Northern California Volleyball Tournament**
- **Cross Country – Many runners competed in the Sac-Joaquin Section Cross Country Meet, hoping to qualify for the State Meet**

Outstanding work by the student/athletes and coaches – PGHS is very proud of everyone.

Winter Sports are underway – Boys and Girls Wrestling, Boys and Girls Basketball and Boys and Girls Soccer. For schedule information go to pghsathletics.org.

Spring Sports are just around the corner – don't wait to get your clearance paperwork turned in. The required paperwork can be found under Files and Links at pghsathletics.org. Tryouts begin February 5 and all athletes must be cleared by the Athletic Director by Thursday, February 1 in order to try out. Athletes must have a 2.0 GPA on their first semester report card to be eligible for tryouts.

Spring sports include: Baseball, Boys Tennis, Swimming, Softball, Boys Golf, Track and Field, Boys Volleyball

Congratulations to the following PGHS student-athletes for recently signing their National Letter of Intent to continue their education and compete at the collegiate level:

Kianah Corey – Softball at Cal Poly

Elise Madison – Softball at Cal State Northridge

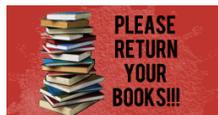
Mia Thompson – Softball at Menlo College

Liliana Light – Volleyball at Santa Clara

Ari Samuel – Golf at University of West Georgia



PGHS/KAMS LIBRARY NEWS



Students enrolled in *1-semester classes* listed below return their textbooks with their scheduled classes during **Finals Week December, 11-15**. Check [PGHS main page calendar](#) for specific days and classes. It's critical we get textbooks back *before winter break* to have books needed for Term 2 checkouts January 3-12, 2018. Students who owe overdue/lost textbooks will not be permitted to check out books for Term 2 until overdue

books are returned or fines paid.

- 9th **Return Health & World Geography textbooks**
- 12th **Return Economics & Government textbooks**
- 9-12th **Return Psychology textbooks**
- 9-12th **Some core novels may return with scheduled English classes**

Lost a textbook? What to do? Click into [PGHS/KAMS Library Textbook](#) page to read options to self-purchase or pay fines with cash/check or set up a payment plan with library staff. We're happy to assist.



Keep Textbooks Dry: Protect books from rain and spilled beverages by storing them inside a plastic bag inside backpacks to avoid expensive replacement costs for mold and water damage to books.



Need homework help? Try [Quizlet.com](#) a free study website to create digital or print flashcards for vocabulary study, test review and interactive quizzes—a top favorite of PGHS students & staff. [Click on this link to access PGHS/KAMS Library's Homework Help page](#) - extensive list of links, FREE!

Google vs. Databases: What's the difference? Find out by clicking into our [PGHS/KAMS Library Online Research Resource](#) page which provides an overview of databases and which is best for student project needs. **User ID. & Password: pgstudent**



Parents/Guardians: Do you know the online risks to your teens and ways to help them manage their online identity, safety and prevent cyberbullying? Learn more about internet lingo, websites and apps plus tips for keeping your teen and children safe online. Click into [EGUSD's Digital Citizenship blog](#) for excellent info. and resources.

4 Main Themes of Digital Citizenship



[1. Cyberbullying](#) [2. Digital Footprint](#) [3. Protecting Online Privacy](#) [4. Intellectual Property](#)

LOST Your Student ID Card? Purchase replacement student ID cards for \$5.00 **before/after school** or **during lunch**. *Please allow 24 hours to process and print the ID card purchases.*

PGHS/KAMS Library Hours & Staff

Open to students for quiet study, computer use, printing and tutoring by library staff.
Mon, Tues, Wed, *TH. & Fri - 7:20 to 3:20 *Late-start Thursdays ***8:00** to 3:20 p.m.

Dany'l Van Someren, PGHS Teacher Librarian dvansome@egusd.net

Linda Kennedy, KAMS Teacher Librarian lkennedy@egusd.net

Nicole Strange, PGHS Library Tech nmstrang@egusd.net

Julie Cager, KAMS Library Tech jcager@egusd.net

Library direct line 916.892-3540

AGRICULTURE NEWS

Pleasant Grove FFA had a busy fall season and is enjoying the transition to winter! The FFA officers, members and advisors have been working hard to prepare and encourage students to take part in the upcoming opportunities!

October was a busy month for PG FFA. Over 90 students received their Greenhand degrees, 45 Greenhands enjoyed their first leadership conference, members participated in two social events, and they even had time to volunteer!

In late October, four of our current students were accompanied by an advisor to the 90th Annual FFA Convention in Indianapolis. The students not only got to be a part of memorable session events, explore the career fair expo and were inspired by motivational speakers, but they also had the opportunity to take some agriculture industry tours, and explore and see the agriculture industry in Louisville, Kentucky and Nashville, Tennessee. We also had 5 Pleasant Grove FFA alumni be awarded their highest degree, the American Degree, at the National FFA Convention. This award is especially prestigious as less than one percent of all FFA members will ever earn their American Degree. Two of the recipients (Michelle Utterback and Jared Unmacht) were able to travel to convention to receive their award. Our other recipients included Nicole Gillin, Hannah Gollnick, and Olivia Schaub – a huge congratulations to all of our American Degree Recipients!



November kicked off with Greenhand Day.

The officer team did a wonderful job at making our first year members feel welcome and appreciated with the opportunity to dye their hands green while enjoying donuts, pizza at lunch, and cake to celebrate at that evening's November FFA meeting as the distinguished Greenhands were awarded their degrees.

The officers also hosted two successful social events. In the beginning weeks, they put on a harvest-like festival where students participated in pumpkin bowling, a pumpkin lights-out game, and pumpkin ring toss. Days before Halloween, they hosted the annual PG FFA pumpkin carving contest. We enjoyed the rain by carving in the barn where students got to enjoy a little friendly competition and an opportunity to show off their pumpkin carving talents. October was also about service to others, PG FFA participated with the Food Day event on campus sharing about the program, helping to share others information about eating healthy and fresh foods. And we also had over 39 students help serve at the Project RIDE spaghetti feed to raise funds for their therapeutic horse riding program.



November also started out with a bang - we had 48 students compete in the Sacramento Section Opening and Closing Ceremonies. We're so proud of our Chapter Officer Team and the freshmen novice teams who competed to kick off a great year!

We are now preparing students to purchase their animals for Sacramento County Fair, Leadership conferences and encouraging students to participate in our CDE (career development event) teams with our CDE competitions will begin in early February 2018.

Our FFA Booster group, the PGHS Aggie Backers, would like to invite all parents of our agriculture students to join this great organization! Meetings are held in conjunction with student's FFA meetings for ease of transportation. For more information or to become a member today, please visit www.pghsaggiebackers.com.

If you would like to learn more about the agriculture classes or find out how to be involved with FFA, please contact one of the agriculture teachers:

Jessica Forster (jforster@egusd.net)

Jim Looper (jlooper@egusd.net)

Kayla MacKaben (kmackabe@egusd.net)

Jenna Swenson (jswenson@egusd.net)



MATHLETES UPDATE

If you are interested in joining Mathletes come to the meetings on Mondays after school in HM1 or see Ms. DeRushe for more information. Competitions occur approximately once per month on Thursdays at various high schools in Sacramento County.

AMERICAN MATHEMATICS CONTEST

On February 7, we will compete in the AMC (American Mathematics Contest) 12 and 10. The AMC is one in a series of examinations (followed in the United States by the American Invitational Examination and the USA Mathematical Olympiad) that culminate in participation in the International Mathematical Olympiad, the most prestigious and difficult secondary mathematics examination in the world. Participants for this competition will be pre-selected by their current math teacher based upon their performance in their math classes.

TUTORING AVAILABLE

There are three options for students who need math tutoring.

Option 1: Ask your current math teacher for a list of available peer tutors (made up of honors & AP math students at PGHS) who are willing to tutor for either pay or community service.

Option 2: Make a tutoring appointment with your current math teacher.

Option 3: Attend school-wide math tutoring offered by various math teachers.

* Before school from 7:25 - 7:55: Wed. in HM7, Fri. in HM11

* After school from 3:20 - 3:50: Tuesday in HM11

SEQUENCE of MATH COURSES for PGHS STUDENTS:

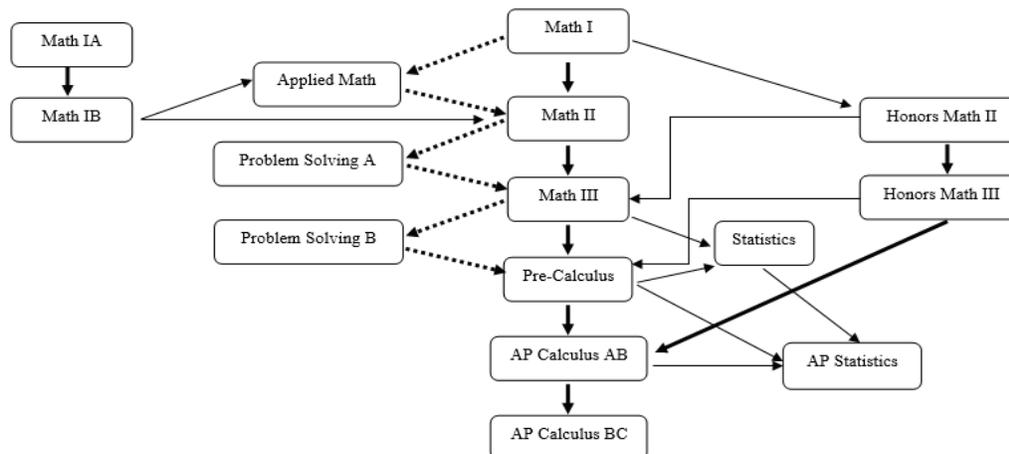
In order to graduate from high school, students MUST:

- Pass Math I
- Pass a math course in his/her senior year
- Pass 3 years of math and 3 years of science or 4 years of math and 2 years of science

Students who wish to attend a 4-year university MUST pass Math I, Math II, and Math III with a C or better.

To move from one level to the next, some courses require a grade of C or better. This is denoted by ↓. Follow ↓ if you receive a D in a pre-requisite course or repeat the pre-requisite course. Repeat a pre-requisite course if you receive a grade of F. Follow → for other options.

START: Find your current math course on the flow chart.



STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

COUNSELORS:

The Pleasant Grove High School Counseling and Guidance Program works to ensure that every student will have an opportunity to develop academically, vocationally, personally and socially through supportive relationships and sequential guidance activities. Counseling services fall within three main areas: Academic, Career /Vocational and Personal/Social. Please feel free to call your student's counselor to discuss your student. Students are assigned a counselor by their last name as indicated below.

COUNSELOR	STUDENT ALPHA	DEPARTMENT ASSIGNMENTS
Teresa Schmutte	A-Chan	Department Chair/PSAT/AVID/Ag
Sandi Allen	Chao-Gor	NCAA/Post Secondary
Todd Hirsch	Gos-Lew	AP Coordinator/Historically Black Colleges
Petra Pohl	Li-O	Conflict Management
Michele Jimenez-Lundy	P-Sn	AP Recruiter/Outreach for Under-represented Students
Dawn Grovhoug	So-Z	Academies/Foreign Exchange Program
Sebastian Lampe		Career Center & CCGI Program

SAT and ACT 2017-2018

Pleasant Grove School Code: 053953

It is recommended that students take the SAT and/or ACT in the spring of their junior year, and again in the fall of their senior year.

Most college-bound students know that a necessary component of an admission application is a college admission test score. Most colleges and universities will not process an application without one. The two national tests are the **SAT** (Scholastic Assessment Test) and the **ACT** (American College Test) – and almost all four-year colleges and universities in the nation accept either SAT Reasoning Test or ACT scores equally. Because research indicates that many students perform quite differently on the SAT and the ACT, it may benefit students to take both tests since colleges typically use the higher of the two scores for admission, scholarship, and athletic eligibility.

SAT

The SAT Reasoning Test is a 3 hour and 45 minute test that measures critical reading, mathematical reasoning and writing skills related to successful performance in college. It is used by college admissions officers as a supplement to the secondary school record.

The SAT: Reasoning Test fee for the 2017-2018 school year is \$52.50

Fee Waivers are available to high school juniors and seniors (limit 2) who demonstrate financial need. See Ms. Williams in the Career Center.

Registration can be completed by mailing in the registration form available in the Career Center during the school year, or by registering online at www.collegeboard.org (credit card required)

The SAT Subject Tests (formerly SAT II: Subject Tests) Students take the SAT Subject Tests to demonstrate to colleges their mastery of specific subjects like English, history and social studies, mathematics, science, and languages. It is recommended that subject tests be taken at the completion of a particular course or series of courses related to the subject area. **(Required by some private colleges in addition to the SAT Reasoning and/or ACT.)** Visit the website or pick up an SAT Registration Bulletin in the Career Center for information on Subject Test Fees. **Subject tests are no longer required, unless specified by individual colleges.**

STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (continued)

2017-2018 SAT and ACT Test Dates- Pleasant Grove High School - 053953

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SAT

The SAT Reasoning Test is a 4-hour test that measures critical reading and writing skills and mathematical reasoning related to successful performance in college. It is used by college admissions officers as a supplement to the secondary school record.

The SAT: Reasoning Test fee for the 2017-2018 school year is \$46.00 and \$60.00 with the essay portion (UC system requires essay portion)

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SAT Test Dates during the 2017-2018 school year:

	Registration	Late registration Deadline
<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>(\$29.00 Late Fee required)</u>
December 2	November 2	November 14
March 10	February 9	February 20
May 5	April 6	April 17
June 2	May 3	May 15

Seniors must test by the December test administration or earlier (some colleges require testing to be complete in October).

SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject Tests **cannot** be completed on the same test date. Students wishing to complete both tests must register for two separate test dates

STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (continued)

ACT

The ACT is a group of tests administered by ACT and required or recommended by most colleges as part of the admission process. Tests measure educational development in English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning. Students may register for one of two Test Options: the ACT or ACT Plus Writing which includes a 30-minute Writing Test (UC system requires writing portion). Check the website (www.actstudent.org) for a list of institutions that recommend, require, or do not need the results from the ACT Writing test.

Students may register by using the online registration option at www.actstudent.org (credit card required).

The ACT test (no writing) fee for the 2017-2018 school year is \$42.50 The ACT Plus Writing fee is \$58.50. UC's require the writing portion.

Fee Waivers are available to high school juniors and seniors (limit 1 waiver per student, 1 time only) who demonstrate financial need. See Ms. Williams in the Career Center.

ACT Test Dates during the 2017-2018 School Year:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late registration Deadline (27.50 late fee required)</u>
December 9	November 3	November 17
February 10	January 5	January 19
April 14	March 9	March 23
June 9	May 4	May 18

THE LAST TEST FOR SENIORS IS DECEMBER.

Important Websites

California Colleges Career Website	www.californiacolleges.edu
Kuder Career Planning System	www.kudernavigator.com
California State University Application	www.csusmentor.edu
University of California Homepage	www.universityofcalifornia.edu
University of California Application	www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
Historically Black Colleges and Universities	www.edonline.com/cq/hbcu
Los Rios Community Colleges (CRC, SCC, ARC)	www.losrios.edu
NCAA Clearinghouse	www.eligibilitycenter.org
United States Military	www.military.com

STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (continued)

Important Dates for Seniors 2017-2018

Twice Monthly	CRC Representative available in the Career Center (Fridays)
Check Weekly	The College Visit Board and Bulletin for college visits.
August/September	Senior class transcript review and post-secondary presentations.
August 26	SAT Administration
September – November	Senior/Counselor Conferences begin. Counselors will send passes to students for their scheduled time. For students who wish to request an early conference date, see your counselor.
September-November	College Application Workshops- UC, CSU and Common Applications (sign up in the Career Center, space is limited)
September- December September 15	College visits in the Career Center (sign up in the Career Center) Historically Black College Fair – Gain exposure to many Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). Meet with official college admissions officers. On-the-Spot Admissions, assistance and information on required SAT and ACT tests, available scholarships and financial aid. Monterey Trails HS 9-12.
September 22	Registration deadline for the October 28 ACT Test date
October 1 – November 3	Apply online to CSU's. Application deadline is November 30.
October 4	EGUSD College and Career Fair @ Valley High School from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
October 5	Registration deadline for the November 4th SAT Reasoning or Subject Test date.
October 7	SAT Administration
October 9	Financial Aid Night at Pleasant Grove High School – in Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.
October 28	ACT Administration
November 1 - 30	Apply online to UC's. Application deadline is November 30.
November 1	ASVAB Test- Administered at PGHS 8 - 11 a.m.
November 2	Registration deadline for the December 2nd SAT Reasoning or Subject Test date.
November 3	Registration deadline for the December 9 ACT test date.
December 2	SAT Administration
December 9	ACT Administration
October - March 2	FAFSA and Cal Grant form filing period for financial aid - Due March 2
January - February	Community College Application Workshops and Online Orientations- Los Rios Community College District

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STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (continued)

Start with the FAFSA- It's Free!

To apply for federal and state financial aid, you'll need to complete the free application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Whether you apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, it's free. Many college and state agencies also use the FAFSA to award their own student aid dollars.

Tips for Completing the FAFSA

You will need records of income for the prior- prior year to when you will start school. For example, students planning to attend college for the 2018-2019 school year, will need financial information from 2017.

Dependent students and their parents should gather these materials beforehand:

- Your FSAID (required for parent and student) when filing online. Get your FAFSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov
- Student's and parents' social security numbers
- Student's driver's license (if any)
- Parents' 2017 income tax return with all schedules and W-2 forms
- 2016 bank statements, mortgage information, business, farm, stock, bond and other investment records
- Records of untaxed income- welfare, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), veterans and Social Security benefits, your Alien Registration Card, if you are not a US Citizen

You should file your FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1, 2017 and no later than March 2, 2018 as required for the Cal Grant Program. Make sure that you complete the 2018-2019 form, not the 2017-2018 form. It will be available 10/1/2017!

The easiest, fastest and smartest way to file the FAFSA is online using FAFSA on the WEB at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The site is available in both English and Spanish.

Don't disqualify yourself! If your family's income is too high, you may not receive need-based aid, but you could still qualify for scholarships, work- study or low interest student loans. So be sure to apply! It's also a good safety net if your financial situation suddenly changes.

Cal Grants

Cal Grants are free money for college. Every high school senior that meets the academic, financial and eligibility requirements, and applies on time, is guaranteed a Cal Grant to attend a qualifying California college. The guarantee also extends to high school seniors who first go to a California Community College and then transfer to a four-year college within 5 years. To be eligible for a Cal Grant, you must:

Submit both the FAFSA and the Cal Grant GPA Verification form by the March 2 (EGUSD will submit the Cal Grant GPA verification for all seniors) deadline. Be a US citizen or an eligible non-citizen. Attend a qualifying California college. Have a family income and assets below the allowed ceiling (changes each year- check them out at www.csac.ca.gov).

STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (continued)

CAREER CENTER UPDATE

The Career Center, located in the Student Services building has a fully equipped computer lab. We will be able to accommodate classes throughout the year during our career units. In addition we will be offering college application workshops and numerous college visits.

Career/College Units:

Seniors: September (1 day), December (2 days) Post-secondary units (college choices, senior portfolio, financial aid, applications, etc.)

Juniors: February/ March (3 days) Career Unit (resume, values assessment, college/career choices etc.)

Sophomores: March/April (1 day) Career Unit (skills assessment, college major search, career choices etc.)

Freshmen: September - November (1 day) Career Unit (interest assessment, college and career exploration, 4-year plan, career choices, etc.)

Please contact Sebastian Lampe or Gina Williams with questions - 686-0233

ELK GROVE REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION – 2017-18

Elk Grove Regional Scholarship Foundation scholarship applications will be available after December 1, 2017 for Elk Grove Unified School District graduating seniors. Foundation scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors graduating in May, 2018 and planning to attend a trade school, community college after high school graduation, or four year university/college.

In 2017 the Foundation awarded 180 scholarships for over \$200,000, and it expects to meet or exceed those amounts in 2018. Many of the Foundation scholarships are based on a student's experience and career choice and not on a high grade point average.

After December 1, 2017 information about the scholarships, along with scholarship applications, can be found online at www.elkgroversf.org. The deadline for submitting applications is January 19, 2018.

We encourage all students who plan on receiving additional education after high school to apply for these scholarships.

STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (continued)

COURSE SELECTION 2016/2017		
<i>DATE</i>	<i>GRADE</i>	<i>CLASSES</i>
January	11 to 12	U.S. History
January /February	10 to 11	World History
February	9 to 10	English

INCOMING 9TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

MARCH 1, 2018

6:00 p.m. in the PGHS Cafeteria

INCOMING 9TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION

MARCH 5 & 9, 2018

Albani Middle School in science classes

Make-up in the library

MARCH 21, 2018

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

ENGLISH NEWS...

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are currently on sale for \$90.00 and can be purchased at the Site Controller's office. On February 1 the price of yearbooks will increase to \$110, so make sure to visit the Site Controller before then.

Poetry Out Loud

Students who are interested in participating in Poetry Out Loud should begin memorizing their first poem now. Auditions for the competition will be after school during the first week of December. Students can find poems to memorize at poetryoutloud.org. The competition will be held during the second week of January.

Study Sync

Poetry fever has taken over the English Department! To wrap up the sophomore unit "Taking a Stand", Mrs. Hoyle's Honors 10 English classes found powerful phrases from their Study Sync textbooks related to the topic. Using the sentence fragments, students created found poetry that summarizes the tensions and struggles that come with standing up for what we believe in. Proud of her students' work, Mrs. Hoyle displayed these poems inside the English department pod. Inspired by her example, Mr. So and Mrs. Taylor are also asking students to create found poetry in their classes. It's a poetry bonanza!

English Learners

Our next KAMS/PGHS English Learner Advisory Committee meeting will be January 16 at 6:00 p.m. Items on the agenda will include an update on LCAP funding and the new state test, ELPAC. We invite all parents of our English learners to join us!

It's re-classification time! In order to be re-classified, students must meet 3 criteria:

- 1) Score an overall 4 or 5 on the CELDT test with no subtest lower than a 3
- 2) Score a 2 or higher on SBAC
- 3) Demonstrate curriculum mastery by receiving a C or better in their grade level English course.

We would like to congratulate the following students for meeting the re-classification requirements:

Sarah Al-Shraideh
Jonathan Arredondo-Garcia
Jesus Gonzalez
Israel Hernandez
Yaseen Niazi
Jovandeep Purewal
David Saldana
Mario Sanchez
Zihui Su
Yeng-Houa Thao
Boonmarc Xayavong
Jin Xiong
Kaitlyn Xiong
Phia Xiong

EGUSD INFORMATION...

EGUSD Parent Handbook of Student Academic Learning Expectations

Due to budget cuts, hard copies of “A Parent Handbook of Student Academic Learning Expectations” will not be distributed to sites this year. The handbook can be accessed by parents off of the EGUSD website at the following link(s):

Elementary: http://www.egusd.net/students_parents/pdfs/0910_K-6_Parent_Pamphlet.pdf

Secondary: http://www.egusd.net/students_parents/pdfs/0910_7-12_Parent_Pamphlet.pdf

Student Accident Insurance

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The school district assumes no liability for accidents to students at school (E.C. 49472, 49471, 48980) and the district does not provide medical insurance for individual students. However, you may purchase student accident insurance if you wish to do so. The insurance provides coverage for your child while on school grounds or in school building during the time your child is required to be there during a regular school day while being transported by the district to and from school or other place of instruction; or while at any other place as an incident to school-sponsored activities and while being transported to, from and between such places.

Markel will no longer be providing application packets. Applications will ONLY be accepted online at the following link, <http://markel.sevencorners.com> or by phone: (877) 444-5014.

For further information: <http://www.egusd.net/riskmanagement/Info-SAR.html#SAI>

2017-18 Opt-Out Form

The forms are available on the District’s website: <http://www.egusd.net/students-families/egusd-forms/>
This form provides parents the opportunity to opt their student out of public media coverage, posting of student images and names through EGUSD digital communication tools, release of directory information, films, and family life education.

Please note - the forms expire annually.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

If your child’s emergency information has changed, please come to the administration office to pick up an “change of information” form.

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

To access the EGUSD 2017-2018 school year calendar Go to the district’s website: www.egusd.net/calendars/index.cfm

Mission Statement

The Pleasant Grove High School community will challenge all students to excel in an academically rigorous setting where they establish and achieve individual goals, communicate effectively, and interact respectfully and responsibly as they prepare for the future.



Student Core Values

To that end, the following four core values guide students in their educational pursuit at PGHS. The student at PGHS will demonstrate:

- RIGOR - by utilizing and developing their critical thinking skills in a rigorous academic environment, by communicating effectively, and by seeking and creating solutions to complex problems.
- RELEVANCE - by applying current learning to advance their career, social and civic goals.
- RELATIONSHIPS – by fostering relationships among other students and staff to develop life-long, self-directed learning and interpersonal skills that build connections to the school and global community.
- RESPECT – by honoring self and others through accepting personal responsibility for their actions and showing respect for diverse voices and life experiences.