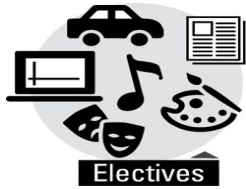




High School Preview Night





What is PiE?

PiE is the sole nonprofit that raises money for additional staff at all Palo Alto schools. Donations to PiE benefit every student.



In High Schools, PiE funds:

- Counselors, Mentors and Advisors
- Compelling Electives
- Career and College Counseling and Support



*Without PiE, funding these amazing options
would not be available to our students.*

High School Preview Night



Speakers

Principal: Kathie Laurence

Assistant Principal: Michalis Gordon

Counselor: Jorge Chavez

*Parents: Lucinda Brommersma, Victoria Chang,
Kimberly Eng Lee and Patrick Sullivan*

Focus of Information

Early General Information

Parents' Perspective

Question Cards

- This will be your first high school student
- This will be your first experience with high school in the US
- If your student has only attended private school

Stand up if...





GUNN - Student Demographics

- 2022 students
- Gunn demographics
 - 1.6 % African-American
 - 9.2% Hispanic
 - 49.7% Asian
 - 37.2% Caucasian
 - 2% two- or-more races.
- Roughly 3.4% are classified as limited English proficient.

Inclusion

- Being a part of the Gunn community
- Accessing education
- Providing the necessary supports for engagement

School Improvement Goals



- **Wellbeing/Culture** – multiple paths to success; focus on social-emotional learning
- **Equity** – close the opportunity and achievement gap
- **Collaboration** – teachers/staff collaborate in PLCs and use common assessment data to inform instruction

Informal and Important Goals

FUN!

And

SLEEP!

**“You can do anything,
but you can’t do everything”**

Counselors and Administrators

Ms. Shannon Flaskerud and
Mr. Derek Johanson
Partnered with AP Michalis Gordon



Ms. Erin Reyes and
Mr. David Leftwich
Partnered with AP Margaret Reynolds

Counselors and Administrators

Mr. Jon Fidani and
Ms. Betty Chen
Partnered with AP Pier Angeli La Place



Ms. Cora Ross and
Mr. Jorge Chavez
Partnered with AP Harvey Newland

Counselor Connections

We are here to work with your student and you on:

Personal and social issues

Course Selection

Academic Planning

Scheduling Questions

College & Career Planning

Four Year Plan

- Helps to set realistic expectations
- Works with time management
- Allows for a visual representation of the 4 years
- Is flexible

AVID

- **Support elective**
- **Goal: prepare all students for college readiness and success in a global society**
- **AVID 9's Focus:**
 - **Writing**
 - **Inquiry**
 - **Critical Thinking**
 - **Organization**
 - **Reading Skills**
 - **Self-Advocacy**

FOS

- **Support elective**
- **Provides direct support in academic courses in conjunction with mini-lessons that build self-advocacy and academic skills.**
- **The class curriculum includes:**
 - **time management**
 - **organization**
 - **test-taking strategies**
 - **goal setting**

Small Learning Community (SLC)

- **SLC is a class of 25 freshmen who take English, Biology, and World History together**
- **There is a focus on community-building, leadership skills, and environmental awareness**
- **SLC students spend a week in Yosemite**
- **Teachers work together to provide an easy transition to high school**
- **Teachers employ Project-Based Learning Strategies**

Transition to Gunn

January	February	March	April
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8th grade parent night• Course Registration at Middle Schools• Native Speaker - WL placement tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course Verifications at Middle Schools• Native Speaker - WL placement tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transitional 504 meetings• Transitional IEP meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transitional 504 meetings• Transitional IEP meetings

WL placement tests also in May & August

Campus Connection



Activities Director - Lisa Hall
lhall@pausd.org



Student Activities

All-Campus Activities:

- Dances, Homecoming, Fundraisers, Sports Rallies, Lunchtime Events, Tournaments, Assemblies, Culture/ Awareness Events

Clubs

- Over 100 clubs in 2018-2019!

ASB Student Government:

- Elected and Appointed Offices
- Leadership Class
- Class Council

Athletics

Curt Johansen - Athletic Director

cjohansen@pausd.org

Kevin Johnson - Assistant Athletic Director

kjohnson@pausd.org



Sports Teams

Fall

Cheer/Dance
Football (no cuts)
Golf - Girls
Water Polo
Girls Water Polo
Tennis - Girls
Volleyball
Boys CC (no cuts)
Girls CC (no cuts)

Winter

Basketball
Girls Basketball
Soccer
Girls Soccer
Wrestling (no cuts)

Spring

Badminton
Baseball
Golf - Boys
Lacrosse
Girls Lacrosse
Swimming/Diving (no cuts)
Softball
Tennis - Boys
Track and Field (no cuts)
Boys Volleyball

SELF (Social Emotional Literacy and Functionality)

- 4 year comprehensive SEL program
 - Focuses on supporting your student in building relationships with a trusted adult and other students in their cohort
 - Focuses on the development of the core SEL competencies - social awareness, self-management, self-efficacy, relational skills, and responsible decision making
- Students are placed in a cohort of 26 students and with a SELF mentor, starting at Freshman orientation
- Meet weekly on Thursdays during a specially designated Wellness FLEX time
- Draws from the nationally renowned School-Connect curriculum



Other Gunn Wellness Programs

- Living Skills
- Sources of Strength
- ROCK
- Yoga (after school and as a 10th grade PE class)
- YES!
- CASSY
- ACCI

FLEX Time

TeachMore

Helping Teachers To Teach Smarter. Not Harder



*Henry M. Gunn
High School*

Sign In

Student ID:

Password:

Submit

Wellness Center



Students can use this space to decompress. It's a device free zone!

Closing Video

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Parent Panel

Moderator:

Kamal Ardeshtna, PiE Board President

Lucinda Brommersma

Victoria Chang

Kimberly Eng Lee

Patrick Sullivan

Thank you!

