



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: Adam Paulson

Counselor: James Hamilton

Wellness Coordinator: Elizabeth Spector

Parents: Colleen Gormley, Sudeshna Raha and Mark Robins

Focus of Information

Early General Information

Parents' Perspective

Question Cards

WELCOME TO
PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL!



IT'S GREAT TO BE A VIKING!

OUR CORE PURPOSE

The core purpose of our school is to affirm the potential of every Paly student in an **environment of support** and **inspiration** where people **work together** and **lift each other** toward great personal growth.

DREAMING BIG – OUR VISION

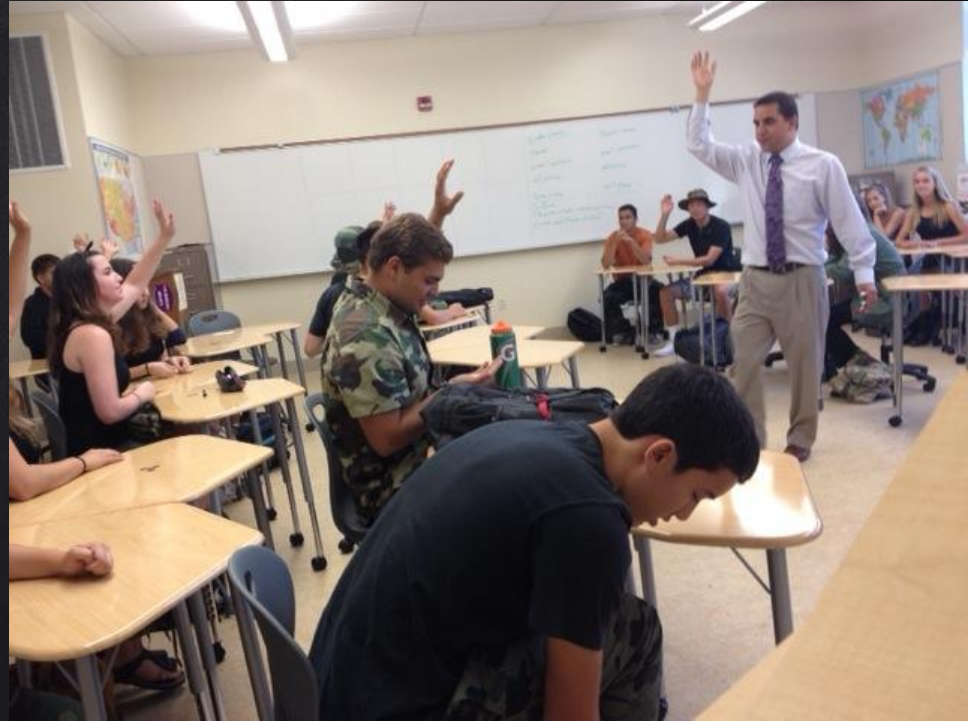
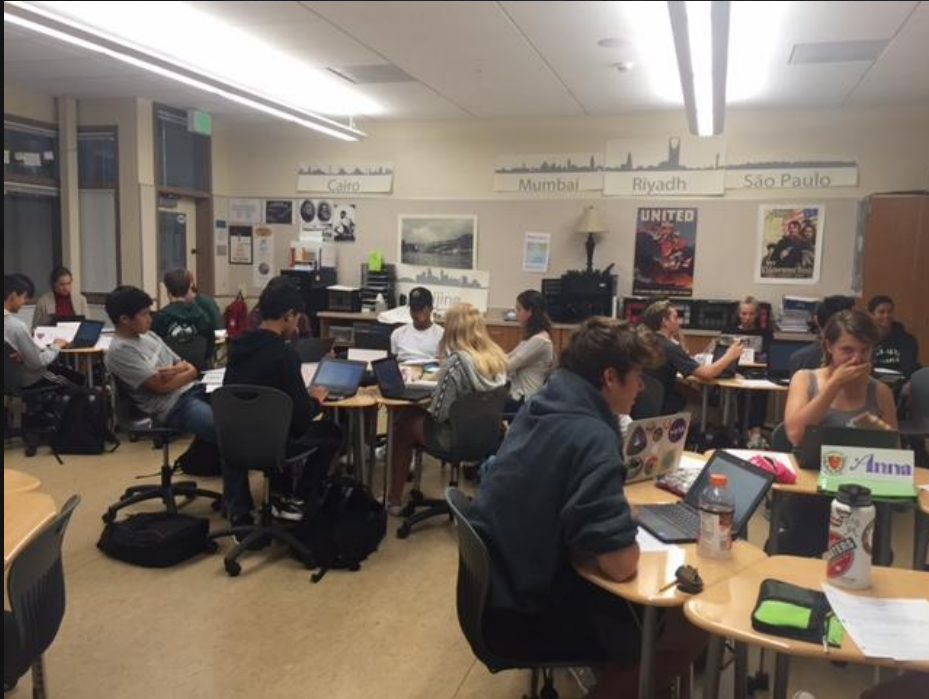
We support **all PALY** students as they **prepare to thrive as global citizens in a rapidly changing world**. We **develop** our students' knowledge, critical thinking, and problem solving skills and **nurture** their curiosity, creativity, and resilience, **empowering** every child to reach his or her full intellectual, social, and creative potential.

SCHOOL GOALS

1. Systems Alignment to reduce undue stress
2. Instructional Practice to Increase Student Engagement for ALL students
3. Innovative School Culture – global competencies, creativity and empathy

<http://www.paly.net/wasc>

PALY PRIDE...HIGH QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING



Professional Learning Communities “PLC’s”



Four Critical Questions

1. What do we want our students to learn?
(essential, guaranteed, and viable curriculum)
2. How will we know they are learning? (frequent, team-developed, common formative assessments)
3. How will we respond when they don't learn?
(timely, directive, systematic intervention)
4. How will we respond when they do learn?
(timely enrichment and extension)

INSPIRING SPACES



PALY PRIDE...PREPARING OUR STUDENTS

Social Justice Pathway

Sports Career Pathway

Media Arts Pathway

Performing Arts Pathway

TEAM

AVID

Biomedical Science

Engineering

Computer Science



PALY PRIDE...MEDIA ARTS

- ✗ Campanile (student newspaper)
- ✗ Voice (online)
- ✗ Verde magazine
- ✗ C-magazine
- ✗ Viking magazine
- ✗ In Focus broadcast
- ✗ Proof (art magazine)
- ✗ Agora (foreign affairs magazine)
- ✗ Madrono yearbook
- ✗ Graphic Design
- ✗ Video Production (student film festivals)



PALY PRIDE...VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS



Fiery Arts



STRENGTHENING OUR CULTURE

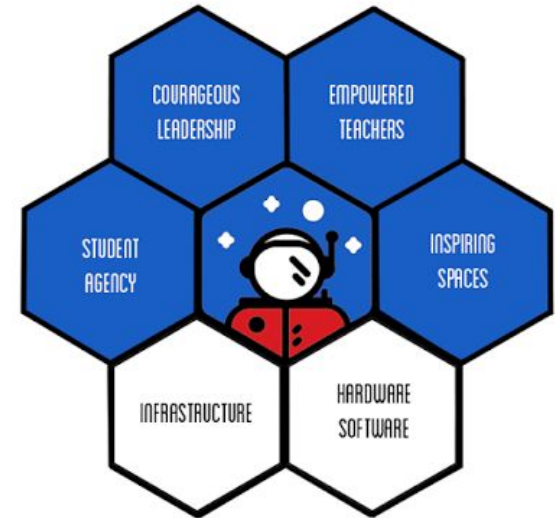
Challenge Success

**CHALLENGE
SUCCESS**

Sources of Strength



Future Ready



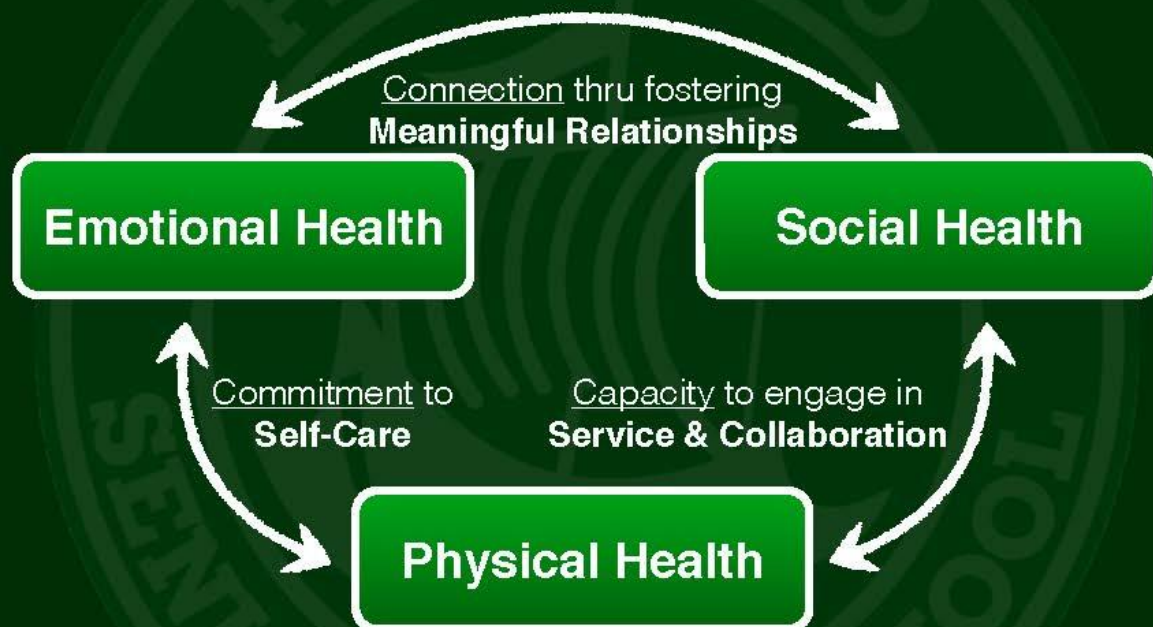
PAUSD Wellness Centers

Provide safe, supportive environment where students can go to de-stress and/or discuss a variety of issues.

Through on-campus programming and community-based partnerships, students receive coordinated health education, assessment, counseling and support services to maximize their engagement and success.

Wellness Center partnership with Guidance –
single access point for full-continuum of services

Wellness at Paly



Students / Staff / Parents

Upstream and Downstream-It's All Important

Culture of Well-Being

Target: Everyone

Stress Management

Target: **Many**

Support Services

Target: **Some**

Crisis Intervention

Target: **Few**

Postvention

Target: Everyone





Paly's Three-Tiered Guidance Program





Teacher Advisors



1
Teacher
Advisors

2
Guidance
Counselors



1
**Teacher
Advisors**

2
**Guidance
Counselors**

3
**College
Advisors**

Teacher Advisors (TA)

- Primary contact people who conduct mandatory advisory classes on Thursdays
 - Monitor academic progress
 - Help develop a 4-year plan of study
 - Explain graduation vs. college requirements
 - Assist with course selection
 - Provide guidance for the college application process



Guidance Counselors

- Available for student drop-in or parent appointments for any need
 - Support and Collaborate with TAs, teachers, parents, and students
 - Hold Student Progress Meetings
 - Make referrals to other professionals and services
 - Monitor academic progress
 - Consult with students about course selection



College Advisors

- Help students with college application process
 - Meet individually with juniors (2nd semester) and seniors
 - Host: College Fair, Career Speakers Series, Outreach Night, College Rep Visits, Out-of-State Colleges Night, Naviance Demo, Financial Aid Night, and more!
 - Encourage career exploration/vocational options
- Active members of WACAC and NACAC
- Maintain relationships with college admission reps
- Participates in current professional learning



Academic Planning

Comparing graduation and CSU/UC minimal subject requirements for admission

The CSU/UC (a-g) requirements are typical of 4-yr colleges



Typical Freshman Schedule

- H/SS (a) — World History
 - English (b) — English 9A
 - Math (c) — Recommendation by 8th grade Math Teacher (or placement exam if coming from out of district)
 - Science (d) — Biology/Biology H
 - World Language (e) (Spanish, French, ASL, Japanese, or Chinese)
 - Electives (f) — Visual/Fine Arts or CTE
 - PE
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- TEAM program is also available for freshmen*
 - no lottery this school year, open to all who select



Freshman Course Registration - in PAUSD

Wednesday, January 30 - 8th grade parent night (7:00pm at Paly)

Feb. 4 - Feb 13 - Counselors at PAUSD Middle Schools to start the process

Wednesday, Feb. 6 - 8th grade course selection workshop (7:00 pm at Paly)

Feb. 21 - Feb. 27 - Counselors return to PAUSD Middle Schools to finish the course selection process.



Freshman Course Registration - outside PAUSD

Wednesday, Jan. 30 - 8th grade parent night (7:00 pm at Paly)

Wednesday, Feb. 6 - 8th grade course selection workshop (7:00 pm at Paly)

March → Student and parents have one-on-one meeting with 9th grade counselor to register for courses



Staying Informed at Paly



Paly.net

Schoology



ASB Website-Google “Paly ASB”



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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT Paly....

The source for “all things Paly” – <http://www.paly.net/>

[Our School Profile](#)

