

# Gunn Connection



Monday, September 14, 2020

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- [Gunn Student Activities](#)
- [Gunn Oracle Current Edition](#)
- [PAUSD ID Portal](#)

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## Parent Networks

- | Senior Class |  
**Nisha Datta, Julie Dubrouillet & Laura Wingard**
- | Junior Class |  
**Claire Kirner, Leena Gill, & Gunjan Gupta**
- | Sophomore Class |  
**Annie Bedichek, Lili Nova-Roessig, & Mana Uchino**
- | 9th Grade Class |  
**Elizabeth Lam, Naomi Wang, & Michelle Chen**
- | Special Ed/Inclusion Rep |  
**Momo Yanagihara & Yael Uziyel Navel**



## CALENDAR

Please consult the Gunn High School [calendar](#) and [website](#) for updated event information.

- Mon, 9/14 - 4:00 PM**  
Site Council Meeting
- Fri, 9/18**  
Last Day for Lane Changes
- Tue, 9/22 - 9:15 AM**  
Junior Parent Network Meeting
- Wed, 9/23** Counseling Nights  
9th Grade Parents 6:15 PM  
10th Grade Parents 6:30 PM
- Thu, 9/24 - 9:15 AM** 7:00 PM  
School Board Forum on  
Secondary Education
- Wed, 9/30** Counseling Nights  
11th Grade Parents 6:15 PM  
12th Grade Parents 6:30 PM

*NOTE: Dates and times of events are as of the date of this publication and may change. Be sure to check*

the [Gunn Calendar](#) for any last minute changes. For corrections or additions to the Calendar, contact **Martha Elderon**.

## Translations

Courtesy of the Gunn Culture  
Connection Club

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**GUNN NEWS & EVENTS**

**\*\*NEW\*\* Parent Volunteers Needed to Help Manage Photo Materials**

**Friday, Sept. 18 10:00A to 12 Noon & 2:30 to 4:00PM**

Photo Teacher Marie Durquet needs help this coming Friday AM preparing materials for student pick-up later in the day 2:30 to 4:00PM. If you can help for either of these shifts please respond to Volunteer Coordinator

[nhesterman@pausd.org](mailto:nhesterman@pausd.org) as soon as possible. Please also [review the COVID-19 Safety Measures for volunteers](#) prior to your volunteer time.

**Junior Parent Network Meeting**

**Tue, Sep 22, 9:15 AM CORRECTED DATE**

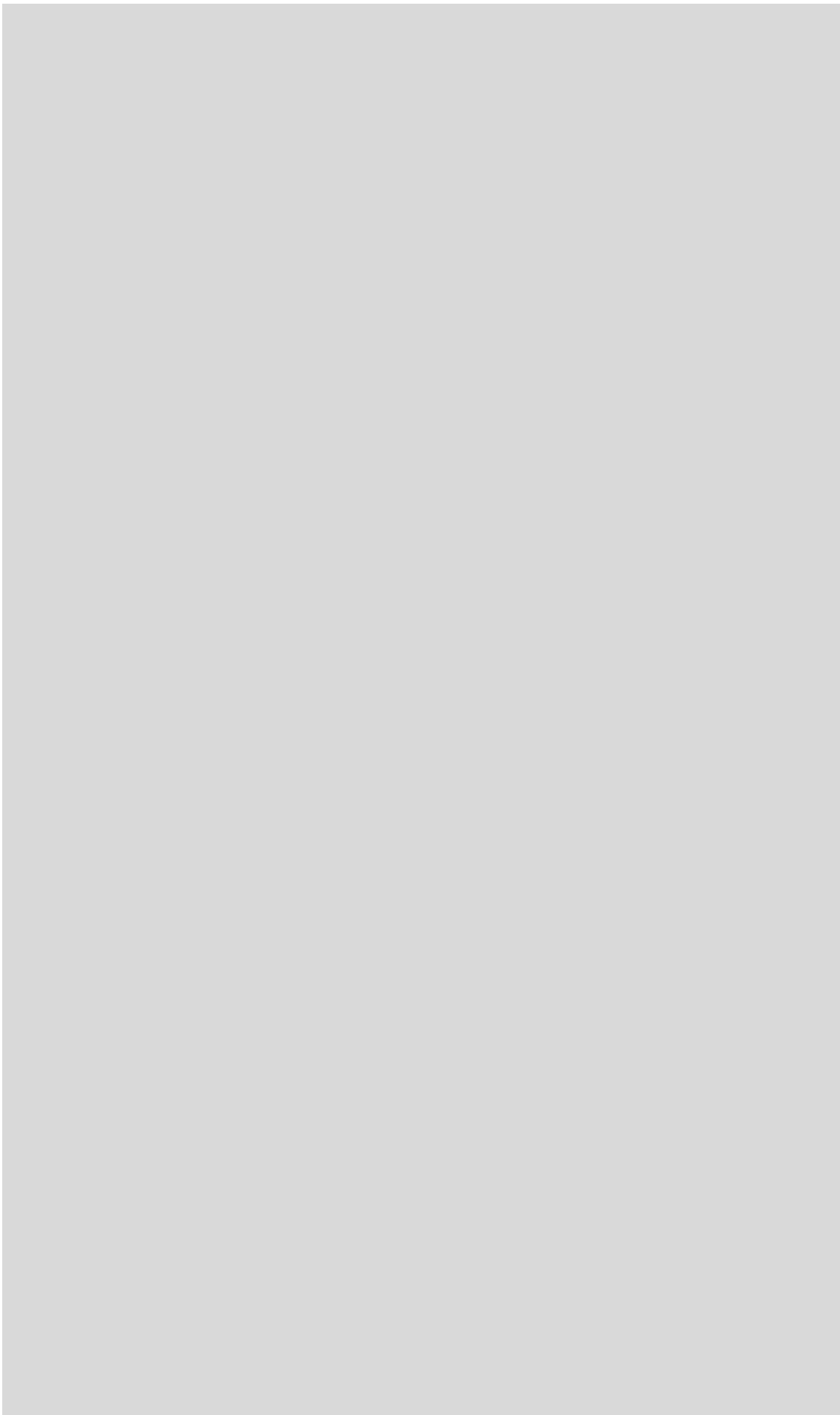
Junior parents, please join us for a Zoom meeting with Gunn Career Counselor Linda Kirsch on Tuesday Sept 22 at 9:15 AM. Linda will give an overview of what you need to attend to in the process of applying to CC, CSU, UC, and private institutions. All colleges are not alike! Whether a college is a good fit for your student depends on many factors such as how they like to learn, the size, and location of the school. We'll discuss these factors as well as the impact of COVID-19. You'll receive a Zoom link and questions link closer to the meeting through UptoUs, so you can submit your questions in advance. We hope to see you there!

**\*\*NEW\*\* Support for Gunn Families**

If you are experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19, please let your Gunn student's counselor know. The Gunn PTSA has approved a grant to support students through the counseling office. If you are struggling to pay for college application fees or other college-related costs, please contact Leighton Lang at [llang@pausd.org](mailto:llang@pausd.org). This is a challenging time for some Gunn families, but together we can make it through!







### **\*\*NEW\*\* Gunn PTSA and Non-PTSA Communication**

Gunn PTSA communicates in several ways to inform parents about school activities, events, programs and resources in accordance with vetted [purposes](#) and [policies](#). We also deliver a broader message about the mission of PTA “every child, one voice,” by encouraging communication and cooperation between parents, communities, and schools to ensure that all youth receive the best possible education. Gunn PTSA communicates with parents in the following ways:

[Gunn Connection eNews](#)

[Gunn PTSA Website & Meetings](#)

[UptoUs eDirectory & Volunteer Sign-Ups](#)

Grade-level [Parent Network Meetings & eMails](#)

[‘Gunn High School Parent Community’ Facebook Group](#)

### **\*\*NUEVO\*\* Comunicación del PTSA Gunn y grupos que no son PTSA**

El PTSA Gunn usa varias maneras para comunicarse con los padres sobre las actividades de la escuela, los eventos, los programas, y los recursos según [objetivos](#) y [reglas](#) aprobados. También damos el mensaje general sobre la misión de PTA “Cada niño, una voz” por fomentar la comunicación y cooperación entre padres, comunidades, y escuelas. Queremos que todos los jóvenes reciban la mejor educación posible. El PTSA Gunn se comunica con los padres en las maneras siguientes:

[Gunn Conexión eNews](#)

[Sitio del PTSA Gunn & Reuniones](#)

[Directorio UpToUs & Inscripción de los voluntarios](#)

[Redes de los Padres y eMails](#)

[‘Comunidades de los Padres de Gunn’ Grupo de Facebook](#)

Gunn PTSA recognizes that **other communications channels also exist** to promote community and connections among parents and the school. Any opinions expressed in these groups are not the views or opinions of Gunn PTSA. Although Gunn PTSA is not affiliated with, and does not endorse, support, or verify the accuracy of information posted in these groups, parents may find them of interest, so we may periodically announce these non-PTSA groups within certain guidelines:

- The group is open to all parents (in the school or grade level) and does not discriminate.
- The group explicitly encourages its members to post respectfully and responsibly, and is moderated. By “moderated,” we mean groups whose moderators are known and who have the ability to approve, reject, or



retract posts. Common social media groups such as WhatsApp and WeChat do not currently meet this criteria.

- The group does not allow complaints about specific teachers, programs, administrators or students.

Gunn PTSA identifica qué **otras vías de comunicación también existen** para promover la comunidad y las conexiones entre los padres y la escuela. Algunas opiniones expresada en estos grupos no son las perspectivas ni opiniones de Gunn PTSA. Aunque Gunn PTSA no está afiliada, y no respalda, apoya, o confirma la exactitud de la información compartido en estos grupos, los padres pueden encontrarlos de interés, por lo que podemos anunciar periódicamente estos grupos que no pertenecen a la PTSA dentro de ciertas pautas:

- El grupo está abierto a todos (en la escuela o nivel de grado) y no discrimina
- El grupo anima explícitamente a sus miembros a publicar de forma respetuosa y responsable, y es moderado. Por "moderado", nos referimos a grupos cuyos moderadores son conocidos y que tienen la capacidad de aprobar, rechazar o retirar publicaciones. Los grupos de redes sociales comunes como WhatsApp y WeChat no cumplen actualmente con este criterio.
- El grupo no permite quejas sobre profesores, programas, administradores o estudiantes específicas.

**The following communications channels are open to the community, but are non-PTSA\*:**

**[City of Palo Alto Slack Channel](#)**

**[Grupo Hispano de Padres de Escuelas de Palo Alto](#)** (Hispanic Parent Network)

**[‘Gunn Cares’ Facebook Group](#)**

**[Gunn Oracle on Instagram](#)** (Student Newspaper)

**[‘Gunn Parent Discussion’ Facebook Group](#)**

**[Gunn SEC on Instagram](#)** (Student Council and Student Activities)

**[Gunn Site Council](#)** (Meetings & Parent Representatives)

**[Gunn Student School Board Rep Facebook page](#)**

**[gunn-titan-2024@googlegroups.com](mailto:gunn-titan-2024@googlegroups.com)** (for 9th grade parents)

**[Palo Alto CAC Discuss List](#)** (Community Advisory Committee for Special Education)

[Palo Alto Council of PTAs](#) (PTAC)

[PAUSD Board of Education](#) (School Board Trustees)

[PAUSD Let's Talk](#) (District office feedback)

<https://twitter.com/PaloAltoUnified> - PAUSD on Twitter

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If you have questions, please contact [vpcommunications@gunnpta.org](mailto:vpcommunications@gunnpta.org) or [president@gunnpta.org](mailto:president@gunnpta.org).

### **2020-21 Gunn Titan Staff Grants**

**Application deadline: Friday, September 18**

The Gunn PTSA announces the Staff Grants process for the 2020–21 year with a total of \$20,000 waiting to be awarded to any Gunn teacher or staff member!

Please encourage those you know to apply. Goals of the PTSA Staff Grant:

Annually, PTSA allocates financial resources to teachers and staff to promote innovative teaching. Grants will be considered for non-recurring classroom or school-wide programs that teach or support students in creative and engaging ways. It seems especially poignant this year. Staff Grants are available up to \$2,000 (larger amounts may be considered). Applications are reviewed by the PTSA Budget Committee. Technology must also be approved by Gunn Tech.

Information and application form here:

<https://gunn.paloaltopta.org/teacher-grants/>

### **Subscribe to The Oracle and Support Quality Student Journalism at Gunn**

Student journalism is still in full swing, even with the distance learning this year. While we sent the First Week of School issue home to all families this year to welcome everyone back to the school year, we will only be sending future issues home to our subscribers.

Subscribing to The Oracle is easy: you can visit the [SAC webstore](#) or subscribe through the summer mailing. We'd love to keep you informed of the important events happening on campus, and we appreciate your support! You can also keep up with The Oracle online at [www.gunnoracle.com](http://www.gunnoracle.com), by following us on Instagram and Facebook (@gunnoracle) and by finding us on Issuu ([issuu.com/gunnoracle](http://issuu.com/gunnoracle)).

### **Yearbook Baby Ads for Seniors**

Every year, the yearbook staff sets aside a portion of the yearbook for Senior Baby Ads. These ads allow parents of seniors to honor their child and send them a supporting message. Graduation from high school is a noteworthy step in every child's life that surely makes every parent proud. As a long-standing tradition at Gunn, these Senior Baby Ads help celebrate this monumental achievement. For more information: [Baby Ads Information and Order Form](#).

## PAUSD & PTAC

### **\*\*NEW\*\* Superintendent Friday Update - 9/11/2020**

Read Superintendent Don Austin's message [here](#). See past updates here.

### **\*\*NUEVO\*\* Actualización del Superintendente del Viernes - 9/11/2020**

Lee el mensaje del superintendente Don Austin [aquí](#). Vee actualizaciones anteriores aquí.



### **SAVE THE DATES Candidate Forums**

**Thu, Sep 24, 7:00-8:30 PM - School Board Forum on Secondary Education** – middle & high schools. Live stream: <https://youtu.be/qoHDNY4FG7>. Use this [google form](#) to submit questions in advance.

**Thu, Oct 8, 6:30-8:30 PM - School Board Forum** Co-hosted with the League of Women Voters. Register for the League-sponsored candidate forum on our [Candidate Forum web page](#).

**Sat, Oct 17, 3:00-5:00 PM - School Board Candidate Forum on Educational Equity & Access: the Achievement Gap and Special Education** The event is

jointly sponsored by PTA Council (PTAC), Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education (CAC), the Latino Parent Network (LPN), and Parent Advocates for Student Success (PASS). For questions, contact [paloaltocac@gmail.com](mailto:paloaltocac@gmail.com) or [council@paloaltopta.org](mailto:council@paloaltopta.org).

**RECORDAR LAS FECHAS Foros de candidatos**

**Jueves, 24 de septiembre, 7:00-8:30 PM - Foro de la Junta Escolar sobre Educación Secundaria** – escuelas secundarias y preparatorias. La transmisión en directo: <https://youtu.be/qoHDNY4FG7>. Usa este [formulario](#) para enviar preguntas por adelantado.

**Jueves, 8 de octubre, 6:30-8:30 PM - Foro de Junta Escolar** Co presentado con la liga de mujeres votantes. Registrarse en el foro de candidatos patrocinado por la Liga en nuestra [página web del Foro de Candidatos](#).

**Sábado, 17 de octubre, 3:00-5:00 PM - Foro de Junta Escolar sobre Equidad Educativa y Acceso: la Brecha de Logros y educación especial** Este evento es patrocinado por consejo de la PTA (PTAC), Comité Asesor Comunitario de Educación Especial en Palo Alto (CAC), la red de padres latinos (LPN), y Defensores de las padres para el éxito estudiantil (PASS). Para preguntas, contacto [paloaltocac@gmail.com](mailto:paloaltocac@gmail.com) o [council@paloaltopta.org](mailto:council@paloaltopta.org).



**Vote to Support for Measure O**

Gunn PTSA and the PTAC Executive Board supports **Yes On O!** Join us with your Vote YES on O. Palo Alto schools are among the best in the state and nation, thanks to dedicated teachers, high-quality academics, and rich and varied programs that support children's growth. For almost 20 years, local voter approved parcel taxes have generated over \$15 million in locally-controlled funding to keep our schools strong. This measure needs 66.7 percent of voters to approve to pass, and every vote counts. <https://supportpaloaltoschools.org/>

**Vota para apoyar la medida O**

El consejo ejecutiva PTA apoya **¡sí en O!** Nos juntamos con su vota Sí en O. Nuestras escuelas de Palo Alto están entre las mejores en el estado y nación, gracias a nuestros maestros dedicados, académicos de buena calidad, y programas variados y ricos para apoyar y enriquecer el crecimiento de nuestros niños. Para casi 20 años, nuestro impuesto de paquete ha generado más de \$15 millones en financiamiento local para mantener nuestras escuelas. Esta medida necesita 66.7 por ciento de votantes ratificar pasar, y cada voto cuenta.

<https://supportpaloaltoschools.org/>

### **Election Alert**

Voting begins when ballots arrive. Election day is Tue, Nov 3.

Please pay attention to your ENTIRE ballot. Don't miss:

- PAUSD Parcel Tax (Vote for Measure "O")
- School Board & City Council Elections
- 11 Propositions. [[State PTA positions](#)]

REGISTER and VOTE Questions? [advocacy@paloaltopta.org](mailto:advocacy@paloaltopta.org) or [council@paloaltopta.org](mailto:council@paloaltopta.org)

### **Noticia de elección**

Votación empieza cuando las votaciones llegan. El día de elección es martes, el 3 de noviembre.

Por favor presta atención en TODA su votación. No se pierda:

- PAUSD Impuesto de paquete (Vota para Medida "O")
- Consejo de escuela & elecciones del consejo de la ciudad
- 11 Propositiones. [[Posiciones PTA del estado](#)]

¿Preguntas sobre INSCRIBIRSE y VOTAR? [advocacy@paloaltopta.org](mailto:advocacy@paloaltopta.org) or [council@paloaltopta.org](mailto:council@paloaltopta.org)

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**COMMUNITY**

**\*\*NEW\*\* Scouts BSA Informational Meeting**

**Wednesday Sept 23, 7-8:00 PM**

For over 100 years scouting has helped kids build character, learn leadership and outdoor skills, serve their community, and all while having fun! All kids (boys and girls, age 10-18, 6th grade and up) are invited to join. The scouting curriculum adapts well to the pandemic situation. Please join an informational meeting, run by the local scouting district council: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 7pm – 8pm.

Zoom - <https://tinyurl.com/ScoutsBSAZoom>

Facebook Event - <https://tinyurl.com/ScoutsBSAFacebookEvent>

If interested please contact Eugene Chow ([emc73@yahoo.com](mailto:emc73@yahoo.com)), parent leader for local Troop 52. (Many Fletcher and Gunn kids are in this troop.)

**\*\*NEW\*\* Good News for Reusable Bags**

The CDC, Cal/OSHA, and Santa Clara County Public Health Department all agree – reusable bags can be used safely. Please follow these guidelines to use your reusable bags safely:

- Keep your reusable bags in your cart/basket.
- Bag your own groceries. If there are problems maintaining physical distance, you may need to place your items back in your cart and bag your items elsewhere.
- Wash your reusable bags frequently.





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*College Scholarships for Gunn Seniors*

