

Mt. Pleasant High School

“Achieving Excellence - Transforming Lives”

Goodwill ASSETs Update

Fall 2016



Message From Principal

At Mt. Pleasant we are constantly looking for ways to engage students and make learning fun. Our after school program is especially designed to achieve that goal. Research has shown that providing interesting, creative, project based learning opportunities linked to the school day but slightly different, increases school success and helps to develop skills such as team work, problem solving, critical thinking and healthy decision-making.

Classes such as Public Leadership and Debate, Robotics, Engineering, Design Thinking and App Development, Literacy Club, New York Film and Fiction, Forensic Science and Physiology are examples of programs we are using to compliment the curriculum and make learning fun for students.

In addition we offer a variety of tutoring programs, using student tutors, staff and technology to support our students. All our after school classes are open to all students. Students can participate in as many classes as they'd like. A full listing of the activities offered, and their times and location are included in this newsletter. Hot meals are provided to every student who attends.

Be sure to encourage your student to take advantage of the many activities and support offered. We want students to be successful in school and life and are dedicated to providing a learning environment that helps them achieve those goals.

Martha Guerrero
Principal

Literary Club Sponsors Poetry Slam

The Literary Club sponsored a successful Poetry Slam in November to get students engaged and excited about creative writing and expression. During the event, students shared their work and a panel of judges selected the best performances



Failure should not be an option

Please encourage your students to capitalize on all the extra tutoring support Mt. Pleasant offers.

Check schedule for times:

Homework Center - open everyday, tutors are available for Algebra, Geometry, Chemistry and Biology
Biology Tutoring - every Tuesday and Thursday
Cardinal Writing Center - Tuesday through Thursday
Integrated Math - every Tuesday and Thursday
Math Analysis - every Thursday
Forensic Science/Physiology - every Thursday
AP Calculus AB - Monday and Wednesday
AP Calculus BC - Monday
AP Statistics -Tuesday

Cyber High Enables Seniors To Graduate On Time

Thanks to ASSETs Cyber High classes, 35 seniors were able to make up courses and graduate on time last school year. Cyber High is offered primarily to seniors who are down credits. Students take on-line courses aligned to the Content Standards of each specific subject area under the supervision of a certificated Mt. Pleasant teacher. The program is designed to allow the students to work through the curriculum at their own pace.

Cyber High was also offered during the summer and 68 students enrolled in an effort to graduate or get back on track to graduate this spring. Seniors who are down credits should contact the counseling office and discuss this option.



Planning Underway For Spring Parent and Student College Tours

Last spring, through ASSETs funding, parents and students were able to participate in tours of the University of California, Berkeley, San Francisco State University, De Anza and Evergreen Colleges. Buses picked up the participants at Mt. Pleasant and took them to the various colleges. Mt. Pleasant staff helped to organize tours and presentations for the parents and students to assist them in planning for the future. Trips are being planned for March, 2017 to Santa Clara University and San Jose City College. Interested parents and/or students should contact Irma Jaramillo, Parent & Community Involvement Specialist at jaramilloi@esuhsd.org

New York - the City in Film and Fiction

This year, students in the ASSETs New York - the City in Film and Fiction are exploring books, music and films set in New York. The class is intended to give students a basic understanding of the cultural and historic development of the city. In the spring, a number of the students will participate in a field trip to New York to experience the culture.



Mt. Pleasant's Computer Gaming Class Hosts 3rd Inter-district Competition

Mt. Pleasant ASSETs Computer Gaming class hosted the fall inter-district Computer Gaming Competition. The Computer Gaming class was initiated last year at Mt. Pleasant to provide opportunities for students to develop friendships with students with similar interests and have a fun place to be after school. Silver Creek and Oak Grove also have ASSETs Computer Gaming classes and the teachers at the 3 schools decided to pilot the inter-district competitions to foster friendships across schools. Fall and spring competitions were held and the feedback from the students at all sites was very positive. Mt. Pleasant has a full class this year and the students were excited to participate. Last spring they won the competition and took home the trophy.

Mt. Pleasant and ASSETs Partners with the Silicon Valley Urban Debate League

In an effort to offer students an opportunity to develop leadership and public speaking skills, Mt. Pleasant and the ASSETs program have partnered with the Silicon Valley Urban Debate League. The Urban Debate League offers:



- **Competitive Debate** inspiring students to practice their debate skills and participate in a number of competitions
- **Leadership Development** trains students to lead teams, schools, and communities – and supports each debater in graduating from high school and college.
- **Curriculum Innovation** works with teachers and administrators to create classrooms and schools that channel the power of student voice to make being smart cool.

Seven high schools are currently participating in the SVUDL. Six tournaments are scheduled for the school year, offering students a number of activities to make friends and improve their debating and leadership skills.





Mt. Pleasant High School Goodwill ASSETs Program 2016 - 2017 Schedule



Activity/Contact	Day (s)	Time	Location
Homework Center - Mr. Evans	Tuesday - Friday	2:30pm – 5:30pm	Library
	Monday	1:30pm – 5:00pm	
Weightlifting - Mr. Lopez	Monday – Friday	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Weight Room
Lego Robotics - Mr. Wou	Wednesday	3:45pm – 5:45pm	Room 403
Computer Gaming - Mr. Wou	Tuesday & Thursday	3:45pm – 5:45pm	Room 214
Folklorico and Other Dance - Ms. Hernandez	Monday & Thursday	3:45pm – 4:45pm	Room 610
Forensic Science/Physiology - Ms. Vitug	Thursday	3:45pm – 4:45pm	Room 404
Driver's Education - Ms. Mielke/Mr. Osterkamp	Monday & Wednesday	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Room 604
Design Thinking and App Design - Mr. Cavada	Wednesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Room 502
Literary Society - Ms. Sisco	Wednesday	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Room 807
Cardinal Writing Center - Ms. Robinson	Tuesday – Thursday	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Room 806
New York - the City in Film and Fiction Mr. Lovato	Thursday	3:30pm – 5:00pm	Room 814
Futsal (Indoor Soccer) - Mr. Rocha/Mr. Rodriguez	Tuesday & Thursday	3:30pm – 5:30pm	GYM
Biology Tutoring - Mr. Mercado	Tuesday & Thursday	3:30pm – 5:00pm	Room 405
College & Career Center - Ms. Velez/Ms Orenelas	Tuesday	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Career Center
	Wednesday & Thursday	3:45pm – 5:45pm	
Public Leadership & Debate - Ms. Mestaz and Ms. Robinson	Tuesday, Thursday	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Room 401
Engineering Club SHIP - Ms. Ornelas	Wednesday - Check with Ms. Ornelas on schedule	3:30pm – 5:00pm	Room 404
MCJROTC - MSgt. Sherrod	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Room 702
Integrated Math I, II, III Tutoring - Mr. Busby	Tuesday & Thursday	3:45pm – 4:45pm	Room 212
Math Analysis Tutoring - Mr. Baluyot	Thursday	3:45pm – 5:15pm	Room 210
AP Calculus AB Tutoring - Ms. Nguyen	Monday	1:30pm – 3:30pm	Library
	Wednesday	2:30pm – 4:30pm	
AP Calculus BC Tutoring - Mr. Karandikar	Monday	1:30pm – 3:25pm	Library
AP Statistics Tutoring - Mr. Yu	Tuesday	2:30pm – 4:30pm	Library
AP Physics - Mr. Wou	As needed - Check with Mr. Wou		Room 403
SAT Prep - Mr. Holston	Friday	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Room 813
Cyber High - Mr. Barnes (See Counselor for enrollment)	Monday - Friday	3:45pm – 4:45pm	Room 204

Mt. Pleasant's ASSETs Attendance Reached All Time High Last Year

Mt. Pleasant's ASSETs After School Program attendance reached at an all time high during the 2015-16 school year. The goal for the program is to have at least 25,000 participants in attendance each year. Over 37,100 students participated this past year, which is significantly higher than any other year of the grant. The Homework Center was a major draw for students. Students could obtain tutoring support, access technology, work on group projects or on their own and many students took advantage of the Center.



Attendance is taken for every class and students are only counted once, even if they attend more than one ASSETs class a day. For example, if a student signs into the Homework Center and after completing his/her homework, he/she goes to the weight room or some other ASSETs activity he/she is only counted as one participant for the day. The ASSETs program is entirely funded by a grant from the California Department of Education and a partnership with the Goodwill of Silicon Valley. It is designed to provide academic and personal support and enrichment opportunities for students. Mt. Pleasant has had the ASSETs program for 7 years. The grant is funded for 5 years at a time, Mt. Pleasant is entering the 3rd year of its 2nd five year grant.

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MPHS Mission Statement

The Mission of Mt. Pleasant High School is to make a difference in the lives of our students by providing and academically challenging, supportive and safe environment, and to prepare them for college and career.



ASSETs Goals



Provide Academic Assistance

Offer Enrichment Opportunities

Cultivate Leadership Development

Create Safe Campuses

Promote Nutrition/Healthy

Healthy Students Make Good Learners

Eat Healthy and Work Out

Weight Room is open every day after school



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