

# Mt. Pleasant High School

“Achieving Excellence - Transforming Lives”

## Goodwill ASSETs Update

Spring 2017



### Message From Principal

With only six weeks left in the school year, it is so important for students to stay focused on their school work. Putting an extra effort in towards the end of the semester can help them stay on track for graduation, avoid having to go to summer school, and improving their chances for college admittance.

For seniors, extra efforts can ensure they walk across the stage with their classmates and in some cases, good grades may save them time and tuition in college. They can avoid having to take remedial classes.

Please encourage your students to take advantage of all the extra support we have at Mt. Pleasant to help them achieve success this semester. We offer a wide of tutoring programs, using student tutors, staff and technology to support our students. Check the ASSETs schedule on page 3 for the days and times support is 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**

### Take Advantage - SAT Prep Courses Offered on Fridays

If your student plans to take the SAT in May or June, he/she should be taking advantage of the SAT prep course offered every Friday after school by Mr. Holston. Students are taught how to navigate the test, what to expect on the test and are given practice test questions.



### Mt. Pleasant Robotics Team Inspired by Elementary Robotics Projects

In March, the MP Lego Robotics Club students were invited to Lucha Elementary School to work with a class of 3rd graders on their Lego Robotics Social Justice Project. The 3rd graders are using the Lego Robotics as a model to solve some real world problems such as building and programming flood gates to help prevent damages to properties in the San Jose flood areas or a race car to shuttle people caught in the wild fires in the Santa Cruz Mountains out of dangerous areas to safer areas. The MP students visited with the 3rd graders and listened to the presentations of their projects. The MP students gave feedback to the 3rd graders and answered their questions about the MP Sumo Wrestler Project.



Mr. Wou, the ASSETS Robotics Club instructor thought that the experience inspired the MP students to expand they types of projects they are doing. One student stated that he was amazed by the work of the 3rd graders. All of the students participating said that they appreciated the experience and exposure to the Social Justice Project.

## Parents and Students Visit Santa Clara University

In February, through ASSETs funding, 50 parents



and students were able to participate in a tour of Santa Clara University. Mt. Pleasant staff helped to organize the tour and presentations for the parents and students to assist them in planning for the future. Feedback from the parents and students was very positive. They felt like they received a lot of useful information.

Another trip is planned for San Jose City College. Interested parents and/or students should contact Irma Jaramillo, Parent & Community Involvement Specialist at [jaramilloi@esuhdsd.org](mailto:jaramilloi@esuhdsd.org)



Parents and students learn about Santa Clara University offerings and requirements

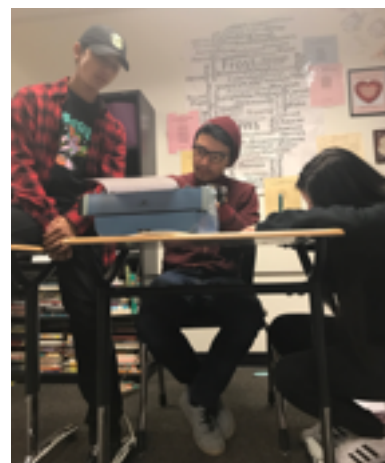


## Literary Society Brings Back Cardinal Quill

The ASSETs Literary Society has agreed to re-establish the annual Cardinal Quill which has not been produced for several years. The Cardinal Quill is a compilation of student poetry, short fiction and artwork entirely produced by students under the guidance of teacher, Raven Sisco.

For years, Mt. Pleasant's student literary magazine The Cardinal Quill received numerous national and regional awards even the coveted Gold Medal rating from the prestigious Columbia Scholastic Press Association, a body that evaluates student publications from high schools across the country.

The Literary Society plans to re-establish Mt. Pleasant's reputation for creating awarding winning literary magazines.



**Reminder - Homework Center is open everyday after school**

**Tutoring is available**



## Health Conscious Students Pack the Weight Room

Mt. Pleasant students are taking advantage of the ASSETs weight lifting class. Both males and females are utilizing the weight room every day to improve their bodies and endurance. Mr. Yu who co-supervises the class, said at times he has had to ask students to come back in a little while because the room was so crowded.





## After School Safety &amp; Enrichment for Teens

**ASSETs Program**

Room Ubicación	Program Programa	Mon. Lunes	Tues Martes	Wed. Miércoles	Thurs. Jueves	Fri. Viernes
<b>LIBRARY</b> Biblioteca Mr. Evans	<b>Homework Center</b> Centro de tareas	1:30 – 5:00pm	2:30 – 5:30pm	2:30 – 5:30pm	2:30 – 5:30pm	2:30 – 5:30pm
<b>Weight Room</b> Sala de pesas Mr. Lopez	<b>Weight Lifting</b> Entrenamiento de pesas	3:30 – 5:30pm	3:30 – 5:30pm	3:30 – 5:30pm	3:30 – 5:30pm	3:30 – 5:30pm
<b>403</b> Mr. Wou	<b>Lego Robotics</b> Robotica de Legos			3:45 – 5:45pm		
<b>214</b> Mr. Wou	<b>Computer Gaming</b> Juegos de ordenador		3:45 – 5:45pm		3:45 – 5:45pm	
<b>610</b> Ms. Hernandez	<b>Folklorico &amp; Other Dance</b> Folklorico y otros bailes		3:45 – 4:45pm		3:45 – 4:45pm	
<b>404</b> Ms. Vilug	<b>Forensic Science/ Physiology</b> Ciencia forense/ Fisiologia				3:45 – 4:45pm	
<b>604</b> Ms. Melke/ Mr. Osterkamp	<b>Driver's Education</b> Educación de conducir	2:30 – 5:30pm		3:30 – 5:30pm		
<b>607</b> Ms. Sisco	<b>Literary Society</b> Sociedad literaria			3:30 – 5:30pm		
<b>606</b> Ms. Robinson	<b>Cardinal Writing Center</b> El cardinal Centro de Escritura		3:30 – 5:30pm	3:30 – 5:30pm	3:30 – 5:30pm	
<b>814</b> Mr. Lovato	<b>New York – the City in Film and Function</b> Nueva York - la ciudad en Cine y Función				3:30 – 5:00pm	
<b>GYM</b> Gimnasio Mr. Rochal/ Mr. Rodriguez	<b>Futsal (Indoor Soccer)</b> Fútbol Sala ( Fútbol de salón)		3:30 – 5:30pm		3:30 – 5:30pm	
<b>405</b> Mr. Mercado	<b>Biology Tutoring</b> Tutoria de biologia		3:30 – 5:00pm		3:30 – 5:00pm	
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<b>Career Center</b> Centro de Carrera Ms. Valenz/ Ms. Orenelas	<b>College &amp; Career Center</b> Centro de Universidad y Carrera		3:30 – 5:30pm	3:45 – 5:45pm	3:45 – 5:45pm	
<b>401</b> Ms. Mexia/ Ms. Robinson	<b>Public Leadership &amp; Debate</b> Liderazgo Publico y Debate		3:30 – 4:30pm		3:30 – 4:30pm	
<b>404</b> Ms. Orenelas	<b>Engineering Club SHIP</b> SHIP Club de Ingeniería	AS	NEEDED	CHECK	WITH	MS. ORENELAS
<b>702</b> MSgt. Sherrod	<b>MCJROTC</b>		3:30 – 4:30pm	3:30 – 4:30pm	3:30 – 4:30pm	
<b>212</b> Mr. Busby	<b>Integrated Math I, II, III Tutoring</b> Matemática Integrada I, II, III Tutoria		3:45 – 4:45pm		3:45 – 4:45pm	
<b>210</b> Mr. Sukuyol	<b>Math Analysis Tutoring</b> Análisis de Matemáticas Tutoria				3:45 – 5:15pm	
<b>LIBRARY</b> Biblioteca Ms. Nguyen	<b>AP Calculus AB Tutoring</b> Tutoria AP Calculo AB	1:30 – 3:30pm		2:30 – 4:30pm		
<b>LIBRARY</b> Biblioteca Mr. Karandakar	<b>AP Calculus BC Tutoring</b> Tutoria AP Calculo BC	1:30 – 3:25pm				
<b>LIBRARY</b> Biblioteca Mr. Yu	<b>AP Statistics Tutoring</b> Estadística AP Tutoria		2:30 – 4:30pm			
<b>403</b> Mr. Wou	<b>AP Physics</b> Física AP	AS	NEEDED	CHECK	WITH	MR. WOU
<b>813</b> Mr. Holston	<b>SAT Prep</b> Preparación para el SAT					3:30 – 5:30pm
<b>204</b> Mr. Barnes	<b>Cyber High</b> (See Counselor for enrollment) (Ver Consejero para la inscripción)	3:45 – 4:45pm	3:45 – 4:45pm	3:45 – 4:45pm	3:45 – 4:45pm	3:45 – 4:45pm



Program is Free for all Mt. Pleasant High School Students! No need to pre-register, just show up and receive a FREE meal.

**El programa es GRATIS para todos los estudiantes de Mt. Pleasant. No es necesario registrarse, solamente preséntate y también te darán una comida GRATIS.**

## **Mt. Pleasant's ASSETs Attendance Goal For This Year Already Reached**



Following last year's attendance trend, Mt. Pleasant's ASSETs After School Program has already reached the attendance goal for the year. The goal for the program is to have at least 25,000 participants in attendance each year. At the end of March, participation was getting close to 29,000. Last year, attendance for the year reached a high of 37,000. The Homework Center continues to be a major draw for students. Students are using the center to obtain tutoring support, access technology, work on group projects or on their own.

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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