Past

Final Grades
Fall semester ended December 16, 2016. Final grades were turned by teachers and final report cards were mailed hope shortly after. Parents and students, please review final grades. Have conversations, was your student successful? Did he/she struggle? If you did not receive you child’s final report card for the Fall semester, please contact your student’s counselor. They will be able to assist you with obtaining a copy of the report card. Seniors, it is extremely important for you to review your grades with your counselor, you don’t want to be stuck in the middle of the Spring semester without the possibility of graduating because your run out of time to make classes/graduation requirements.

Football and Homecoming
In October, we had our school’s Homecoming. Our Grant Lancers played against Chavez. Lancers won 39 to 12 celebrating with fireworks. Lancers had an excellent winning streak throughout the season winning 10 out of 10 games and winning two of the post season, losing to Hawkins High School during the semi-finals. Homecoming dance was one of the most attended events during the fall semester. It was a great success, students dressed to impress and danced the night away.

Grant Band
The school band led by Mr. Thurow, our music teacher, played at mostly every game as well as during pep rallies. All their hard work and practice is demonstrated throughout their performances. They are very involved in school events, performing also at the Winter Extravaganza on December 9th. Our band has also competed in various competitions winning first place at an LAUSD competition this Fall.

Seniors
Most college application deadlines have passed. However if you have not applied for college, you are not too late to make a move for your future success. What? College? Applications? If you have been dazed and confused your first semester, it is not too late. Come to the College Office and see Mr. De La Torre to see what you can do. There are always options for you. You may take the May SAT and/or start looking into enrolling in community college for the Fall Semester until you can enroll into a four-year university, possibly for the Spring semester of 2018.

FAFSA – if you haven’t done so already, come to the college office to get help completing your
online FAFSA application, you don’t want to wait for the night before the deadline of March 2, 2017.

Juniors (and the rest of you), it is never too early to start thinking about college and where you would like to apply, keep your GPA in mind. Your GPA plays a very important part when you are applying and being accepted to the university/college of your choice; don’t get stuck with your second or third choice because you don’t meet the requirements. Remember, the competition out there is tough!

Senior packets, many of you have already purchased or have made payments toward purchasing a senior packet. If you have not done so, please see your senior sponsors, Ms. Higgins or Ms. Wright and ask them to assist you with this. You may also inquire at the student store where those of you who have a balance to pay, may continue to make payments.

**Winter Extravaganza**

On December 9th, we held our annual Winter Extravaganza. The turnout was great; Grant Hall was full to capacity. Our student talent was evident in the great performances. Student Council, Senior Leadership, the school band, stage crew, and the many performers really brought out the spirit of the winter season. Thanks to all the sponsors who supported these awesome kids in bringing our school closer together is such a wonderful event.

**Present**

**Academic Decathlon**

The Academic Decathlon team has been working very hard preparing for competition. They spend countless hours after school, Saturdays, and sometimes even Sundays, and even Winter Break at Grant studying music, history, math, economics, science, writing essays, and so much more with the guidance of their coach Ms. Evens. We are very proud of our team and wish them the best in their upcoming competitions on Saturday, January 28th and Saturday, February 4th.

**Basketball**

Our boys’ basketball team started off the season with great success. Coach Levine has reached his 500th win at Grant. A lunchtime celebration was dedicated to honor Coach Levine as he is retiring soon.

**Wake-up Call**

Fall semester is over! How successful were you?

**CREDIT RECOVERY** - If you failed any of your classes, quick go see your counselor and review your Individual Graduation Plan (IGP). This is the perfect time to enroll in CREDIT RECOVERY. Any student who is behind in classes, meaning that you either didn’t take a graduation requirement or you failed a class and need to retake it, it is crucial that you enroll in CREDIT RECOVERY. We have class every Tuesday and on Saturdays. We have had many students get back on track to graduate on time with the rest of their friends/class because they have taken advantage of this opportunity, don’t be left out! See your counselor now!

Saturday Tutoring – Struggling in your classes? Need a quiet place to study? Need one-on-one help from a pro? Come to Saturday tutoring at the school library every Saturday from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Don’t wait
until it is overwhelming for you...your grade/future is at risk.

**Future**

**Winter Formal**

Winter Formal will take place on Saturday, January 28, 2017 in Grant Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The theme is Masquerade. For further information regarding attire or anything else pertaining to this event, ask your Student Council members or Ms. Higgins or Ms. Wright.

**Tests, tests, and more tests**

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing for 11th graders is coming this March. You will be receiving more information regarding this important assessment in the coming months.

Advanced Placement (AP) tests start May 1st. If you qualify for free or reduced meal benefits, you may be eligible for a fee waiver for the exam(s) you wish to take. See Mr. De La Torre when the time comes.

**Spring Break**

Spring Break will take place from April 10th through the 14th.

**Black History Month**

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. Prominent figures such as Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Booker T. Washington, Harriet Tubman, and other very active and influential African Americans in our American history are especially remembered with special events and activities throughout classrooms, and the entire United States. Historical events such as the March on Washington, MLK’s “I have Dream” speech, Rosa parks and her peaceful protest, and many more history/life altering events are a major focus.

The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the March on Washington, or The Great March on Washington, was one of the largest political rallies for human rights in United States history and demanded civil and economic rights for African Americans. It took place in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 2063. (Wikipedia)

One of Grant’s prized possessions is an autographed copy of Strength to Love written by Martin Luther King, Jr. Our authenticated copy is framed and on display in the Main Office for all to see.

**Timeless**

**Attendance**

Having regular attendance is linked with academic success. Our school goal is for every student to attend a minimum of 96% of the time (school year). Please plan accordingly by making your appointments for after school, holidays, or weekends (when possible). Remember that when your child is absent from any class he/she will miss material that is taught in class. Walking on stage is an important component of graduation. Students not meeting the attendance requirement run the risk of not walking on stage.

We have many students with perfect attendance.
Let's work together to ensure your child is one of them.

**Tips for students**

Success comes easy for a few...the rest of us have to work for it. It is crucial that you

- Come to school every day
- Have paper, notebook, your books/materials for class
- Pay attention, ask questions, have a conversation with your teacher
- Attend tutoring (Saturdays at the Library from 1-3 p.m.)
- Do your homework
- Keep up with Jupiter Grades for every class
- Don’t ignore the signs (bad grades on assignments, tests/ quizzes, and progress reports)
- Get your parents involved; ask them for help
- Go see your counselor
- Remember you are not alone; we are here to help you.

**Parents**

Talking to our children is one of the most important ways in which we can support them. Be aware that we have four grading periods (one every five weeks) to help keep track of progress or lack thereof. Teachers are using an online program to post student grades on a regular basis, most of you are aware of Jupiter Grades. This is an easy way to track your child’s progress in class; Jupiter will let you know what each assignment is worth and your child’s score. If there are missing assignments, you will notice those immediately as Jupiter points them out. Teachers use Jupiter to send out mass communications to students and parents. If you do not know how to sign up or you need a user name and password, please call or come to the Admissions Office at the school and ask for Silva. She will be able to provide you with that information. You may log onto Jupiter Grades by typing [www.JupiterGrades.com](http://www.JupiterGrades.com) on your browser or click on the link on the school website (top right corner).

Staying tuned to what is going on at school is another way you can support your child. Being aware of what goes on at school will enable you to have conversations with your child regarding upcoming events or school activities. You may do this by visiting our school website at [www.granths.org](http://www.granths.org).

Reach out to your child’s teachers and counselor. Call the school, email, use Jupiter Grades, come by... you are the number one supporter of your child. We are here to help you; we are part of your success team.

Attend school activities/events be a part of our school community. Your child will be an adult before you know it. There are many resources available to you and your child.

**Classes for Parents/Community Members**

We have had classes for parent/community members throughout the schoolyear. This semester starting January 17, we are having English as a Second Language on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Additionally, computer literacy classes are scheduled for Thursdays, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. A Spanish GED will start on Wednesdays in February (taught by a Mission College instructor). Starting March, we will be hosting parent education classes to promote positive communication with our children. All classes are taught at the Parent Center B9 by credentialed teachers.

Follow our Principal, Ms. Damonte, on Twitter (@MsDamonte). Download our app from the App Store on Google Play. It’s free.