

# THE DISCOVERY

GMS Magnet Monthly Newsletter  
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## GMS Gets Social at the Park

About 50 GMS students, parents and staff members came out to Dearborn Park in Northridge on Sunday, Sept. 19 to play games, eat ice cream, and get to know each other better.

The chance to socialize in person safely outside drew dozens of GMSers together for this 2021 kick-off GMS Booster Club event. A good time was had by all! Check out our photo album [here](#).

More events are planned for this semester, including an October social event, and an early December drive-in film festival.

If you are interested in helping plan these events, or you have resources or ideas to share, please email GMS Magnet Coordinator Coleen Bondy at [cdb9212@lausd.net](mailto:cdb9212@lausd.net), or simply attend our weekly meetings on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

We know our students missed out on many opportunities to socialize during the past year and a half, and many of them have said they felt very isolated at home. We love seeing our students make friends!

## UPCOMING:

### PSAT/SAT

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13 GRADES 9-11 WILL TAKE THE PSAT-NMSQT. GRADE 12 WILL TAKE THE SAT.**

### Homecoming Spirit Week

**KICKS OFF MONDAY OCT. 18**

### Homecoming Game and Pep Rally

**FRIDAY, OCT. 22**

### Homecoming Dance

**SATURDAY, OCT. 23**

### GMS Booster Club Meeting

**THURSDAY, OCT. 28 AT 6:30**

**P.M. ON ZOOM**

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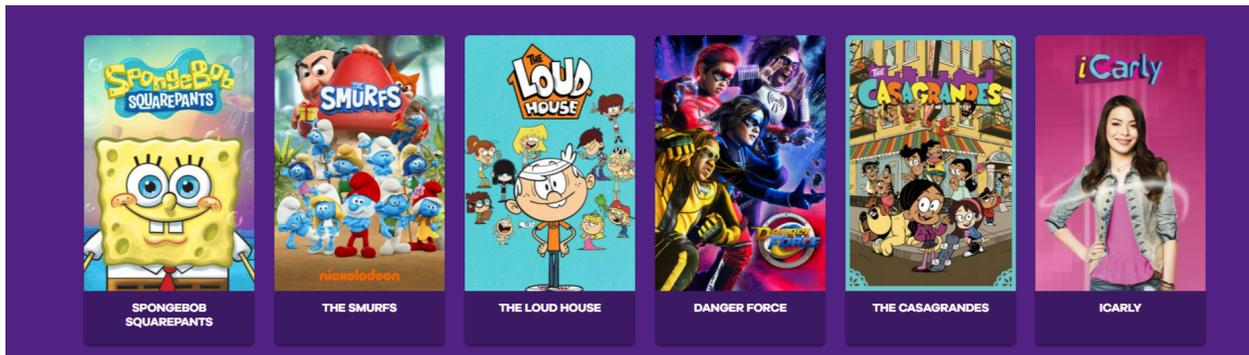
# Partnering with Nickelodeon

GMS animation is continuing our partnership with Nickelodeon Animation and will be entering a team of students to join their Mentorship Animation program, where our team will work on an animation to feature in an end-of-year showcase with teams from other schools.

To prepare for this partnership, GMS recently purchased licenses for 10 copies of the Toon Boom industry-grade storyboarding and animation software. We are also lining up guest speakers from within the illustration/animation industry, including Cartoon Network and Marvel studios.

Our GMS and Nickelodeon Animation-sponsored Animation Club will allow students an extra chance out of class to learn new techniques in art and focus on the animation career path. The club will also take part in Zoom meetings with industry guest speakers as well.

Our animation classes focus on industry standard artistic skills to get our students on the animation career path. Due to our rigorous art lessons, we caught the attention of and are now in our fifth year of partnership with Nickelodeon Animation. As we prepare our students for the future, we will bring in industry professionals among the likes of Cartoon Network and Marvel Studios.



## Make Some Fresh Films!

### What is the Fresh Films Weekly Filmmaking Program?

It's a chance for youth ages 13-19 to learn film skills all year long. You'll meet virtually on Thursdays from 4-6:30 p.m. starting on Oct. 28 to work on a series of film projects. You'll build all sorts of filmmaking skills, including creating a script, framing a shot, filming, editing and even promoting your projects!

Applicants will be accepted on a rolling deadline through Oct. 12, so apply as soon as possible to learn new filmmaking skills and get creative telling your stories.

Meet and work with other teens from your community on projects that will build your skills and your portfolio. Learn the art, science, and business of filmmaking so you can tell your story through film.

No experience is necessary and the program is free! Just bring a desire to learn alongside other young people and get creative on your own film projects. Learn more and apply before October 12.

Details and applications: [freshfilms.org/weeklyfilmmaking](https://freshfilms.org/weeklyfilmmaking)

Fresh Films looks forward to making movies with you!

# Meet Our College Counselors!



Ms. Cobb is the 9th and 10th grade college counselor and has been at CHS for 9 years. She enjoys working with students and helps them to understand the path to higher education and how it begins freshman year.

She attended California State University Northridge and received two Bachelor degrees; Chicano Studies and Deaf Studies. She went on to receive her Masters in Educational Psychology and a post graduate certificate in College Counseling and Student Services from CSUN as well.

Ms. Cobb has worked in all educational levels from elementary school to college systems. She has worked in a variety of positions from tutor, teacher's assist, and academic counselor to college recruiter, coordinator, and advisor at the collegiate level. She understands student transitions and is a champion at fostering and mentoring students to reach their highest potential.

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Mrs. Drell is the College Counselor for 11th & 12th grade. She has been at Cleveland since 2008, after being the College Counselor at San Fernando HS for a few years. Mrs. Drell says her position at this school is "the greatest."

"I love working with the students, and it can be very rewarding. Cleveland is the best high school around," she adds.

The College Office has numerous resources, and now most are online. The college office website is [www.chscollegeoffice.org](http://www.chscollegeoffice.org). They are constantly adding information to each grade level of Schoology.

This includes scholarships, coding classes, Questbridge, Naviance, Milken Scholars, CSF-California Scholarship Federation, National Merit and so much more.

Instead of in-person rep visits, due to COVID the College Office is holding virtual rep visits at 8:30 a.m. on Mondays, while the staff is in Professional Development. They also do College Gear Wednesdays where all the faculty and students wear t-shirts, sweatshirts, lanyards etc. of their favorite colleges. If your name is called and you are wearing college gear, you will win a prize.



"Ask the Experts" is something new the College Office is doing on Wednesdays at lunch on the Quad, where students can ask any college-related questions that they may have.

Beginning in October, many college and FAFSA/CADAA workshops will be held, running through March 2, which is when the FAFSA/CADAA Cal Grant application is due. On May 1st, CHS will be doing a National College Day Signing.

Mrs. Drell will see students at 7:45 a.m. for one-on-one college and application help. This is by appointment only. Please email her at [sxd8386@lausd.net](mailto:sxd8386@lausd.net).

# Meet Our College Counselors!



Krista Lombard-Conley has more than 20 years of experience working for LAUSD in different counseling positions, but she reports that her current position as a College Empowerment School Social Worker at Cleveland is her favorite.

"It is my pleasure to provide help and information to Cleveland Students about College & Career options as well College and Financial Aid application support," she says.

Lombard-Conley urges students to check the Schoology groups for updates on College Office events and opportunities.

"Do your research, make your plan and come see us in the College Office. Financial Aid and Scholarships are available. College can be for everyone! We are here to help you," she adds.

Lombard-Conley is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She holds a bachelor's degree in Mass Communication Studies from UCLA, and a Master's of Education Leadership from CSUN.

## NACAC VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIR

600 COLLEGES

<https://virtualcollegefairs.org/events>

### Dates:

Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 9-3pm

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 10-3pm

Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> (Northeast) Fair 1-5pm

Sunday, October 3 10-3pm

Thursday, October 14 (MidWest) 2-6pm

Sunday, October 24 10-3pm

Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> (Arts & STEM) 1-5pm

Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 10 3pm

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# College Tips & Resources

For 9th and 10th graders, it's never too early to begin college research: Please look at Ms. Cobb's college post on Schoology every day.

Her list of useful links:

California State University <https://www.calstate.edu/>

University of California <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

Private colleges <https://www.commonapp.org/>

Community College Concurrent Enrollment (Pierce)  
<https://www.piercecollege.edu/admissions/concurrent.asp>

Scholarships: [Fastweb.com](http://Fastweb.com) or [scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com)

Ms. Cobb urges you to please join clubs and volunteer. UCs and private colleges will begin looking at what a student has done in extracurricular activities since 9th grade.





PODCAST

## Tea Time with PB and J

Pramuditha, Brianna, and Lincoln



The "Tea Time with PB and J Podcast" was started on December 4, 2020, by GMS juniors Pramuditha Madigapola, Brianna Navarro, and Lincoln Jolly.

Pramuditha and Brianna met in English class in freshman year and Pramuditha and Lincoln met in Geometry class in freshman year. Lincoln and Brianna barely knew each other, but Pramuditha built strong relationships with both of them.

Over quarantine, Pramuditha was concerned about college and wanted something big and bold to put on her application in the future. She figured that, with her best friend, she could create a podcast where they could use their humor to brighten other people's days as well as use the podcast to create memories and mentally grow with each other.

And since three people are better than two, Pramuditha invited Lincoln to join as well.

What began as recorded Zooms with three best friends became filming in the GMS studio with family.

Since then, the Tea Time with PB and J podcast has been listened to globally on all podcast listening platforms including Spotify, Apple Music, and IHeartRadio, reaching 1,000 streams since they started.

Make sure to tune into episodes every Friday on any platform and follow the Instagram @teatimewithpbandj to watch some bloopers during our recordings!

# Booster Club Updates

The GMS Booster Club supports our magnet program by providing parent input on our activities, and by fundraising to support us in our program goals.

We are pleased to introduce this year's Board Members: Giovanna de Giorgio, President; Eric Friedman, Vice President; Sally Durham, Treasurer; and Diana Chulak, Secretary.

The Booster Club planned and implemented its first event of the year, our well-attended Picnic and Ice Cream Social on Sept. 19 at Dearborn Park in Northridge. Thank you to everyone who brought food, drinks, games, and ice cream! We appreciate you!

We invite all parents, guardians, staff, alumni and current students to attend our regular meetings, which are generally held the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

The Zoom link is: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/87201371119>.

We will also be meeting weekly on Thursdays at the same Zoom link to plan our next social/fundraising event for October, and to plan our fall film festival, which will be a "drive-in" movie event. We would love to see you at our meetings, and at our events!

Thank you for all you do to make GMS a success!



Booster Club President Giovanna de Giorgio and her husband David Bonilla chilling at the GMS Picnic and Ice Cream Social.

# Grover Cleveland Charter High School

## College Office Events

Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Room: C7

### COLLEGE COUNSELORS

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Ms. Lombard-Conly (College Empowerment Social Worker) EMAIL: krista.conly@lausd.net

**COLLEGE GEAR WEDNESDAYS:** College counselors will be on the Quad at lunch on Wednesdays to answer questions, play college trivia games, raffles, and much more! Wear college gear and you may win a prize. Ask the College Experts!!

**FINANCIAL AID NIGHT (FAFSA/CADAA):** September 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM  
We invite you to an informational meeting regarding money for college.

Zoom ID: 662 807 1978



**SENIOR COLLEGE NIGHT:** September 30, 2021 at 6:00 PM  
Seniors and their families are invited to learn all there is to know about being a Senior and the different college opportunities. College reps will be on the Panel.

Zoom ID: 662 807 1978



**PSAT/SAT Day:** October 13, 2021 at 8:30 AM

This year the PSAT and the SAT will be on-site during the school day.

- Grades 9,10,11 will take the PSAT-NMSQT
- Grades 12 (Class of 2022) will take the SAT.

*If a student wants to OPT-OUT of the SAT, please complete the OPT-OUT form found in the college office or on the main page of our school website [www.clevelandhs.org](http://www.clevelandhs.org)*



**JUNIOR COLLEGE NIGHT:** October 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Juniors and their families are invited to learn all there is to know about being a Junior and how to prepare for college opportunities and their Senior year. College reps will be on the Panel.

Zoom ID: 662 807 1978

**COLLEGE APPLICATION AND FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS:** Student Panels, workshops and appointments available during nutrition, lunch before, after, and possible Saturdays. Details TBD

**COCOA WITH THE COUNSELORS:** November 18, 2021 at 12:00PM

Parents are invited to our monthly meeting in our Virtual Parent Center. November's topic will discuss the after High School options such as vocational centers, colleges, universities, financial aid and a Q&A session. Zoom ID: 963 1570 8071 Password: Cocoa



**ALMUERZO CON LOS FAMILIAS:** Parents are invited to our monthly meeting in our Virtual Parent Center. Families have an open discussion with our College counselor tailored to our Spanish speaking families. Zoom ID: 470 084 3002 Password: Collegel

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB:** Monday-Friday. Room 105. Dismissal – 6:00PM. Free and open to all students. Application required. Programs include writing labs for College Applications, UC PIQS, and College Bound UC intro.

**OCTOBER is College Awareness Month!!**

*We will highlight the month with various activities, Schoology fun facts and videos, and special workshops.*

Career Preparation

Tutoring



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF THE WEST VALLEY

Keystone

# FUTURE READY

Financial Aid  
Assistance

Writing Labs

Volunteer hours

College Application  
Assistance

Mentoring



Cleveland High School  
Room 105  
Dismissal- 6pm



## College Bound

The goal of the College Bound program is to ensure members receive the support needed to graduate high school on time and upon graduation, have a plan for the future. Whether the plan is to attend a 2 year, 4 year, public or private university or to graduate job-ready, our program offers various resources to help members achieve their goals.

### STEPSS

Skills that Empower & Prepare Students for Success program, helps students understand their high school path and steps to plan after post-secondary. This program will help students understand why they are taking A-G classes and how beneficial it will be for their future. Along the way, workshops will guide students to understanding soft skills, their options, and opportunities.

### Writing Lab/ Scholarship Lab

Writing Labs are designed to help our seniors with their college essays. Students who join will be guided by a staff member who will provide them with guidance on how to write successful essays and provide them with feedback. Second Semester we focus on applying for scholarships

## Keystone

Keystone is the Boys & Girls Club Movement's ultimate teen program for youth ages 14-18. This unique program provides leadership development opportunities for youth to participate in activities, both in and out of the Club, in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation, and community service. Their active membership opens the door to unique opportunities including potential recognition for our annual Youth of the Year and invitations to the BGCA National Keystone Conference.

### Tutoring

Tutoring is held daily in all subjects, Chemistry, Biology, English, Spanish, Algebra, Calculus, History, and we aim to help students do well in their classes and ensure they understand the subject material of their courses.

### Case Mentorship

Case Mentorship is a program which allows students to work directly with our staff members to work on career/ college guidance. Our staff members meet with members regularly to address any questions or concerns with educational planning and achieving goals.

