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GMS Magnet Monthly Newsletter
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It's Gratitude Time!

It's the season to be grateful, and GMS has so much to be thankful for! Our awesome Booster Club put together thank you gifts for all our teachers, and our counselor, and the GMS Ambassadors class delivered the gifts on Friday before we left for Thanksgiving Break.

Our staff is incredibly grateful for all the Booster Club does for us and for our program. You rock!

We are also grateful for all the students, parents and staff who helped promote our program during the recent magnet recruiting period. We received 109 first-choice applications, and we already have a short waiting list for our 2022-2023 freshman class. Way to go GMS!

Our Snap Raise fundraiser is still underway, and we are getting near our goal of \$10,000. We are beyond grateful for all the donations from families, friends, and supporters. We will be able to fund many extras next semester with this money.

We are also planning a GMS Holiday Party on Friday, Dec. 17 to celebrate the season. Details to come!

UPCOMING:

GMS Booster Club Planning Subcommittee

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1 AT 6:30
 P.M. ON ZOOM. HELP US PLAN
 OUR HOLIDAY PARTY!

GMS Advisory Board Meeting

THURSDAY, DEC. 2 FROM 7-8
 P.M. ON ZOOM

GMS Booster Club Meeting

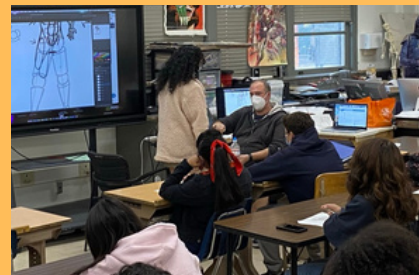
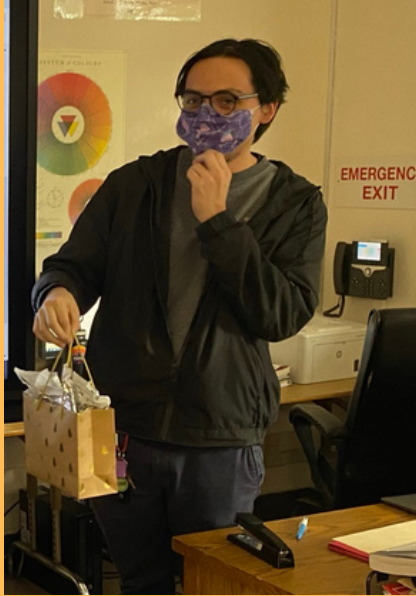
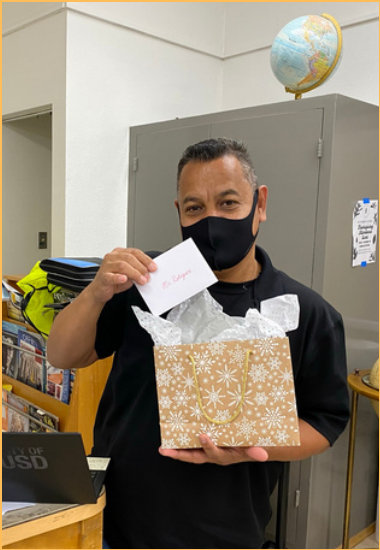
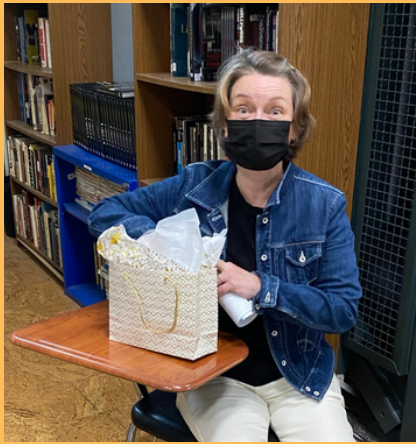
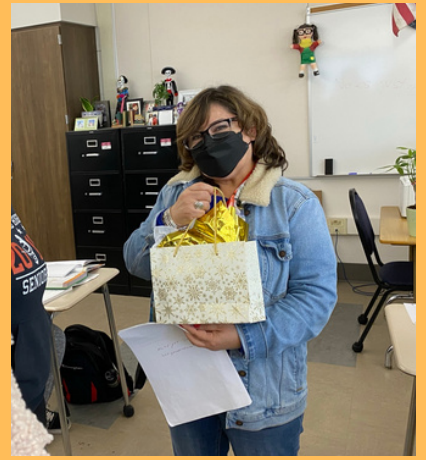
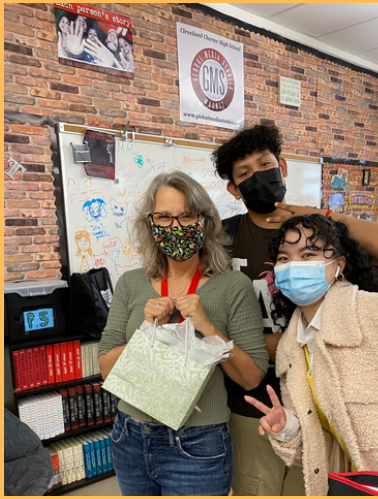
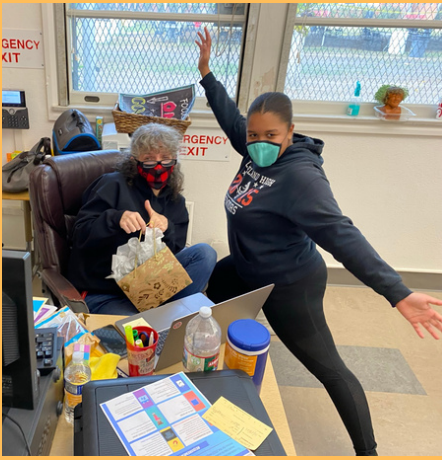
THURSDAY, DEC. 16 AT 6:30
 P.M. ON ZOOM

Finals Week

FINALS WILL BE HELD DEC. 14
 TO 16, WITH A MINIMUM DAY
 SCHEDULE ON THOSE DAYS

Winter Break

MONDAY DEC. 20 THROUGH
 FRIDAY JAN. 7



The Diversity Org Comes to GMS

On Friday, Nov. 19, all GMS students were invited to an assembly to kick off our relationship with The Diversity Org, a non-profit organization that connects high school students with mentors and, eventually, internships at large corporations.

Interested students signed up to receive information about future workshops, and to be paired with a mentor.

The next step in our partnership will be to participate in a series of workshops during school hours aimed at preparing students for college and careers. The workshops will begin in December and continue throughout Spring Semester.

Workshops include: a Career Panel with Viacom (the parent company of BET and MTV, among other media outlets); Overcoming Imposter Syndrome; Assertiveness Skills for Women (with employees from Warner Media); Branding Yourself; Code Switch and Authentic Self at Work; The Resume Game; Interviewing and Networking Opportunities Prep; and Financial Health and Literacy.

Thank you to the LAUSD Linked Learning Office for making this partnership possible. See graphic below for a list of The Diversity Org's corporate sponsors!



Snap Raise Already a Success

The Snap Raise fundraiser which kicked off on Nov. 8 is already more than two thirds of the way to its goal of raising \$10,000!

With 12 more days to go, we are confident that we will achieve our goal!

Thank you to the GMS Booster Club for organizing this fundraiser, and to all the students who provided the emails of family and friends as potential donors. With your help, we have raised nearly \$7,000 so far. WOW!

Due to the generous support of our GMS families and supporters, we will be able to take extra field trips next semester, in addition to holding our film festivals at special locations. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!

GMS Advisory Board to Meet

The GMS Advisory Board will hold its first meeting of the 2021-22 school year on Thursday, Dec. 2, from 7-8 p.m. on Zoom.

Our Advisory Board consists of former GMS staff members, alumni, and industry experts who want to help guide the GMS curriculum so that we are properly preparing students for both college and careers.

If you are a parent or alumni with expertise in any aspect of filmmaking, animation, broadcast television, or video production, we want you on our board!

The GMS Advisory Board is pivotal to the success of GMS, and we appreciate the time our advisors give to us.

Join the Zoom meeting: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/83247843528>, or use the Meeting ID: 832 4784 3528.

School Experience Survey for Parents

LAUSD is seeking parent/guardian input about the experience at each school site. The Fall 2021 School Experience Survey will be administered from October 25th to December 19th for parents, and from October 25th to January 14th for students and school staff.

To protect the health and safety of everyone in the LAUSD school community, all parents are highly encouraged to complete their survey online if possible.

Students were emailed individual links to the survey through their LAUSD email.

Parents may access the survey at the following links:

English: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6491221/2021-22-School-Experience-Survey-Parents-and-Guardians-of-Students>

Spanish: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6491221/53f20a2f26a8>

GMS Mentor Program Kicks Off

The GMS Mentor Program is off to a great start, with freshmen paired with juniors, and sophomores paired with seniors. Students who signed up to participate in our Mentor Program received electronic greeting cards via their LAUSD email letting them know who their mentors/mentees are.

The first meeting of the freshmen and juniors will be Monday, Nov. 29, at lunch in room C6. The first meeting of the sophomores and seniors will be Tuesday, Nov. 30, in room C6 at lunch. We will see you there!



Fun at Coffee Night Fright!

The GMS Booster Club organized a fun and well-attended Coffee Night Fright event at the Cafe Aficionado in Reseda. Thanks to everyone who helped put together this event, including our own DJ Armando Tellez, and to everyone who came out to enjoy this Halloween Pop Up event. We look forward to more fun events sponsored by the GMS Booster Club!



2022-2023 Magnet Recruiting Report

During the LAUSD fall magnet application window, GMS received 109 on-time, first-choice applications for the 2022-2023 school year, including 98 applications for the 95 available freshman spots. We now have a short waiting list for our 2022-2023 freshman class.

Last year during the same period we had 76 total on-time applications.

GMS teachers, students and parents helped promote our program to prospective students and parents during a series of on-campus and virtual sessions. We held four two-hour, on-campus tours at Cleveland Charter High School, and four one-hour virtual Q & A sessions on Zoom.

We also attended the All-Valley Magnet Fair, and went to virtual high school information sessions at the following middle schools: Chime Charter Middle School, James Jordan Middle School, Valley Charter Middle School, Millikan and Walter Reed middle schools, and Holmes Middle School.

In addition, we contacted counselors and sent physical and electronic fliers to more than a dozen middle schools.

We deeply appreciate the enthusiasm our staff, students and parents show for the Global Media Studies Magnet, and it was apparent to the many parents and students who gave us such positive feedback and, ultimately, chose our program.

Making sure that we have students who are passionate about film and animation, and parents who are supportive of their students, will help our magnet thrive.

Thank you to everyone who helped out during the recruitment period! Your time and dedication truly paid off.

CHS Construction Update

After we return from Winter Break in January, the Cleveland campus is going to look a whole lot different! The beautiful new multi-story science and general classroom buildings will be open, along with the spacious new cafeteria.

We are all excited to see the school's new look! For a sneak peek into the new buildings, follow Cleveland Charter High School on Instagram @ clevelandcharterhs.

Upcoming GMS Booster Club Meetings

The next regular meeting of the GMS Booster Club will be on Thursday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

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

We will also be meeting to plan a holiday event on Friday, Dec. 17. If you would like to help organize this event, please come to the planning subcommittee meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the same Zoom link as above.

The Booster Club will also be planning our film festivals for the Spring Semester. We have postponed our Fall Film Festival to the beginning of Spring Semester due to the shortened semester, and the ongoing adjustment to Covid-19 protocols.

We would like to find a suitable location off campus for the film festivals, such as a movie theater, community theater, or outdoor space that is set up for drive-in movies and is reasonably priced. All suggestions are welcome!

Vaccines Required for Spring Semester

In order to return to campus at the start of the semester on January 10, students must be FULLY vaccinated for Covid-19, and have uploaded their vaccine records to the LAUSD Daily Pass.

Students who are 12 years of age and older must have their first dose no later than Sunday, Nov. 21, and their second dose no later than Dec. 19 to meet the LAUSD deadline.

Vaccine appointments may be found throughout the San Fernando Valley at <https://www.vaccines.gov/results/?zipcode=91335&medications=a84fb9ed-deb4-461c-b785-e17c782ef88b&radius=10&appointments=true>.

You may also find appointments at the LAUSD Daily Pass: <https://pap.lausd.net/en-US/signin>.