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New Year, New Beginnings

Welcome to Spring Semester! We hope that you all had a refreshing and relaxing holiday season and were able to spend quality time with family.

Because of the incredible generosity of our GMS family, we are starting this semester with enough funds in our Booster Club budget to offer a number of special experiences to our students.

Money GMS raises goes primarily toward paying for buses and entry fees for field trips, enabling students to have enriching and meaningful experiences that they wouldn't otherwise have.

Upcoming field trips include touring USC's Cinematic Arts program, visiting the California Science Center's Amazonia exhibit, and taking an industry-related field trip to Company 3 production company in Santa Monica.

Our seniors will have the opportunity to travel to Catalina Island for a weekend in February. The Catalina Island Marine Institute offers a number of activities that are both fun and educational.

UPCOMING:

**GMS Advisory Board
Planning Meeting**

THURSDAY JANUARY 19

Martin Luther King Day

**MONDAY JANUARY 16-NO
SCHOOL**

GMS Booster Club Meeting

**THURSDAY JANUARY 26 AT
6:30 P.M. ON ZOOM**

USC Senior Campus Tour

TUESDAY JANUARY 31

President's Day

MONDAY FEBRUARY 20

Senior Trip to Catalina

FEBRUARY 24-27

Fall Fundraising Far Exceeds Goals!



Our Fall SnapRaise Fundraiser was a huge success thanks to the generosity of our GMS families. We appreciate all you do for us, so that we can do more for your students.

Several families also made donations through their work, which were matched by their companies. We received matching donations from Disney and Apple employees. That is a great way to maximize a donation!

We also received a very generous donation from the family of our former Magnet Coordinator. Thank you Mr. Latimer and Mr. Squire!

The money raised has already helped buy gently used camera equipment from Columbia College (see photo at right), and will fund buses and admission fees for this semester's field trips. The Booster Club helps pay for our Senior Banquet and has offered scholarships to GMS-related events in the past.



Gabriel Del Toro Joins GMS Staff

Gabriel Del Toro joined the GMS teaching staff this semester to teach Geometry and Algebra 2. He received his bachelor's degree in Mathematics Secondary Teaching from California State University, Northridge. Prior to becoming a teacher, Mr. Del Toro worked for one year as a teacher assistant for ESL students at James Madison Middle School.

Mr. Del Toro enjoys being with his family and friends. His hobbies are listening to music, playing soccer, and watching soccer matches.

We are so happy to have Mr. Del Toro as part of the GMS team!



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Making Movies That Matter

Up to 25 GMS students will have the opportunity to participate in the Making Movies That Matter Youth Short Film Festival program sponsored by City Councilmember John S. Lee and the 12th Council District.

GMS applied and was accepted to the program, which culminates in a juried film festival on May 18 at the Soraya Performing Arts Center on the CSUN campus.

According to the [website](#), "This project will introduce students to the art of storytelling through digital film-making while providing critical mentoring and technical support to ensure student efficacy and success."

This program will take place after school. Interested students please [sign up here!](#)



Join the GMS Advisory Board!

GMS is currently seeking community members with industry connections and experience to join our Advisory Board. We would like to tap into our most obvious resource first...our GMS parents and guardians.

We would like our Advisory Board to give input on curriculum and equipment, to serve as guest speakers and career day panelists, and to connect our students with job shadowing and internship opportunities.

If you are interested in being an Advisory Board member, please [fill out this form](#). Thank you for investing in GMS!

Senior Trip to Catalina Confirmed

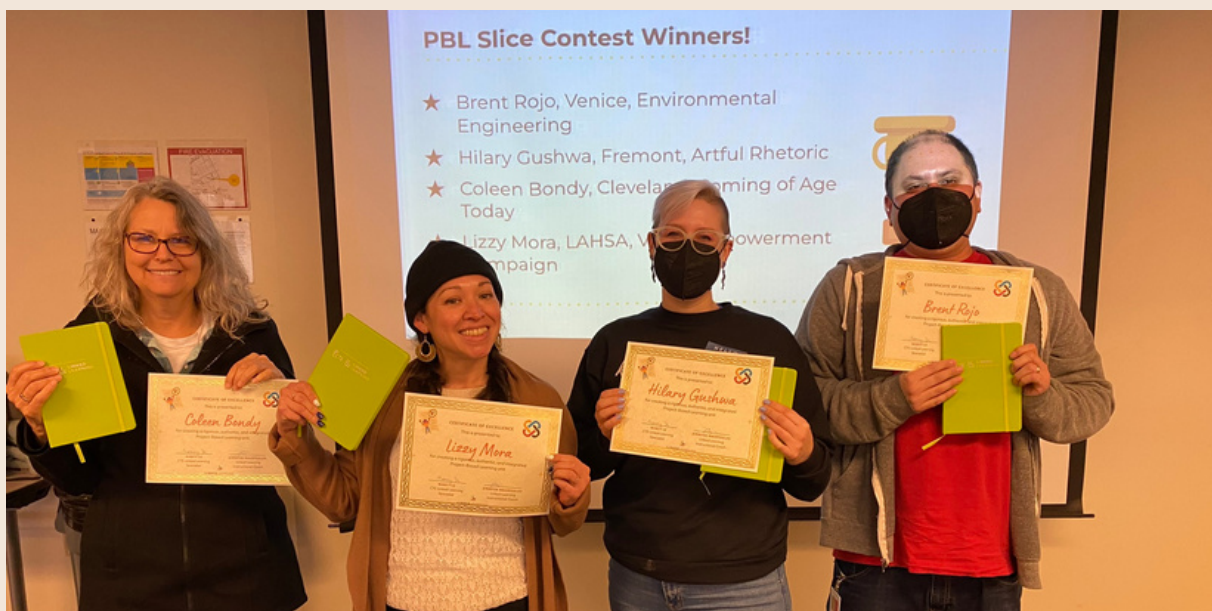
GMS is planning a senior class trip to the Catalina Island Marine Institute. The trip will take place on February 24-27 (Friday-Sunday). The cost of the trip is \$350 per student. This fee includes room and board, boat rides to the island, numerous activities, and three meals a day.

The payment can be split in two, with the first payment of \$175 due on January 13, 2023, and the second payment due on February 8, 2023. We will have a limited number of scholarships to help students attend the trip. Please fill out this form to indicate your level of interest.

GMS Team Project Highlighted

The GMS 9th grade team recently won recognition for its "Coming of Age" interdisciplinary project at an LAUSD Linked Learning event held at the Beaudry headquarters on Jan. 6.

Linked Learning coaches selected our project for recognition along with three other schools. The criteria included clear directions for students, a meaningful rubric, and an engaging overall project.



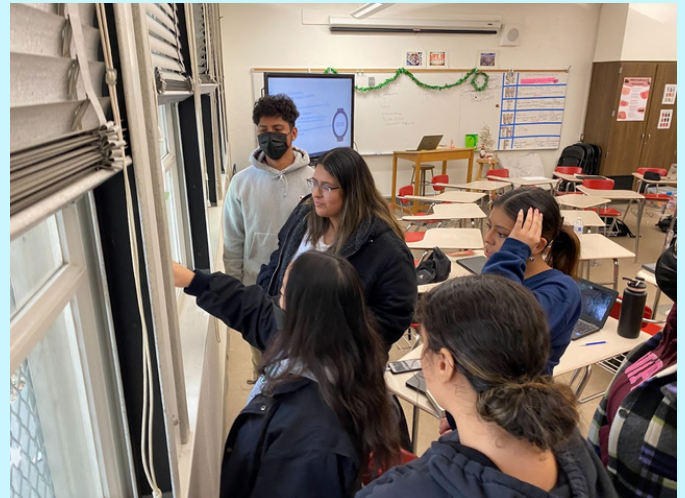
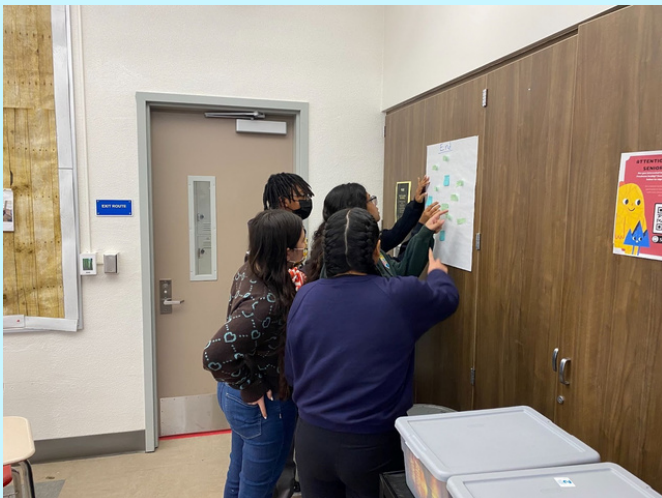
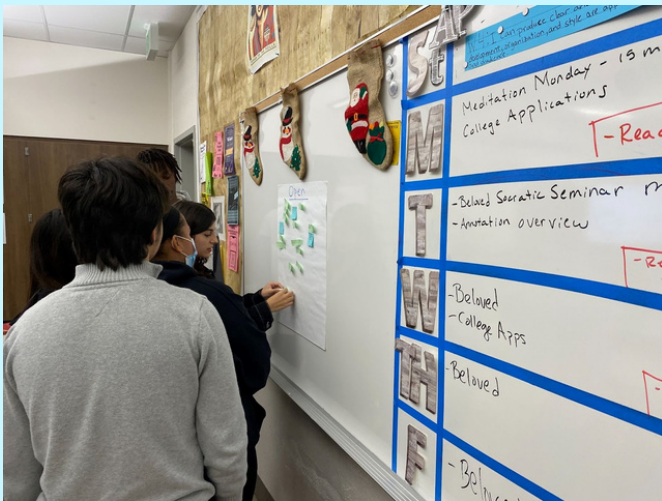
In the Classroom...

Ms. Thackeray's Advanced Placement Literature class tackled everything from Shakespeare's *Hamlet* to Toni Morrison's *Beloved* during Fall Semester.

View [videos](#) of students acting out their interpretations of various scenes from *Hamlet*.

Below, students take note of the powerful way in which Toni Morrison begins a chapter and ends a chapter by writing down what they believe to be the most powerful opening and ending lines of the chapters that had been read up to this point.

From there, they posted the lines on a poster and worked as a group to create a coherent poem from the lines. They then read the poems aloud and discussed the tone and theme of the finished piece.



In the Classroom...Con't

Before completing the final FRQ (free response question) on *Beloved*, students worked together to connect characters, symbols, writing techniques/strategies, quotes/passages, and theme statements in a hexagonal thinking map.

Afterward, they presented the three most powerful connections, along with new discoveries that were made in the process.



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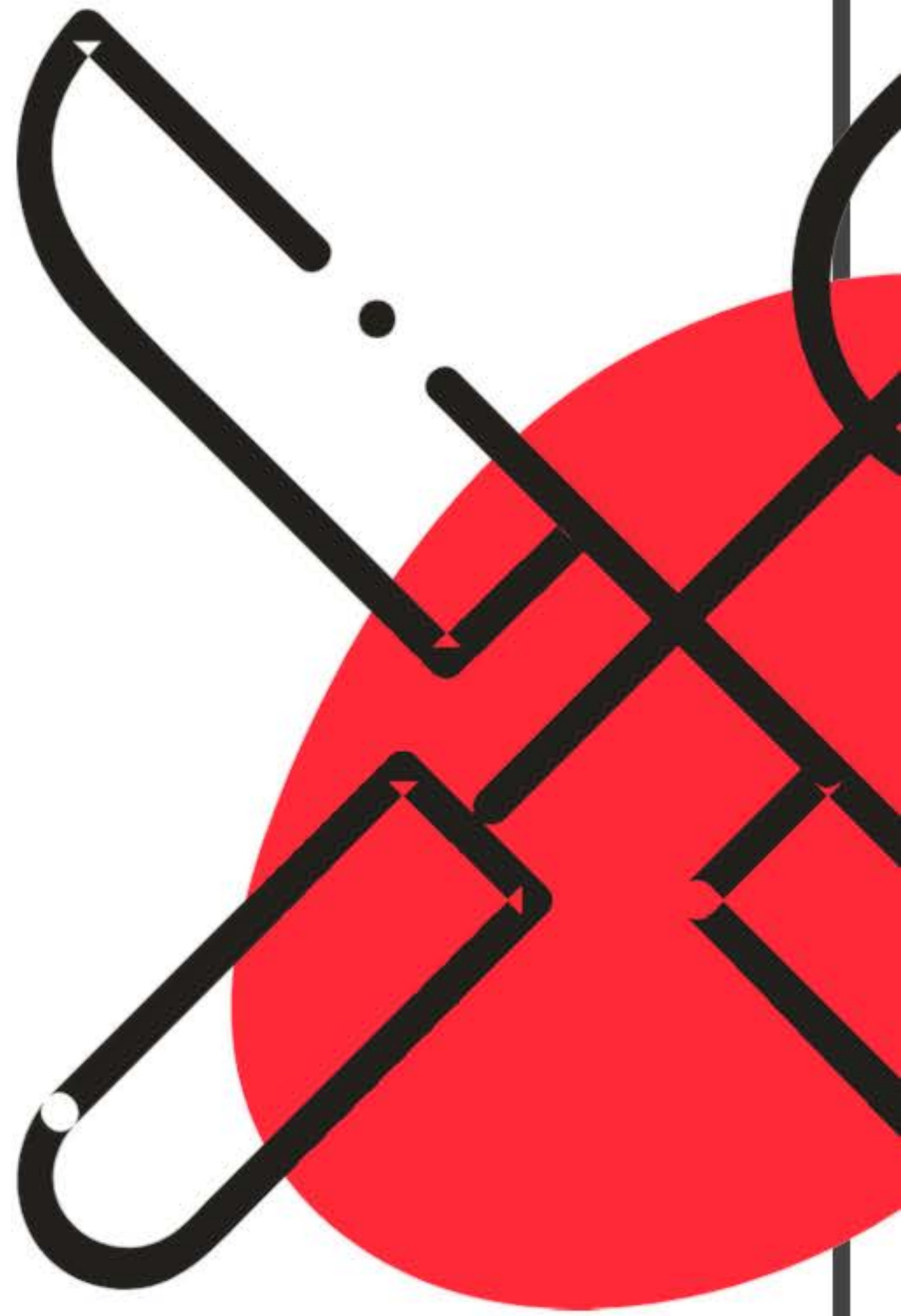
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