

THE DISCOVERY

GMS Magnet Monthly Newsletter
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The Season for Gratitude

With Thanksgiving just behind us and the holidays ahead, it's a great time to express our gratitude to all who help make our magnet the special program that it is.

We would like to thank Roberta Vann, our Work-Based Learning Coordinator for the LAUSD CTE/Linked Learning office, for connecting us with Reel Start, a nonprofit that is teaching and mentoring 11 GMS students for 22 weeks. We also want to thank Reel Start for investing in our students!

We would also like to thank Linked Learning's Nancy Le for setting up the ACE Educare field trip for our freshmen, and Michael Boerum (LAUSD CTE) for coordinating our Video Production 3 class's recent field trip to Pierce (and securing a bus for our upcoming senior trip to USC!).

GMS gets support from many other LAUSD offices. Song Lee, our Magnet Coordinator at the district level, is always quick to answer questions. Jennifer Nikopoulos of Linked Learning provides consistent guidance for our collaborative projects. We are also grateful for our new GMS Assistant Principal Tina Papazian, and all of the Cleveland administration and staff.

And last, but of course not least, we are grateful for our GMS teachers, who pour their hearts into their work, our GMS parents and guardians (and especially our Booster Club!), who support us in every way, and our amazing GMS students, whose talent and enthusiasm make it all worthwhile every day.

UPCOMING:

**Individual Graduation Plan
Family Night on Zoom**

**9TH & 10TH NOVEMBER 29;
11TH GRADE NOVEMBER 30;
12TH GRADE DECEMBER 1**

Finals Week

**MONDAY DECEMBER 12 TO
FRIDAY DECEMBER 16**

GMS Booster Club Meeting

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 15 AT
6:30 P.M. ON ZOOM**

USC Senior Campus Tour

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16

Winter Break

DECEMBER 19 - JANUARY 5

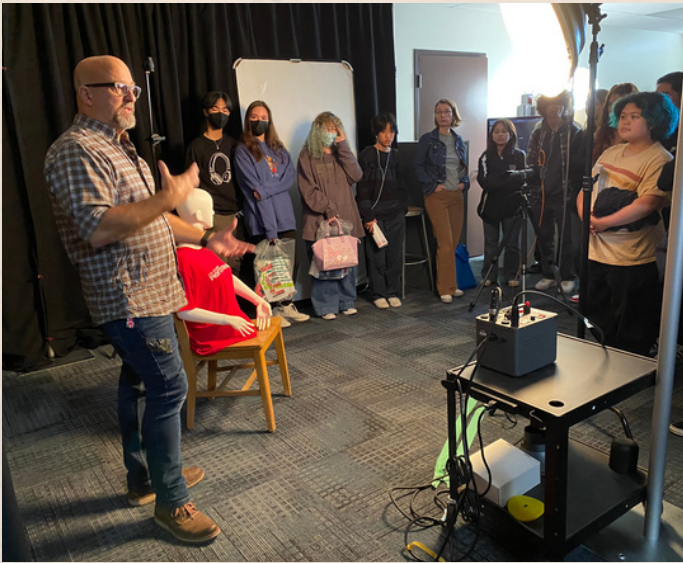
First Day of Spring Semester

MONDAY JANUARY 9

Video 3 Class Visits Pierce College

Ms. Paniza's Video Production 3 class visited Pierce College's Media Arts program on October 26, even sitting in on the class that they will receive college credit for if they pass the test at the end of the year.

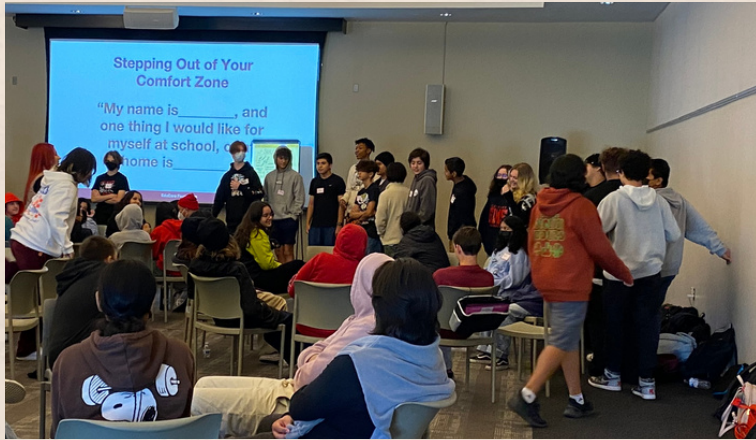
Students also visited the newspaper class, a photography studio, the radio program, and learned more about what community college has to offer. Thank you to Pierce for hosting us, and to Michael Boerum of CTE for setting up our visit and being our guide!



Frosh Field Trip Fosters Community

Thanks to a grant from the Linked Learning/CTE office, our GMS freshmen were able to experience an enriching workshop at Pierce College designed to promote community, develop communication skills, and teach positive thinking. Our caring and professional ACE Educare facilitators led the students through a variety of activities designed to build trust, encourage emotional risk-taking, and help our freshmen feel more connected to each other, and their GMS mentors.

According to our students, the trip was a huge success. "This field trip was so much fun! Everyone working there had such a nice energy and the activities planned were so much fun. I feel like this trip really did bring me and my classmates closer together. I enjoyed talking to people that I probably wouldn't have talked to beforehand," said freshman Tessa Hurley. We couldn't agree more, Tessa! For more photos (and videos) of the event, [click here](#).

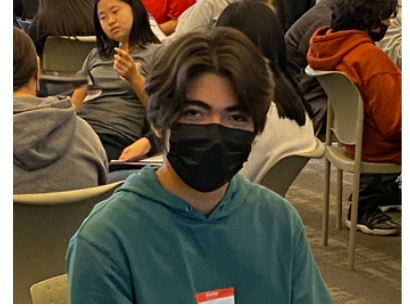


Meet Our Amazing GMS Mentors!



Enzo Buonamassa

With a grant from Linked Learning/CTE, GMS hired eight awesome seniors to help mentor our younger students in everything from academics, to industry skills, to social emotional competencies. Our mentors volunteered to lead groups during the recent freshman field trip.



David Contreras



Hilary Litton



Jennifer Macias



Pramuditha Madigapola



Brianna Navarro



Samira Ornelas



Maddie Ralph

Reel Start is a non-profit dedicated to increasing diversity in Hollywood. GMS students selected to participate in this 22-week online program are working with industry professionals to create an animated film addressing a social issue. Our students have chosen climate change. The weekly program kicked off October 26. So far guest speakers have included Giancarlo Volpe, a writer and artist with credits on many popular shows, including "King of the Hill" and "Avatar The Last Airbender," and writer and producer Lex Edness, who is currently working on "Gen V" and has worked on "Physical" and "Dirty John." Students are loving this program! **Thank you** to Ethan Shapanka, Tim Shechmeister and Reel Start!



Freshman-Senior Mentor Program Launches

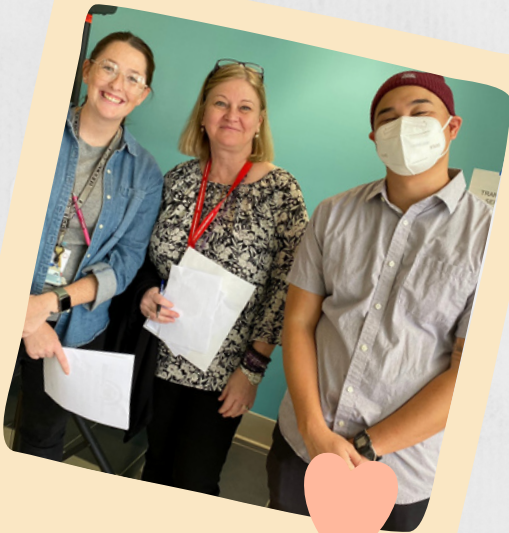
GMS kicked off its Freshman-Senior Mentor Program on Thursday, Nov. 17 in our spacious dining hall. The GMS Ambassadors spent a lot of time thoughtfully pairing all of our students and planning fun and educational events for them. During the event, seniors helped their freshmen mentees sign up for Portfolium, the digital platform GMS uses for students to save and reflect on their work. When they are seniors, all GMS students will present a digital portfolio to a panel of teachers, parents and industry professionals. Having a robust selection of work to draw from is key! Our seniors were happy to give the freshmen a head start on their successful GMS careers.



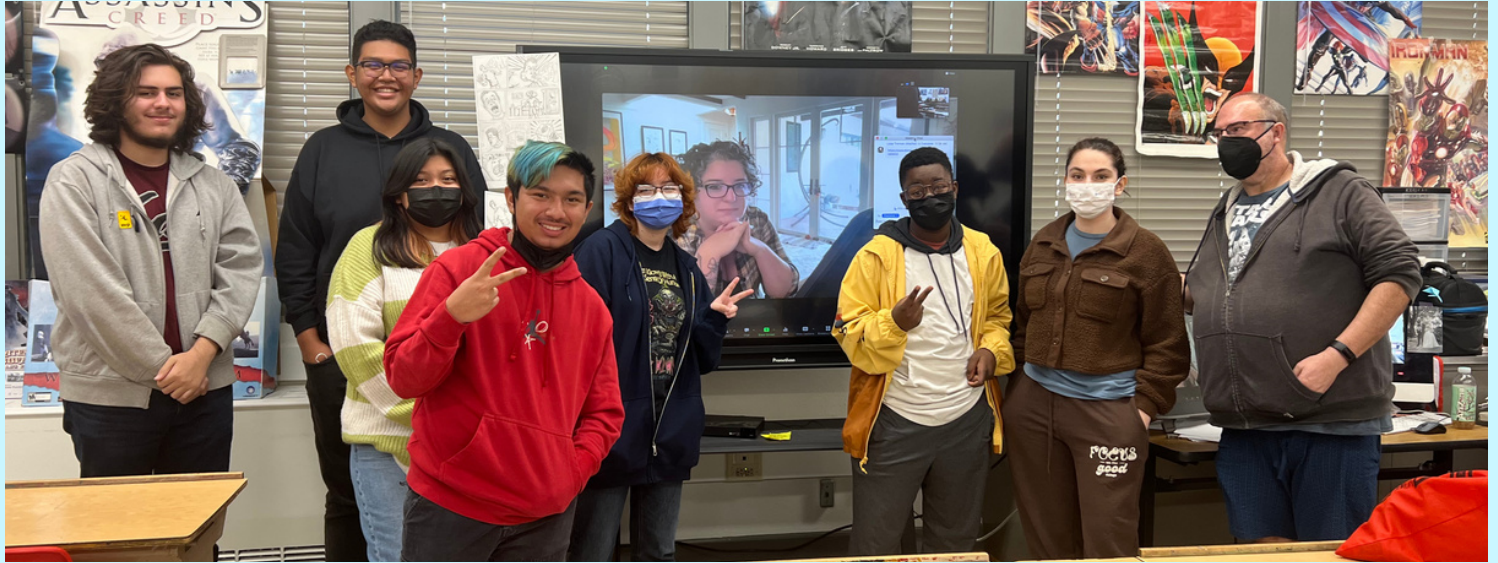
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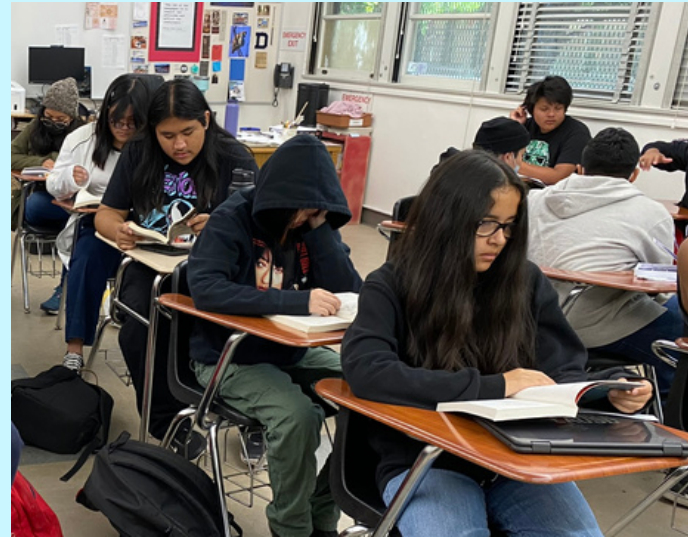
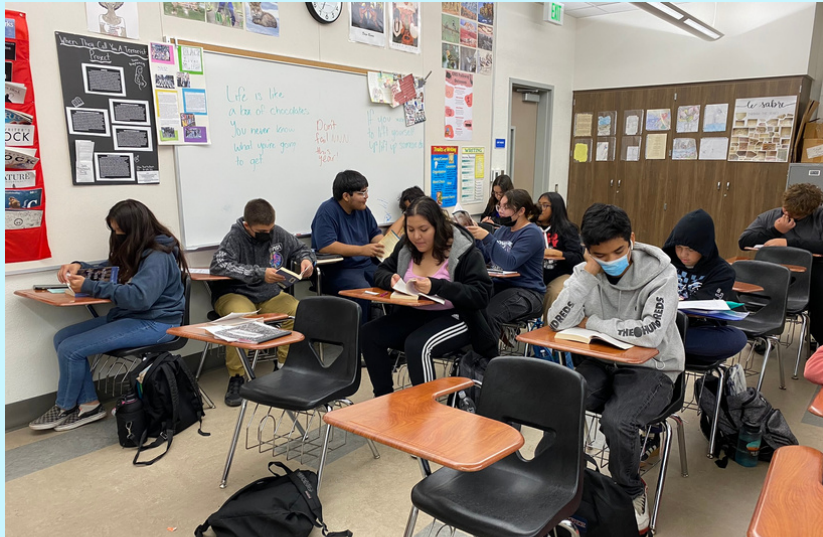


Mr. Keady's art and animation students Zoomed with Lissa Treiman from Disney Feature Animation on November 18. Treiman, a former student of Mr. Keady's (CHS 2003), was in charge of story for "Strange World." What a treat!!



Above, Ms. Paniza's Video Production 3 class learns about lighting.

In the Classroom...



Students in Ms. Bondy's freshman English class read books they chose in preparation for discussing them in their literature circles.



Above, Mr. Crossley's students filmed a dance performance in the school's new performing arts center in November. This is a still picture from the event. David Contreras, Enzo Buonamassa and Pramuditha Madigapola manned a three-camera setup. Ashalee Fann is the new CHS dance instructor.



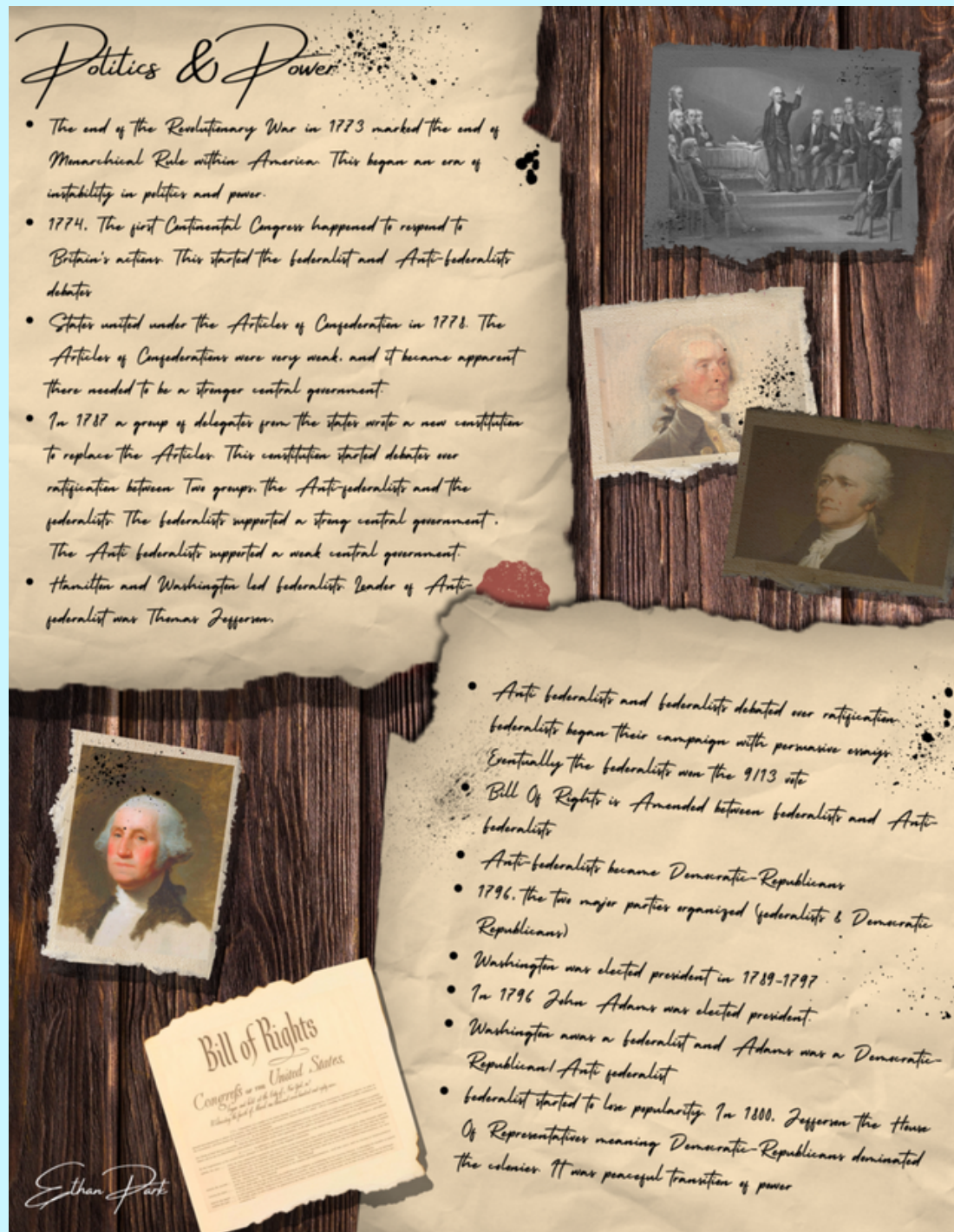
Students in Mr. Segovia's GMS AP U.S. History class have spent November developing their writing skills by focusing on two crucial writing components of the AP EXAM: Thesis and Contextualization. Below, GMS junior Laci Cantu demonstrates how to earn both points on the exam!

PROMPT: To what extent did reform movements in the United States from 1825 to 1855 lead to an expansion of democratic ideals?

The early 1800s were marked by significant economic and social change. In the aftermath of the War of 1812, the growing self-sufficient economy moved towards industrialization, a time known as the Market Revolution. People began flocking to the cities and working in factories, effectively creating the lower class and the cult of domesticity. Amid this industrialization and change, another movement took form. The Second Great Awakening was a religious revival that appealed to emotions and emphasized the faith and power of an individual. At the same time, President Andrew Jackson expanded voting rights to most white males. Together, the ideas of revivalism, individualism and suffrage eventually led to the formation of several reform movements. Although various groups continued to face oppression and lack of rights through the 19th century, the reform movements between 1825 and 1855 led to an overall expansion of democratic ideals by emphasizing and spreading ideas of morality, individualism, and equal rights.



Ethan Park, a student in Mr. Segovia's GMS AP U.S. History class, created a digital illustration of Unit 3 focusing on the theme of Politics and Power.



Seven GMS Students Visit Sweden for IYMS

The **International Youth Media Summit** brings together passionate young filmmakers from around the world every summer. Last summer, the host country was Sweden. In the summer of 2023, the summit will be held in Wisconsin, and the following year in Peru. Applications are now open for 2023! Read student Samira Ornelas's account below for more information.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MEDIA SUMMIT

Seven students, including myself embarked on a journey this summer in Falkenberg, Sweden for the **17th** International Youth Media Summit.

Not all of us (the youth delegates) knew each other even though we go to the same school and are apart of the same program but this trip changed that. We became really good friends & as filmmakers learned a lot from each other which helped in the making of our PSA's. **Holden** Schade,

Christian Celestine, **Julia** Durham, **Hilaria** Litton, **Talaya** Grayson, **Jonathan** Lopez, & myself **Samira**

Ornelas were able to meet and learn from people from all over the country, see new places, & create memories that will last a lifetime. We

all want to thank the **Booster Club** for the fundraising they did to help for our travel

& are eternally grateful to **Miss Evelyn Seubert** who accompanied us &

introduced us to this opportunity.

We want to continue to be involved with **IYMS** and continue growing as people, filmmakers, social activists, & students.

Check out PSA's

https://youtu.be/3GAnOWi_ZD8



Meeting so many new and amazing people with both very different and very similar **perspectives** showed me that there is so much out there in the world that I've yet to see and experience. The idea that I am able to make a difference in the world with my skills and talents that I've taken from this trip has given me a **sense of clarity** in what I want to pursue in the future.

We got take a trip for **2 weeks** to **Sweden** along-side amazing filmmakers to make 7 beautiful & impactful PSA's. Learning & spreading awareness about **poverty, women's rights, discrimination, health, youth empowerment, violence, & the environment**. I am eternally grateful for this experience, the memories, & the people I got to meet & learn from along the way. This trip has taught me so much about myself, my future career, & my aspirations. With **Ms. Seubert, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Berkowitz**, & other fabulous adults we received mentoring advice that helped us explore our creativity over the trip.

- **Samira Ornelas** (delegate)

IYMS was one of the best experiences of my life where I got to meet a ton of amazing people & learn about their cultures & countries. I learned so much about the art of filmmaking & also about different **societal issues** the world faces.

- **Julia Durham** (delegate)

I believe that IYMS is a **life changing** experience for the better & that it has made me see the world in a whole new lens.

- **Jonathan Lopez** (delegate)

- **Hilaria Litton** (delegate)

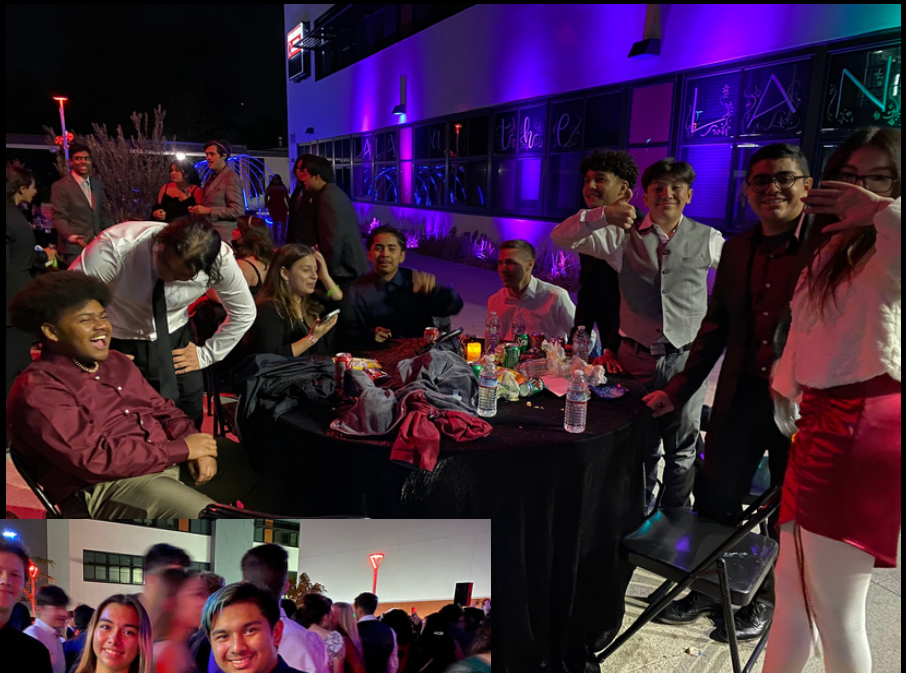
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GMS ROCKS THE NIGHT



Halloween at The Land



There is no lack of spirit here at The Land! Students, teachers and staff got gussied up for Halloween, and our library hosted a beautiful Day of the Dead display. GMS teachers in C Hall sported a Harry Potter theme, while our students and staff took inspiration from all over. Students also spent the day before Thanksgiving break decorating the halls to add some holiday cheer to our entire campus.



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Our GMS Ambassadors Deck the Halls

