

THE DISCOVERY

GMS Magnet Monthly Newsletter
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Welcome Back to School!

After nearly a year and a half of mostly Zooming into school, the GMS Magnet welcomed students back to campus for the Fall 2021 semester.

It has been a special time for students and staff, as many of us have only seen each other on Zoom. Most of our 10th graders had never seen our campus in person.

So far, we are off to a great start. Our new teachers are settling in (see the story on Page 2) and we are getting to know each other. Despite our masks, you can tell we are all smiling underneath them because we are so glad to be back on campus, teaching and learning in the hands-on style that our project-based program does so well.

Students are being tested weekly for Covid-19 and will be notified by our Community Engagement Team if they have come into contact with someone who has tested positive.

We are proud of our GMS students for cooperating by wearing masks and adhering to Covid safety standards.

UPCOMING:

GMS Booster Club Meeting

THURSDAY, AUG. 26 AT 6:30

P.M. ON ZOOM

ZOOM ID: 872 0137 1119

Back to School Night

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1 AT 5:30

P.M. ON ZOOM, STARTING

WITH THE PRINCIPAL'S

WELCOME ADDRESS. FLIER

ATTACHED.

Vaccination at Cleveland

DOSE 1 (PFIZER): SEPT. 21

DOSE 2 (PFIZER): OCT. 12

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

ON THE DAILY PASS SITE.

Labor Day 5-Day Weekend

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3 IS ADMISSION

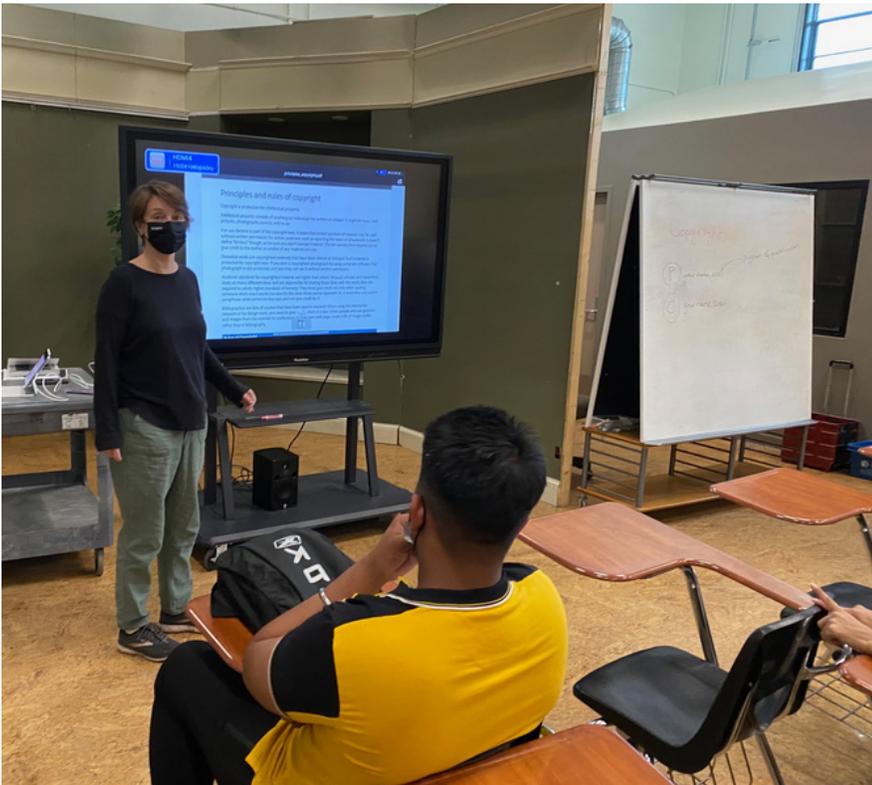
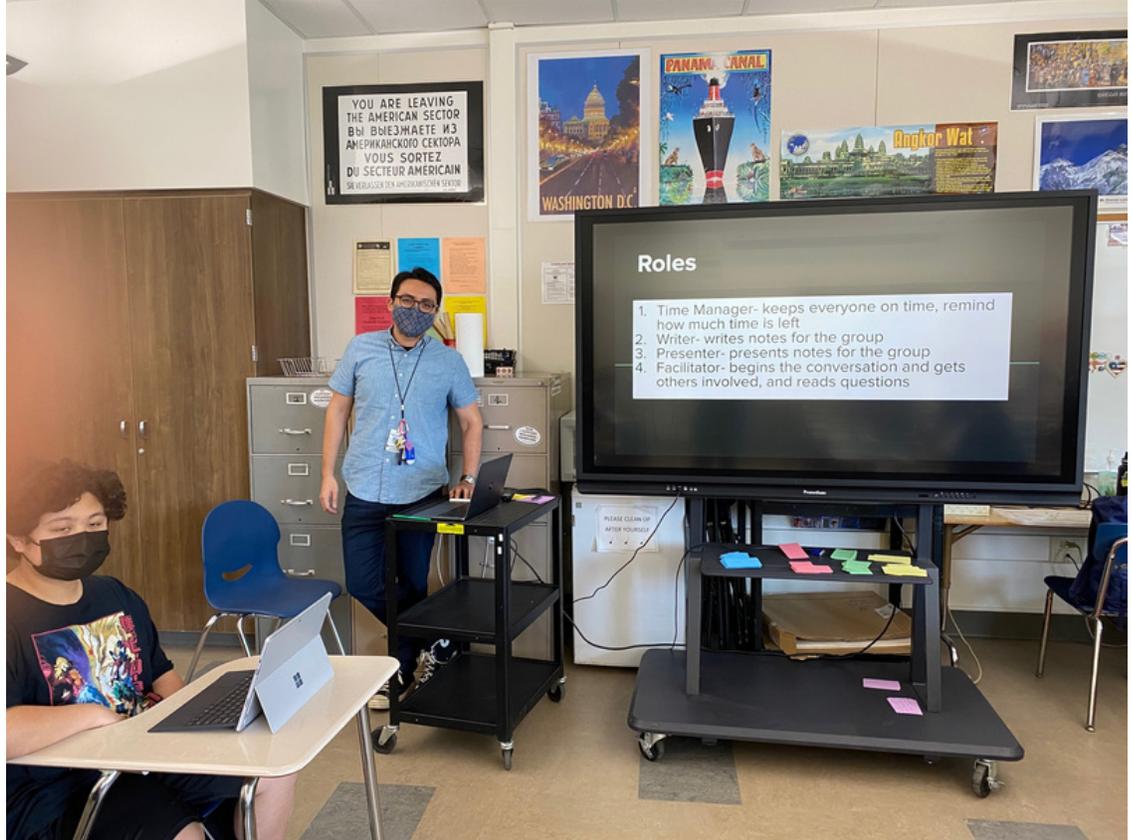
DAY. MONDAY, SEPT. 7 IS

LABOR DAY, AND TUESDAY,

SEPT. 8 THERE IS NO SCHOOL.

Meet Our New GMS Teachers!

Alex Segovia teaches World History to our 10th graders, and American Literature to GMS 11th graders. This multitalented teacher is actually a graduate of Cleveland's SAS program. Welcome Mr. Segovia!



Meike Paniza teaches Video Production 1 and 3 (9th and 11th) and co-teaches our KCAV student-run television broadcast class. Ms. Paniza is originally from the Netherlands. She studied photography at the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) where she earned a Master of Fine Arts in Photography. Welcome Ms. Paniza!

Successful Start to 2021



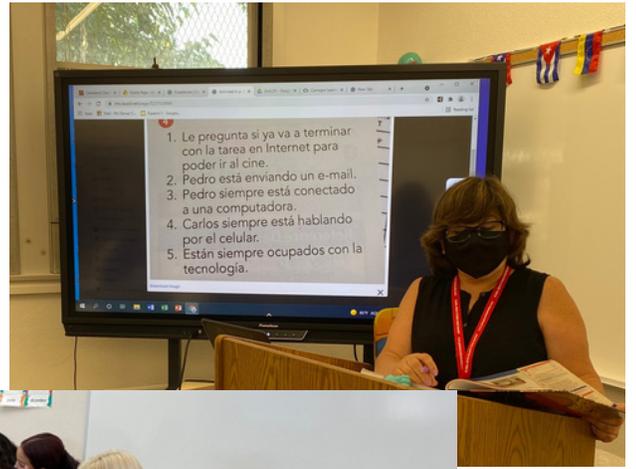
Pictured above: Students in Ms. Paniza's Video Production class in the Media Center. Pictured below: Ms. Thackeray's 10th grade English class.



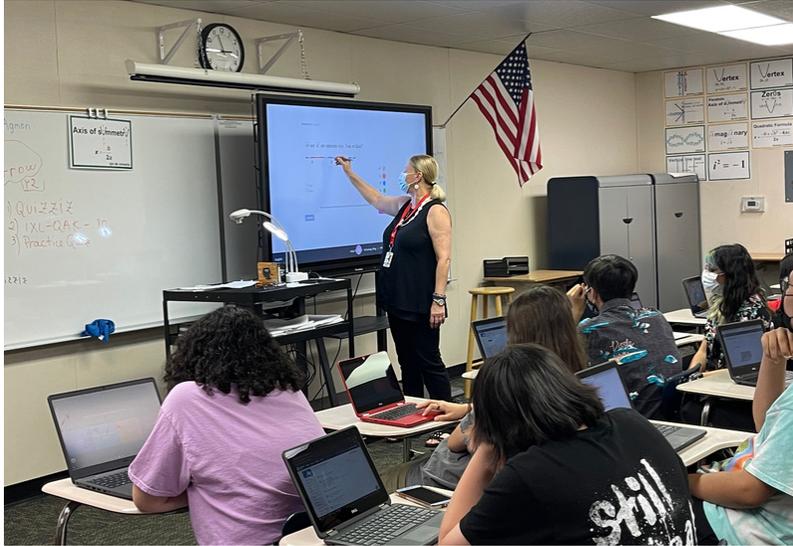
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Pictured above: Students in Mr. Crossley's Video Production class. Pictured below: Ms. McDaniel's Spanish class.



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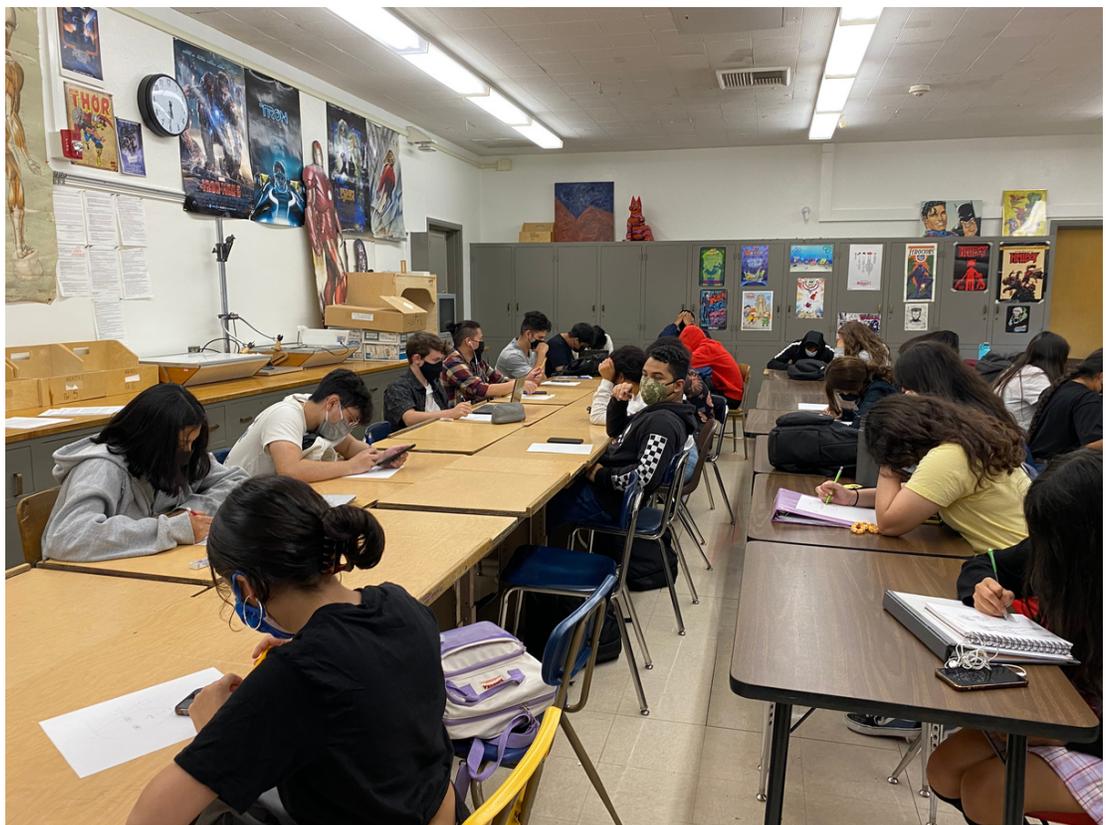
Above left, Ms. Manole explains math to her students. Above right, Mr. Clutario teaches environmental studies. Below, Mr. Rodriguez enlightens his U.S. History class.



Successful Start to 2021



Students practice drawing in Mr. Keady's art class.



Booster Club Meeting

Our next Booster Club Meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. The meeting ID is 872 0137 1119. We will be holding elections for the Booster Club Board of Directors, and updating parents on the latest CHS/GMS news. Please come support our program!

IYMS 2021

Two GMS students attended in the 16th International Youth Media Summit held virtually this year from Zabreb, Croatia. Chris Rubenstein and Jorge Ramirez were the champions of the Poverty Issue Group, attending Expert seminars, Master Classes, and making the short movie for the Poverty Group that was shown at the Closing Ceremony on August 1st, 2021. Their movie was warmly received by young people and professionals on six continents.

Student Videos Go Global

Three GMS students helped edit two 15-minute episodes about Climate Change for the SANATIONE web series. They worked under the guidance of John R. Hall (Research Professor of Sociology, U.C. Davis) who has written widely about the future of climate change. Their interview subjects included seven climate activists of all ages from the Santa Cruz area, including author Jonathan Franzen.

These episodes will be used by our IYMS Partner, Creative Visions, in their partnership with Take Action Global's (TAG) Climate Action Project. The videos will be at the center of mentorship lessons Creative Visions will develop for a global community of one million plus students and teachers.

TAG is endorsed by Jane Goodall, the UNHRC, NASA, National Geographic, the UN Environment Programme, and the Dalai Lama. <https://www.takeactionglobal.org/>

SANATIONE is a project of IYMS and involves filmmakers from 22 countries telling their stories of life during COVID-19 and the healing that needs to be done around the globe. GMS students were filmmakers and subjects last year for the third episode, "What's Going On," seen by people on six continents.



After 16 months of online distance instruction, students and instructors alike were relieved to gather in a classroom for this year’s Summer Bridge 2021 Program. With the guidance of Mr. Matt Clutario, Mr. John Crossley, and Summer Bridge Leaders Jocelyn Cervantes (12), Liz Chavez (12), and Mia Quinteros (12), more than 25 incoming GMS students safely gathered at Summer Bridge with the intention of getting a head start and introduction in their new learning community.

Student groups explored the topic “Stress on the Teenage Brain,” researching, writing, and creating public service announcements for stress prevention. Each day was filled with fascinating information on the human brain, personal reflection on what stresses students out, and introductory lessons and training in film recording and editing.

After a long year away without physical and social contact, students were even granted a space to be themselves and have fun with others—after all, it was still summer! Viktor Cabelleros de la Parra (9) shared that he enjoyed Summer Bridge because students “got to talk to other people and record something,” which “put perspective on being behind the camera and how challenging it is!”

GMS Bridgers enjoyed games, prizes, tie dye t-shirts, movies, and karaoke (to name a few) to bond with their fellow classmates.

By the end of the program’s three weeks, students could not wait to start the school year with their new friends, while others even plan to become a Summer Bridge Leader in the near future! Though nervous and uncertain at first, GMS students relished the welcome into their new GMS family.

GMS Students Discover Their Stories

THE MOTH



GMS Junior Zion Ballard

The Moth Radio Hour debuted on NPR in 2009, and is now aired on more than 500 stations nationwide. This beloved storytelling series served as the inspiration for an assignment in Ms. Thackeray's tenth grade English class last year.

Ms. Thackeray's students were tasked with telling stories about challenges or experiences they have had that have touched them emotionally. They filmed themselves telling the stories, and were encouraged to submit their stories to The Moth All-Country Slam, a program just for teens.

Zion Ballard submitted his story and was invited to participate in the Moth All-Country Slam, which was held on Zoom in the spring of 2020. He was then selected to tell his story again to a panel of teachers via Zoom (for which he was paid \$200).

Now Zion has been invited to apply for an internship with The Moth, continuing his relationship with these professional storytellers.

Zion's story was an extremely personal one about a transformational journey that his parents supported him through, he said.

Although the stories are sometimes difficult to tell, Zion said he got some very wise advice about sharing personal experiences.

That advice was, "If it's a story from a wound, and not a scar, you shouldn't tell it," he said.

GMS is extremely proud to have Zion represent our magnet, and our storytelling tradition, to The Moth.

Congratulations Zion! We are sure your amazing story has just begun.

Resources & Information



Cleveland now has two psychiatric social workers on staff to help with students' mental health needs. Fiaz Syed and Mayra Villa are both available to meet with students and help them not just survive, but thrive in high school. [Visit their website](#) to make an appointment and to discover more mental health resources.



After School Programs



The Boys and Girls Club of the West Valley offers a number of valuable programs that are free to Cleveland students. Programs include afterschool homework help and tutoring, college guidance and resources, leadership programs, and general help with being successful in high school. The program meets after school in Room 105 every day from the dismissal bell until 6 p.m. Please see the attached flier for more details!

Links to Have Handy

[Covid-19 Dashboard \(number of cases by LAUSD school\)](#)

[Parent Portal \(check student grades on Schoology\)](#)

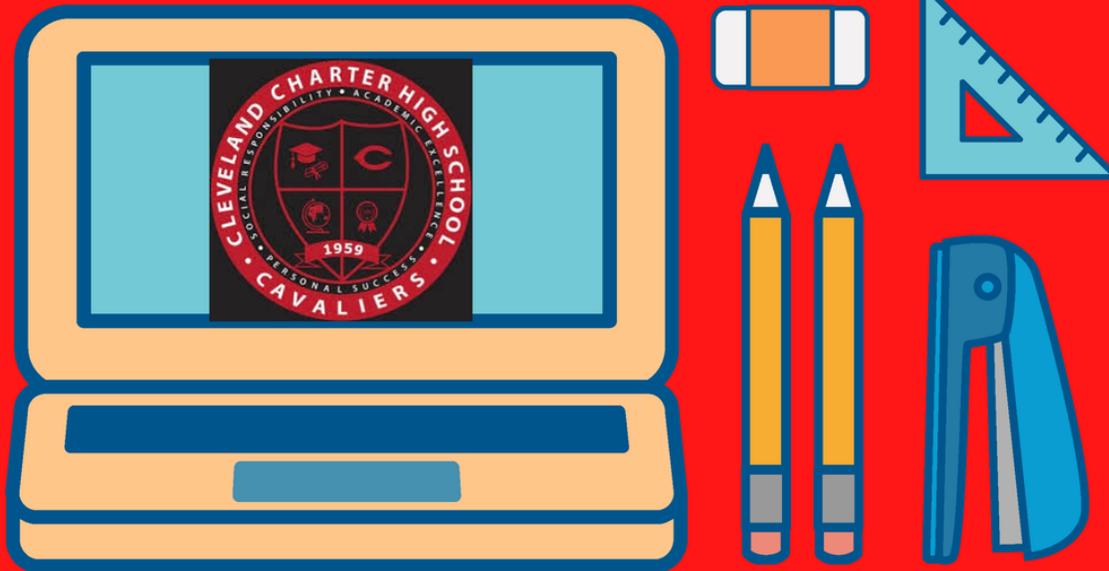
[Cleveland College Office website](#)



**CLEVELAND CHARTER
HIGH SCHOOL**

**VIRTUAL
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 2021**

**Wednesday, September 1
5:30-7:30 PM via Zoom**



Principal's Welcome!	5:30-5:40 PM
Period 0/7	5:45-5:55 PM
Period 1	6:00-6:10 PM
Period 2	6:15-6:25 PM
Period 3	6:30-6:40 PM
Period 4	6:45-6:55 PM
Period 5	7:00-7:10 PM
Period 6	7:15-7:25 PM

WELCOME BACK TO THE LAND!

Event begins at 5:30 by visiting us at:
<https://lausd.zoom.us/j/84472211806>

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August 25, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our virtual **Back-to-School Night** will be held on Wednesday, **September 1, 2021** from **5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**. This evening provides you with the opportunity to meet our teachers online to hear an overview of their courses and go over class expectations. This is not the occasion for individual parent conferences. If you would like to learn how Cleveland uses over a million dollars in federal funds, visit our Annual Title I meeting at 5:00 PM.

Our opening presentation, including an overview of the evening, will begin at 5:30 PM. The Zoom link for the evening is: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/84472211806>. Here we will provide families with a staff zoom directory, access to our student support teams and counselors, and provide assistance should you need help.

You may visit the teachers according to the period schedule below by visiting the individual Schoology course. Teacher's have posted Back-to-School night Zoom links in the Materials folder for your convenience.

Should you have additional specific questions or concerns regarding your child, you may request an individual conference for September 2, 2:45 PM -3:45 PM or September 9, 2021 during the teacher's conference period. To request an individual teacher conference, please inform the teacher during Back-to-School Night, by email, by Schoology, by calling the main office, or via this link: <https://bit.ly/ParentConferenceRequestFall2021>. Additionally, during the school year, you may request parent-teacher conferences by contacting the Main Office 818-885-2300.

Pre-Back-to-School Parent meetings: Different instructional programs have organized meetings as follows:

TIME	GROUP	ZOOM ID
5:00 PM	Gifted/SAS Meeting	899 8992 1011
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5:00 PM	GMS Magnet Meeting	827 7558 7956

CLASSROOM VISITATIONS 5:30-7:30 PM

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25 de agosto del 2021

Estimados padres y tutores,

Nuestra Noche virtual de Back-to-School será el miércoles, 1 de septiembre del 2021 de 5:30 p. m. a 7:30 p. m. Esta noche le brinda la oportunidad de conocer a nuestros maestros para escuchar una descripción general de sus cursos y repasar las expectativas de la clase. Esta no es la ocasión para conferencias de padres individuales. Además, si desea saber cómo Cleveland usa más de un millón de dólares en fondos federales, visite nuestra reunión anual del Título I a las 5:00 p.m.

Nuestra presentación de apertura, que incluye una descripción general de la noche, comenzará a las 5:30 PM. El enlace de zoom es: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/84472211806>. Aquí proporcionaremos a las familias un directorio de zoom para el personal, acceso a nuestros equipos de apoyo estudiantil y consejeros, y brindaremos asistencia en caso de que necesiten ayuda.

Puede visitar a los maestros de acuerdo con el cronograma de períodos a continuación visitando el curso individual de Schoology. Los maestros han publicado enlaces de Zoom de la noche de regreso a clases en la carpeta Materiales para su conveniencia.

Si tiene preguntas o inquietudes específicas adicionales con respecto a su hijo, puede solicitar una conferencia individual para el 2 de septiembre entre las 2:32 p. m. y las 3:45 p. m. o el 9 de septiembre durante la hora de conferencia del maestro/a. Para solicitar una conferencia individual con el maestro, informe al maestro durante la Noche de Regreso a la Escuela, por correo electrónico, por Schoology, llamando a la oficina principal o mediante este enlace:

<https://bit.ly/ParentConferenceRequestFall2021>

Además, a través del año escolar, usted puede solicitar conferencias de padres y maestros comunicándose con la oficina principal al 818-885-2300.

Reuniones de padres antes del Back-to-School Night: diferentes programas de instrucción han organizado reuniones de la siguiente manera:

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Sinceramente,

El Equipo Administrativo de la Escuela Cleveland

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.

