

APRIL 2024 ISSUE

# THE DISCOVERY

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## The Action Never Stops at GMS!

This school year is flying by, and GMS is a veritable hive of activity during Spring Semester!

As we go to press today, our Video Production classes had just returned from a field trip to the Academy Museum, and our school's Get Lit poetry team (featuring four fabulous GMS students) is about to compete in the 2024 Classic Slam in LA. We will be sure to catch up on that news in next month's newsletter!

For now, read on to find out how our students made connections between classic literature and their trip to the Getty Villa, how GMS celebrated earning its Linked Learning Gold Certification, meet one of the Linked Learning Students of the Year, Brent Shewfelt, (a GMS senior), and read all about the insightful trip our juniors took to the Japanese American National Museum.

We also had a heartfelt celebration with our seniors at the annual Senior Banquet. Our GMS Ambassadors and their helpers (pictured above) made the event one to remember.

Of course, the year's not over yet! You can also learn about our upcoming Career Night panel, featuring media industry professionals from Disney and NBC Universal.

For a more down to earth event, come out to Dearborn Park in Northridge this Saturday for the GMS Spring Picnic. You are sure to have a ball, especially if you participate in the planned soccer scrimmage between Ms. Burney's team and Mr. Del Toro's! We hope to see you there.

## UPCOMING:

### GMS Booster Club Meeting

THURSDAY APR. 18 AT 6:30 PM  
ON ZOOM

### GMS Spring Picnic

SATURDAY APR. 20

### Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day

NO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY APR. 24

### Career Night on Campus

THURSDAY APR. 25 FROM 5:30  
TO 7:30 P.M.

### AP Exams

MAY 6-17

# Gold Certification Celebration Event

BY ROBERTO CORONADO



The **Linked Learning Alliance** was thrilled to provide the official notification that the Global Media Studie Magnet has achieved the Gold Certification in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Congratulations to all the staff members, students, and industry partners who helped GMS Magnet provide high-quality college and career outcomes for its alumni. GMS continues to persevere in its methods of student-led learning by allowing for creative expression to flourish. It is through a combination of excelling media projects and meeting industry standards that the program can garner support from partners at the professional level. Success is, without a single doubt, a result of the work of the GMS Family.

In celebration of this accomplishment, staff members hosted a commemoration event where attendees connected in an array of entertainment and activities. Amid a symphony of emotions, the evening's festivities radiated a sense of anticipation as distinguished guests spread words of wisdom, inspiring the audience to embrace the opportunities that are still to come. However, the celebration was more than just an honoring of accomplishments. It was a tribute to the memories shared and bonds forged thus far in the lifetime of the Global Media Studies Magnet. One must recognize the indelible mark that both new and former GMS associates have left on the community. The contributions made by the masses keep the program committed to enabling students to harness their potential to make a positive impact on the world.

Since that delightful evening, the Linked Learning Alliance has provided GMS with the tools to spread the Certification story abroad. By way of a communications toolkit, the program's campaign for quality in college and career pathways will carry on advancing student readiness. As pioneers in the Linked Learning Gold curriculum, students will be equipped with the means of achieving greatness tomorrow.



## Brent Shewfelt

### LINKED LEARNING STUDNET OF THE YEAR 2024

The **Linked Learning Alliance** (LLA) continues to advance its connection with the forever-growing GMS Magnet by nominating one of the program's very own students as Linked Learning Student of the Year. Recently, senior **Brent Shewfelt** won this award alongside a \$250 cash prize. Congratulations to Brent for representing the GMS family in this new venture.

Founded in 2023, The Linked Learning Student of the Year Award seeks to honor high school seniors who exemplify civic excellence in their respective communities. Because nominees have proven to embody their Linked Learning pathway experiences, by obtaining this award, their ability to make connections beyond the classroom will be all the more amplified.

Admittedly, candidates for this title have expressed that they have made a significant difference well before exiting out of their high school career. As a result, the LLA deems it necessary to commemorate their extraordinary work.

Through Linked Learning students learn in a way distinct from the traditional means of the classroom and are exposed to vital support resources that will better their success in life after graduation. It is the Alliance's mission to further encourage students to practice their unique skills and make a difference in their surroundings. The Linked Learning Student of the Year award emphasizes its commitment to student-led development.





# CLASS OF 2024

## DISCOVER YOUR STORY

As the graduation day for the GMS Class of 2024 draws nearer, the entire GMS family came together to honor our seniors with a heartfelt farewell before they embark on the next chapter of their lives. This special occasion provided students and educators alike with an opportunity to reflect on the high school journey of this exceptional group of young adults and to celebrate their achievements.

On **Thursday, April 11**, the upperclassmen of the program gathered in the heart of the dining hall for their eagerly anticipated senior banquet. This year's banquet was a memorable affair, featuring a formal dinner, entertainment, and presentations highlighting the accomplishments of the seniors. Notably, it was the first time that students took the lead in organizing the event, with GMS Ambassador President **Kayla Verdugo** and Vice President **Milani Hayashi** leading the charge.

Months before the ceremony, senior students were actively involved in the planning process, providing input on catering options, superlative awards, and activities to ensure the banquet's success. This inclusive approach ensured that the event truly reflected the preferences and desires of the graduating class. Additionally, the banquet offered volunteering opportunities for underclassmen, allowing them to contribute to the celebration of our seniors and showcasing their potential leadership skills for the upcoming Ambassadorial class of 2025.

The senior banquet was not only a moment of celebration but also a testament to the strong sense of community and leadership within the GMS program. As we bid farewell to our graduating seniors, we look forward to seeing the impact they will continue to make in the world beyond our campus walls.



# Senior Banquet 2024 Photos

PHOTOS BY ABBY LOPEZ & SAM VASQUEZ





# Freshmen Getty Villa Trip

BY ROBERTO CORONADO

The telling of The Hero's Journey is a narrative structure often associated with both ancient myths and the world of contemporary movies. Generally, in these stories, the protagonist is called upon to face their greatest fear or embark into the heart of an unknown world. However, despite its connection to fictional tales, everyone is a hero in their journey. It is an underlying necessity for one to use their ambitions as guidance, for discovering our path will enable us to distinguish who we are. In considering this, many may find themselves tested along the way. However, it is most likely that our tests do not parallel those of Odysseus on his voyage back home.



Using the Hero's Journey template, the GMS 9th graders have explored various accounts that explain the impact of stories throughout history. Their most recent read—Homer's *Odyssey*—is one of many texts that challenge the customary perspective on the world around us. This epic poem follows the hero Odysseus on his arduous journey home from the Trojan War, exploring themes of perseverance, and the complexities of human nature. Having dissected its messages and implications in our society in their English class, discussion over this literary work culminated in March's field trip to the **Getty Villa**.

The Getty Villa trip is famed amongst the program's alumni and this most recent visit does all the more to support that. Freshman **Tess Gaita** stated, "It was nice being with my friends and getting to learn about the culture and history of the pieces." **Eva Maya Fong**, another student added, "I learned a lot about how sculptures were once painted, how the color faded out so when you go to see sculptures they are always white."

Thank you to the **Booster Club** and **9th grade team** for making this event a continued possibility.



# Getty Villa Photos

PHOTOS BY BENETT BERKOWITZ





Recently, the junior class ventured on a fascinating journey through time and culture during their visit to the **Japanese American Nation Museum (JANM)**. Located in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, this museum embraces the history of the Japanese American experience through remembrance and education.

Orchestrated by teachers and chaperones, students involved themselves in the vivid tapestry of heritage that the museum offers. Ranging from exclusive exhibits detailing the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II to astonishing displays that showcased the continued legacy of Japanese culture in the United States, JANM brought with it a new perspective to explore behind every corner.



A highlight from the trip was the opportunity to engage in educational workshops tailored towards enhancing empathetic learning. Students embodied different viewpoints in thought-provoking discussions and hands-on experiences that motivated them to reflect on how the theme of identity relates to the notion of the “American Dream.” Not only serving to lengthen their appreciation for the Japanese American experience, these activities also enabled students to establish connections with other issues of diversity that find themselves entrenched in our society.

Ultimately, students returned from their stay at JANM with minds enriched by the knowledge they had obtained. They exited with a renewed appreciation for the honoring of diverse cultures and their histories. As GMS continues to strive for student pathway outcomes, it seeks to continue to explore the essentiality of a rich, multicultural community. This is especially true as the junior class reaches the end of its unit surrounding the pursuit of prosperity in the United States.



## ● JUNIOR CLASS AT JANM

# Spring Picnic Invitation

BY ROBERTO CORONADO

JOIN US AT...

## GMS SPRING PICNIC 2024

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

All are cordially invited to join GMS for their **2024 Spring Picnic**, taking place at **Dearborn Park** on Saturday, **April 20th, between 4 PM and 6 PM**. A GMS Picnic is a once a once-a-semester activity that gathers the entirety of the program's family for a day of enjoyable games, food, and discussions. It is an excellent way for alumni to better get to know each other outside school grounds and for parents to build upon their involvement in the GMS cause.

Last semester plenty of families joined us for some fall fun in our highly esteemed hour of pie in the face and potato sack racing against teachers. For the final picnic of the school year, however, GMS plans to continue with its fan-favorite games and make the experience all the better with new additions to the day's schedule. The program is enlightened to be going forward with an Easter theme for the event with the help of the **Booster Club**.

Participation in most of the activities on this date will go towards funding the approaching Senior Banquet and other exciting matters such as future field trips.

The program is excited about what this semester's picnic will have to offer for all those welcome to attend. Events like these are the foundation for the Magnet's growing community of outgoing individuals. We thank all those involved in making the picnics a recurring reality and those willing to some time aside to show up.



**Fill out the QR Code to  
make donations to the  
Picnic!**



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## WHAT IS SUMMER BRIDGE?

**Summer Bridge** is A GMS transitional program that enables incoming freshmen to gain an insight into the high school lifestyle. It is a lively two weeks where participating students are introduced to film and editing videos, developing essential media skills, collaborating on projects, and taking field trips. Students who have attended Summer Bridge have typically achieved higher grade point averages and attendance rates in their freshmen year. Summer Bridge also boosts students' motivation to learn and confidence in the high school environment. Participants better understand the demands that come with high school and are enlightened to feel a lot more comfortable in facing them.

## BECOME A 2024 SBL

Apart from being able to meet their future teachers and peers, those enrolled in Summer Bridge are personally mentored by current upperclassmen of the GMS Magnet. Often being former Summer Bridge participants themselves, Summer Bridge Leaders go through intern training to prepare them for this event. Apart from being able to meet their future teachers and peers, those enrolled in Summer Bridge are personally mentored by current

upperclassmen of the GMS Magnet. Often being former Summer Bridge participants themselves, Summer Bridge Leaders go through intern training to prepare them for this event.

The **2024 Summer Bridge Application** is now open for all current juniors who are interested in applying their skills for the benefit of this undertaking. The application process has since been improved to better fit the 11th-grade effective communicator learning pathway outcome. Applicants should expect to submit both a resume and a cover letter explaining why they believe they would make a good Summer Bridge Leader, alongside their electronic application. Following this procedure, **Ms. Bondy** will review each request individually and submit an official list of all those admitted for the position before the end of the school year. In completing the application, one pledges to complete the following intern responsibilities:

- Complete the Work Ready Badge (10 hrs)**
- Training (12 hrs)**
- Intern Project (8-16 hrs paid)**

Summer Bridge Leaders are vital in ensuring our incoming freshmen feel connected to the GMS family as a whole.

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FILL OUT THE APPLICATION HERE \_\_\_\_\_

Due April 18, 2024



# GET LIT

The **Classic Slam** is the climax of **Get Lit**'s very own teaching curriculum. Any school, classroom, or club that has used this method of learning can put together their own poetry work in order to compete at the Classic Slam. In preparation for this event, students have worked to memorize a Classic poem and write their response—in the form of an original Spoken Word piece—to be performed on stage.

During the quarter-final rounds, schools from across Los Angeles unite for a day of poetry, community, and competition. The finalists of these stages will qualify for the Classic Slam Finals on **Saturday, April 20**. Here, they will go against each other for the title of Classic Slam Champions. Every poem performed on this date will be evaluated by judges and the winners will be bestowed with cash prizes.

The majority of the students that make up Cleveland's official team consist mainly of GMS students. This is in large part due to the 10th-grade Semester B project, Fighting For Justice. In its duration, **Ms. Thackeray**, who happens to be a mentor for the Get Lit team on campus, will interweave the essential question of "How can I bring awareness to a social injustice and effect positive change?" into the classroom. As burgeoning global citizens, throughout the semester students will produce an interdisciplinary work that sheds light on a form of social, political, economic, or environmental inequity. Students will conduct research, read books, and partake in discussions as a means of achieving a final product. The culminating act of the semester will be a project in which students are recorded performing a spoken word argumentative poem of their own in front of a live audience. A small selection of these recordings will then be used to compose a collaborative documentary addressing social injustice in the students' video production class.

## SUPPORT THE TEAM...

- Brenda Quino
- Brent Shewfelt
- Carissa Foss
- Emma Cantu
- Halee Scott
- Karl Reyes
- Kleber Ordoñez-Puac
- Mateo Vejar

## GET TICKETS HERE



# Career Night on Campus

BY ROBERTO CORONADO

**Career Night** is a new addition to the plethora of community-based events offered through GMS. Managed by industry professionals themselves, it is an evening of helpful insight into the program's connection to contemporary multimedia standards. Taking place after school on **Thursday, April 25**, participants will go through an audience-driven panel catered towards answering some of the most prevalent questions in the film and animation business to date. The run of the show is split into three major sections: speaker introductions, panelist briefings, and an audience Q&A. It is important to note that the speakers for the event were hand-selected from a variety of different entertainment giants, with each specializing in different departments. In saying this, all lines of inquiry are open to a diverse pool of interpretations. This goes to show that there is a lot more to these professions than the final product. It is through activities such as Career Night in C-Hall that creative liberty is advocated. Please see the flier below for the panel lineup!

Having already established the confirmed presence of unique panelists, GMS teachers will also be in assistance throughout the evening. Each choosing a specialty of their own to demonstrate, faculty members will be pivotal to the turnout of this event. With tasks ranging from assistant production coordinator to makeup artist, there is an overabundance of talent amidst the faculty members that, simply put, can not only be confined to the schedule of regular school hours.

As mentioned above, this is a new endeavor that GMS is embarking on. Because of this, feedback from those present will be even more keenly taken into consideration.

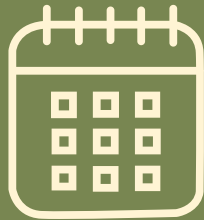
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# Booster Club Meeting Invitation

BY ROBERTO CORONADO

Join the GMS Booster Club **this Thursday evening** for their monthly virtual meeting. The General Board meeting is a gathering for the GMS Family to voice their opinions on matters that pertain to events both inside and outside of campus. Lead by parent president **Lisa Walco**, expect the regular call to order which goes over past matters as an introduction. Transitioning into the contemporary initiatives however, Magnet Coordinator **Ms. Bondy** will touch base on the GMS Fest Logo Contest Winner, SBAC scores, final planning for the Spring Picnic, and the possibility of a year-end get-together. Coupled with an open forum where the community can voice its questions or concerns, these ventures are exceedingly important to ending the school year strong and establishing an effective ground for the semesters that follow. Participation is optional, yet strongly recommended. The upcoming Board meeting will convene **via Zoom on May 16**. Your thoughtful consideration is appreciated.



April 18, 2024

6:30 PM



Zoom Meeting ID: 872 0137 1119





# GMS Career Night

Thursday, April 25 | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



**Marlon De Silva**  
Assistant Editor/Finishing  
Editor, NBC Universal



**Ben Juwono**  
Supervising Director,  
Disney Animation



**Roxanne McDanel**  
Hair and Makeup Artist



**Sean O'Rourke**  
Director, Rights and  
Clearances, NBC Universal



**Rita Street**  
Screenwriter,  
Radar Cartoons



**Lissa Treiman**  
Story Artist and Television  
Director, Disney Animation



Scan the QR code to the left to **read more** about the event and our panelists!

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# Cleveland Volunteer Application

If you are a parent interested in volunteering at our school, please submit an online application through the following link:

<https://volunteerapp.lausd.net>. You may use your Parent Portal email address (username) and password to log into the Volunteer Management System.

Those who do not have a Parent Portal account or are community members may register for a LAUSD volunteer account in the Volunteer Management System: <https://volunteerapp.lausd.net>.

Please bring to the school or email assistant principal, Shauna Harris, at [sxh6812@lausd.net](mailto:sxh6812@lausd.net) the following documents based on your volunteer application level.

**All Volunteers must upload COVID-19 Vaccination Card to the daily pass at: [dailypass.lausd.net](https://dailypass.lausd.net)**

Tier II Volunteers (Classroom/Office/Parent Center/Field Trip Chaperone Volunteer)

1. Complete the online volunteer application at <https://volunteerapp.lausd.net>.
2. Signed print out of the online volunteer application
3. Volunteer Commitment Form (English/Spanish)
4. Completed and signed by a physician: either
  - A. TB Physician/Clinic Form (English/Spanish) OR
  - B. TB Risk Assessment Questionnaire

- Volunteer Commitment Form
- Volunteer Physician Form
- Volunteer TB Risk Questionnaire



# Welcome Class of 2024 - The Radiants

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

**FEBRUARY 2:** Cap and Gown Size Survey due

**FEBRUARY 6-8:** Last package payment and Behavior Contract distribution (due on 3/12 during ticket distribution). (see link for details); Senior T-shirt voting

**MARCH 1:** Deadline to clear detentions to attend Senior Breakfast.

**MARCH 6-7:** Ticket sales for non-package holders for Senior Breakfast @ lunch in C8

**MARCH 12:** Ticket Distribution and Behavior Contract collection for Senior Breakfast on the quad during lunch

**MARCH 16 (Saturday):** Senior Breakfast, Fashion, and Talent Show at The Odyssey (see link)

**APRIL 10:** Senior Panorama Picture (period 2 in the Big Gym) and detention deadline clearance to purchase prom tickets

**APRIL 15-19:** Prom Ticket Sales in C8 during lunch

**APRIL 22-26:** Senior Spirit Week on the Quad during lunch

**MAY 17:** Prom Ticket Distribution @ lunch on the quad

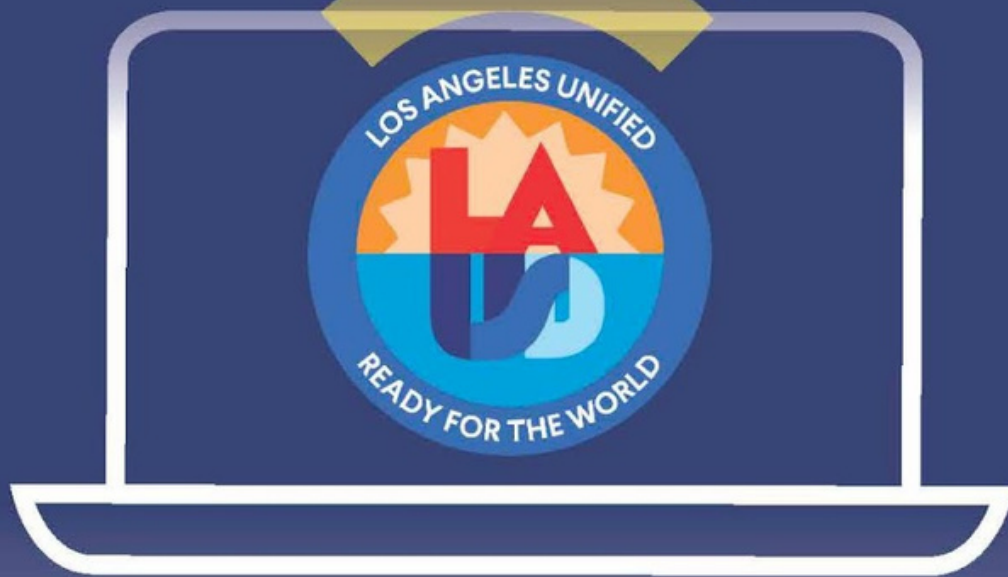
**MAY 18:** Senior Prom!

**JUNE 14:** Grad Nite at Disneyland! Details coming soon...

**GOT QUESTIONS?** Visit **Senior Board** every **Wednesday** during **NUTRITION** only in **C8** for all your senior questions and concerns.

# TIME IS RUNNING OUT! NEED A CHROMEBOOK?

Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) program is ending soon.  
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## Animation Pathway

**Animation 648** - Digital Imaging

**Art 649** - Storyboarding

## Game Art and Design Pathway

**GAD 103** - Game Tech and Engines

**Art 634** - 3D Computer Graphics

## Health/Kinesiology Pathway

**Health 11** - Principles of Healthful Living

**Health 46** - CPR

**KIN 217** - Self Defense Skills **OR**

**KIN MAJ 134** - Advanced Lifesaving

## Music Pathway

**Music 161** - Intro to Music Technology

**783-1** - Pop Music Workshop

## Program Highlights

- 6 Weeks
- ON CAMPUS at LACC
- 2 College Courses
- Earn UC/CSU Transferable Credits
- Field Trip
- Guest Speakers
- FREE Lunch



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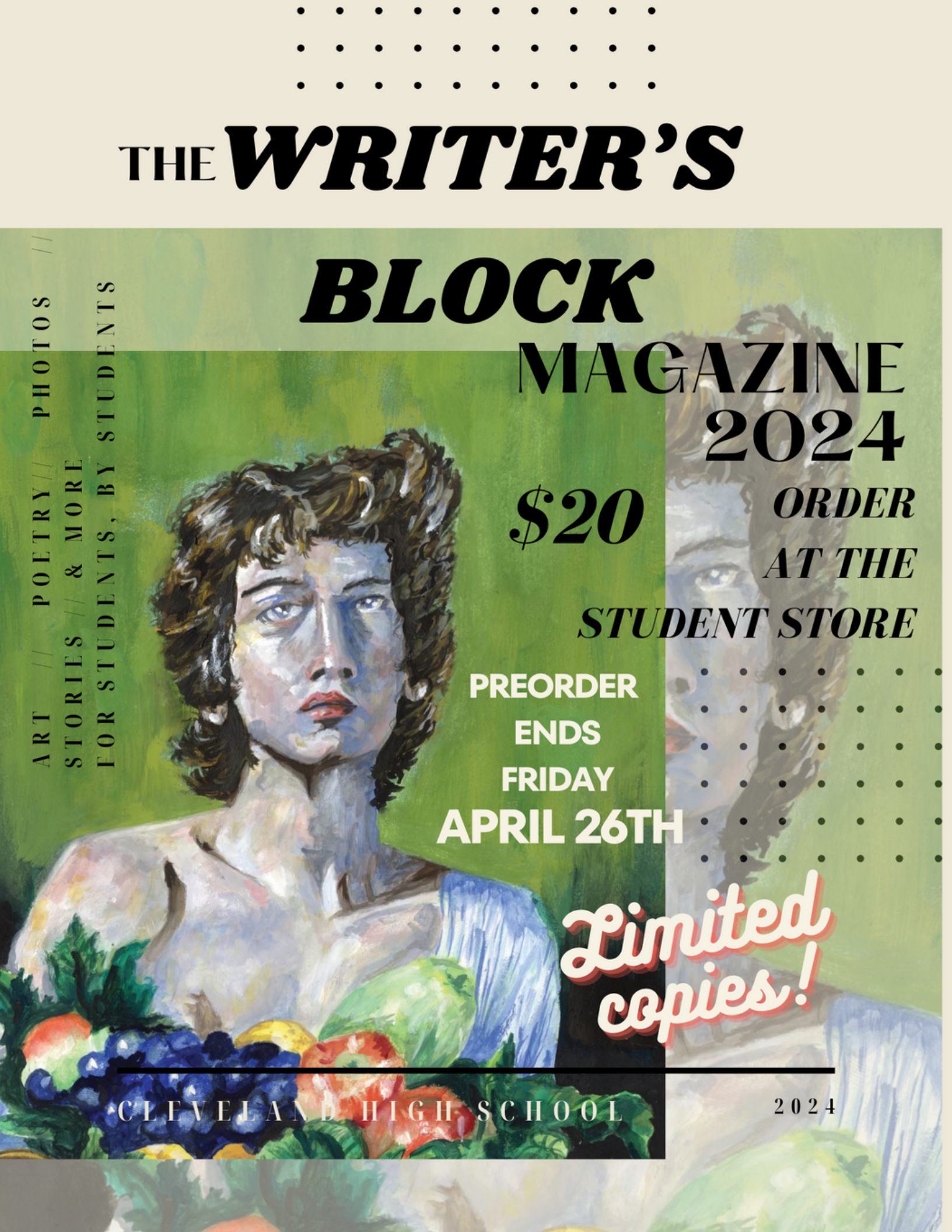
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# GMS SPRING PICNIC

Join us for an afternoon of food, games, and fun on **Saturday, April 20**, from 4-6 p.m. at Dearborn Park in Northridge! Food and drinks are for sale, games are for free and for fun! We will also be raffling items for our Booster Club!



Date  
**April 20, 2024**



Time  
**4:00-6:00 p.m.**

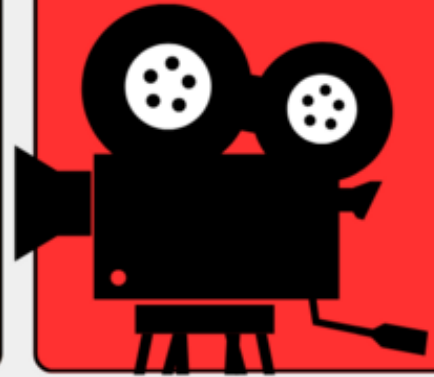
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- 12 min running time max
- Family-friendly
- GMS Students must be involved in a prominent role
- No overt violence, drug use, and sex
- Submission Deadline May 1st

