

FRESHMEN NEWS

January Newsletter

Important Dates

Jan 13 - Return to School

Jan 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL

Feb 7 - Professional Development NO SCHOOL

Feb 17- President's Day NO SCHOOL

A Note from the Counselors



Second semester of 9th grade kicks off our "Counselor Classroom Lessons." Each month, one of our Counselors will present a full classroom lesson on a variety of topics that relate to school counseling: professional development, social/emotional skills, academic achievement, college readiness, and career exploration. This month, Rachel Fusco, taught students about their high school transcript, reviewed high school graduation requirements, and began to talk about high school as the beginning of their professional careers. Colleges are always excited to see students who learn from their challenges/mistakes.

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 from 8:30-9:30 am, which is our Counseling Family Meeting for 9th and 10th grade families. We will review steps for making the most out of 9th and 10th grade as well as review what life will look like in 11th and 12th grade. We will discuss what college and career readiness really means and learn about the different options for life after high school: vocational programs, community colleges, and four year colleges, and meaningful work/gap years. RSVP encouraged (so we can prepare enough handouts):

<http://bit.ly/family9-10>



TINA HANNOUCHE **PHYSICS**



Students get to start off fresh this semester and start building some good habits for the rest of the year. The rest of the semester will focus on various types of Energy. We will be starting with the study of conservation of energy and ending this unit with students designing and building a roller coaster. Final roller coaster will be due February 10/11. After that we will work on renewable energy forms and energy efficiency. As always, all the content is posted on google classroom along with extra practice problems and videos so make sure to take advantage of those resources. Lastly, Honors physics is starting this semester and meeting every Thursday morning so my office hours will change to Wednesday at 8am and 4pm.

CARI MACONOCHE **DESIGN FOUNDATIONS**

This semester students are starting off with a 4 week unit on 1-point perspective and graphic design. Congratulations to the following Star Artists for displaying exemplar work. From exhibition the winning producers are, Kaelee Weller, Matthew Markey, Vanessa Alvarez, Ruby Hussain, Emma Olson, Marcia Reyes, Adrian Berrios, and Nathan Cardenas. From exhibition the winning skateboard artists are Maya Costello, Garcy LoCicero, Carolina Stauring, Bella Tauetia, Jasmine Patel, Siena Pecora, Lina Puentes, and Lailah Ochoa. The winners for the best Fall POL project are, Nandini Chand, Alyssa Ibarra, Michelle Padron, and Emily Hylton.



IVAN VILLANUEVA **SPANISH 1**



Happy New Year! This month students will learn about the "Preterito" past-tense conjugation, will make a skit or video based on the Pobre Ana Novel they read, and be introduced to the concept of "Alebrijes," a traditional folk art design that began in Mexico at the turn of the last century. Students will also build upon their "Daily Intro" vocabulary as they will learn how to describe the day's weather.





DR. MELINDA LOVE INTEGRATED MATH 1

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a safe and restful break. I am proud of all the hard work students have put in their first semester. Students have a fresh start this semester, so I hope that students will take advantage of this opportunity. Please encourage your student to attend office hours regularly to stay on top of their academics. We will continue to work on solving System of Equations. Students will be using their graphing and algebraic skills to solve these systems. We will be closely collaborating on the roller coaster project with the Physics class where students will be applying their skills from this unit to help them design a thrilling roller coaster.



ENGLISH AND COMPOSITION

This January, students are launching into a combined English/Physics project that looks at the Hero's Journey. We're covering a variety of historical heroes (and new ones!), then making some visits to the Fab Lab, researching, and reading to understand the complexity of the hero's evolution. English honors has also kicked off, with our first honors meeting in mid-February.



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JASON WHITE

