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# DA VINCI HIGH SCHOOL

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## Coming Up in September.....

**Tues, 9/18 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm - Echo Parent Night #1**

**Thur, 9/20 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm - Echo Parent Night #2**

**Wed, 9/26 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm - Advisory Board Meeting #1**

**Wed, 9/26 from 6:30- 8:00 pm - Booster Meeting #1**

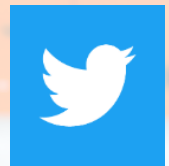


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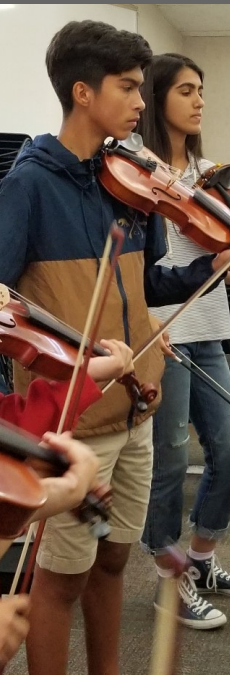
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## NEW COURSES AT DVHS



There's a lot of new learning going on at Da Vinci High School this year. We have launched two brand new courses, brought back several courses that haven't been offered in recent years, and added an exciting new Sac City Course.

Mariachi Music can be heard throughout the corridors each afternoon at Da Vinci. Fourteen students have enrolled in this exciting new course taught by Thomas Slabaugh that focuses on the wide-ranging music of Mexico. Be on the lookout for this ensemble, officially called Mariachi del Valle, performing at community events. We have also added ACES, an academic support course similar to Study Skills. This course focuses on the development of important executive functioning skills while also providing academic support to current courses.

Due to high student demand, Da Vinci has also re-launched Spanish 5 AP and Art History AP. AP courses offer the opportunity to increase GPA, earn college credit, and engage in an elevated level challenge. We are pleased to see our students take on the challenge of these two AP offerings.

Finally, through our partnership with Sacramento City College, we are hosting a section of CISP 360 on Mon and Wed afternoons. CISP 360 teaches students the basics of structured programming, providing an extension to our 9th Grade CS Discoveries Course and our Introduction to Coding Course.

## ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

As a dependent, public charter school, Da Vinci maintains a twelve-member Advisory Board that meets each month to advise Da Vinci Administration on a variety of issues. Last year, the Advisory Board analyzed data about Da Vinci student performance, offered input towards the DJUSD facilities bond, reviewed the Da Vinci LCAP, and examined our Comprehensive Safety Plan. This year, the Advisory Board will help with preparing our Charter for renewal in March of 2019.

I am pleased to introduce you to the 2018-19 Advisory Board, which includes several new members:

- DV Admin - Tyler Millsap
- DV Admin - Annie Nelson
- DV Certificated - Scott Bell
- DV Classified - Adela Johnson
- DJUSD CBO - Bruce Colby
- Community Member - Don Palm
- JH Student - Isabella Yan
- HS Student - Maggie Watson
- JH Parent - Danielle Sharp
- JH Parent - John Dolan
- HS Parent - Amy Haug
- HS Parent - Kristen Muir



New Student Advisory Representative - Maggie Watson, Junior

The first Advisory Board meeting is on Wednesday, September 26th from 5:30 - 6:30 pm at Da Vinci Junior High

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Now that the year is underway and students are settled into their courses, our counseling team (pictured to the right) will turn their attention to academic support, social and emotional support, and support for post-high school planning. Homework Club begins this week for extra academic support. Every Wednesday from 2:30-4:00 pm and every Thursday from 3:30-5:00 pm students can go to room #20 to receive support from DV Alumna and UC Davis writing teacher, Sabina Simon. Additionally, we'll have Spanish tutors available every Wednesday. Check out the opportunities to start planning for college below:

- UC-Santa Cruz is coming to Da Vinci! Sign up in the office to confirm your space for the presentation on Wednesday, September 19th 1:00-1:30 pm
- There is a UC Application Workshop on September 20th at 7 pm at DHS Brunelle Hall
- Both counselors will be in the Presentation Room at lunch on Tuesdays starting October 2nd and Thursdays during 7th period starting October 4th check-ins, proof-reading of college applications



Nicole Chiamparino-Roper, Counselor



Erika Strand, Counselor

Da Vinci Charter Academy is administering the PSAT/NMQST on Saturday, October 13th. The cost is \$24.00. There are NO refunds and sales end October 5th. There are a limited number of tests available. If you have any questions and/or feel this is a financial hardship, please contact your counselor immediately. Finally, SAT prep is offered at the Davis Adult School for the November 3rd test at Wed: 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the following dates: October 10, 17, 24, 31. The cost is \$90 fee/quarter.



## LEADERSHIP CLASS IS ROCKING!

Spearheaded by Mrs. Conners and the four ASB Officers (pictured below), the Leadership Class has some incredible momentum going this year. They've already helped launch a successful orientation, organized student council meetings, held Class Representative elections, and hosted a Movie Night Fundraiser. Check out what's coming up next month:



From left to right: Grace Hoff, ASB Secretary; Sofia Kaloper, ASB Vice President; Ramiro Cabanillas- Ledesma, ASB President; Emma Arntzen ASB Treasurer

- Trivia Night hosted by Triviogy on Tuesday, October 9th. Proceeds benefit the ASB Leadership Class and promote community events on campus. More details coming soon.
- The Da Vinci Chili Cook-Off will be on Saturday, November 3. This event is open to the public and features awards for a variety of chili categories. Proceeds benefit the Class of 2019.
- Campus Beautification projects will be commencing next week. Students have a variety of projects in mind from re-painting classroom doors to cleaning up planters boxes around campus. If you are able to donate drought-resistant plants, flowers, exterior paint, or paint supplies, please contact Leadership Teacher, Gretchen Conners at [gconners@djud.net](mailto:gconners@djud.net).

## FROM PRINCIPAL MILLSAP

This is my third year as Principal and my twelfth year overall at Da Vinci Charter Academy. This school has been a part of my life for so long that it feels like a second home. I am proud and humbled to lead the staff and students in the school's fifteenth year. We've done an incredible job of preparing well over one thousand graduates for life beyond high school and we'll continue to adapt to do so in the ever-changing world. We are grateful and honored that you and your student(s) have chosen to learn here with us.

The launch to this school year has felt particularly gratifying and positive. We've got an incredible staff, an increased enrollment, exciting new courses, and a positive climate and culture on campus. I hope you find the opportunity to connect throughout the year by attending events, meeting your student's teachers, or serving as a panelist. It's a pleasure to walk the hallways and visit classrooms in our vibrant and healthy school.

We have a variety of goals to accomplish this year, including continuing to increase our enrollment, renewing our Charter, improving our PBL practice, and continuing to increase and improve our outreach to parents and guardians. This new newsletter format is an attempt to increase that outreach. I hope you find it to be a positive change. Soon to follow is an improved website offering far more opportunity to quickly provide information to the Da Vinci community. If you have suggestions or ideas for increased connectedness, or just want to connect with me, I can be reached at [tmillsap@djud.net](mailto:tmillsap@djud.net).

Best regards, Tyler Millsap



Tyler Millsap, Principal