



# LA MESA FAMILIAR

*December | 2025*



*Multicultural High School*

Dear Families,

As we enter the month of December, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible growth and resilience our students have shown so far this school year. Every day our students demonstrate courage, curiosity, and determination. We are proud of the progress they are making in their academic learning.

This month, our teachers will continue to support students with academic language development, literacy skills, and critical thinking across all subject areas. We encourage students to stay focused, attend Friday's Lunch and Learn and take advantage of the after-school programs as well as Saturday school being offered for English, Algebra and Biology regents prep. Encourage your student to use all the resources available to them. Families can support by checking in regularly, discussing school experiences, and celebrating every achievement—big or small.

December is also a time of connection. Our school community represents many cultures and traditions, and we value the diversity that makes our school so special. As winter break approaches, I wish all of our students and families time to rest, reflect, and recharge. Thank you for your partnership and for the trust you place in us as we guide your children through their academic journey. We look forward to returning in January ready to continue building toward graduation and future success.

Best,  
Peter Ng-A-Fook  
Principal





## FAMILY CORNER

# Get to know our Care Team

**HELLO DECEMBER!** THE END OF THE YEAR CAN FEEL EXCITING, BUT ALSO STRESSFUL—ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU’RE ADJUSTING TO A NEW SCHOOL, A NEW LANGUAGE, AND A NEW CULTURE. THIS MONTH, LET’S FOCUS ON BELONGING, SELF-CARE, AND CELEBRATING SMALL VICTORIES.

- 1. RECOGNIZE YOUR WINS** - IT’S EASY TO FOCUS ON WHAT FEELS HARD—LIKE SPEAKING ENGLISH IN CLASS OR UNDERSTANDING HOMEWORK—BUT EVERY STEP YOU TAKE IS PROGRESS. WRITE DOWN 3 THINGS YOU DID WELL EACH DAY. NO ACHIEVEMENT IS TOO SMALL!
- 2. STAY CONNECTED** - BEING FAR FROM HOME CAN FEEL LONELY. CONNECT WITH FRIENDS, CLASSMATES, OR TEACHERS WHO MAKE YOU FEEL SAFE AND SUPPORTED. EVEN A SHORT CONVERSATION OR A SMILE CAN HELP YOU FEEL MORE AT HOME.
- 3. CELEBRATE YOUR CULTURE** - DECEMBER IS A MONTH FULL OF CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD. SHARE YOUR TRADITIONS WITH YOUR CLASSMATES OR LEARN ABOUT THEIRS! THIS NOT ONLY BUILDS CONNECTIONS, BUT ALSO HELPS OTHERS UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE YOUR CULTURE.

**REMEMBER:** ADJUSTING TO A NEW COUNTRY TAKES TIME. BE PATIENT WITH YOURSELF, CELEBRATE YOUR PROGRESS, AND KNOW THAT YOU BELONG HERE.



### *Social Worker*

### *School Counselors*

*Ms. Natalie*

*Ms. Rosio*  
*9th Grade*

*Mrs. Arlenis*  
*10th Grade*

*Mr. Urrea*  
*11th Grade*



RESOURCES PAGE

Community Resources



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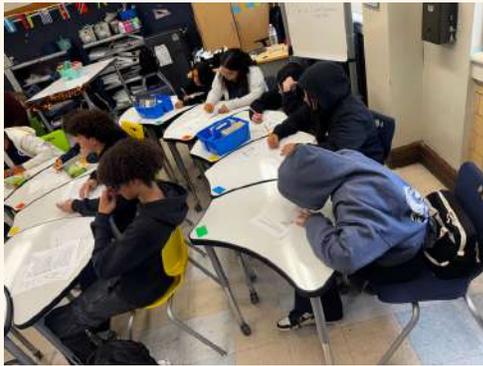


## CLASSROOM CHRONICLES

# What is happening in class

## 9th Grade ELA – Ms. Leon

### Unit: *Against All Odds* – *What does it take to survive a crisis?*



#### **Hands-on activities occurring: Socratic Seminar**

In ELA Class, our 9th grade students engaged in a dynamic Socratic Seminar centered on the guiding question: “How do we decide if a choice is good or bad—by someone’s intentions or by the results of their actions?”

Students came prepared with annotated texts, evidence, and discussion notes. Throughout the seminar, they explored different perspectives on morality and decision-making. Some students focused on how intentions reveal a person’s character, while others highlighted the importance of examining the outcomes of an action to determine its impact.



The conversation remained thoughtful and respectful, with students building on classmates’ ideas, citing examples, and asking thoughtful questions. Overall, the seminar showcased students’ growing ability to analyze complex concepts, support claims with evidence, and engage in meaningful academic dialogue.



## PAST EVENTS

# November Events Recap

## *Junior Family Night*

We appreciate you taking the time to connect with us and learn more about your student's path toward graduation. During the event, we reviewed key academic requirements, updates, and highlighted important steps for the year ahead. Your partnership plays an essential role in helping our juniors stay on track.



## *Annual Community Feast*

Before heading into Thanksgiving Break, our school came together, students and staff, to share a meal and celebrate the spirit of gratitude. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to connect, reflect, and enjoy time together as a school family. We hope everyone enjoyed the feast and had a restful, joyful break. Thank you for being an important part of our school community!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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# Save the Date

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### *The Attendance All-Star Brunch*

**December 8, 2025**

8AM - 9AM

School Cafeteria (Basement)

Students with 100% attendance for the first three months of schools will receive an exclusive invitation to a breakfast celebrating their dedication to school!



### *Trimester 1 Awards Night*

**December 18, 2025**

5 - 7:30 PM

School Cafeteria (Basement)

Students will receive a personal invitation to celebrate their perfect attendance for the trimester and/or their GPA of 85% and above! We hope you can join us!

### *Half Day of School*

**December 23, 2025**

Students will be dismissed at 11:20AM to begin their winter break. Happy Holidays!



Winter  
Break

