



Go Jaguars!

PM-CTC Academy

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Student Announcements

Spirit Week

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first ever PM-CTC Spirit Week last week. We hope everyone enjoyed all the Spirit Week activities, and we appreciate everyone's patience as we tried something new. Spirit Week goals were to increase school community spirit, celebrate cultural traditions, and learn about the power of higher education.

Learning Enrichment (LE) Returns Next Week

Thursday will be a regular school day with a special informational session by Sacred Heart Community Services at 7:15pm tomorrow. There is no school this Friday due to the Veterans Day holiday.

Sacred Heart Community Services Informational Sessions

Topics include: CA Driver's license, Scholarships, DACA (Deferred Action for early Childhood Arrivals), Medi-Cal, Immigration Policy, and Criminal Records Assistance. We will host this presentation on Thursday, November 10 at 12:15pm and 7:15pm in our EPHS Library.

PM Student Clubs

Student club meetings will resume next Friday, November 18th. The Q2 planning meeting for club leaders has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 15th in room 402.

Veterans Day

On Veterans Day this Friday we honor all of those who have served and defended this country, including hundreds of thousands of Latino-Americans. You can hear some of their stories at <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/voces/>. Latinos account for more than 11-12% of U.S. armed forces today.

Adding and Dropping Classes

The last day to add or drop a course for course credit is Tuesday, November 15, 2016. If you are unable to attend your math module class during period 3, you can sign up for period 7 math lab to help you move through the math module program. Fine Arts and Keyboarding (computer typing) classes are also available during period 7. Students in English 1-4 who wish to add or drop classes, please see Jessica Gonzalez or Rosaura Tavara in Office 202. Students in ESL who wish to add or drop classes, please see Elizabeth Esteva in Office 203.

Math Module Students

Students must take their math module final exam by Wednesday, November 16th in order to be considered for promotion. The new math module term begins Thursday, November 17th. We will follow the same promotion protocol as last quarter where teachers post their promotions on their classroom doors.

Math Module Tutoring

Math module tutoring is available during period 7 (9:43-10:30pm). If you need extra help in your A-F math module class, see Maestra Claudia Uchicua in rm. 207. If you need extra help in your G-L math module class, see Maestra Veronica Zanez in rm. 0 (cafeteria).

Student ID Cards

Our technical difficulties have been fixed and a schedule for PM Picture Days will be released soon!

Q2 Attendance Raffle

Academic success depends on good attendance. Our Q2 attendance raffle will resume next week. Support each other to be here every day!

A Safe Place for Reflection and Healing, 11:30am to 1:00 pm, Thursday, November 10, 2016

School of Arts and Culture at Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Ave, San Jose

As you all know, East San Jose is home to first, second and third generation immigrants from across the globe, and in our vibrant, diverse and thriving community, injustice and intolerance is unacceptable.

The presidential election has left many of us in a state of shock and pain, and unsure how to process our feelings. It is important for our East San Jose families to know that our community organizations and faith leaders will continue to be here in solidarity with them.

Please join us, friends and neighbors of all backgrounds and faiths at an informal community gathering for reflection and healing. This will be a safe space to come together as one community and share our pain, fear, anxiety and hopes for the future.

Need to Talk with the Principal?

Maestro EKS, our PM-CTC Academy Principal, is available to meet with students between 7:15 and 8pm Monday to Thursday. Check in or make an appointment with receptionist Samira Perez at the main office.

"Believe in America's Greatness," a Message from Maestro EKS, PM-CTC Principal

The United States of America and the world woke up today to an uncertain future. This uncertainty causes fear and anxiety for many of us. But do not give up your hopes and dreams. They are what makes America great.

America's greatness is not in its past. America's greatness is here and now. It is within all of us who choose to live here, working hard for a better future for ourselves, our families, and our communities.

America's greatness is alive at Escuela Popular. I see it every day I come here. Our students make sacrifices to attend school and gain an education for themselves. They are determined to study English, obtain a diploma, and create better opportunities for themselves and their families. Our teachers and staff choose to work here to support our students because they passionately believe that education can transform lives and empower our community.

Maestra Lidia often said that she founded Escuela Popular in order to give our students a "voice." As we move forward into an uncertain future, it becomes increasingly important that we use our "voice" to declare ourselves HERE. We are not going away. We are not going to stop dreaming. We are not going to stop setting goals and working hard to reach them. We are not going to be bullied into feeling powerless. We are going to use our "voice" to empower ourselves and community for a better America and a better world.

Escuela Popular is where America's greatness happens each and every day. Believe it.