Nickelodeon Visit

On November 13th, Nickelodeon Studios visited SGMA’s animation class to conduct a workshop. Erik Elizarrez, a Nickelodeon animator, worked with students by looking over their art work and projects and giving them tips and pointers.

Nickelodeon also brought with them some more Wacom Cintiqs--tablets for drawing digital art work. Over the last two years, they have donated 15 Cintiqs to us!

Next semester, we will send 11th and 12th grade SGMA students to Nickelodeon’s studios in Burbank for a tour of their facilities as well as an animation workshop.

SGMA Community Events

This semester, SGMA hosted several community events. SGMA Leadership did an excellent job of planning a Harry Potter-themed pep rally for all SGMA students complete with K-pop dancing and several friendly competitions. Great job Leadership Team!

We also had a mid-year awards ceremony honoring those students who received Honors and High Honors on the mid-term grade report. Congratulations to all of those students! Keep up the good work! You make SGMA proud!
Last spring, Mr. Gonzalez, our animation/pathway teacher, wrote a grant for $150,000 for a new Design & Media lab for SGMA. This semester, he has placed orders for all the materials for the lab, and they are now on their way!

Our new lab will be located in Room 251 across from the second-floor stairs. It will be equipped with iMacs, Wacom Cintiqs, a new projector, and the Adobe Creative Cloud.

This lab will give all SGMA teachers and students the opportunity to use Design & Media hardware and software to work on our interdisciplinary projects as well as any other digital arts projects that we might want to create.

The orders are already beginning to come in, so look for the completed lab at the end of January or early February!

Looking Ahead: Spring 2019

There are a lot of big things happening in SGMA in the spring! Mark your calendars for the following events:

Mock Interviews
- **When:** February 13th
- **Where:** Fremont Library
- **Who:** All 11th grade SGMA students
- **What:** Students will go through a mock interview for a design & media job. They will present a cover letter and their resume to a prospective employer and sit through an approximately 15 minute interview.
- **Why:** It is important for students to know how to conduct themselves in professional settings and job interviews. The interviews also prepare students for summer internships.

Portfolio & Defense
- **When:** May 16th
- **Where:** All SGMA Classrooms
- **Who:** All SGMA students, teachers, counselors, administrators, district personnel, business and community partners.
- **What:** At the end of each year, students present and defend their work/learning to a panel of adults in order to show how they have improved or advanced in SGMA's learning outcomes.
- **Why:** Students must be able to defend their learning and prove that they are ready for the next level whether that be the next grade level, college, or a career.

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