



Student Voice

Open Enrollment for the General Public

OPEN enrollment for Career Technical Education classes begins Monday, Jan. 14th in room 209. Registration will be managed according to the following schedule: Enrollment is first

Jan. 14 Monday	Jan. 15 Tuesday	Jan. 16 Wednesday	Jan. 17 Thursday	Entry Test Schedule
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Testing is free Monday - Wednesday 9:00 AM 6:00 PM & Friday 9:00 AM
Entry Test Req. ↓	Bring a valid picture I.D. Space is limited; First-come, first-served			
Childcare No	Accounting & Tax Prep. No	Fashion No	Culinary Arts Yes	Report to the Counseling office 30 minutes prior to test time
Electrician No	Admin. Assistant No	Graphic Design No	Pharmacy Technician Yes	
Heating, Vent. & AC No	Computer Operations No	Manicuring Yes	Physical Therapy Aide Yes	
Networking No	Health Info. Tech. No	Video Production No	Sports Therapeutics Yes	
	Typing No			

come, first served. All fees must be paid at time of registration. If a class requires a prerequisite, it must be completed prior to registration. Refer to CTE Prerequisite sheet for all enrollment requirements. You may enroll in multiple courses on the earlier day.

Winter Weather Advisory

The rains are here bringing with them low temperatures, heavy traffic and flooding. Because of the recent wildfires, this rain also brings the additional risk of mudslides. If you live in an area affected by the flooding and mudslides, please take all necessary precautions. Before you come to class or go to work, check for road closures, check for weather advisories and take care to ensure the safety of your family, your pets and yourself. Have necessary safety equipment in your car including a First Aid Kit, jumper cables, basic tools, a flashlight, blankets and a small amount of cash. For your home, have an emergency kit and most importantly, have a plan. Know where to go in an emergency, have good contacts out of the area for checking in and know where all of the utility shut-offs are located. Being prepared for emergencies won't prevent them, but it can save lives when they come.



The WVOC JOB CLUB

West Valley Occupational Center's JOB CLUB has been launched! On Wednesday, December 5th, a total of 77 WVOC students participated, socialized, listened and learned together. Mrs. Balbuena kicked off the meeting with a notable welcome, encouraging and admiring

The WVOC JOB CLUB (cont.)

the students for their active involvement. The participants engaged with each presenter and offered personal situations and concerns. The Culinary Arts class, under the direction of instructor Darbee Prieto, provided lunch for all. Kathryn Dorsey and Rocelyn Watson are co-facilitators for the newly developed program; they outlined the club's purpose and vision to insure that students were aware of the club's major objectives. The message that was emphasized was: "This club is for you!" Joshua David, WVOC's Navigator, introduced himself and provided useful insight to the accessibility of the local WorkSource programs. Ruth Aguilera, the Business Service Manager at the West Valley Resource Center/Chatsworth, was certainly the highlight of the day. She spoke to the students from the heart about life's choices and challenges. Her occasional comical messages offered the students beneficial and valuable resources available to them at the WorkSource locations and in the community. Since the focus of JOB CLUB is meeting the needs of our student population, they had an opportunity to select preferable meeting times and topics of importance for future Job Club meetings. Thank you students for helping to make the meeting a success!

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West Valley
Occupational
Center

(818) 346-3540

Monday - Friday
8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
and
Monday - Friday
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Reseda
Community
Adult School

(818) 758-3700

Monday - Thursday
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Van Nuys
Community
Adult School

(818) 778-6000

Monday - Thursday
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Important Dates

Winter Recess
Dec 17, 2018 - Jan 6, 2019
No School

A Note From the Principal

Welcome to December! It has been two months since I began my new assignment here and I am delighted to see all the good work going on in and out of classrooms. We continue to adjust the program to better serve our students. One example is the expansion of the basic skills testing schedule. Instead of testing one day a week, we will begin testing four days both morning and evening. Also, I want to offer my most sincere thanks to all who have managed during our campus construction projects. The pavement of the area in front of the Wall Building and the driveway at Calvert Street are scheduled to be completed by Jan. 7th. We are grateful to the students, staff and teachers who have been inconvenienced by this project. We know it has been noisy and created the need to walk greater distances to get around campus. Our sacrifices should pay-off when we return in January. Have a wonderful week!

ESL / CASAS Testing

CASAS post-testing happens this week, Dec. 3rd through Friday, Dec. 7th. This skills-based testing is a vital part of Adult Education. Not only does it demonstrate proficiency, particularly in terms of employment skills, it serves as the best demonstration of the quality instruction students receive here at WVOC. All teachers align instruction with District, State and National guidelines so that students receive the best possible education. Please participate in this vital aspect of Adult Education and do your best. Promotional Testing will begin on Monday, December 10th with holiday activities planned for the last day of class. Promotional Testing continues on Jan. 7th and Certificates will be distributed on the 15th. Current students can pre-register and complete Individual Student Plans the week of Jan. 14th. ESL second semester begins on Jan. 22nd.

Congrats New Citizens!

Azardokh Rajabi Zanjani (pictured) and Abbas Ahmadinejad (her husband) have just obtained their American citizenship. Both are students of WVOC Citizenship teacher Brana West. The ESL Citizenship program is a 200 hour course which provides students an understanding of the naturalization process. Instruction includes how the process works, rights and responsibilities of citizens, the N400 Application and the interview. Students will also learn US History, government, civics and the English skills needed to become a naturalized citizen.



WVOC Fundraiser

Support our students as they represent us at CTE-sponsored SkillsUSA. Order forms will be available to purchase your own WVOC Logo Polo and/or T-Shirt. Beautiful Steel and Teal T-Shirts are \$17 and high-quality Blue and Charcoal Polos with embroidered logos are \$25.

Missing Ring

A wedding ring was lost last week somewhere near the Wall Building. This ring is irreplaceable and has very high sentimental value. If found, please bring to the Counseling Office, room 102. A reward is being offered.

LA County Shelter Open

The LA County winter shelters will be open around the clock this week due to the heavy rains and low temps. Typically, these are open only at night but are currently available to help give the homeless shelter. In San Fernando Valley, the shelter is in Pacoima.

Class Terms

Quarter 1 10 Weeks 08/14/18 - 10/19/18	Quarter 2 9 Weeks 10/22/18 - 01/18/19	Quarter 3 10 Weeks 01/22/19 - 03/29/19	Quarter 4 9 Weeks 04/02/19 - 06/07/19
Trimester 1 13 Weeks 08/14/18 - 11/09/18	Trimester 2 13 Weeks 11/13/18 - 03/08/19	Trimester 3 12 Weeks 03/11/19 - 06/07/19	
Semester 1 19 Weeks 08/14/18 - 01/18/19	Semester 2 19 Weeks 01/22/19 - 06/07/19		

Graduation 2018/2019

This year, our graduation schedule is tentatively set for the last week of May. Each department will have their own evening ceremony in Dellefield Park. The High School Diploma/HiSET Graduation will be Wednesday, May 29th. Each department has a planning team which is currently seeking student speakers for each event. Suggestions for dignitary speeches are also welcome. If you are interested in volunteering for any or all of the events, please speak with your instructor or a department leader. Show your fellow students your support and excitement by participating in each of these wonderful program culmination events! You may be next.



Schoolwide Learner Outcomes

- Use spoken and written communication in their field of study
- Follow verbal and written directions
- Work independently and collaboratively
- Demonstrate technological skills that support their goals
- Learn skills necessary to enter the workforce or continue their education