

Fall, 2009

Van Nuys Middle School

Math/Science Magnet

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As I write this newsletter, we are well into the fall semester and I apologize for not putting one out, each month, as I have for the past seven years. But, with the cut in office staff and losing an assistant principal due to budget cuts and enrollment, my responsibilities have increased. Again, my apologies, and I will attempt to keep up with our Magnet newsletter schedule.

Our Magnet school performed well on the CST/STAR exams this past May and I am proud of each and every student, and my terrific teaching staff. Another component of our students' success on the State exams is the involvement of their parents. We recognize the importance of your involvement in your child's education, and we thank you for that. We cannot do it without parent support.

Your child's 15-week report card is coming home this Friday and a second copy will be mailed. We will not see each other again for three weeks. But, I encourage you to email teachers with concerns or call the Magnet office on January 11th.

Some of our parents are aware that we have been using a new computer program to send messages home. Examples of a few of the messages you may receive are; "Your child is doing well and a pleasure to have in class" or "Your child did not do his/her homework today." When you get these messages, please sit down with your child and tell them that you are aware of what is happening at school.

Van Nuys Middle School and parents have formed a booster club called STEPS For Our Community. The letters in STEPS stand for **S**tudents, **T**eachers, **E**ducate, **P**arents, **S**upport. More information will be coming as to how parents can get involved with our school through STEPS.

Enjoy the holidays with your families!

Peace,

Jim Clemmensen



2009 Magnet API

864

Congratulations students, teachers, parents, and guardians! This is a 31-point increase from 2008.

Together, we made a difference in the overall academic achievement of our children.

Thank you,

Mr. Clemmensen

8th Graders Only

Your applications
for Magnet high schools are due on
Friday, December 18th.
Mail it today!

How can I help my child at home?

1. Set up an area that is quiet and conducive to completing homework.
2. Check to see that your child is writing homework assignments in his/her *binder reminder*.
3. Check to see that homework is complete.
4. Ask if he/she has received any papers back lately.
5. Contact the teacher, via phone call or note, if your child is not doing homework at home.
6. Follow up on notes or phone calls from the teacher.
7. Give your child privileges and incentives when he/she is doing well.
8. Take privileges away when your child is not doing well.
9. Attend all school functions. Know what is going on at all times in school.
10. Set high expectations for your child and monitor his/her progress.

Resource: "How To Get Good Grades," Woodburn Press

"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom."

- George Washington Carver

“Mighty” Magnet Recognition

Magnet Marvels

September 18, 2009

Alan Sosa
Faithful Okonkwo
Ivanna Felix
Lesly Sibrian
Clark Pinon
Krista Alpuerto
Matthew Cecil
Carla Chacon
Ashaunte Cole
Varoujian
Shamamyam
Nora Curran
Israel Ramirez
Sarah Cain
David Guzman
Caroline Maroutian
Emerson Perez

October 23, 2009

Emerson Perez
Jarron King
Leonardo Bolaños
Arlene Casillas
Xavier Sosa
Hellyn Salazar
Saige Akmal
Cobby Ascencio
Alejandro Robles
Alex Duarte
Manny Mauger
Harut Karapetyan
Estrella Garcia
Andrew Huynh
Hector Solis

October 9, 2009

Matthew Siegel
Stephanie Zamarripa
Marco Bernal
Ervin Becerra
Joe Bowler
Arman Ishkhanyan
Harut Karapetyan
Talyah Parker
Sebastian Artola
Henna Ali
Esbeidy Sifuentes
Roman Tomashoff
Alejandro Romero
Astrid Gramajo
Bryan Moran
Ervin Orozco
Gregory Petrosyan
Lisa Ismail
Jeremy Perez
Alan Sosa
Anthony Lopez



October 16, 2009

Jesus Franco
Jaspreet Kaur
Denisse Torres
Sawani Goonatilleke
Lamia Khan
Chamindri
Brahammange
Nazar Akhverdyan
Jennifer Herrera
Govind Rasmi
Costello McDonald
Stephanie Zamarripa
Amber Orozco

November 6, 2009

Oyishee Siddiqui
Sabrina Bhardwaj
Govind Rasmi
Edward Akhverdyan
Matthew Amaya
Oscar Marroquin
Cidney Marbella
Cindy Infanzon
Eliza Rodriguez
Daniel Lopez
Paola Alvarado
Amy Diallo
Nisan Keshishyan
Haik Arzoumanian
Arnold Muñoz
Cobby Ascencio

November 13, 2009

Abigail Ibarrola
Sara Stahl
Esbeidy Sifuentes
Joniel Rohm
Justin Napoli
Diego Herrera
Mohammad Alam
Lisa Ismail
Cidney Marbella
Karina Aguilera
Raqtan Hog
Kayla Walker
Mushegh
Mamikonyan
Cynthia Arellano
Lamia Khan
Jesus Franco
Wendy Herrera
Sarah Cain
Carlos Muñoz

November 20, 2009

Yessenia Aquino
Luis Aguirre
Isai Estrada
Jaime Dominguez
Heberth Ortiz
Alejandro Martinez
Carla Chacon
Daniel Kassa
Roman Tomashoff
Cynthia Arellano
Carlos Muñoz
Kenia Ortiz
Raqtan Hoq
Miriam Sanchez
Kevin Cristobal
Casey Guevara
Luis Caldera
Harut Karapetyan
Gian Ilagan

December 11, 2009

Lesly Sibrian
Bryan Moran
Wendy Herrera
William Accola
Rebecca Anzueto
Anthony Tostado
Kayla Walker
Arnold Muñoz
Narcis Grasu
Yeva Ghrjyan
Ken Moguel
Flora Shamamyam
Luis Aguirre
Jaspreet Kaur
Govind Rasmi
Jordan Mills
Caroline Maroutian
Brian Lemus
Taliyah Parker
Lamia Khan
Nazar Akhverdyan

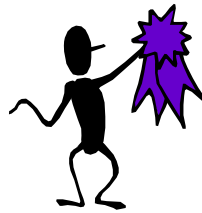
“Mighty” Magnet Students of the Month Awards

Student of the Month, September

Jose Madriaga	English
Nicole Tinio	English
Jazmin Mendez	English
Kevin Orellana	English
Anthony Tostado	English
Sofia Gregory	English
Nazar Akhverdyan	English
Sarah Stahl	English
Jonathan Pham	English
Nicole Michilot	Mathematics and Science
Bryan Moran	Mathematics
Lisa Ismael	Mathematics
Jose Reyes	Mathematics
Astrid Gramajo	Mathematics, Science And History
Alexandra Morales	Algebra
Alex Duarte	Algebra
Juan Hernandez	Algebra
Amber Orozco	Algebra
Suzy Petrosyan	Algebra
Manuel Mauger	Algebra
Therese Suarez	Science
Mark Prettyman	Science
Cindy Infanzon	Science and History
Kayla Walker	Science
Baudelia Peña	Science
Gregory Petrosyan	Science
Caroline Maroutian	Physical Education
Cynthia Arellano	Homeroom
Isai Estrada	History
Steven Peralta	History
Juan Hernandez	History
Carlos Muñoz	History
Ashaunte Cole	History
Abigail Ibarrola	History
Martha Rios	History

Student of the Month, October

Marcelo Chorro	English
Matthew Siegel	English
Alex Escobar	English
Kaylin Tan	English
Therese Suarez	English
Apekshya Bajracharya	English
Taliyah Parker	English
Sebastian Artola	English
Dennise Mojica	English and History
Govind Rasmi	English and History
Rimi Sohi	Mathematics
Matthew Cecil	Mathematics
Milton Contreras	Mathematics
Aeri Lee	Mathematics
Jonathan Amaya	Mathematics
Carlos Herrera	Mathematics
Caroline Maroutian	Mathematics & Science
Sebastian Artola	Mathematics & Science
Vanessa Sibrian	Mathematics & Science
Jocelyn Zamarripa	Mathematics & Science
Jesus Franco	Mathematics & Science
Diego Herrera	Science
Tahmina Tasmin	Science
Fathima Rashad	Science
Hellyn Salazar	Science
Cathy Flores	Science
Jonathan Pham	Science
Jaspreet Kaur	Physical Education
Bryan Moran	Physical Education
Astrid Gramajo	Drama
David Guzman	History
Jaime Dominguez	History



*“We are proud
of your hard
work”*

Student of the Month, November

Omar Michilot	English
Chamindri Brahammange	English
Arman Ishkhanyan	English
Sarah Cain	English, Algebra and P.E.
Tahmina Tasmin	English and Algebra
Caroline Maroutian	English
Fathima Rashad	English and Algebra
Govind Rasmi	English, History and P.E.
David Guzman	English
Alan Sosa	Algebra
Anthony Lopez	Algebra
Gian Ilagan	Algebra
Aidan Delicana	Mathematics
Mireya Aguilera	Mathematics
Henna Ali	Science
Leonardo Bolaños	Science
Casey Guevara	Science
Rimi Sohi	Science
Yeva Ghrjyan	Science
Ashaunte Cole	Science
Matthew Siegel	Science
Cynthia Arellano	Science
Gor Mamikonyan	Science
Roman Tomashoff	Physical Education
Nicole Tinio	History
Luis Aguirre	History
Dennise Mojica	History
Esbeidy Sifuentes	Art
Kevin Orellana	French

Our Magnet Vision

To provide a learning community that inspires and motivates students to explore the world of math and science, achieve academically, and to continually strive to be the best they can be!

Our Magnet Mission

To provide all students with a rigorous instructional program that emphasizes math and science, in a safe, secure, and caring environment, so that they will demonstrate the intellectual, physical, social, and emotional outcomes necessary as lifelong learners, in a changing, diverse world.

~~~~~ Tear-Off ~~~~~

I have received the Fall Magnet newsletter.

Student \_\_\_\_\_ HR \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_