

# GREEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

December 2024



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## Semester Exams December 18, 19, and 20

Semester exams are on December 18, 19, and 20. Schedule below. Please note, dismissal is at 10:35 on exam days.

| Periods 1-3<br>Wednesday, 12/18 |            | Periods 4-6<br>Thursday, 12/19 |            | Periods 7, 8, 0<br>Friday, 12/20 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| Period 1                        | 7:00-8:10  | Period 4                       | 7:00-8:10  | Period 7                         | 7:00-8:10  |
| Period 2                        | 8:15-9:25  | Period 5                       | 8:15-9:25  | Period 8                         | 8:15-9:25  |
| Period 3                        | 9:30-10:35 | Period 6                       | 9:30-10:35 | Period 0                         | 9:30-10:35 |

## Save the Date!

- 12/17: "C" day ([Bell Schedule](#))
- 12/18-12/20: Semester exams (See schedule to left)
- 1/6: "C" day ([Bell Schedule](#)) & start of quarter 3.
- 1/14: Senior Panorama Picture
- 1/20: Martin Luther King JR Day (No School)
- 1/21-1/24: Performing Arts Week
- 1/27: SDD (No School); GV ACT Boot Camp (details TBD)
- 1/31, 2/1, 2/2: Tutors Across America ACT Boot camp

## Attention: Seniors!

Graduation for the Class of 2025 will be held on **May 23 at 3pm at the Thomas and Mack Center!** Stay tuned for more details. Black Community Organizations network (BCON) graduation will be on **May 20 at 6pm at the Thomas and Mack Center!** [Here](#) is more information.

## Juniors and Seniors Looking to Earn the College and Career Ready Diploma

This diploma requires an endorsement. Students who have not met this requirement can do so in **one** of the following ways:

- **Retake the ACT and earn at least an 18 in English AND a 22 in math.**
  - Schedule a retake for the ACT [here](#).
- **Earn an ASVAB score of 50 or higher.**
  - If you tested in October, contact your counselor to get your results. It will be offered again in the spring, date TBD.
  - Learn more about the ASVAB and how it can help with career prep [here](#).
- **Earn your CTE Skill Attainment (Programs include Video Production, Multimedia Communications, Business, Furniture and Cabinetmaking, Teaching and Training, Biomedical, and Theater Tech)**
  - Complete your CTE program with a 3.0 average GPA or higher.
  - Pass both the End of Program Assessment AND the CTE Workplace Readiness Skills Assessment.
- **Obtain your Southern Nevada Food Handler Card.**
  - Schedule a testing appointment [here](#) and access study materials [here](#).
  - An example of the card issued is to the right. **Cards from other organizations will not be accepted.**
  - Send a picture of the card to your counselor, so it can be uploaded and approved.
- **Obtain your CPR/First Aid/AED Certification through the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association**
  - The course must include the following verbiage: "Upon successful completion students will receive a valid 2 year Red Cross digital certificate that is OSHA compliant and meets other workplace and regulatory requirements."
  - Find classes here: [American Red Cross](#) or [American Heart Association](#).
  - Click [here](#) for examples of cards that will be accepted. **Cards obtained through other organizations will not be accepted.**
  - Send a picture of your card to your counselor, so it can be uploaded and approved.



**\*\*\*Proof of your endorsement must be submitted to your counselor by 05/09/25 \*\*\***



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## Seniors: The FAFSA is Now Open!

FAFSA stands for **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**.



It is the application students complete each year to receive financial aid for college or career school. Completing the FAFSA is essential for accessing federal, state, and institutional aid.

Counselors visited all government classes on November 25 and 26 to present information about post-secondary planning, different types of financial aid, and how to begin the financial aid process. [Here](#) is the presentation.

CSN is hosting FAFSA workshops in the month of December to assist families with completing the form.

[Here](#) is a flyer with more information.



## Scholarship Spotlights



**Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship**  
**Deadline: 1/09/25 at 11:59pm**

The Jackie Robinson Foundation provides scholarships of up to \$35,000 over four years and support services to minority seniors with financial need. [Here](#) is more information.

**The Public Education Foundation Scholarships**  
**Deadline: 1/31/25 at 7:59pm**

[Fill out a general application](#) to match you with scholarship opportunities. [Here](#) is a list of all available scholarships offered by the PEF, including those for Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, seniors pursuing a degree in education, seniors with a GPA between 2.0-3.6, and more!

## Summer Research Program Opportunity

Juniors and seniors; consider applying for the STEP-UP summer program—a nationally recognized program that connects students with local institutions and mentors to gain first-hand research experience. Selected students are invited to spend a summer in a paid, full-time, 8-week internship at research labs near their home.

If you have questions, [register for the virtual open house](#) on December 12th. [Here's](#) a flyer with more information.

## Sphere XO Design Challenge



The Sphere's 2nd Annual Design Challenge will celebrate Earth Day. Two high school winners from CCSD will have their designs displayed on the Exosphere on April 22, 2025. Winning high school students will receive a \$10,000 educational scholarship from the Sphere.

Use [this template](#) to show what celebrating Earth Day means to you. [Here's](#) the website with more information.

Your submission is due to Mr. Mayhood in the main office no later than 12/20/24. Designs will then be judged at the District level, where the top 30 finalists will be entered into Sphere's online contest. Sphere will encourage online voting on their website to select two high school winners.

## HOPE SQUAD Happenings

Save the date! HOPE Squad is excited to announce their annual Field Day event! It will take place on Saturday, March 8th 2025 from 10 am - 1pm on the GVHS Football Field (Tentative). Entry fees are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students/kids (under 18).

There will be exciting field day games such as Tug of War, Water Games, Pie Admin & Coaches, Three Legged Race, Sack Race, Musical Chairs, Parachute Games, Zumba with Dance, and More!

Activities will include: Bracelet Making, Temporary Tattoos, Face Painting, and Rock Painting.

All clubs, sports teams, feeder schools, family & friends are invited!

Community organizations will have booths and Geo's Tacos and Kona Ice will be our food and beverage vendors!

For more information, please contact Kaneshia Matlock, HOPE Squad Advisor!

## Student Leadership Conference

The 26th annual Economic Summit and Student Leadership Conference will be held on Saturday, 12/7, from 8am-3pm, in the UNLV Student Union and is free to 6th-12th grade students and parents. For more information and to register, click [here](#). Activities will prepare students for post-secondary success in college and careers. Activities will be presented by industry professionals, educators, college admissions specialists and financial literacy experts on the following topics: Financial Literacy, College Admissions and Financial Aid, The Undergrad Experience, Trades of the Future, and more.

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