

Encore High School for the Visual and Performing Arts

## Board Of Directors

### Principal's Report- December 2022

St. Claire Adriaan

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## Introduction

December 16, 2022 will mark the end of quarter 2/semester 1 at Encore. The first half of the year can be described as a successful transition in leadership, and while we have a long way to go, visible improvement in adult and student culture is visible, and Encore is creating an environment where both adults and students feel a strong sense of belonging and ownership.

## Staffing

Open positions:

1. Spanish
2. Environmental Science

We have re-advertised both positions during the past week and are hoping that we will have strong applicants before the next semester begins.

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## Academics

Semester 1 ends on December 16, 2022. All students took 'Final Exams' during this week. Our grading period will end on December 16 and students will receive their semester 1 report card during the 2nd week of January 2022.

## Principal for a Day

I am excited and very impressed with the quality of the applicants for the principal for a day position. The selected students will lead beside me for a day, enhance their leadership skills and knowledge of school leadership. I have decided to give all 5 the opportunity to lead beside me for a day between now and the end of the school year.

Senior	Date
Melanie Duarte	Tuesday, December 13, 2022
Rini Moon Morris	Tuesday, January 10, 2023
Toby Flowers	Tuesday, February 14, 2023
Victoria Lariz	Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Logan Abrego	Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Every student will complete another essay at the end of their "day" detailing their experience as principal for a day.

## Parent Meetings

- ELPAC Meeting - November 15, 2022
- Coffee with the Principal- December 8, 2022
- Evening with the Principal: December 13, 2022

## San Bernardino County Poetry Out Loud

Encore High School partnered with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Office and we will have Ms. Romaine Washington, SBCCS coordinator will visit Encore on Tuesday and meet with myself and Ms. Green.

### Program Description

Poetry Out Loud inspires San Bernardino County high school students to have the confidence to make themselves heard, using the most powerful tools at their disposal—their voice and their creative expression!

Poetry in education has experienced a Renaissance in Poetry Out Loud. Through Poetry Out Loud, students have the opportunity to interact with the words of classic poetry masters through recitation, building a relationship with the works and creating a sense of shared ownership. Student poets brand classical poems with their own style, technique of volume, pitch, pace, and personal point of view.

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The California state champion receives:

- \$200 cash prize and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.
- \$500 for their school to purchase literary materials
- An opportunity to compete at the National Finals for college scholarship funds

### **Community Events**

It is extremely important for Encore to be community relevant and this requires being visible and serving our local community. During the holiday season our students have participated in:

- Hesperia Tree Lighting
- Victorville Tree Lighting
- Barnes and Nobles Book Fair
- Holly Jolly Holiday Craft Fair

### **Assemblies**

We are having monthly assemblies where I meet with grade levels in the theater. I am able to celebrate student achievements, address school wide concerns and students also have the opportunity to perform in front of their peers. Teaching staff and counselors also make use of the opportunity to address the student body and share concerns, information and celebrate student achievement.

### **Conclusion**

We are looking forward to ending the year strong. In January we will be taking our 2nd NWEA - MAP Benchmark. We will also start focusing on academic resilience, stamina and test taking strategies as we start preparing our pirates for the 2023 State Testing. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the entire Encore ecosystem a delightful Holiday Season and a prosperous 2023.