

Parent/Guardian Newsletter

ISSUE 7



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PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND

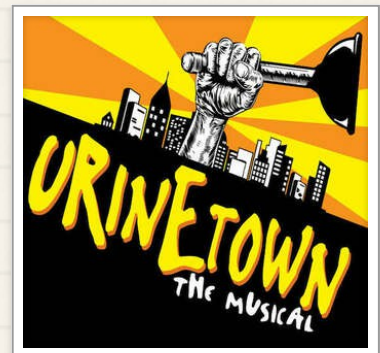
Reminder:

Helix Charter High School will be observing both Lincoln Day and President's Day. There will be no school on **Friday February 15th** and **Monday February 18th**.

URINETOWN, THE MUSICAL

The Highland Players present Urinetown, the Musical.

In a Gotham-like city, a terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs. Amid the people, a hero decides that he's had enough and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom!



Shows run January 31, February 1, 6, 7, 8 & 9 @ 7 pm on the Helix Main Stage Theater

Don't miss it! Click [here](#) to buy tickets

CLASS OF 2022

CLASS OF 2022 COURSE REQUESTS

The GLT is currently meeting with every 9th grade student during their HF or ExL class. The date or time that we meet with your student does not determine their priority towards their choice in courses. We have 650 students to meet with and want to make sure every student feels excited and confident in their plan for their Sophomore year!

FOREIGN LANGUAGE (LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH) TESTING AND PLACEMENT

Throughout the month of February the LOTE department will be providing placement tests for students wishing to take a foreign language class above the entry-level course. Information specific to your student's intended language is provided below:



SPANISH

Students wishing to take Spanish for Spanish Speakers or test into the 2nd year level of Spanish will take the test during their Helix First teacher's tutorial. There will be posters around campus to remind students.

Spanish testing will begin in February.



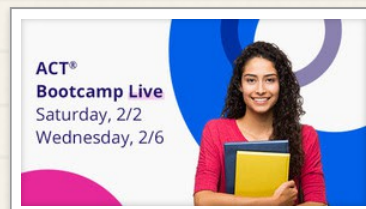
FRENCH

Students wishing to test into the 2nd year level of French must contact Mrs. Dolphin individually at dolphin@helixcharter.net or in Room 140A.



FRENCH AND AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)

Students wishing to test into the 2nd year level of American Sign Language (ASL) must contact Mrs. Dolphin individually at dolphin@helixcharter.net or in Room 140A.



FREE HANDS-ON CONSTRUCTION CAMP FOR GIRLS

The National Association of Women in Construction is hosting a FREE, week-long summer camp to educate girls in grades 8-12 about the fundamentals of construction trades. Through hands-on construction projects taught by industry professionals, campers learn skills in electrical infrastructure, plumbing, sheet metal work, surveying, and heavy equipment operation and practice teamwork and communication. There are only 100 spots, so sign up soon!

No experience is necessary!

Instructors will ensure that campers can safely and correctly tackle the construction projects.

Where: Associated General Contractors Apprenticeship Training Facility; 6212 Ferris Square, San Diego 92121

When: June 17th - 21st, 2019; 8 am - 4 pm each day

Who: Girls in grades 8-12

To register and learn more:

please go to

<https://www.futureconstructionleaders.org/camp-nawic-san-diego/>

STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

It's not too late to improve your student's world language proficiency, develop global competency, make the world a better place AND get a competitive edge on college applications this summer! CIEE is still accepting applications for their 70+ summer study abroad programs across the globe.

CIEE offers scholarships opportunities that are open to any high school student in the country. Scholarships are merit and need-based. The final scholarship deadline is February 8, 2019.

HELP YOUR STUDENT GET LAST MINUTE ACT PREP WITH FREE LIVE COURSE!

It's never too late to prepare for the ACT! Help students feel ready for test day with Kaplan's ACT Bootcamp Live. Students are invited to sign up for two 90-minute sessions taught by test experts.

Topics include:

- Top tips for English, Reading, Math and Science
- Methods for note-taking and strategies to answer questions
- A review of the grammar and pronoun rules needed for test day

Sessions run on:
Saturday 2/2 and
Wednesday 2/6

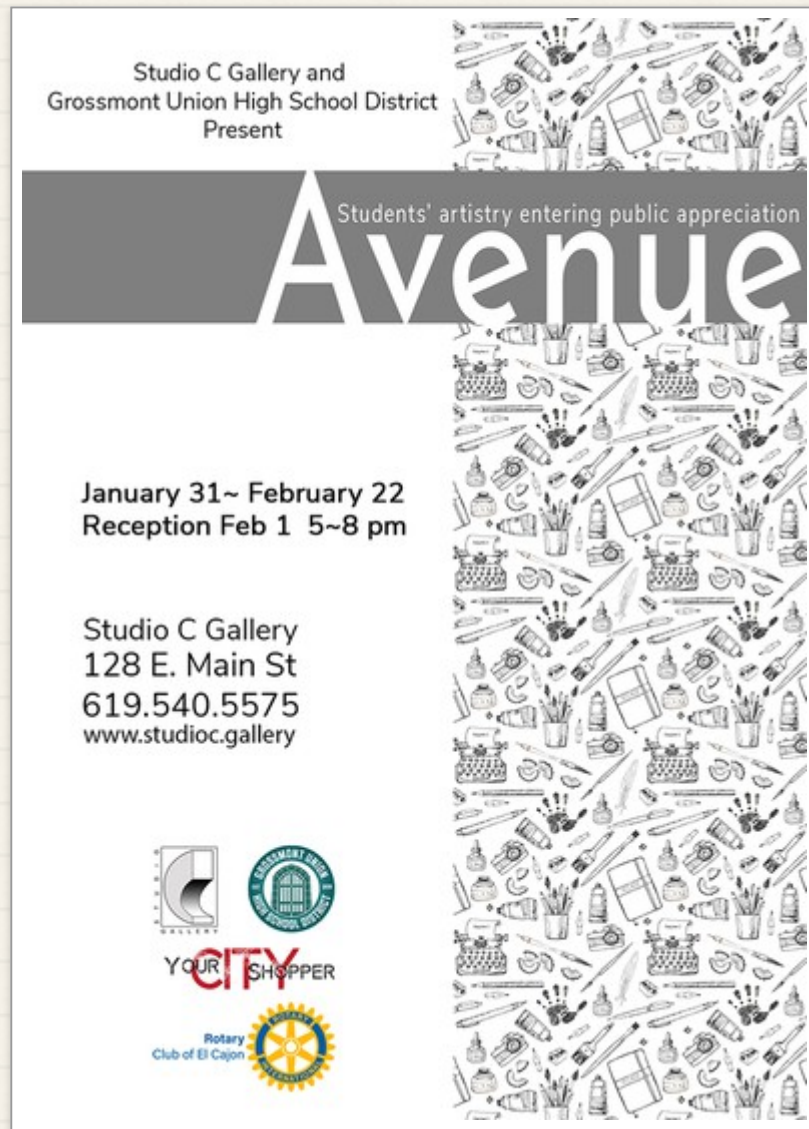
Register [here](#)

HELIX ART STUDENTS FEATURED AT STUDIO C GALLERY

Come out and support the students in the Grossmont Union High School District's art program!

Studio C Gallery on Main Street in El Cajon is hosting an opening of District students' work. Come out and support Helix's featured artists!

The artwork will be on display from January 31st to February 22nd.





Studio C Gallery and
Grossmont Union High School District
Present


Students' artistry entering public appreciation

Avenue

January 31~ February 22
Reception Feb 1 5~8 pm

Studio C Gallery
128 E. Main St
619.540.5575
www.studioc.gallery

 
YOUR CITY SHOPPER


Rotary Club of El Cajon

The poster features a dense, repeating pattern of various art supplies like pencils, pens, paintbrushes, and cameras on the right side.

SAT PREP CLASS

Helix will be offering a Spring SAT Prep Class on campus. Students who are interested can get a discount by registering through the [Princeton Review Helix Portal](#). Students must be on the SAT page, not the ACT page to see the course offered on the Helix campus. The discount code for Helix students is at the top of the SAT page.



Dates for the Spring Prep Class:

- Test: February 2nd

- Class: February 5th
- Class: February 7th
- Test: February 9th
- Class: February 19th
- Class: February 21st
- Test: February 23rd
- Class: February 28th
- Class: March 5th

Times:

- Classes run from 5:00 to 8:00
- Tests run from 10:00 to 2:00

SAN DIEGO FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

The 2019 Expo Day at Petco Park is quickly approaching!

The San Diego Festival of Science & Engineering kicks off with its largest event EXPO DAY, a daylong celebration at PETCO Park on **Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 10am to 5pm**. EXPO DAY is the Festival's signature event, with more than 130 local businesses, corporations, and organizations providing interactive, hands-on science, technology, engineering and math exhibits and activities to budding K-12 science lovers.

The fun continues with Festival Week (March 2-10) – eight days of learning, interaction and behind-the-scenes opportunities for pre-k through grade 12! Students, families, young professionals, passersby are all invited to join us for Festival Week to ignite their passion for STEM education.

For more information visit <https://lovestemsd.org/>



HEFAR BEAT THE HIGH COST OF COLLEGE - THURSDAY 2/21/19

The [HEFAR Group](#) is a non-profit company dedicated to helping families plan for college & making education more affordable for everyone. Their certified college planning specialists offer these services at no cost to your family. For 6 years Helix Families have benefited from this organization.

Grades 9-11 are encouraged to attend the Helix Family First presentation on **Thursday, 2/21/19 at 6:00pm in Room 1600 (ExL)**. See you there!

<https://youtu.be/ABg3Y7qtfzM>



FAMILY FIRST EVENT: NAVIANCE WORKSHOP

Naviance is a comprehensive college and career readiness program utilized by Helix that helps districts and schools align student strengths and interests to postsecondary goals, improving student outcomes and connecting learning to life.

Helix will be hosting a Naviance Workshop on **Thursday, February 28th at 6:00 in room 1600**. Join us in order to learn how to navigate Naviance and understand how your student will be incorporating Naviance into their time at Helix and beyond.

NEW STUDY ON COLLEGE RANKINGS: IT'S NOT WHERE
YOU GO TO SCHOOL, IT'S WHAT YOU DO WHEN YOU
GET THERE (CLICK TO READ ARTICLE)



CLASS OF 2023 INFORMATION MEETINGS

IF YOU HAVE A SIBLING THAT WILL BE ENTERING HELIX NEXT YEAR IN THE CLASS OF 2023, YOUR FAMILY MUST ATTEND ONE OF THESE INFORMATION NIGHTS TO SUBMIT YOUR INTENT TO ENROLL.



Information Nights offer prospective students and parents/guardians the opportunity to meet the Class of 2023 Grade Level Team and discuss the following important topics:

- Helix Charter High School's Mission and Vision
- The 5 A's: Academics, Athletics, Arts, Activities, and Attitude
- The application process/priority enrollment

Interested families are required to attend **ONE** of the meetings listed below. No reservation necessary.

**** Please note: Your position in the lottery is NOT determined by which meeting you attend. ****

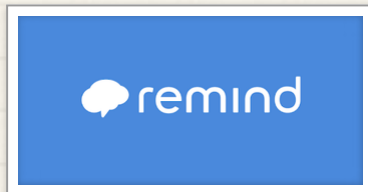
INFORMATION NIGHTS:

- **Thursday, 1/24/19** - 7 pm @ Helix Charter High School the in the PAC Building
- **Thursday, 1/31/19** - 6pm @ Lemon Grove Academy in the Auditorium
- **Thursday, 2/7/19** - 6pm @ Vista La Mesa in the Auditorium
- **Thursday, 2/14/19** - 6pm @ La Mesa Arts Academy in the Auditorium

- **Wednesday, 2/20/19** - 6pm @ Parkway Middle School in the Auditorium
- **Saturday, 2/23/19** - 10am @ Helix Charter High School in the PAC Building

We will provide information to complete an online Intent to Enroll form at these meetings. This will be your **ONLY** opportunity to submit a Lottery entry for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on 2/27/19. The Lottery drawing will occur on 3/1/19, and families will be notified via email by 3/11/19.

If you have any questions, please contact Gabby Carbajal at (619) 644-1940, ext. 152. Information is also available on the Helix website at www.helixcharter.net.



REMIND UPDATE

We're thrilled to share the news: Thanks to you, Verizon has informed us that they will #ReverseTheFee. As a result, we can continue to offer text notifications as part of the Remind service. **There will be no service disruption for Verizon Wireless customers.**

We're grateful to Verizon for making a commitment to support accessible communication for all Remind users. You can read more here: <https://www.remind.com/blog/verizon-update>.

Thank you so much for your patience and support—this wouldn't be possible without you.

Sincerely,
The Remind team

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

The local Optimism Club is looking for students to participate in the Optimist International Oratorical Contest. Please see the details below.

Topic for the 2018-19 school year is: **"Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?"**



Who: Youth under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2018 (and is not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution) in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean. There is no minimum age.

How To Enter: Interested students submit a speech on the pre-assigned topic to their local Optimist Club. To find out the contact in your area, please e-mail the Programs Department at programs@optimist.org.

Students

The deadline to enter is determined by the sponsoring Optimist Club. All Club-level contests are typically held by late March.

The application has been attached below. Applications are due by 2/15 to buffyparker53@gmail.com



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COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: 2019 ST. PATRICK'S DAY HALF MARATHON

Volunteers are needed for the 6th annual St. Patrick's Day Half Marathon and 5K. Shifts are available on March 1st, March 2nd and March 3rd. Click [here](#) for more information and to register as a volunteer.