

**ANALY HIGH SCHOOL**

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UPDATE GATE PROGRAM!

Dear Student:

You have been recommended to participate in the GATE (gifted and talented) program at Analy High School. This year, the GATE program at Analy High School is taking a more expansive approach. The program is going to be a combination of educational experiences outside of school as well as after-school academic enrichment classes.

Our aim is to educate students through various resources in our community. Some ideas that are on the table as possible teacher-led field trips are: an evening at the Sonoma County Repertory Theatre, a beach clean-up day, attending the Maker-Faire, as well as a trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

The after-school academic enrichment classes will include lectures, discussions, musical sessions, and visual presentations on a variety of subjects not otherwise taught in a high school curriculum. These classes will be taught by Analy teachers, students, and local community professionals. The classes will typically meet on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 7:00PM starting the first Wednesday in February.

The goal is to offer at least one seminar or field trip a week that you can sign up for and attend. Teachers are still signing up for topics, so I will have a schedule of the classes and field trips with dates, teachers' names, and topics for this year at an informational meeting on **Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at lunch in the library.**

You may take these classes and attend these field trips for credit (credit/no credit, no letter grades). You will receive one credit for every six classes you attend. In order to receive the credit, you must sign in at the beginning and middle of each class to verify your attendance at the seminar; we can not go back after and verify your attendance. To receive a credit and indication on your transcript you must come in and submit a written request with me before the end of the second semester.

If you are interested in participating, please mark the informational meeting on your calendar and bring your enrollment form with you on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to your participation in a rewarding academic and social program this year!

Please feel free to add ideas to our list of experiences and seminar topics that could be presented this year. We want to know what you are interested in in an effort to create a student centered program. You are welcome to email me at [lapkarian.ahs@wsuhd.k12.ca.us](mailto:lapkarian.ahs@wsuhd.k12.ca.us) with any questions, or to stop by my office.

Sincerely,

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