

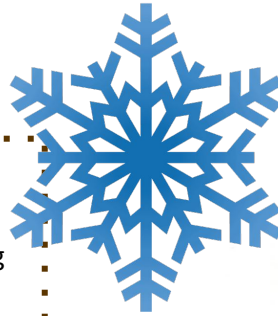
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GOLDEN WEST STUDENTS SHARE THEIR PLANS FOR WINTER BREAK

- Janessa Williams (11) is looking forward to sleeping in and enjoying family time during the winter break. She said the holidays are important "because it's about family and making memories".
- Francesca Sorrosa (11) says Christmas and New Years are important because "we get to celebrate Jesus and be with each other on Christmas and New Years." Francesca will be spending time with family on Christmas.
- Genesis Cisneros (11) is looking forward to going to her family's house during winter break.
- Jaime Lemus-Espinoza (11) plans to play B06 on his Xbox and be with family members.
- Roman Thompson (12) says Christmas is important to his family because it brings people together. He is looking forward to sleeping during winter break.
- Caroline Torres (11) is excited to spend time with family and friends. The holidays bring them close together.
- Olivia Lucio (11) will be celebrating Christmas and her birthday soon. She says, "This year I'm going to be 18, so it's a big one because that is the age I can vote for the things for our country."



GSA club members with Miss Hallstrom, their club advisor

CLUB SPOTLIGHT: GENDER SEXUALITY ALLIANCE

Gender Sexuality Alliance is in its third year on campus. We believe the club existed previously at GW, and was restarted three years ago. The club is a safe place where everyone is welcome and can be comfortable exactly as they are. GSA would like to bring more awareness to LGBTQ issues and help students find a community where they feel included. They are working on a grant to bring The Source LGBT+ Center to Golden West to share resources and support. The club is interested in getting more people involved. Information is shared through their Instagram account. GSA club meets on Wednesdays at lunch in P-32. Come on over; everyone is welcome!

THE SUPERPOWER OF BEING BILINGUAL

Studies prove that being bilingual has many benefits, including performing better in reading and on standardized tests, multitasking abilities, mental agility, social connection, and career development. Bilingual Golden West students weighed in on the topic.

Hugo Franco (10) said he agrees that bilingualism is a superpower because it can be useful for a lot of important moments in your life.

Freshman, Carmen Lopez, said that being bilingual helps her because she can obtain more job opportunities.

Precious Jane Regaspi (12) said that speaking English and Tagalog really helps her communicate with others.

Rafael Rubalcaba Torres (9) said the ability to speak English and Spanish helps him make new friends.

Maya Singh (10) said that being bilingual helps her in many ways, "for example when I am trying to apply for a job I can put that I am bilingual and that I speak Spanish so I can help communicate with others."

Junior, Marily Hernandez, said that speaking English and Spanish helps her communicate with others that need help in classes and those who don't understand.

Evelyn Garcia (11) agrees that bilingualism is a superpower because "when you speak two languages it gives you more of a chance in work, for example to speak with someone who talks the language you know, in my case Spanish."



ENJOY WINTER BREAK

- Enjoy celebrating with your family and friends during the three week winter break!
- Come back to school safe and rested Monday, January 13, 2025.



CLASS SPOTLIGHT: SPORTS STATISTICS

- Sports Statistics teacher, Mr. Wiley, answered some questions about this intriguing Golden West Math class.
- When did Sports Stats become a class at GW? **Last year.**
- How did you come up with the idea to make this a class? **Mt. Whitney and Redwood started it the year before. Our school decided to go with it after talking to their teachers and the district office.**
- How is Sports Stats different than other Math classes? **Sports Stats involves a lot of reading and finding information within the problem. It also requires writing of answers in context of the problem. We use many online applets to complete simulations of actual game circumstances. The class investigates some famous sports teams and their statistics.**
- Who would you suggest take Sports Stats class? **Students who have successfully passed Math 2 (or higher) and are looking for a class that involves real life sports scenarios.**
- What are some things that your students really enjoy about the class? **I think the relevance to real life situations in sports is enjoyable to them. It helps them understand some decisions that coaches have to make based upon statistical information.**