

# The Freshman Flyer

## Advanced Technologies Academy

*"Academics Plus Technology"*

### The Academic Plan

By Ms. Paradiso

This quarter, we had our first classroom workshop which covered the Academic Plan. We learned about the Nevada State graduation requirements, the Millennium Scholarship, college entrance requirements, and how to earn scholarships.

Our counselor, Ms. Paradiso, spent a full block period with all freshmen. She provided all the information we will need to successfully graduate from A-TECH and be prepared for college.

For more information or to refresh your memory, all of the graduation requirements can be found on the CCSD's



Guidance and Counseling website at: [ccsd.net/guidance](http://ccsd.net/guidance). You will see links on the left side of the page for graduation information. These links will take you to all of the diploma options and explain them in detail.

All students received a work-sheet to help plan their classes over the next four years of high school. All of the different course offerings for sophomore through senior year were discussed, so that students could plan for the correct classes according to their academic achievement and their college and career goals.

Now, students can go online and update their plans at any time. The website for the plan is: [eduplan.ccsd.net](http://eduplan.ccsd.net).

For information regarding the Millennium Scholarship, please visit the Nevada State Treasurer's website at: <https://nevadatreasurer.gov>.

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#### Special Dates of Interest:

- December 16—Winter Break Begins
- January 3—Classes Resume
- January 17–20—Semester Exam Week
- January 16—No School in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 23—Staff Development Day—No school for students

### PE Spotlight on Saul Gomez

By Coach Bassett

This month, Coach Bassett is shining the spotlight on **Saul Gomez** for all of his hard work in Physical Education class,

"Saul is a hard worker, always on time, and very respectful to his peers", says Coach Bassett. "Saul has



excelled by running the mile in 6 minutes and 16 seconds!

Coach Bassett goes on to say, "I appreciate all of his dedication. Saul is a pleasure to have here at A-Tech!"

Way to go Saul!

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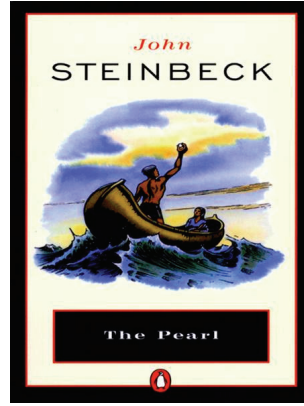
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## Mrs. Bouchard's English 1H News

By Mrs. Bouchard

Mrs. Bouchard's English 1 Honors class is getting a taste of the classics, as it reads John Steinbeck's well known novella, *The Pearl*.

This book explores human nature and what drives people to do good, as well as evil. As Linda Wagner-Martin writes in her introduction to one publication of *The Pearl*, "Kino and his wife illustrate



the fall from innocence experienced by people who believe that wealth erases all problems."

The students are learning that, although the time periods and settings are very different, there are many similarities between the world created by John Steinbeck in *The Pearl* and today's society.

Good work, class!

## Hola from Senora Ruggles!

By Mrs. Ruggles

I have fabulous students in my Spanish classes this year. Here are a few names that deserve a great "Hooray"!!

### Spanish 1:

We have *Mallory Arnold, A'Asia Krieger, Brandon Owens, Brittany Thomas, Florian Basta, Jordan Chan, Jessica Dimalanta, Shayna Fisher, Richard Lou, Lauren Pleimann, Deanna Tiao, Victoria C.*

*Ong, James Bumrungjitt, and Samir Barati.*

As I said, these students stand out for their commitment and dedication to their studies in class.



### Spanish for Speakers 2 Honors:

We have *Mayli Alarcon, Karla Cabrera, Jesus Gamez Flores, Jacqueline Hernandez, Dalia Rubio, Paola Briseno, and Juan Sanchez, Fabricio Lu, and Jocelyn Lujan.*

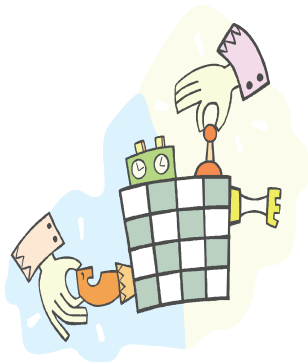
Once again, these are wonderful and dedicated students. Big Hand to them all!!!!

## BGM—It's Coming!

By Mr. Patterson

Were you a part of A-TECH's biggest event ever—The Board Game Marathon—this year?

If you were one of over 390 students who participated, you know how much fun these events are, and you also know about the tons of



games available to play.

We're not just limited to board games, either. There are plenty of interactive video games to experience as well!

Bring your friends and attend the next Board Game

Marathon (BGM for short) after exams in January; after school in the SAC.

There will be games galore, and plenty of snacks for you and your friends. See you there! See Mr. Patterson in room 804 for more information.

## English & Yearbook News

By Ms. Schultz

Freshmen students are currently participating in quarterly Independent Reading Projects in their English classes.



They are reading a novel at home and completing assignments that will be shared

aloud in class after winter break. Many students are thoroughly enjoying the books that they have selected and some are even eagerly anticipating the movie debut of one of the books on the list, "The Hunger Games," on March 23, 2012.



Don't miss out on your first high school yearbook. The 2012 A-TECH

Yearbook is currently on sale in room 326 (Ms. Schultz) or online at [www.atech.org](http://www.atech.org) for \$80. Don't delay in purchasing one, as quantities are limited!

What do you do over winter break?

### Photograph it!

Yearbook is looking for your winter break pictures for some pages in this year's yearbook highlighting winter break activities. Bring pictures to Room 326 (Ms. Schultz) or email them to [nschultz@interact.ccsd.net](mailto:nschultz@interact.ccsd.net).

## Computer Science

By Mr. Ellithorpe

Our freshmen Computer Science students are busy writing secret message (encryption) programs.

In spy terminology they are encoding "plain text" into unreadable (AKA gibberish) text.

They will be installing their own algorithms and transmitting encrypted secret message via electronic mail knowing that

if the message is **intercepted by an upper class student**, it will be unreadable gibberish.

They start by using Caesar's Code and then **develop their own encryption algorithms**. Their programs will be installed at the sending and receiving computers.

**A challenge to upper class students--** Ask a freshman CS student to mail you an

encoded message and try to break the code !!!!



## DECA with Mr. DeMaio

By Mr. DeMaio

Mr. DeMaio is the advisor for DECA. He is very pleased to see the highest number of freshmen that joined DECA this year; much higher than any year before!

"These students are our future, and I am looking forward to seeing them in action at the State Career Development conference this February", says Mr. DeMaio.



Current freshman participating in DECA are:

*Mikaela Ishikawa*

*Ashley Wallack*

*Isabela Vargas*

*Deanna Tiao*

*Halley Darwin*

*Vivian Shen*

*Kallie Mendiola*

*Sal Kibreab*



Mr. DeMaio says, "I am so excited and hopeful to see them on stage, receiving their championship awards!"

Kudos to these freshman for joining such a great after school organization. What a way to get involved!

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*Thank you for reading this month’s edition of the  
Freshman Flyer! Another exciting edition will follow  
next soon!*

**We’re on the  
Web!  
[www.atech.org](http://www.atech.org)**



**Semester Exams are Coming!**

**Friday, January 13—Review Day**

- 1<sup>st</sup> 7:15-8:15
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:20-9:20
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:25-10:25
- 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:30

**Lunch based on 5th period**

- 1st Lunch—11:30-12:00 (12:05-1:05 class)
- 2nd Lunch—12:35-1:05 (11:35-12:35 class)
- 6<sup>th</sup> 1:10-2:10



**Tuesday, January 17—Full day**

**Semester Exams—Periods 1 and 2**

**Review for Periods 7 and 8**

- Period 1: 7:15-9:00
- Nutrition Break: 9:00-9:10
- Period 2: 9:15-11:00

**Lunch based on 7th period**

- 1st Lunch—11:00-11:30 (11:35-12:35 class)
- 2nd Lunch—12:05-12:35 (11:05-12:05 class)
- Period 8 12:40-1:40

- Assistance 1:40-2:15

**Wednesday, January 18—Half Day**

**Semester Exams—Periods 3 and 4**

- Period 3 7:15-9:00
- Break 9:00-9:10
- Period 4 9:15-11:00

**Thursday, January 19 - Half day**

**Semester Exams - Periods 5 and 6**

- Period 5 7:15-9:00
- Break 9:00-9:10
- Period 6 9:15-11:00

**Thursday, January 14 - Half day**

**Semester Exams - Periods 7 and 8**

- Period 7 7:15-9:00
- Break 9:00-9:10
- Period 8 9:15-11:00