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MILLIKAN PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Millikan High School (located near El Dorado Park) is a multicultural school whose members *celebrate* our school's rich diversity. We are proud of the fact that our school truly reflects our city's demographics. Well-known throughout the community for high standards and achievement in academics, Millikan is equally proud of its extra-curricular activities program. The athletic, visual and performing arts programs, as well as school interest clubs, provide opportunities for our students to have a well-rounded educational experience. All incoming students select academies (smaller learning communities) to belong to based on their educational interests and choose to wear a uniform. According to representatives from West Ed, we are considered a model in the state for the implementation of Smaller Learning Communities, creating a safe haven and sense of belonging for all students. Students and parents feel a sense of academic challenge, confidence, and security at Millikan.

SECONDARY SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

(Students must apply on *High School Choice Application*)

QUEST (Questioning, Understanding, Engaging, and Success through Technology) QUEST students pursue a pathway of honors and AP courses designed for gifted students who want to excel, advance, and compete academically with the best and brightest students in the nation. The accelerated curriculum is designed for GATE students and offers the unique experience of a UC approved Sr. Project class. The QUEST community of students are high achievers and active participants in extra and co-curricular activities including sports, the arts, community service, and student government. An academic GPA of 3.5 or higher is recommended.

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PEACE (Personal success through Empowerment, Academic achievement, Conflict resolution, and Ethics in action) Academy engages students in learning through: community service, field trips, student government, mentoring, video conferencing, and debates. PEACE students learn about leadership through hands-on projects and real world experiences. PEACE prepares you for real life after high school and creates an environment that allows you to grow as a person, while giving to your community in significant ways. An academic GPA of 2.75-3.3 or higher and a C or better in pre-Alg is recommended.

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COMPASS (Community of Musicians, Performers, Artists, and Social Scientists) is a small learning community focused on preparing students for college by integrating core curriculum with the social sciences and the Arts. The program places an emphasis on standards-based instruction while helping students to connect learning with real world situations. All students enrolled in the C.O.M.P.A.S.S. program are expected to enroll in the arts at Millikan High School (e.g. dance, music, chorus, drama, photography, art) as well as work together to help improve the greater Long Beach community through arts-based community service. An academic GPA of 2.25-2.75 or higher and a strong commitment to the arts are recommended.

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SMALLER LEARNING COMMUNITIES (Academies)

(Students must apply on *High School Choice Application*)

Placement in these programs is done after acceptance into school is verified.

Global Technology Academy is a college preparatory small learning community that develops fluency in applied information technology with an integrated cross-curricular education in order to train students to be competitive in tomorrow's global society. Global Technology provides foundational skills necessary for students to enter both college and the 21st century workplace. Global Tech students develop fluency in a wide range of technologies through an integrated cross-curricular education. Our students learn the skills necessary to become responsible and competitive citizens in an increasingly complex global society.

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GREEN (Generating Respect for the Earth, the Environment, and Nature) Academy is an environmental science academy. Through its environmental theme, the academy prepares students to understand the issues facing our planet. Environmental topics will be woven throughout the core classes. Students will participate in local environmental projects and will attend environmental/college field trips. GREEN students will be eligible for university with all required courses for college admission (CSU/UC a-g admission requirements) and access to accelerated, honors, and AP classes in all subjects.

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STELLAR (Scholastic Teams of English Language Learners for Academic Rigor) is a small learning community for students whose native language is other than English. The focus is on developing English language skills in the area of listening, speaking, reading, and Writing for English Learners at EL Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4. After acquiring English proficiency, students transition to other Millikan academies.

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Millikan Business Academy (MBA) is a smaller learning community that promotes essential life skills and college preparedness with a particular emphasis on entrepreneurship, marketing, enterprise, and financial independence. Students will learn sound business practices and principles and develop and compile professional portfolios, gain essential technology skills, gain awareness of benefits of volunteerism.

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SUPPORT PROGRAMS (NOT SMALLER LEARNING COMMUNITIES)

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Are you a self-motivated student? Is college in your future? You might consider Millikan's **National Demonstration School AVID** program *in addition to your smaller learning community*.

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