



Dream School of the Arts

Hello and Happy Holidays to everyone!

As the winds and rains pick up, and the month of December comes to a close, we find ourselves in the last hours of 2025. Dream School of the Arts closed out the Fall Semester with a special kind of warmth. This has been a season of incredible growth, and as we look back on Quarter 4, our hearts are full of pride. We continue to create a safe, structured space where our Young Stars can find their "A-HA!"—and this semester, we've had lots of celebratory moments with each of them.

Quarter 4 was packed with academic milestones and creative breakthroughs. We've doubled down on our Academic Support, helping students navigate the challenges of literacy and math while building their skills through collective problem-solving. It isn't just about getting the homework done; it's about watching our students show up ready to learn and be part of something bigger than themselves. As one Dream School Student put it:

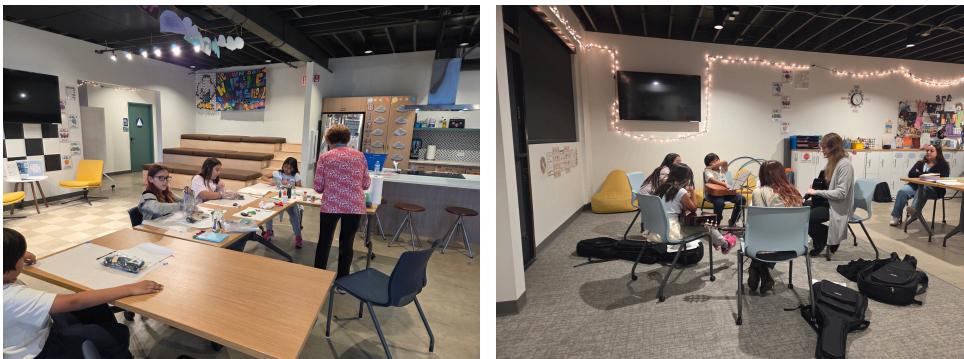
"Dream School is different from other after-school programs. Most of the programs are just flat out homework time and you leave... But in Dream School you have snack time, homework time, free art time, music and fitness; so you're not just doing your homework, you're having fun!"— Dream School student



In our Art workshops, Mr. Philip returned to share a beautiful two day lesson on self-image and drawing self-portraits and portraits of their peers. Through this project, our students practiced seeing themselves with joy and pride—capturing not just their likenesses, but their growing sense of individuality.



Our "Dream School Family" continues to grow, and we have so many people to thank for making this programming possible. This fall, our space was filled with the consistent care and enthusiasm of our incredible high school volunteers from The Academy of Our Lady of Peace, who show up week after week for our kids. They arrive ready to share, ready to learn and ready to build relationships with our Dream School students.



We've also been lucky to host some brilliant guest instructors. Our partners from USD's Neuroscience department led an engaging two-part workshop, teaching the kids how the brain works and then researching the Dream School students' big questions to share upon returning for part two. Ms. Claudia has been a constant source of wonder in her science labs, bringing science to life with hands-on experiments. Coach John continues to keep everyone moving and pushing their limits in fitness class. The sounds of pianos and guitars fill our space three days a week thanks to Mr. Brian (piano) and Lilith (guitar). Our students had a wonderful opportunity to showcase their talents with both a guitar recital in Point Loma, and a piano recital at our Holiday Party. The students continue to learn how to manage their emotions and explore coping strategies in the focused quiet of our Wellness Workshops with our Ms. Maxine and her MFT trainees, every corner of Dream School has been alive with energy.





Speaking of energy, we have to give another huge "Thank You" to our friends in the San Diego running community! In November, our students had a blast cheering on the runners from Milestone Running during their weekly Hump Day Run Club. That partnership and the generosity of the runners helped bring in over \$1,200 in donations for Dream School in one evening. Seeing our kids support the community while the community supports them was a moment long in the making.



Every smile and breakthrough observed is a part of the story we are building together- as a community. Your continued commitment—whether you donate, volunteer, or simply share our mission—creates the high-quality, meaningful programming these kids deserve.

As we look toward the New Year, we invite you to keep dreaming with us. If you haven't already, follow us on Instagram to see the daily magic of year two. If you're in a position to give, your financial support keeps our students learning, moving, and growing. Every contribution keeps Dream School of the Arts free for our students and their families. Every contribution helps a YoungStar find their "A-HA!"

Thank you for being such a vital part of our Dream School community. Happy New Year!

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We have Dream School of the Arts merchandise and a supply wishlist! This is a fantastic way to wear your love for the arts, represent our program and be our community partner. Purchasing merchandise or supplies directly contributes to supporting our mission and program.

Here's how to buy your Dream School Merch or support our program:

- Go to this webpage: linktr.ee/dsoasd
- Click the "Support Us" or if you wish to donate supplies, press the "Wishlist" button in our Linktree link. ***wishlist items will be be directly sent to a specific address embedded in the wishlist website***
- In the "Fund Section," choose "DREAM SCHOOL OF THE ARTS"
- Enter the amount that matches the price of the merchandise you'd like to purchase

Thank you again for your unwavering support! We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

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