



April 2025

# Encompass Academy Newsletter

## Encompass Academy's Mission:

Guiding students to bright futures by focusing on academic achievement, personal pathways, enrichment, and social-emotional learning.

## The Encompass FIRE

Encompass Scholars show the following qualities:

**F**earlessness

**I**ntegrity

**R**esourcefulness

**E**ndurance

## April Announcements

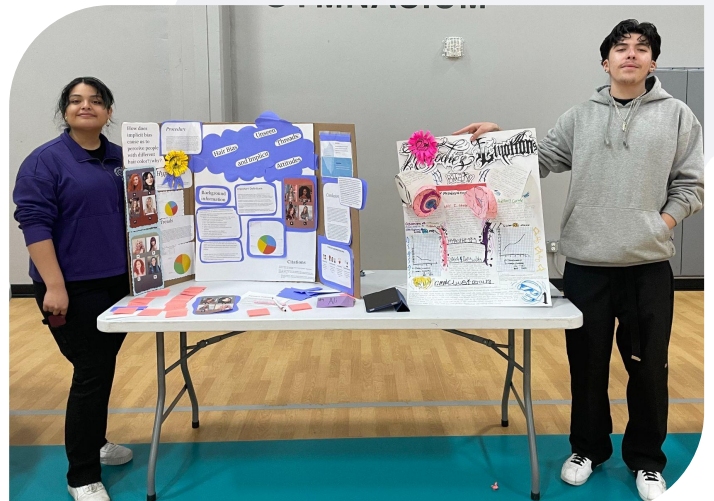
As we step into April, we are reminded of how quickly the school year is flying by! This month is all about focus, growth, and preparing for a strong finish. We're so proud of the progress our students have made so far and grateful for the continued support from our families. This newsletter includes important updates, reminders, and upcoming events to help everyone stay on track. As always, we're here to support you—please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Let's keep the momentum going as we head into the final months of the year!

## Upcoming events

4/4/25 - End of third quarter

4/17/25 - Professional Development, no school

4/22/25 - ACT for 11th grade (digital day for 9th, 10th, and 12th grade)



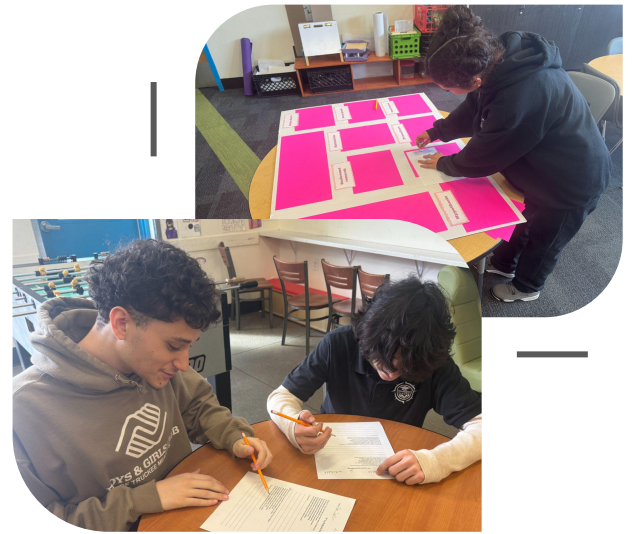
## Classroom Spotlight

April has been a flavorful month in our culinary class! Led by our culinary teacher, Ms. Teresa, students are learning to prepare healthy, balanced meals from scratch. This month's focus is on seasonal ingredients and nutritious recipes that are both delicious and affordable. Students are building real-world skills like knife safety, meal planning, budgeting, and reading food labels. The class also encourages teamwork, time management, and creativity in the kitchen. It's inspiring to see students take pride in their cooking—and in cleaning up! Culinary remains a favorite class where learning is hands-on, practical, and always full of flavor.



# ACT Testing - April 22, 2025

On Tuesday, April 22, only 11th grade students will be on campus to take the ACT. All 9th, 10th, and 12th graders will have a digital school day, just like they do on Fridays. The ACT is a graduation requirement—students must take the test to graduate, though there is no minimum score needed. It's important that students do their best, as scores are recorded in Infinite Campus and may be used by colleges for admissions or course placement. Juniors must arrive by 8:00 AM. Late arrivals cannot be admitted once testing begins due to ACT rules. Students may wear free dress and should come early if they want breakfast. Questions? Contact Max at [max@encompassacademy.org](mailto:max@encompassacademy.org).



## Staying Connected with your Teen

Maintaining a strong connection with your teen can feel challenging, but it's one of the most important parts of parenting during adolescence. Fostering healthy communication and building trust takes intention and patience, especially during tough moments. One of the most powerful things you can do is be emotionally available—teens may not always say it, but they still need you. Being present, listening without judgment, and showing consistent support helps teens feel safe and understood, even when they push boundaries.

Creating regular opportunities to talk without distractions (like during car rides or meals), showing interest in your teen's world, and practicing active listening can help deepen your relationship. It's important to validate their emotions—even when you don't agree—so they feel respected and heard.

Staying calm during conflict is also key. Teens are still learning how to manage their emotions, and modeling calm, respectful responses teaches them how to navigate their own challenges more effectively. Consistency, empathy, and even a little humor can go a long way in maintaining a positive connection.

Even if your teen seems distant, don't give up. Small moments of connection build trust over time. Your continued presence and support can be a steady anchor in the midst of all the change they're experiencing. To read more about this topic, [click here](#).

## — Student Interview —



**Sofia**  
Junior

This month, we're highlighting Sofia, one of our outstanding juniors who shines both at Encompass Academy and in her part-time job as a swim instructor at Silver Bear Swim School. She teaches kids of all ages how to swim—and more importantly, how to be confident, strong, and independent. Her favorite part of teaching is seeing how quickly young children learn and grow. She's constantly amazed by their intelligence and feels proud of them every day. At Encompass, her favorite teacher is Ms. T, who has always been an advocate for her and helped make math more understandable. Her goals for senior year include graduating early with a 3.0 GPA or higher and becoming valedictorian or salutatorian. She's learned valuable life skills through work, such as time management, patience, and how to speak up for herself. Her advice to others: make sure you're truly ready for a job—and always put school first. She's a strong example of what it means to live with FIRE at Encompass!

# The Holland Project

The Holland Project is a volunteer-driven, non-profit arts and music organization in Reno, Nevada, focused on youth empowerment through creative expression. It hosts over 250 all-ages events each year, including live music shows, art exhibits, workshops, and community events. Run largely by teens and young adults, Holland provides a space where young people can create, lead, and participate in cultural experiences. Located at 140 Vesta Street, it's a hub for creativity, inclusivity, and collaboration. The Holland Project is committed to keeping its programming affordable and accessible, helping support the next generation of artists and leaders. Learn more or get involved at [hollandreno.org](http://hollandreno.org).



## Re-enrollment for 2025-2026

Intent to return forms (a Boys & Girls Club Re-enrollment Form) will be sent home with students on Monday, April 7th. Please keep an eye out for this important form—it helps secure your student's spot at Encompass Academy for the 2025–2026 school year. The **Boys & Girls Club form is your student's intent to return form, and must be completed and returned to Laure by Thursday, April 10, 2025.**

To be considered complete, **both the front and back** of the form must be filled out. Don't miss this opportunity to reserve your student's place for next year!

## Senior Announcements

Important information about graduation and senior events (including graduation practice) will be shared by the end of April. Laure has already collected seniors' height and weight to place orders for their caps and gowns. The cost for caps and gowns is **\$40**. Payment can be made by cash or check (checks payable to Encompass Academy). If your family needs financial assistance, please reach out to Laure at [laure@encompassacademy.org](mailto:laure@encompassacademy.org).

**Graduation will take place on Saturday, June 7th at 1:00 PM in the Encompass Academy gym.** Please start inviting friends and family now—we look forward to celebrating this important milestone with our Class of 2025!

## Message from the Principal

Welcome to the fourth quarter! As the weather warms up and summer break approaches, we know it can be tough for students to stay focused and motivated. This is the time of year when we often see fatigue set in—but it's also when endurance matters most. At Encompass, our final core value in FIRE is **Endurance**, and it reminds us to keep pushing forward, even when the finish line feels far away. Finishing strong isn't just about grades—it's about showing up, staying consistent, and giving your best effort through the final stretch. Let's encourage our students to dig deep, stay engaged, and make these last weeks count. We're in it together—let's finish with FIRE!



**Adam Khan**  
Principal