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We Thank You For Reading

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The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) club meets every wednesday in room 117. Our faculty advisor is Mx.Leghorn. This zine was created by the memebers of the GSA club. The names of those who worked on this zine are left out to preserve anonimity and for the safety of our memebers.

Keep this zine in mind for upcoming International Pronouns Day, October 20th

Week of Respect

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Pronouns:

What are They?

- Pronouns are terms you use to refer to yourself and others.
- Everybody uses pronouns (I, you, she, he, they, etc.).
- They can be used in place of someone's name.

Using someone's correct pronouns is just a general sign of respect. As this is the week of respect, using the correct pronouns for someone definitely is an area of focus and importance. While you may not know how to use someone's pronouns, being willing to learn and understand is ideal.

Neopronouns: Pronouns that one creates themselves when they feel that they don't fit in or feel comfortable identifying with the socially constructed pronouns that we know (he/she/they). Some common neopronouns are it/its, ze/zem/zir, etc. While this may be confusing at first, it's still important to acknowledge and respect those who do use neopronouns.

Always Remember: if you don't know how to use someone's pronouns, ask!

LGBTQ+ Identities and History Around the World!

North America: Two Spirit

- An identity from indigenous cultures
- Defined as a third gender that combines masculine and feminine traits

Languages without gendered pronouns:

- Tagalog
- Indonesian
- The Kurdish Languages
- Persian
- Swahili
- Yoruba



South America: Quariwarmi

- Incas worshipped jaguar deity
- people who performed the rituals (Quariwarmi) for this deity were similar to the current nonbinary identity

South Asian: Hijra

- have a recorded history of over 4,000 years.
- are people who were assigned 'male' at birth, but have feminine gender expression.

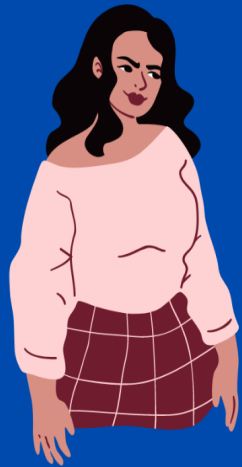
HOW TO ASK FOR Pronouns.



Taking initiative



Hey! What
are your
pronouns?



Finding out



My
pronouns
are he/him



Now all you have to do is respect the pronouns! It is very important to respect an individual's identity.

How To Correct Yourself When Deadnaming or Using Incorrect Pronouns!

In the event you accidentally deadname or use incorrect pronouns for someone, apologize once and use the correct name and pronouns.

If someone else corrects you, don't be mean about it! Accept the correction and continue on! If you are correcting someone, do so calmly.

If you don't know someone's name or preferred pronouns, ask! There's no harm in asking someone how they like to be referred to as.

Some examples of how to correct:

"Oh he and I, I'm sorry, She and I are going shopping."

"Excuse me, but Alyssa uses She/Her pronouns."

"Jamie and I, I'm sorry, Ace and I are working on a project in math."

"Oh, Alex? He likes oranges."

"Alex uses They/Them pronouns"

"Oh I'm sorry, I mean they like oranges!"

There is no harm in correcting yourself or others, it actually prevents it!

Week of Respect

Harmful Stereotypes

Don't judge a book by its cover!



he/him



they/them



she/her

**Don't assume pronouns--
always ask!**

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HOW TO USE MULTIPLE PRONOUNS

What are they? When someone uses multiple pronouns, it typically means they either use them interchangeably or use certain pronouns at certain times.

How to use them: Always ask the person's preferences in regards to their pronouns first. If some elses multiple pronouns interchangeably, you can refer to them as both.

ex: "He was wearing a blue shirt today. It looked really good on them."

"She offered to hang out over the weekend. I'm looking forward to seeing xem."