



James Lick Middle School is one of City College's satellite campuses settled in the quiet bedroom community of Noe Valley.

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# Castro-Valencia Campus Changing with the Times

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The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Community Center will open this spring and City College will be there in many ways.

"The Castro Valencia campus will have a huge presence," says Dean Bruce Smith.

Smith made plans with the LGBT Community Center in 1999 and coordinated space to house some Castro Valencia classes and a computer lab. There will be job skill courses in data entry and business applications. A college success and transition program will help gay and curious students from the Larkin Street Youth agency.

Currently the Castro Valencia programs serve about 2,600 students.

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These City College classes are currently held at James

Lick Middle School (JLMS) in Noe Valley, a neighborhood of quiet shops, restaurants and homes with Irish 'working class' roots and where many families have lived for generations.

At a recent staff open house, Principal Janice Daniels of JLMS introduced her staff to City College. Smith introduced key staff and praised Mrs. Daniels as "extraordinary, helpful in making the relations between the middle school and Castro Valencia night and weekend program work."

Two staffs share the school. One JLMS teacher

nounced that City College had installed a ramp for entry and access to the mobility disabled. Funds from a refreshment booth, run by the local Parents, Teachers and Students Association, sent middle school students on a trip to Mexico last year.

Tony Travers, a Site Supervisor said that "parents pick up kids during transition and ask for themselves about City College courses and counseling." The college courses are offered in the evenings and Saturday morning and counseling is available on site by

there were some resident's making comment about the overflow parking into the neighborhood," said Travers.

"At the beginning of the semester it is a problem, but many people drop and the school has enough space for cars now."

events include the City College Health Fair on November 27 from 6-8:15 pm. This coordinated effort by health classes, campus health centers and students will include workshops about sexuality.

## Upcoming Events

Half the classes at Castro/Valencia are foreign language and subjects of community interest include Women's Studies, the Arts, Film, Media, Speech, Men's Health and English 1A and 1B. Site Supervisor Kevin Schaub and Executive Director of the Harvey Milk Institute (HMI) which is a private school, extends creative education to the LGBT community. The HMI fall catalogue is in print and online at [www.harveymilk.org](http://www.harveymilk.org). Exciting queer twists on media, cultural studies and the arts has earned HMI great 'word of mouth' notoriety.

Upcoming campus

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asked City College instructors to stack the chairs after class so janitors could do their work. It was an

appointment.

"Recent increases in class size for Russian courses are now held in larger rooms and



Janice Daniel, principal of James Lick Middle School is part of the partnership between Dean Bruce Smith ensuring a smooth transition between middle school and college education systems.