

Chatsworth High School students are hard at work decorating a Division 8 bus for MTA's Holiday Bus Decorating contest. >

Steel Canvas: Chatsworth Students Decorate Division 8 Holiday Bus

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(Dec 10, 2002) Some San Fernando Valley teenagers are putting paint to bus, but not to deface it – they're decorating a Metro Bus for the holidays.



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About 90 students from the 12th grade Humanitas class at Chatsworth High School are participating in MTA's annual Holiday Bus Decorating contest.

Each morning for the past week or so, about 20 students at a time have come to Division 8 and helped paint and decorate the bus.

Teacher Kathie Donner says her students have participated each year for the past four years. In addition to painting the bus, the students also are holding a canned food and toy drive.

"Once the bus is completely decorated, we'll use it to deliver the food and toys to needy families throughout the community," says Donner.

For the students, it's a chance to have some fun and let their creativity flow. And most of them are planning to go to Gateway Plaza on Dec. 20th for the judging of the Holiday buses.

Even though the Division 8 bus will be facing stiff competition from every other MTA operating division, the students are confident their design will prevail.

"I think we'll win," said student Cristina Cameron.

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