

HOLIDAY 2020



# Career Readiness Academy



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## SENIOR OF THE MONTH

### Laura PazCamacho

Laura is one of our hardest working seniors.

She might appear to be quiet and unassuming but that couldn't further from the truth. Laura is not afraid to ask questions, seek help, or offer a laugh. She is well-liked by her peers and her teachers. Laura has a determination that will carry her far into the future. She is an advocate for justice and equality.

She has been a pleasure to teach and definitely a student that will be missed after graduation.

## SUCCESSFUL REMOTE LEARNING

**Be positive.** A positive attitude about online learning is the best gift you can give yourself.

**Get organized—and stay organized.** Be sure you have room for your books, computer, pens, paper, and other supplies.

**Establish a routine.** Having a routine will help keep you on track with your schoolwork. It's a good idea to find out when your teachers have their office hours

**Set personal goals.** Think about what you'd like to accomplish, both short and long term.

**Make the most of your resources.** Don't forget you can use parents, teachers, school counselors, and principals for resources.

**Start on track and stay on track.** Break down big projects into small parts, give each one a deadline. Don't drag your feet.

**Learn to deal with setbacks.** Every person who succeeds has had to struggle to get there. When you get a bad grade, realize that this is a learning experience. Talk to someone. To move forward, you must take responsibility for what you've done (or not done) and decide to change your behavior in the future.

## CAREER INSIDER

### How to Develop Skills Sought By Employers?

This month lets focus on our Interpersonal Skills.

#### What are Interpersonal Skills?

Interpersonal skills are the behaviors and tactics a person uses to interact with others effectively.

#### WHY is it important to develop those skills?

[Watch this video to find out why?](#)

#### How can you improve your Interpersonal Skills?

- Engage in discussion with people different from you
- Be an active team member in class and on your job
- Cultivate a positive outlook. Teach yourself to be positive!
- Be an active listener - you can do this by maintaining eye contact with the speaker, nodding your head, and repeating what he or she says in your own words.
- Be assertive - Be confident in your ability and opinions, and don't be afraid to express your needs, as well as your limits.
- Be aware of your body language.

People with strong interpersonal skills tend to build good relationships and can work well with others. They understand their family, friends, coworkers and clients well.

## DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

**KWANZAA PRINCIPLES**

The celebration of Kwanzaa consists of seven days of celebration culminating in a feast and gift giving. You may have some idea about the holiday, but do you know exactly the seven days of celebration are all about?

- Umoja ▲ Unity**  
To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.
- Kujichagulia ▲ Self-determination**  
To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves, and speak for our selves.
- Ujima ▲ Collective Work & Responsibility**  
To build and maintain community together
- Nia ▲ Purpose**  
To make our collective vocation building and developing our community to restore greatness.
- Kuumba ▲ Creativity**  
To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave the community more beautiful than we inherited it.
- Imani ▲ Faith**  
To believe with all our hearts to all people

## TESTING SCHEDULE & INFORMATION

DATE	9:00 AM
Friday, December 11	FINANCIAL PLANNING I PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE WORKKEYS
Monday, December 14	ENGLISH II
Tuesday , December 15	MATH I MATH III
Tuesday, January 5	NCVPS MATH III
Wednesday , January 6	NCVPS BIOLOGY
Thursday, January 7	NCVPS MARKETING NCVPS COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

### Testing Tips:

- Get plenty of rest / sleep. Students perform better on exams with at least 8 hours sleep the night before
- On the day of the exam, eat breakfast. Students who eat breakfast before starting their school day don't just concentrate better, they tend to score better on academic tests
- Start studying early. If you always start ahead of schedule, you'll never be cramming the night before an exam
- Take breaks. You won't be able to memorize or comprehend all the material at once. Balance is key - ensure that you reward learning with break times to recharge and relax.
- Prioritize your study time. Some exams will be more difficult than others, some you may find easier to study for. Some may be worth more of your grade than others.

### Attendance on Exam Days:

Students, you will only come to school on the days you have exams. Each testing day will be early dismissal at 1:00 pm

### Holiday Schedule:

December 17, 2020, is the end of the grading period. Holiday / Winter Break is December 18, 2020 through January 3, 2021.

### Remote Learning Days in January:

The first week of January 2021 (Jan 4-8) is for remote learning. Students will not come to school that week. Watch for information from your teachers.

## WELCOME NEW STAFF

- Ms. Barbara Graham, School Social Worker
- Mr. Jonathon Newton, English
- Mr. Riley Ferguson, Teacher Assistant

# CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD



Click on the name of the country to read about their holiday



Canada



Argentina



Spain



Egypt



USA



Ireland



Sweden



Angola



Mexico



United Kingdom



Austria



South Africa



Peru



France



Greece



India



Brazil



Italy



Armenia



Philippines

## MORE DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS



**Hanukkah** is observed for eight nights and days, starting on the 25th day of Kislev according to the Hebrew calendar (December 10 - 18, 2020). The festival is observed by lighting the candles of a candelabrum with nine branches, called a menorah (or hanukkiyah).



In the Gregorian calendar, **New Year's Eve** (also known as Old Year's Day or Saint Sylvester's Day in many countries), the last day of the year, is on December 31. In many countries, New Year's Eve is celebrated at evening parties, where many people dance, eat, and watch or light fireworks. The celebrations generally go on past midnight into New Year's Day, January 1. Tonga and Kiribati (Christmas Island) are some of the first places to welcome the New Year while Baker Island in the USA and American Samoa are among the last.



Every year on December 25, we celebrate **Christmas**. A day for spending time with family, observing an important Christian holiday, partaking in lighthearted traditions, or just spreading some holiday cheer. Christmas has evolved over several millennia into a worldwide celebration that's both religious and secular and chock full of fun-filled family activities.

## FUN DAYS IN DECEMBER:



December 2 - National Mutt Day



December 4 - National Cookie Day



December 5 - National Candle Day



December 6 - St. Nicholas Day



December 7 - National Cotton Candy Day



December 8 - National Brownie Day



December 12 - National Gingerbread House Day

**FUN DAYS IN DECEMBER:**



December 13 - National Ice Cream Day



December 13 - National Horse Day



December 14 - National Energy Conservation Day



December 15 - National Cupcake Day



December 17 - National Maple Syrup Day



December 18 - National Ugly Sweater Day



December 19 - National Wreaths Across America Day



December 21 - National Crossword Puzzle Day



December 26 - National Thank You Note Day



December 28 - National Call A Friend Day



December 29 - National Still Need To Do Day



December 30 - National Bacon Day

**HOLIDAY QUOTE:**

*May your walls know joy,*

*May every room hold laughter, and*

*Every window open to great possibilities.*

*-Mary Anne Radmacher-*



**Stay Safe & Healthy**