



# ODYSSEY ECCO NEWS

November 2018

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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Phoenix

Odyssey  
Early College  
&  
Career  
Options

Office &  
Attendance  
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Registrar  
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Counseling  
719-328-2085

### NOVEMBER

- 11/9/2018 ICAP Friday, 11:06-11:36 a.m., Designated Rooms
- 11/9/2018 Coffee House, 5:00-7:30 p.m., Black Box Theater
- 11/12/2018 Veteran's Day – Regular school schedule
- 11/12/2018 Mid-Quarter 2 grades are available online for students
- 11/13/2018 RJWAC Picture Re-Take Day**
- 11/13/2018 PPCC Tour, 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Centennial Campus
- 11/13/2018 PPCC Tour, 12:00 Noon-2:00 p.m., Rampart Campus
- 11/14/2018 Concurrent Enrollment Form Deadline for Spring
- 11/15/2018 PPCC Graduation Ceremony Application Deadline  
Students completing Associates Degree in December.  
*(Students MUST apply in order to participate in the PPCC Graduation Ceremony)*
- 11/19-20/2018 D11 transportation is NOT available for off campus PPCC students.**
- 11/19-23/2018 Thanksgiving Break, District 11 Closed
- 11/22/2018 Thanksgiving Day, PPCC Closed
- 11/23-25/2018 PPCC open, BUT NO CLASSES
- 11/26/2018 PPCC Withdrawal Date, Fall Semester (PPCC Campus)
- 11/27/2018 Evacuation Drill, 7:50 a.m.
- 11/28/2018 PPCC Withdrawal Date, Fall Semester (Odyssey/RJWAC Campus)

### DECEMBER

- 12/3/2018-12/18/2018 Accuplacer Progress Monitoring Window
- 12/3/2018 Staff Meeting, 3:00-4:10 p.m., Dance Studio
- 12/3/2018 School Accountability Committee Night (ALL staff and parents welcome), 4:30-6:00 p.m.**
- 12/7/2018 Phoenix Family Friday / Morning Coffee with the Principal (Parents) 7:30-9:30 a.m.**
- 12/7/2018 Shelter Drill, 1:55 p.m.

*Events, continued...*

**UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED...**

- 12/7/2018 Winter Formal, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Large Auditorium Foyer
- 12/12 & 13/2018 Cram & Cocoa Study Session, After School (Hosted by Link Crew)
- 12/14/2018 Last Day for Traditional Schools Career Pathways—Finals for CP on this Day
- 12/14/2018 ICAP Friday, 11:06-11:36 a.m., Designated Rooms
- 12/16/2018 PPCC Fall Semester Ends (PPCC Campus)
- 12/17/2018 Lockout-Lockdown-Evacuation Drill, 2:05 p.m.
- 12/17/2018 EC Final—FINAL 1**, 7:30-9:05; Period 2, 9:10-9:57; Period 3, 10:01-10:48; Period 4, 10:52-11:39; Lunch 11:39-12:09; Period 5, 12:13-1:00; Period 6, 1:04-1:51; Period 7, 1:55-2:42
- 12/18/2018 EC Finals—FINAL 2**, 7:30-9:05; FINAL 3, 9:10-10:45; FINAL 4, 11:20-1:00; Early Dismissal
- 12/19/2018 No PLC Wednesday
- 12/19/2019 EC Finals—FINAL 5**, 7:30-9:05; FINAL 6, 9:10-10:45; FINAL 7, 11:20-1:00; Early Dismissal
- 12/18/2018 ALL CP FINAL GRADES WILL BE POSTED BY 3:00 P.M. FOR ALL CP STUDENTS.
- 12/19/2018 End of 2nd Quarter; End of 1st Semester
- 12/20/2018-1/4/2018 Winter Break, District 11 Closed (Students)**
- 12/20/2018-1/2/2018 Winter Break, District 11 Closed (Staff)**
- 12/25/2018-1/1/2018 Winter Break, PPCC Closed**
- 12/25/2018 Christmas Day**

**PreK - 12 Colorado Teachers!**

Apply for a Teachers and Technology Grant for the 2018 - 19 school year for your school

**Odyssey Early College & Career Options**

Grants range from \$500 to \$5000 and are available to full-time classroom teachers in public or private school. The CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation's Teachers and Technology grants are designed to help fund projects that advance student success through the innovative use of technology in the classroom.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...



Greetings from Odyssey Early College and Career Options,

*It is hard to believe that fall break is less than two weeks away! Thank you to all the families that made parent-teacher conferences a success! We had a solid number of families dialoguing with instructors, in an effort to support student success from home to school. Research shows that parenteral involvement is a key factor to student success and we appreciate your partnership in providing the best education for your student.*

*Students have successfully completed their first round of Next Generation Accuplacer testing. We use Accuplacer testing as one of the measures for placement into college-level courses. The next generation tests have shifted how we test. To learn more, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/y6uqipu1>. I am pleased to announce, that this has been one of the best testing cycles and many of our students were able to show that they are college ready for the second semester.*

*One of our greatest challenges this time of the year is student attendance. As we approach the holidays and the days get shorter, we all feel and get a little worn down. Parents, don't forget to encourage your students to take care of themselves. Examples of this would be to encourage your student to do something daily they enjoy, connect with friends to build a sense of belonging, find ways to relax, eat well, and sleep well. Before we know it, semester finals will be in students thoughts and having peace of mind now will support success later.*

*Finally, as Thanksgiving approaches, I wanted to express how thankful I am for all the support that our Odyssey families have provided the school. Students make a school, but add the support of families and you have a community. Students, we are proud of you, both on and off campus, for the outstanding effort and dedication you display every day.*

Proud to be a Phoenix,  
Sean Norman



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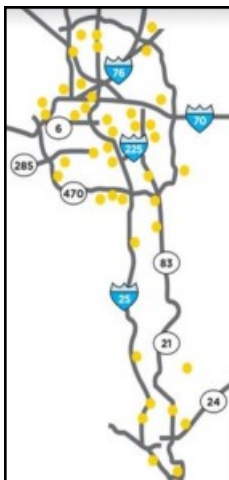
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## VETERANS DAY

**Veterans Day is Monday, November 12,** and we would like to take this time to thank the veterans in our school community who served and fought for our freedom. Over the past several years, our schools honor community veterans through the Saluting America program. D11 will celebrate Saluting America this year on Tuesday, November 6. For more information on this program, click [HERE](#).



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## NEW CTE COUNSELOR FOR CAREER PATHWAYS

***Hello and welcome to the new Career and Technical Education Counselor for Career Pathways at Odyssey ECCO – Leilani Mullins!***

Leilani is new to D11 counseling, but brings personal and professional experience in College and Career preparation and Postsecondary Workforce Readiness. In high school, Leilani participated in Career and Technical Education, as both a Family and Consumer Sciences and Business student, and fell in love with the opportunities CTE classes offered both in the classroom and through hands-on experience. She participated in the Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs), as a National Competitor, State Officer, and National Vice President of Membership for Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), and as a national competitor for Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). After high school, she attended the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS), where she received her BA in Organizational Communication, and transitioned into her professional career as a UCCS Admissions Counselor. During her time as an admissions counselor, she learned that there are so many options for students after high school, and that college was only one path that students could take. She then pursued her MA in School Counseling, at UCCS, and is excited to move into the role of working with high school students. As a CTE Counselor, Leilani feels that she has come full circle to the type of work that helped prepare her for the future. Her counseling mission is to intentionally engage D11 students to a wide array of CTE opportunities both at their home high schools and at Odyssey ECCO by addressing the convergence of Social/Emotional, Academic, and Career domains in creating postsecondary workforce readiness. CTE counseling will create opportunities for students to explore and participate in meaningful career preparatory activities, facilitate postsecondary workforce readiness, and engage in career counseling through individual and group counseling, and classroom guidance. We will continue to collaborate with high school and middle school counselors, administration, students and parents throughout D11 to develop an awareness of Career Pathways and the many opportunities a pathways student can access.

Please feel free to reach out to Leilani Mullis, CTE Counselor, with any questions you have! She is excited to work with all of you this year!

Email: [leilani.mullins@d11.org](mailto:leilani.mullins@d11.org)  
Phone: (719)328-2053



## UPDATE FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE



All students taking off campus courses for the Spring 2019 semester **MUST** turn in a copy of their schedule (printed or emailed - [taura.gandy@d11.org](mailto:taura.gandy@d11.org)) to Ms. Taura by November 9<sup>th</sup> for on campus students and November 15<sup>th</sup> for off campus students.

### Important Dates & Events

#### PPCC Campus Tours

November 13, 2018

8:00 am - 11:00 am – PPCC Centennial Campus

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm – PPCC Rampart Campus

For students that will be going off campus for the first time. Students can only attend 1 tour and must have a signed permission slip to attend. Please pick up your permission slip from Ms. Taura.

#### FAFSA Completion Night (ICAP Lesson for Seniors)

November 15, 2018

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

RJWAC Room 262

#### Thanksgiving Break – D11 Closed

November 19, 2018 - November 23, 2018

*No buses from RJWAC to PPCC  
– Off Campus students should arrange other  
transportation on 11/19/18 & 11/20/18.*

#### PPCC Withdraw Dates

November 26, 2018 – Off Campus Courses

*Withdraw = "W" Grade on Transcript &  
Student/Parents ARE Responsible for  
Tuition & Fees*

Please remember to send us a copy of your schedule if you withdraw from a class.



#### Educating Children of Color Summit

January 19, 2019

Registration is open NOW – December 23, 2018

<https://educatingchildrenofcolor.org/2019-summit-registration>

### College Representative Visits at RJWAC

#### Metro State University

November 8, 2018

During Lunch

RJWAC Cafeteria

#### Johnson and Wales

November 13, 2018

During Lunch

RJWAC Cafeteria

### Scholarship Info

The Latin American Educational Foundation  
(LAEF) Scholarship

**Application Deadline:**

November 20, 2018 @ 4:00 pm (MST)

<http://www.laef.org/Scholarship>

#### Daniels Scholarship Program

**Application Deadline:**

November 29, 2018 @ 4:00 pm (MST)

<https://www.danielsfund.org/scholarships/daniels-scholarship-program/overview>

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## COUNSELING UPDATES, *CONTINUED...*

### OFF CAMPUS STUDENT INFORMATION

#### Upcoming Advising Dates at PPCC Campus

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Counselor</u>	<u>PPCC Campus</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, November 8, 2018	7:30 am -11:00 am	Mrs. Everette	Centennial	Aspen Building (Near the Café)
Tuesday, November 13, 2018	7:30 am -11:30 am	Mrs. Everette	Centennial	Aspen Building (Near the Café)
Tuesday, November 27, 2018	7:30 am -11:30 am	Mrs. Everette	Rampart	Main Entrance (Near the Fountain)

### BUS INFORMATION

**\*\*CORRECTION\*\*** - Buses will **NOT** run as scheduled from RJWAC to PPCC on November 19th & 20th during D11's Thanksgiving break. Students will need to arrange their own transportation on these two days. REMEMBER if D11 closes due to weather, buses will not run from RJWAC to PPCC. If students can still safely attend their classes (and PPCC is open) then they are encouraged to attend, but if they cannot attend, then the absence will be excused for weather only.

### QUESTIONS?

Please contact Ms. Taura at 719-328-2085 or [taura.gandy@d11.org](mailto:taura.gandy@d11.org)



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If you have purchased a King Soopers gift card from Odyssey, and are using it, we are grateful for your support.

If you have not yet purchased a card or have lost your card, please consider purchasing one. You or your student can see Mrs. Kokes in the Service Center at any time to get your card.

The cards are pre-loaded with \$5.00 and the purchase of the card is only \$5.00, so if you do the math, it's actually free.

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Each time the total of all combined reloads by our Odyssey supporters reaches \$5,000.00, Odyssey receives a rebate check for 5% of those reload amounts.

This is currently our only fundraiser that benefits the entire school and supports student and staff activities, so we really need your dedicated support of this fundraiser.

Thank you so much for all you do to support our great school!

## HOW DO I STUDY FOR SPANISH?

The Spanish syllabi state that students need to study for 30 minutes every night but how do you know what to study and how to study effectively? Here are some tips:

\*make flashcards: 15 flashcards are required prior to every test. Make them at the start of the chapter and study them while you are waiting at the dentist, on the bus, etc.

\*Quizlet: if it's on Quizlet, it's on the test. Go to Quizlet.com and search Susan Dallam for study guides for each chapter.

\*Spaleon.com: Having trouble conjugating verbs? This is your site. Pick your tense and make a personal selection of verbs you want to study.

\*Aprenderespanol.org: this site has great activities for every concept you need to know to learn Spanish.

\*Yabla: if your Spanish is more advanced or you want to learn Spanish in context this is the site. District 11 has purchased a subscription; our username and password can be found in 'files' on Office 365 along with videos for each chapter in "Tu Mundo."



## STUDENT COUNCIL EVENTS

**Friday, November 9th.**

**Coffee house is in the black box theatre from 5:00pm-7:30pm.**

**\$4.00 for non-performers and \$2.00 for performers.**

**Snacks and refreshments provided. No other events in November for Stuco.**



**Friday, December 7th: 6:00-9:00pm**

**Dance of Narnia: Foyer by large auditorium.**

**\$10 couple, & \$7 for singles if purchased before 2:45pm, Friday Dec. 7th.**

**Otherwise, the cost at the door is \$10 for everyone.**

**Snacks and refreshments provided.**



## PHOENIX FAMILY FRIDAY COFFEE WITH PRINCIPAL NORMAN

Phoenix Family Friday is an excellent opportunity for families to meet with Principal Norman. This is a time set aside for you to ask questions, share ideas and discuss items in an informal setting. Mr. Norman will also share out information with you regarding upcoming events, items to celebrate and challenges ahead. This is an open time, so come and go as you are available.

Please join us for Phoenix Family Friday, December 7, 7:30-9:30 a.m., room 195.

## PHOENIX OF THE QUARTER CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDENT OF THE QUARTER 1

**Respect**  
**Integrity**  
**Scholarship**  
**Effort**

Congratulations to the Odyssey ECCO Phoenix of the Quarter and the CTE Student of the Quarter!

The Phoenix is nominated and chosen by Odyssey ECCO teachers. The student is selected based upon their character and their choice to demonstrate the Phoenix attributes.



Grade 9	Hadi Alhamadani
Grade 10	Zada Beck
Grade 11	Dev Abney
Grade 12	Anni Mezzofante
Career Pathways	Amelie Pachter



## **ODYSSEY EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER OPTIONS IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!**

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for the following Fall 2018 donations:

**Mr. Darek Marino**  
for his monetary donation, in memory of his mother, Deanne,  
toward Auto Shop scholarships.

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**Mr. Jess Neal**  
for his donation of two Ford E250 vans for use in our  
Career Pathways Automotive Program.

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**Ms. Sandra Banks**  
for her donation of her husband's collection of clamps  
for use in our Career and Technical Education Programs.

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**Ms. Sara Khon**  
for her donation of party decorations for Odyssey-sponsored events.

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