



ODYSSEY ECCO NEWS

December 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS



DECEMBER

- 12/3/2018-12/18/2018 Accuplacer Progress Monitoring Window
- 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 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 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
- 12/19/2018 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



Events, continued...

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719-328-2085

UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED...**JANUARY**

- 1/1/2019 New Year's Day, District 11 Closed
- 1/1/2019 New Year's Day, PPCC Closed
- 1/3/2019 Teacher Work Day – (No Students)
- 1/4/2019 Professional Development Day - (No Students)
- 1/4/2019 Quarter 2 / Semester 1 Grades are available online for students
- 1/7/2019 Students Return**
- 1/7/2019 3rd Quarter / 2nd Semester Begins
- 1/7/2019 School Accountability Committee Night (ALL staff and parents welcome), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- 1/11/2019 Phoenix Family Friday / Morning Coffee with the Principal (Parents) 7:30-9:30 a.m.
- 1/11/2019 ICAP Friday, 11:06-11:36 a.m., Designated Rooms
- 1/14/2019 PPCC Classes Begin / Spring Semester, Classes in Session (PPCC Campus)
- 1/14/2019 PPCC Spring Semester Begins (Odyssey/RJWAC Campus)
- 1/18/2019 Coffee House, 5:00-7:30 p.m., Black Box Theater
- 1/19/19 Educating Children of Color Summit- CC Campus
- 1/21/2019 Martin Luther King Day, District 11 Closed
- 1/24/2019 PPCC Spring Semester No Show Date, (PPCC Campus)
- 1/24/2019 8th Grade Open House, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Large Auditorium
- 1/25/2018 ICAP Friday, 11:06-11:36 a.m., Designated Rooms
- 1/28/2019 PPCC No Show Date, Spring Semester (Odyssey/RJWAC Campus)
- 1/29/2019 PPCC Spring Semester Drop Date, Drop without Penalty (PPCC Campus)
- 1/29/2019 PPCC Drop Date Spring Classes, Drop without Penalty. (Odyssey/RJWAC Campus)

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL NORMAN...



Greetings from Odyssey Early College and Career Options,

It is hard to believe the first semester is almost finished and another break is just a few weeks away. As we look towards the holidays, we need to remember that finals are right around the corner. Students, it is not too late to take advantage of after-school tutoring, study groups or to ask your instructors for one on one help. Do not forget that Odyssey's instructor are there to help support your success! The finals schedule is as follows:

| Odyssey Early College & Career Options Monday, December 17, 2018 | | | | Odyssey Early College & Career Options Tuesday, December 18, 2018 | | | | Odyssey Early College & Career Options Wednesday, December 19, 2018 | | | |
|---|-------|-------|---------|--|-------|-------|---------|--|-------|-------|---------|
| Period | Start | End | Minutes | Period | Start | End | Minutes | Period | Start | End | Minutes |
| FINAL 1 | 7:30 | 9:05 | 95 | FINAL 2 | 7:30 | 9:05 | 95 | FINAL 5 | 7:30 | 9:05 | 95 |
| 2 | 9:10 | 9:57 | 47 | FINAL 3 | 9:10 | 10:45 | 95 | FINAL 6 | 9:10 | 10:45 | 95 |
| 3 | 10:01 | 10:48 | 47 | FINAL 4 | 11:20 | 1:00 | 100 | FINAL 7 | 11:20 | 1:00 | 100 |
| 4 | 10:52 | 11:39 | 47 | Early Dismissal | | | | Early Dismissal | | | |
| Lunch | 11:39 | 12:09 | 30 | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 12:13 | 1:00 | 47 | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 1:04 | 1:51 | 47 | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 1:55 | 2:42 | 47 | | | | | | | | |

Parents and guardians, please note that on December 18th and 19th, we are on an early dismissal schedule. With the exception of Doherty, the D11 comprehensive high schools are also on an early dismissal schedule that releases students at 12 pm. If your student rides a connecting bus from one of the comprehensive high schools, please consider making alternative plans for pick-up. Please reference the Odyssey ECCO Final Exam article, in this newsletter, for detailed information. Thank you for your understanding!

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to all the staff and students for a fantastic first half of the school year. I am impressed by all the beautiful happenings, both in and out of the classroom, and all of your accomplishments. I am excited to witness what the second half of the school year will bring!

Proud to be a Phoenix, Sean Norman





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WELCOME MRS. STRECKFLUS, ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Hello, Odyssey ECCO!

My name is Lorraine Streckfus, and I am the new English instructor. I am very happy join this amazing program. For the past month, I have been observing in English 092 and 121 classes, both of which I'll be teaching in the Spring semester. I've been able to meet students and study the material they are learning. Most importantly, I've had a great gift of time to adjust to an atmosphere and schedule so different from what was familiar to me at Twain Elementary School where I worked for the past five years as a reading interventionist.

I went to Twain from Tesla EOP where I taught Reading. And before Tesla, I was at Harrison High School as a reading interventionist and literacy coach. Along with my public school teaching positions, I have been working as an adjunct instructor at Pikes Peak Community College since 1991. I've taught courses in basic writing skills, fundamentals of writing, technical writing, and English composition.

The students and faculty have been very welcoming and helpful as I get settled in to my new surroundings. I am honored to be a part of this learning community where I hope to give my students the support and skills they need to find success as they pursue their degrees in higher education.

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SPANISH FINALS

Finals are December 17-19 and are cumulative. There is a lot of information to cover so students should start studying now. Questions will be open response, hand-written, short answer and completed on a sheet of paper to turn in. Test questions are computerized so students will need to come with their laptops, pencils and paper. Spanish 111 will cover chapters 1-6, Spanish 211 chapters 12-15. ¡Buena suerte!

D11 APP AND STUDENT PERFORMANCE

We are close to the end of the first semester and the best way to support your student's academic success is to be sure you know where they stand with their grades right now. Did you know that you can set grade alert notification thresholds on the D11 app? Simply click on "Settings" in the D11 app, then on "Configure Alerts," and then the score threshold. You will get only the grade notifications that drop below the threshold you set!

WINTER FORMAL "DANCE OF NARNIA"

The winter formal dance, called the Dance of Narnia, will be hosted in the foyer by the large auditorium. The date is Friday, December 7th, 6-9pm. If you buy early from Mrs. Kokes, tickets are \$10 for couples and \$7 for singles. If purchased at the door, it's \$10 for everyone. There will be snacks and beverages. Hope to see you there!!



DRAMA SEASON

BEGINS IN JANUARY

This year's play, *Over Realm'd*, by J. Patrick Moss, is Odyssey Drama's most ambitious play yet. It requires seventeen actors (not to mention understudies) and five scene changes. Synopsis, short version: "When some friends gather to play their weekly role-playing game, Realm, a wish goes awry, a portal opens, and they find themselves falling through a void to the lush grasses of a distant, unfamiliar land." The gamers then encounter all kinds of geeky weirdness in order to fulfill their quests and return to Kris' basement. Drama club will meet Wednesdays after school starting January 9.



Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable! Reach parents in your local community & a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school! Businesses that want to sponsor this school, please contact TSCA at info@tscaschools.com or 970-239-1641.



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Questions? Please contact Ms. Taura at 719-328-2085 or taura.gandy@d11.org



IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

Galileo & Accuplacer Testing

November 26, 2018 - December 3, 2018

See Testing Schedule for specific times

PPCC Classes End December 16, 2018

Educating Children of Color Summit

January 19, 2019

Registration is open NOW – December 23, 2018

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

OFF CAMPUS STUDENT INFORMATION

PPCC Schedules for Spring 2019

If you have not turned in your PPCC Schedule for Spring Semester, it is now PAST DUE!

Please bring in a copy or email a screenshot of your schedule to Ms. Taura taura.gandy@d11.org

Bus Information

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. *Students are responsible for notifying their instructors to have absences excused.*

SENIOR INFO

Senior Photos & Quotes

DUE-January 15, 2019

Please submit to Mrs. Banfield – angela.banfield@d11.org

Your photos must meet the following requirements:
 Head and shoulder shots only
 300 resolution
 No hands, hats or props
 Must be in dress code
 Your quotes will be looked at and reviewed by yearbook staff. Please be mature.

SCHOLARSHIP INFO

Daniels Scholarship Program

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

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

Students/Parents/Guardians can access additional scholarships in Naviance.

<https://succeed.naviance.com/district/scholarshipsmain/scholarships.php>

Galileo & Accuplacer Testing Schedule (On Campus Students Only)

| November 26-30th | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Galileo Testing | (HS CCR) |
| Monday, Nov 26 | All English Classes Testing |
| Tuesday, Nov 27 | All English Classes Testing |
| Wednesday, Nov 28 | Makeup Tests |
| Thursday, Nov 29 | All Math Classes Testing |
| Friday, Nov 30 | Makeup Tests |
| December 3rd | |
| ACCUPLACER Testing | |
| Students will be pulled via passes. Testing will begin at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm | |

VISUAL AND DESIGN ARTS STUDENTS FROM CAREER PATHWAYS OUT AND ABOUT

“November is a kick-off to the fun and festive holiday season, and our Visual and Design Arts students embraced this tradition throughout the community!

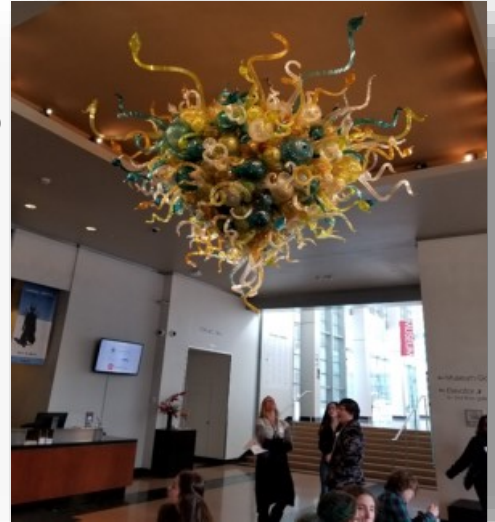
On November 13th, Visual and Design Arts students took a field trip to the Fine Arts Center, home to world-class art right in the heart of Colorado Springs.



Students were able to experience fine art in person, and spark creative ideas to bring back to their classrooms. Our students also participated in the local

arts community with selections of their works being showcased in Roscoe’s Coffee Shop. Gisselle Palma

(Digital), JJ Salazar (Odyssey ECCO), Olyvia Alaniz (Odyssey ECCO), and Ray Bivens (Tesla) all have their art work displayed for the community to enjoy! Please stop by, enjoy a cup of coffee, and help celebrate our Visual and Design Arts students!”



CAREER PATHWAYS GEARS UP FOR 8TH GRADE ENROLLMENT SEASON



“As the Fall Semester begins to slow down, it is time to begin thinking about what comes next – which in District 11, means 8th Grade Enrollment Season! Career Pathways is excited to work with middle schools throughout the district to engage students in meaningful career conversations, and begin to spark interest in postsecondary workforce readiness. We have presented to students from Mann Middle School and West Middle School, and will be traveling to Sabin Middle School and Holmes Middle School next week. These presentations have allowed students to gain an understanding of the option to attend Career

Pathway classes throughout high school, and opened the opportunity for questions and career exploration. Career Pathways also had the opportunity to connect with 8th grade students, and their families, at the Palmer Preview, an open house night to introduce high school options to D11 middle school students. This event spread the word throughout the community about the amazing opportunities students have in Career Pathways to gain high school and college credit, earn industry certifications, and engage in work-based learning! We are looking forward to more open houses at Mitchell High School, Coronado High School, and Doherty High School in the spring semester.”

SAC MEETING NOTES FOR 3 DECEMBER 2018

Attendance:

Sean Norman (Principal)
Anni Mezzofante (Parent)
Joseph Mezzofante (Parent)

Notes of Interest:

Some of the Career Pathway's courses are getting additional articulation through PPCC for college credit. Multimedia/Journalism, Business, and the Information Technology courses are receiving the articulations.

General census concluded that the SAC meeting needs to adhere to an agenda. Mr Norman initially was going to create an agenda. As SAC Chair, Mr Mezzofante volunteered to take over creating the agenda since it is a duty of the Chair. The members in attendance agreed that Mr Mezzofante should do the agenda.

School attendance has been steady at 94%. This is well above the District's attendance average. There were no serious behavior or discipline issues in Odyssey ECCO

The member that mentioned getting gear donated for the Biology lab during the last SAC meeting was not in attendance. There was no update to that suggestion.

The school is looking for volunteers to help find grants for the school to use. This task is too broad for one individual to address. If you are interested, please email Mr Mezzofante at mezzofantej@gmail.com. Mrs Mezzofante is currently looking into grants. She stated that there are all types of grants and that the school needs to determine the needs before submitting for possible grants. She has already forwarded some grants to those she already knew might be interested. Mr Norman will ask the staff for a wish list of what they might need.

Odyssey ECCO has been looking in ways to better recruit students that would benefit from the programs offered. Researching studies done on enrollment recruiting has determined that referral is king. Charter schools are offering cash bonuses for referrals. Being that Odyssey ECCO is a public school, this is not a viable option. The staff is currently investigation options that will be feasible. As it stands, most schools in D11 have declined in enrollment. Odyssey ECCO was one of the few schools that actually grew in population. The school would like to continue that trend.

The past GT (Gifted and Talented) night for D11 school options has concluded last week. Odyssey ECCO had a table and talked with GT students from primarily elementary schools. Attendance was down from the previous year. The SAC believes this was probably because of the location. It was held at the Tesla building which is in the SE portion of the D11 footprint. The previous year, it was held at the Roy J Wasson campus. Wasson is more centralized in D11 and easier for most families to get to.

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SAC MEETING NOTES, *CONTINUED..*

Odyssey ECCO has some principles that match the program “Capturing Kids’ Hearts”. Mr Mezzofante received training through the D11 SAC training recently. He thought this would be a good program to use if the school could be added to the D11 program. Only a few schools are in the program. Those schools have shown growth that can be partly credited to the “Capturing Kids’ Hearts” mind set. Mr Norman is already trained in the program and agrees that Odyssey can benefit from this. Mr Mezzofante will attempt to contact the program about getting the school included.

The SAC reviewed the school budget and found no issues. Funding is available for achieving the district's goal of 1 to 1 laptops for students and teachers. The funds will be used to update the teachers’ laptops. Funding will also be used for future upgrades for students as the laptops age.

The school’s calendar on the website is not being updated. Mr Norman will have the appropriate staff member look into updating the calendar. Mr Mezzofante also offered to assist the staff member in updating the calendar.

Due outs for the next meeting:

SAC Agenda – Mr Mezzofante

Capturing Kids’ Hearts program for Odyssey ECCO – Mr Mezzofante

Grant Limits – Mr Mezzofante

Finding grants for the school – Mrs Mezzofante

Wish List/Grant needs from the staff – Mr Norman

Contacting correct staff about updating the school’s calendar – Mr Norman



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