



ODYSSEY ECCO *NEWS*

March 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH



3/1/2019-3/15/2019—Accuplacer Progress Monitoring Window

3/1/2019— Phoenix Family Friday / Morning Coffee with the Principal (Parents)
7:30-9:30 a.m.

3/4/2019— School Accountability Committee Night (ALL staff and parents welcome)
4:30-6:00 p.m.

3/8/2018—ICAP Friday, 11:06-11:36 a.m., Designated Rooms

3/8/2019—Coffee House, 5:00-7:30 p.m., Black Box Theater

3/8/2019—End of 3rd Quarter

3/9/2019—PPCC “Select Students” (off campus students) take their SAT with their
SAT Saturday Waiver—Enrollment ended on 2/8/2018

3/11/2019—Teacher Work Day, (No Students)

3/11/2019—Quarter 3 Grades are available online for students

3/12/2019—Beginning of 4th Quarter

3/15/2019—Crew vs. Crew Team Building Activity, After School (Hosted by Link
Crew)

3/15/2019—PPCC Graduation Ceremony Application Deadline

Students Completing Associates Degree

3/22/2019—ICAP Friday, 11:06-11:36 a.m., Designated Rooms

3/25-29/2019—Spring Break, District 11 Closed

3/25-29/2019—Spring Break, PPCC (Open, No Classes in Session)

Events, continued...

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719-328-2085**

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL



4/1/2019— Staff Meeting, 3:00-4:10 p.m., Dance Studio

4/1/2019— School Accountability Committee Night (ALL staff and parents welcome), 4:30-6:00 p.m.

4/5/2019— Phoenix Family Friday / Morning Coffee with the Principal (Parents) 7:30-9:30 a.m.

4/9/2019—CO SAT, 11th Grade Students (School Day testing for off campus students who missed March test day)

4/10/2019—CO PSAT for 9th and 10th grade

4/10-19/2019—CO PSAT Make-Up Dates

4/10-12/2019- SKILLSUSA Leadership Conference, Colorado Springs

4/12/2019—ICAP Friday, 11:06-11:36 a.m., Designated Rooms

4/12/2019—PPCC Spring Semester Withdrawal Date (PPCC Campus)

4/12/2019—Concurrent Enrollment Form Deadline

4/12/2019—(SC)2 State Leadership Conference @ Arapahoe Community College

4/15/2019—CMAS testing for 11th grade

4/17-19/2019—FCCLA 2019 State Leadership Conference @ the Sheraton Downtown Denver

4/18/2019—*Over Realm'd* performance, 6:30 p.m., Large Auditorium

4/19/2019—*Over Realm'd* performance, 6:30 p.m., Large Auditorium

4/19/2019—Ice Cream Social, After School (Hosted by Link Crew)

4/29/2019—Data Collaboration Day - (No Students)

4/22-26/2019-- - Sources of Strength week

4/22/2019—Mid-Quarter 4 grades are available online for students

4/22-24/2019- FBLA-PBL 2019 State Leadership Conference @ the Gaylord of the Rockies, Denver

4/23/2019—CO SAT Make-Up test date

4/25/2019—National Honor Society Award Ceremony, 6:00 p.m.

4/26/2019—Prom, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Large Auditorium Foyer

4/26/2019—ICAP Friday, 11:06-11:36 a.m., Designated Rooms

4/26/2019—PPCC Withdrawal Date, Spring Semester (Odyssey/RJWAC Campus)

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL NORMAN...

Dear Families,

Spring is on its way and so are some important dates in March. Juniors will be taking the SAT on **Saturday, March 9th** at their location of choice. Students registered for the SAT with the help of Dr. Lamphere in February and are ready to test. Due to the Saturday testing date, Juniors will not need to miss any of their concurrent enrollment courses. If you have any questions regarding testing or are running into any issues, please reach out to Dr. Lamphere ASAP! **If your student does not attend the March 9th testing date, they will be required to make up the test on Tuesday, April 9th at Odyssey ECCO.**

In the meantime, 9th and 10th grade students are gearing up for the PSAT. Since the start of the school year, instructors have been using last year's testing data to customize their curriculum to close identified learning gaps. Additionally, students in certain core classes have been using Khan Academy to help prepare them for the PSAT and SAT. Khan Academy released a study two years ago indicating that studying for the SAT/PSAT for 20 hours on Khan Academy was associated with 115 point score gain on average. This is no small gain. Although students use class time for this practice, it is encouraged for students to practice at home as well.

Next, the end of the 3rd quarter is March 8th. Please take the time to check your student's progress as we move into the end of the school year. 3rd quarter grades for non-concurrent enrollment courses should be viewable in Parent connect on March 11.

Finally, in typical Colorado fashion, our weather has let us know that it's not ready to give up on winter just yet. Although students have Spring Break on their minds, please be aware that March is typically our snowiest month of the year. Please pay attention to your D11 Loop app, social media, and email for updates about any closures or delays.

Sincerely,

Sean Norman



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



Juniors – The SAT test is this Saturday, March 9th

Please make sure you bring the following items with you on test day:
Your printed admission ticket. Tickets on a smartphone will not be accepted.
Acceptable photo ID.
Two No. 2 pencils with erasers.
An acceptable calculator w/ extra batteries.

Calculators can be checked out from Odyssey if needed.

A list of Approved Calculators can be found on the CollegeBoard website. <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/taking-the-test/calculator-policy>

Important Dates & Events

Yearbook Photo Day

March 8, 2019

ALL DAY

Attention - Juniors, Seniors and New Students who have not had their picture taken for the yearbook. Mrs. Banfield will be taking photos for the yearbook in her classroom during the day on Friday. Please stop by anytime to get your picture taken!

SAT Testing for ALL Juniors

March 9, 2019

7:45 am at the testing location you selected when registering

2019 African American Youth Leadership Conference (AAYLC)

March 9, 2019

7:30 am - 4:15 pm

FREE Registration! <https://www.aaylc-co.org/>

NO SCHOOL – D11 Teacher Workday

March 11, 2019

Classes at PPCC are as scheduled and buses **WILL** run from the RJWAC to PPCC

PPCC Graduation Ceremony Deadline (Students Completing Associates Degree in May)

March 15, 2019

Students **MUST** apply in order to participate in the PPCC Graduation Ceremony

Spring Break – D11 Closed / PPCC Open - No Classes Scheduled

March 25, 2019 - March 29, 2019

Senior Info

The option to remain with Odyssey until students turn 21, is changing!

If you **DID NOT** attend Senior Meeting 2 (Option A or B) to find out how this change will impact you, please contact Ms. Taura immediately to schedule an appointment with your counselor.

Senior Meeting 3

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

The time and location of this meeting are TBD

This is also Senior's last day and Senior Celebration Day. This meeting is for students participating in Odyssey ECCO's Graduation Ceremony (5th year seniors do not need to attend).

Counseling, continued...

ODYSSEY ECCO COUNSELING CONNECTIONS, CONTINUED

Cap & Gown Orders

Package price is **\$27.25**

Students may order, with cash or check, through Mrs. Kokes, Business Manager at Odyssey, or students may order directly through the PPCC Bookstore by following the directions below.

Go to www.PPCCbookstore.com/

Click on **Shop Course Materials**

Click on dropdown arrow at **Merchandise**

Click on **Graduation**

Under **Caps, Gowns, & Alumni Gear**, click the **ORDER HERE** button

*A PPCC Tassel is included in package; however, an Odyssey tassel will be gifted to our Odyssey graduates and will be used in our graduation ceremony.

**If this purchase is a financial hardship for the student's family, please contact Mrs. Kokes at 719-328-2092 or Tamara.Kokes@D11.org to arrange access to one of the few sets that Odyssey has available for loan.

Graduation Requirements

The following must be completed and/or submitted before being allowed to participate in Odyssey's Graduation Ceremony:

- Academic Credits – you must complete all 46 High School Credits OR have a receipt for summer school (must be missing 1 or 2 credits only)
- ICAP (See below for more details)
- Completed continuation card
- 2019-2020 Concurrent Enrollment Agreement (if applicable)
- Counseling Items – the following must be sent via e-mail to Mrs. Johnson or to Mrs. Everette:
- Resume – Must be updated for 2019 (or you can create one in Naviance)
- Scholarship Application List – List of all scholarships you have applied for (you must apply for at least 1)
- College Decision – Indicate the school you will attend next year (if you are not attending college, state what you will be doing next year)
- Scholarships Awarded and Accepted – Indicate the name of the scholarship, the amount, and if it is a renewable or nonrenewable scholarship
- PPCC Associate Degree – let us know when you apply for graduation, the degree that you will earn, and when you have been confirmed as a graduate

Counseling, continued...



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ODYSSEY ECCO COUNSELING CONNECTIONS, CONTINUED

Senior ICAP Completion

Seniors must have a completed ICAP in order to graduate high school.

The requirements for ICAP completion are:

1. FAFSA – completed by both student and parents for next school year (2019-2020)*
2. College applications - entered in Naviance (you must have applied to at least one college). You must first list the college names under the colleges I'm thinking about section and then you must move them to your application list.
3. Postsecondary Goal - Updated in Naviance (this must include what you are planning to do next year, i.e. military, gap year, Univ. of ___, etc.)
4. Add 2 Careers to List – in Naviance
5. Senior Exit Survey – in Naviance
6. Resume – Must be updated for 2019 (or you can create one in Naviance)

* or students must have a FAFSA waiver on file.

OFF CAMPUS STUDENT INFORMATION

Advising at PPCC - Centennial Campus

Mrs. Everette & Mrs. Johnson will be at PPCC - Centennial Campus (Aspen Building near the Café) starting February 25th and February 26th.

Mondays, from 7:30-11:30am – Mrs. Johnson (No advising on March 11th)

Tuesdays, from 7:30-11:30am – Mrs. Everette

Bus Information

IMPORTANT - PPCC busses **do not** run on days that District 11 is closed. However, please be advised that **March 11th** is a D11 teacher work day and PPCC busses **WILL** run.

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.*

Scholarship Info

2019 Peterson/Schriever/Cheyenne Mountain Spouses' Club Scholarship

Application Deadline: March 15, 2019

<https://www.pscspousesclub.org/>

BE The Whale Scholarship Colorado High School Art Students (1 Award of \$1,000)

Submission Deadline: April 15, 2019

<http://www.bethewhale.com/colorado/>

2019 Prosperous Investments Scholarship Essay Contest (1 Award of \$1,500)

Application Deadline: May 31, 2019

<http://pprosperllc.com/scholarship-contest.html>

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

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

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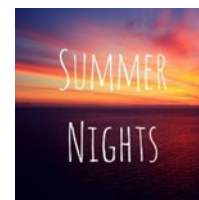
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FROM STUDENT COUNCIL

COFFEE HOUSE: FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH
5:00-7:30PM
BLACK BOX THEATRE

\$1 for performers and \$3 for guests. Please come and join us to watch those perform, socialize, and have a great time! Oh yes, there will be coffee, punch, and snacks provided!


PROM COMING UP IN APRIL!
FIRST NIGHT OF SUMMER!



FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH 6-9PM IN THE CAFETERIA!

Buy your tickets early from Mrs. Kokes in the service center to save!

\$10 singles and \$15 couples Otherwise, \$15 when paying at the door Friday, April 26th upon entering. Food and refreshments provided!




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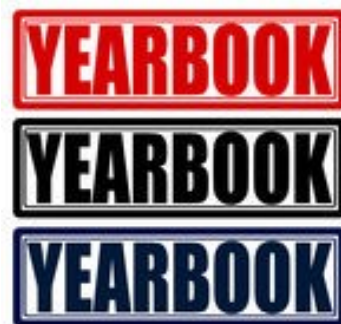
GET YOUR YEARBOOK!!!!

Students can purchase their yearbook for the 2018-2019 school year by contacting Mrs. Kokes (719) 328-2092. Each book is \$25. They will be distributed on May 15th at the Senior celebration. The Order deadline to assure that your yearbook is included in our order from the publisher is March 30th, 2019.

Three ways to buy:

1. Students may purchase by **cash or check** from Mrs. Kokes in the Service Center at Odyssey ECCO.
2. Mail a **check** to:

Odyssey ECCO
2115 Afton Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Attention: Tamara Kokes
Please make check payable to Odyssey ECCO and note "Yearbook"



3. Pay by **credit or debit card** online at MySchoolBucks.com

Go to www.D11.org

Click on Parents & Community

Click on MySchoolBucks

In the school store, you will find Odyssey Early College & Career Options Yearbook

SENIORS, GRADUATES OF 2019, AND OFF CAMPUS STUDENTS...

Yearbook needs your ID photo. Many of the off-campus students did not have an ID photo taken for District 11. However, yearbook is required to have your photo if you are a student for the school. Come to Mrs. Banfield's room, 192, on Friday to have your ID photo taken. She is available all day, so your schedule will fit hers.

PARENTS OF GRADUATING SENIORS

Honor your graduate by purchasing an ad slot in the back of the yearbook. The yearbook will be in full color this year and is only \$25. You can add pictures, messages, and family mottos. If you would like to honor your senior by sending them a message at the back of the book, please contact Mrs. Banfield at 328-2082. Ad prices are as follows: \$50 for ¼ page, \$100 for ½ page, \$200 for a full page.

FEBRUARY SNAPSHOT OF CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS

Offered through Odyssey ECCO

Located in the Roy J. Wasson Academic Campus

Hospitality

Instructor: Andrea Aragon

FCCLA Spanish Peaks District Conference was held at the Tesla Professional Development building in District #11. Students competed in STAR events practicing for the State Conference April 17-19, 2019. FCCLA held a Dream Dinner's fundraiser in February and we will be holding more fundraisers in March and April. The ProStart State Culinary Competition is being held in Denver on Feb. 28 and March 1.

Human Services & Education

Instructor: Annie Friesema

Paraprofessional Educator students started their internships this last week. They are working at several District #11 Elementary schools, under the direction of special education teacher. These students are learning how to manage student behavior and use a variety of instructional strategies. Early Childhood Education students continue to shine in their preschool internship experiences. Bijou student, Hazilynn Stephans was recently offered a job at her placement. The Child Development students will start their Safe Sitter's certification next week and have been completing observations in the Early Learning Center here on campus. Additionally, students attended the FCCLA Spanish Peaks District Conference at the Tesla Professional Development building in District #11. Students competed in STAR events practicing for the State Conference being held April 17-19, 2019. FCCLA also held a Dream Dinner fundraiser in February and we will be holding more fundraisers in March and April.

Pictured below is Ana Murillo, ECE student. She is interning at the Early Learning Center located on the RJWAC. Dream Dinners picture includes Mrs. Friesema, Miracle Baxter, Julie Riddle, Ariel Dowler, Breeann Allen and Tricia Sellars.



FEBRUARY SNAPSHOT OF CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS, CONTINUED...**Journalism & Digital Media**

Instructor: Angela Banfield

Textbook for social media, includes a simulation. Curriculum is updated weekly. Skype class on Ethics from Newseum on March 7th

Transportation/Automotive

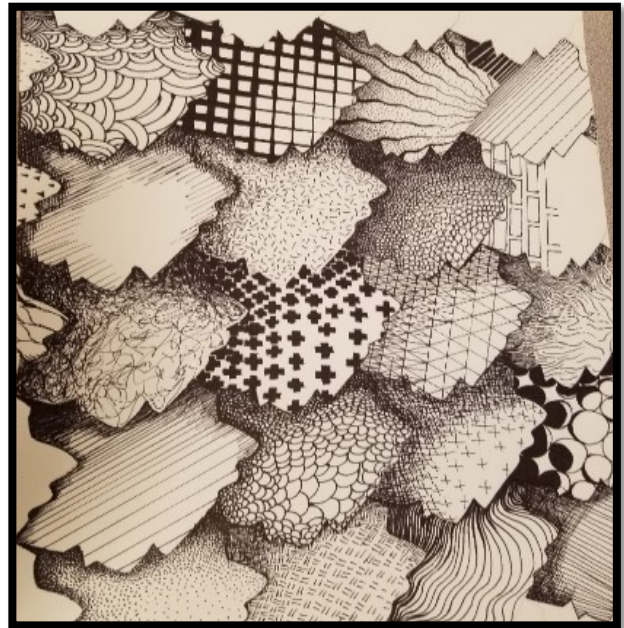
Instructor: Mike Chesire

Automotive students went to Skills USA Region V competition at Pikes Peak Community College. Students took 5th and 7th place.

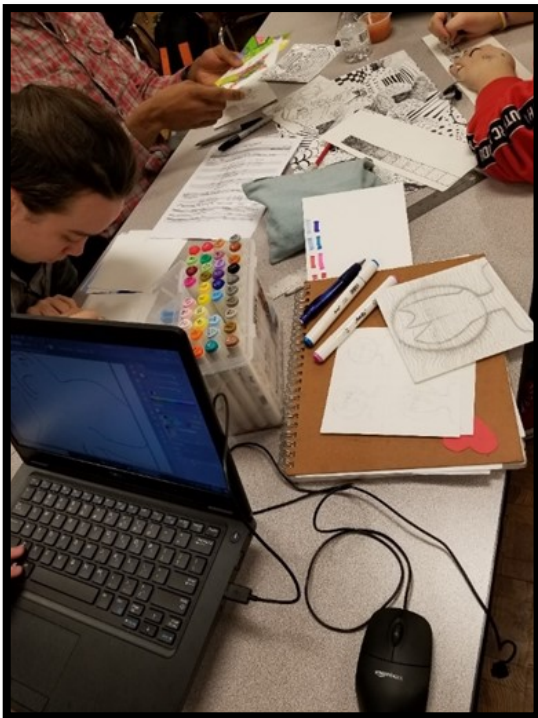
Visual & Design Arts:

Instructor: Jennifer Coil

Color & Design 1 Value Study Using Tessellations



**Working hard in the art room
using a variety of media**



SUDO CYBER CTSO MEMBERS DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

Five members of our sudoCYBER CTSO (Career & Technology Student Organization) participated in a D11 CTE exhibition on February 27th. Our students did a stellar job of showcasing their expertise in robotics programming, networking and cybersecurity for a group of approximately 40 senior D11 taxpayers.

The exhibition attendees were wow'd by our students.

A direct quote from one of the attendees:

"These interactions blew these gentlemen's minds, they were so impressed and completely surprised D11 produces students of this caliber. Kudos to you and the students."



FROM THE D11 ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Our school district is in the midst of designing a new strategic plan that will guide us in the future. Many parents/guardians, community members, students and staff gave their input last month on what they would like to see in a strategic plan. That data is now available, along with updates on the progress of the strategic plan design, by visiting www.d11.org/strategicplan. Check this website regularly for updates on future opportunities to give your input on the future of our school district!