



Newsletter

Outlook Academy

May 2024



Student Reminders:

Student ID Procedures:

Students are required to wear their OA ID. Students are not allowed on campus without an ID. If you lose your ID, you must report to the main office to purchase a temporary ID. Students are not allowed in the hallway without a school ID.

Ventra Cards:

Lost, stolen, or damaged Ventra cards require new paperwork and a \$10 replacement fee. Please see Mr. Valant and/or Mrs. Verdin.

Attendance:

All student absences and/or early dismissals should be reported to the OA Main Office at 708-225-5875.

Our Truancy Department and Officer Owens conduct daily attendance checks. Questions about attendance should be directed to Officer Owens at 708-225-5871.



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708-225-5875 or 708-225-5879

Upcoming Events

For parent Information, comments, or concerns regarding attendance please contact Truancy Officer Owens at 708-225-5871.

- Remember to call the office when your student is going to be absent at 708-225-5875 or 5869.
- Please visit our webpage at www.district205.net/domain/315 to view pictures, download forms, get access to other links, and much more.

Parents/guardians of students may access attendance, grades, and assignments using one log-in at: <https://powerschool.ttdistrict205.net/public>

District 205 Credit Recovery 2023-2024

Mrs. Patricia Malopsy-Fortier
District Credit Recovery Program
Administrator

If you have any questions regarding Credit Recovery, please contact your Home School Counselor and/or credit Recovery Building Coordinator or visit the district website: www.district205.net/areasofinstruction/creditrecovery

Outlook Academy
Mr. Josh Folsom
OA Credit Recovery Coordinator
folsom.joshua@district205.net



ACCESS Testing for English Learners which assesses proficiency in the domains of reading, writing, listening, and speaking will be approaching quickly in January.

If you need assistance in your classes, please reach out to me in 3495 or email me at cwest@ttdistrict205.net

We will have another Honors and Attendance Awards Celebration in March and I hope students are aiming to be a part of it!

Look for information coming soon on a Girls' Group to meet for mentoring, discussion, and support.



Paul Arrington, May 2nd

Kevin Martin, May 16th

Amy Goodman, May 30th

May

2024

From: Patricia A. Malopsy Fortier, Program Administrator

Dear D205 Staff:

May is finally here and this month we celebrate our Staff. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering commitment and dedication to our students. Your tireless efforts have not only filled their minds with knowledge but also touched their hearts in profound ways.

To our remarkable educators, thank you for not only teaching the curriculum but also imparting life lessons that will stay with our students forever. Your influence has truly transformed their perspectives, and we are deeply grateful for everything you do.

From the first day of school to the complex equations, you guide our students patiently, instilling both knowledge and values. Whether it is a lesson that sparks a passion, words of encouragement during tough times, or simply your unwavering belief in their potential, every gesture deserves gratitude.

Your dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment never cease to amaze me! On behalf of our team at Outlook Academy, I extend heartfelt gratitude for your invaluable contribution to our D205 family and community. The success of our district is built on the foundations laid by educators like you.

Thank you for being role models, mentors, and guiding lights in our students' lives. Your impact extends far beyond the confines of the classroom, shaping the future of thoughtful leaders.

I wish everyone a smooth ending to the school year and a peaceful and restful summer filled with laughs and the making of great memories.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Paul Arrington's Birthday		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Teacher Appreciation Week 🍷 Cinco de Mayo			Board of Education Meeting			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day				Keven Martin's Birthday		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Graduation	Final Exams	Final Exams	Last Day for Teachers			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Memorial Day			Amy Goodman's Birthday		



Outlook Academy

STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Academic Support

In other news...

Seniors...

All D205 Graduations will be at your home schools on Sunday, May 19th. Make sure you meet all the requirements to be cleared for graduation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see me in office 3481 or email me ASAP, pmartin@ttdistrict205.net

Mrs. Martin's Counselor's Corner



Martin's Motivation:

"You got one like, rock it. You got one gift, give it. You got one life, live it. You got one love, just give it."

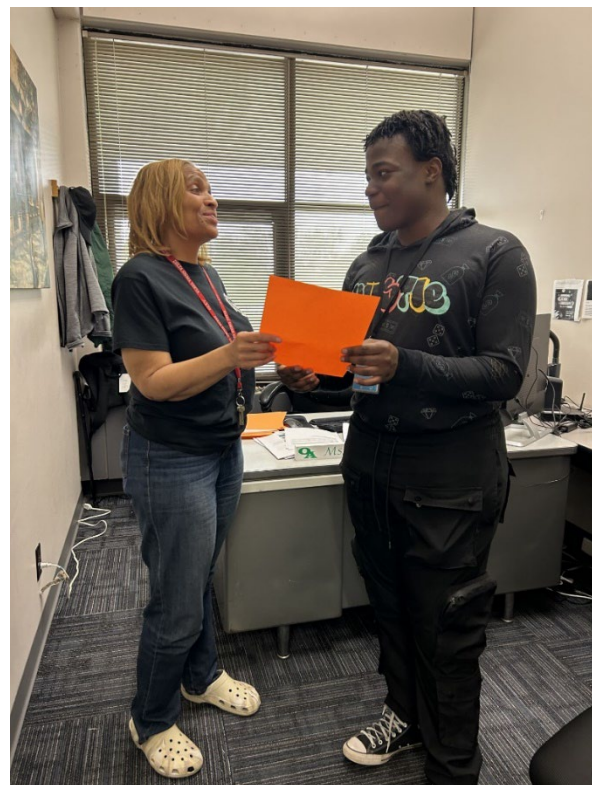
~ Dr. Ish Major

Announcements and Reminders

Students, remember to access your PowerSchool by:

- Username: your ID #
- Password: Hit the reset/forgot my password button to make your own password.

Your password can only be reset, using your Chromebook.



- Students who took the SAT on All School Testing Day on March 26, 2024, **AND** have a College Board Student Account, started getting their scores released to them on Thursday, April 18th.
- SAT Make Up Day was 04.16.2024.
- Our junior students took the Illinois Science Assessment in the month of April.



From the Desk of Ms. Cheryl West MTSS/EL

Finishing the senior year strong is crucial as it sets the tone for your transition into the next phase of life. Here are some pieces of advice:

1. **Stay Organized:** Keep track of important deadlines, exams, and projects. Utilize planners, calendars, or digital apps to stay on top of your schedule.
2. **Prioritize:** Focus on tasks that have the most significant impact on your grades and future goals. Identify your priorities and allocate your time and energy accordingly.
3. **Manage Time Wisely:** Break down your tasks into smaller, manageable chunks. Set aside specific times for studying, completing assignments, and relaxation. Avoid procrastination and use your time efficiently.
4. **Seek Help When Needed:** Don't hesitate to ask for help from teachers if you're struggling with coursework. They're there to support you and can offer valuable assistance and guidance.
5. **Maintain Balance:** While academics are important, remember to take care of your physical and mental well-being. Make time for activities you enjoy, exercise regularly, get enough sleep, and practice stress-relief techniques.
6. **Stay Motivated:** Keep your long-term goals in mind and remind yourself of the reasons why finishing strong is important to you. Celebrate your achievements along the way to stay motivated and focused.
7. **Prepare for the Future:** Whether you're heading to college, starting a job, or pursuing other opportunities, use this time to prepare for the next chapter of your life. Research your options, complete necessary applications or paperwork, and plan for a smooth transition.
8. **Stay Positive:** Finally, maintain a positive attitude and believe in your ability to succeed. Stay resilient in the face of challenges and setbacks and remember that your hard work and dedication will pay off in the end.

As we finish this year, we hope everyone continues to finish off strongly. We continue to celebrate our students for their positive behavior here at Outlook and wish everyone a smooth and successful finish to the year!



WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

Financial Aid Department

*From the Desk of Ms. Briana Holmes
College and Careers*

Students must use District Gmail to gain access to Google Classroom.

Completion and Confirmation of FAFSA and South Suburban College Application is REQUIRED for Graduation from Outlook.

COMPLETE FAFSA

BEGIN the 2023-2024 FAFSA TODAY!
Enrollment has opened! South Suburban College CODE: 001769

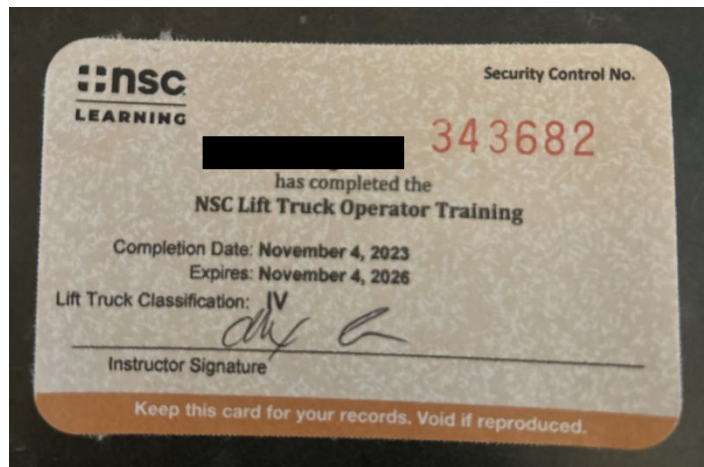
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

FAFSA Instructions

<https://www.ssc.edu/admissions-registration/financial-aid/>

If you have any questions or concerns or call regarding your FAFSA please email at: 708-596-2000 ext. 3575 or email bholmes@ttddistrict205.net

I love to see our students prosper and be happy when they accomplish things, they put so much effort into. We have another OA student certified in Forklift and will be looking forward to jumping into the working world! I would also like to Thank Ms. Neita, and Ms. Brownlee for the teamwork that has been put into our partnership with the Urban League. Our students are thriving and getting many opportunities. The students are applying and going on job interviews with more confidence than ever.





Math Department

From the Desk of Mrs. Garza



As we draw near to the culmination of another academic year, my heart swells with pride and appreciation for the remarkable journey we have undertaken in my math classes. From

developing the number sense to delving into the more abstract realms of algebra and geometry, our classroom has been a bustling hub of exploration and learning. Students have eagerly embraced each new challenge, approaching problem-solving tasks with a blend of curiosity and wonder. This year has truly been a period of discovery, growth, and, most importantly, progress. As my students prepare to embark on the next phase of their educational journey, I wish for them to internalize the invaluable lesson that mistakes are not stumbling blocks but



steppingstones to improvement. Here is to a future where every setback spark curiosity, every obstacle fuels determination, and every error inspires a steadfast commitment to learn and grow.

From the Desk of Mr. Bailey

The second Semester of statistics is ending here in May. We have just completed our work on mean median and mode and their relationships with the normal distribution. The students will finish the quarter with frequency tables. During the next several weeks we will explore frequency tables. We will understand how frequency graphs can help display information in different forms.

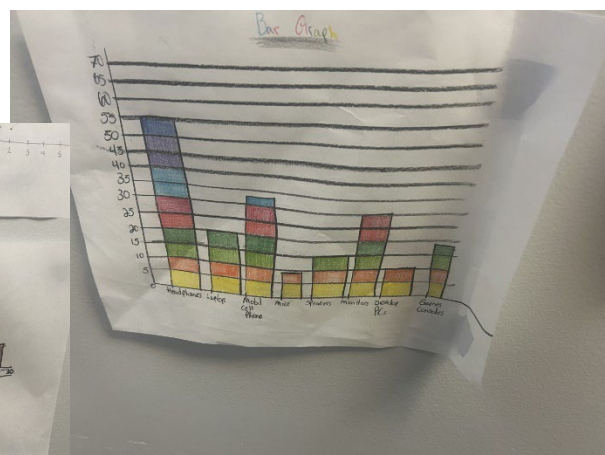
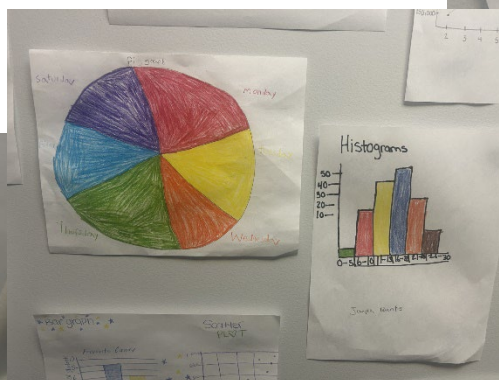
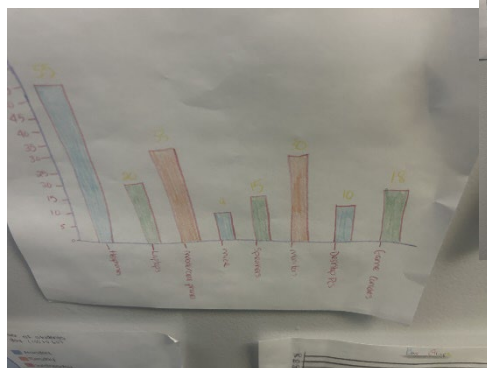
You should have received an email, at the email on record, with your students' current grade. If you have any questions concerning their grade, please email me. (rbailey@ttdistrict205.net)

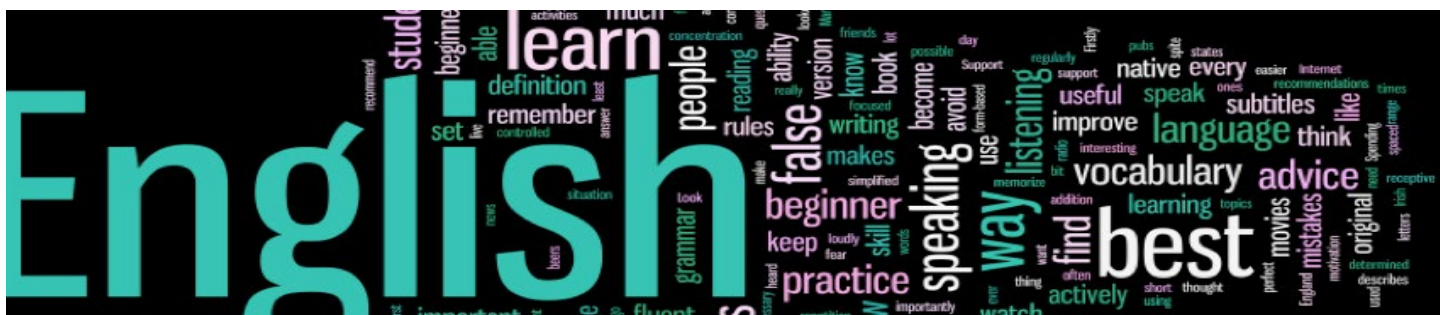
The pictures below are of students creating their own graphs. Students will continue to create graphs in the next section. The students will continue to analyze their graphs and apply them to their life.

Week 8 – 5/6 to 5/10 - Frequency Tables

Week 9 – 5/13 to 5/17 - Assessment and Project

Final – 5/17 or 5/20 - Finals





English Department

From the Desk of Mrs. Goodman

We are at the end of the semester and really working hard to finish strong! English IV S1 has finished their research and will turn in their research papers by May 8. We will reflect on the semester during their final exam time. English IV S2 has finished reading two novels this semester and is compiling the evidence of their personal quests into a slide show.

Congratulations to all of graduates on really working hard to catch up and graduate with the Class of 2024. Good luck to all of you!

Upcoming stuff:

Summer Break and Summer Credit Recovery



From the Desk of Mr. Folsom



In Mr. Folsom's class, we are all working hard to get our seniors to graduation status! Essays, homework, missing assignments, credit recovery! Students are working to motivate each other because they all want to walk the stage together in a few weeks!

We are working on our final career projects, in which the students give presentations on their dream career, as well as their future selves in that career (where they will live, etc.)

It is a very exciting time of the year for Outlook!

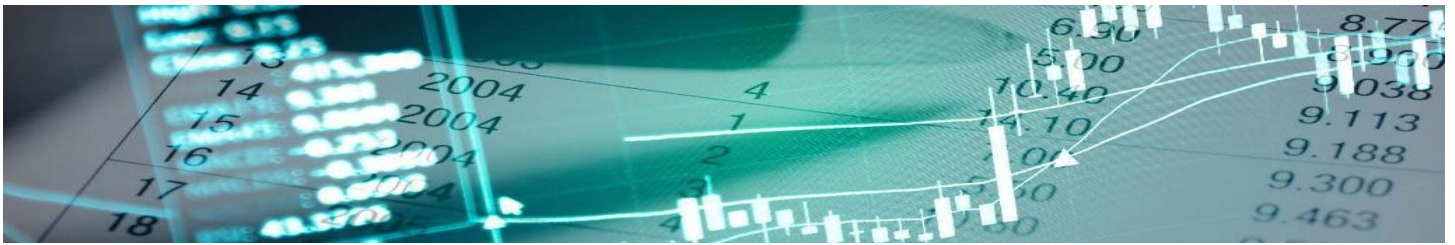


From the Desk of Mr. Davidson

Outlook Reading congratulates all our 2023-2024 graduates. These successful students worked hard and

devoted much time and energy to completing the requirements for graduation from District 205. Each one will be moving on to important decisions and transitions in their personal lives. Some will be entering the workforce; others will continue to

further their education, and a few will decide to serve their country in the military. Whichever path these fine graduates follow, we wish them well as they move ahead in their lives!



Business Department

From the Desk of Ms. Digiacomo



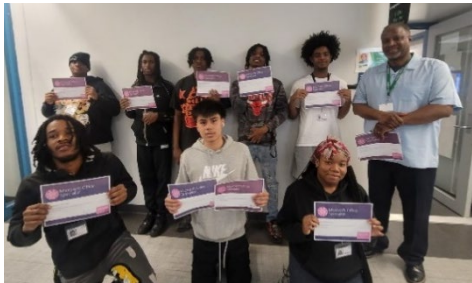
The end of the year is coming so quickly! The students are currently working on the unit covering payroll. They can calculate gross pay through hourly rates, commissions, royalties, and piecework pay. The students are learning how to calculate net pay through calculating deductions such as federal income tax, state income tax, and FICA. They will eventually learn how to calculate health insurance deductions as well.

Accounting Semester 1

The students are covering cash control for their final unit. This includes how to write a check, update a check register, complete a check stub, bank reconciliations, and petty cash funds. They can understand how important cash control is for a business.

From the Desk of Mr. Arrington

This school year, Outlook Academy students have passed 84 Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification exams in MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint 2016 / 2019. ACA students also completed their personal resumes as they seek summer employment opportunities. Below are the names of all students with at least one MOS certification this school year.



Special congratulations to Yamilet Carachure, Beyonce Graham, and Arikaton “Ricky” Robinson who each received at least seven certifications. Ricky Robinson was also Outlook’s first student to pass the MS Access SQL database certification. Students will continue working towards certification until the end of the school year.

Jamaal Jamison	Yamilet Carachure	Kayla Wright	Lesley Avina
Jeremiah Jones	Beyonca Graham	Dontae Amos	Rakiya Davis
Andrea Salvador	Olana Weatherall	Destiny Hart	DeArie Smith
Antione Pate	Makayla Ortiz	Andy Ruiz	Danielle Marx
Jaylyn Cain	Jerome Cross	Daquan Biloché	Griselda Delarosa
Leslie Dominguez			Xavier Thompson
Jeremiah Smith	Arikaton Robinson	Roberto Brown	Damian Lagunas
Savanah Perez	Heaven English	Danielle Marx	Mikylan Clark
Armani Jones	Kemari Grinnage	Kemani Grinnage	Jonathan Eustaquio
Adriana Gibson	Makila Tucker	Lesley Avina	Lesley Avina
Antonio Bias	Zheriia Matthews	Johathan Eustaquio	Newman Upton
Damian Lagunas	Devonne Davenport	Elijah Ellis	Davrion Walker
Mikah Taylor	Makahi Taylor	Jaquan Carson	Armoni Archer
Outlook Academy 2023 – 2024 MOS Certificates			



Science Department

From the Desk of Ms. Anderson


Integrated Science Sem.2 students are studying forensic Psychology in this unit. This unit teaches students about the criminal justice system, as well as give them insight into the criminal mind. This lays the foundation for their final project, which is a psychological study of a chosen serial killer.

Forensic Science Semester 2 students have completed their study of evidence and psychology and are now analyzing actual case evidence. First up is the Casey Anthony case. Casey Anthony was charged with the murder of her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee, and was acquitted. However, she was charged and convicted of lying to law enforcement during the investigation. This case led to new legislation, called Caylee’s Law. This law makes it a crime not to report a missing child.

Try This:

As a part of the Forensic Psychology Unit, students were asked to try their hand at Criminal Profiling. Use the information about the crime scene, to develop a profile for the killer. Good Luck! (If you would like to check your answer, email your answers to janderson@ttdistrict205.net)

According to police reports, 10 black women ranging in age from 20-25, were found murdered in their homes with one bullet to the middle forehead. The women did not know each other, and the only commonality between them was that they had gone through, or were going through, a nasty divorce and/or custody situation. There were no signs of forced entry at any of the crime scenes. At each crime scene, a toy train car was left next to each of the victims.



BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS REPORT

UNSUB #1

Age	Gender	Organized/Disorganized	Act/Process
Trolling Phase		Capture Phase	Interpersonal Coherence
Missionary, Visionary, Lust, Power or Thrill		MO/Signature	Other Information/Predictions

UNSUB #2



Social Studies Department

From the Desk of Mr. O'Leary

As we come to the end of the school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all the positive achievements, relationships, and accomplishments that have taken place at Outlook Academy this past year. I have had the pleasure of working with an awesome group of young adults this year. Congratulations to all our graduates and good luck in all your future endeavors.

Taking pride in Graduating from high school is incredibly important for several reasons:

1. **Educational Foundation:** High school graduation signifies that you have attained a certain level of knowledge and skills in various subjects. This educational foundation provides you with the tools necessary to pursue further education or enter the workforce.
2. **Career Opportunities:** Many entry-level jobs require at least a high school diploma. Graduating opens more job opportunities and increases your chances of finding stable employment.
3. **Personal Achievement:** Graduating from high school is an accomplishment that demonstrates your dedication, hard work, and perseverance. It's a moment of pride for both you and your loved ones. Overall, graduating from high school is a significant achievement that sets the stage for your future endeavors and paves the way for lifelong learning and success.



From the Desk of Mr. Martin



US History - Unit on the 1950s
We began our discussion about the 1950s. The kids were excited to discuss this decade because they made connections to 2024. For instance, we discussed the birth of Rock and Roll and how society rejected the genre and believed that it was just noise. They saw similarities with Hip Hop and how it was dismissed. My point to them is that we should listen to all genres and not be quick to dismiss any form of music because it's a part of expression and the arts.

One activity that was worked on was 1950's Facts and Figures. We got a chance to look at the cost of living, fashion, TV shows and movies.

We found how television became a popular form of entertainment during this.

The objectives were:

- Students will identify what life was like post-World War II.

Topics that were discussed from our facts and figures include:

- The Korean War
- How soldiers returned home and settled into the suburbs by using the GI Bill to build homes.
- The birth of the Civil Rights Movement with Brown vs. Board of Education

Students are learning about how that landmark had an impact on local history. We discussed how a group of parents went to court and

Thornridge High School became integrated in the 1960s.

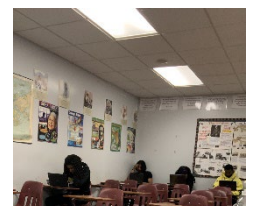
- The genesis of Credit Cards
- The impact of Ray Kroc and the growth of McDonalds.
- The birth of Rock and Roll. We watched a video clip of "American Bandstand."

Trivia Questions continue to be a daily staple.

Who was the first appointed to the US Supreme Court?

Which African American became the first to host a variety show?

Which US President was a peanut farmer before he entered politics.



Welcome to Visual Arts

From the Desk of Mrs. Martinez

Welcome to the Visual Arts Classroom. We are nearing the end of the term and the school year, and I am pleased with how much my students have learned about the visual arts. The students have completed most of the art projects for this term. Now the students have been diligent in completing the major summative art projects.

Graffiti Name. For this art project, students took their name, nickname, or a positive word and stylized it in a graffiti font. Students then followed up by creating a painted backsplash with a brick wall. Then they finished it by coloring it in with colored pencils, graphite pencils, and shading to create an urban-style artwork.

Currently, students are in the process of completing their 3D Letter Sculpture. For this art project, students learned not only engineering concepts for building 3D structures but also, how to use technical art techniques used in building 3D art. This is a necessary skill used in graphic design, product design, architectural design, and fashion design. After their 3D Letter Sculpture was built out, students then painted their letter, personalizing it to make it their own unique art piece. While the beginning stages of the art project were a new experience for the students, they were excited to paint and personalize their art pieces. The students were extremely proud of how their final art piece turned out. The biggest learning moment for students was that hard work pays off.

Our last two final art projects involve using and blending oil pastels to create a beta fish art piece and a desserts art piece inspired by the artist, Wayne Thiebaud.

This has been an enjoyable school year. I wish the absolute best to all the graduating seniors. Congratulations and good luck with your future endeavors.



Visual Arts

Student Class Work





From Our Social Worker



National Mental Health Awareness Month is observed in May each year in the United States. It's a time dedicated to raising awareness about mental health, advocating for support and resources, and reducing the stigma surrounding mental illnesses. Throughout the month, various organizations, mental health advocates, healthcare professionals, and communities come together to host events, share resources, and promote conversations about mental health. The goal is to encourage people to prioritize their mental well-being, seek help if needed, and

foster understanding and support for those living with mental health conditions. National Mental Health Awareness Month serves as an important opportunity to address various aspects of mental health and promote well-being. Here are some additional details:

1. **Education and Awareness:** During Mental Health Awareness Month, organizations and individuals work to educate the public about different mental health conditions, their symptoms, and available treatments. This includes disseminating information through social media campaigns, workshops, seminars, and community events.
2. **Stigma Reduction:** One of the key objectives of the month is to reduce the stigma surrounding mental illness. By openly discussing mental health issues and sharing personal stories, advocates aim to challenge stereotypes and misconceptions, fostering a more supportive and understanding environment for those affected by mental health conditions.
3. **Access to Resources:** Mental Health Awareness Month often highlights the importance of access to mental health resources and support services. This includes promoting access to therapy, counseling, support groups, hotlines, and other mental health resources for individuals in need.
4. **Advocacy and Policy:** Advocates use this month to push for policies and initiatives that support mental health awareness, education, and access to care. This may involve lobbying for increased funding for mental health programs, advocating for legislation that protects the rights of individuals with mental illness, and promoting policies that integrate mental health into broader healthcare systems.
5. **Community Support:** Communities come together during Mental Health Awareness Month to show support for individuals struggling with mental health issues. This can take the form of community events, rallies, fundraisers, and volunteer initiatives aimed at mental wellness and supporting those in need.
6. **Self-Care and Wellness:** Mental Health Month encourages individuals to prioritize their well-being and practice self-care. This includes activities such as exercise, mindfulness, social connections, all of which contribute to mental wellness.

Overall, Mental Health Awareness Month plays a crucial fostering understanding, support, and action around health issues, ultimately striving to improve the lives of individuals affected by mental illness.



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Outlook Academy

Assistant Program Administrator

From the Desk of Mr. Valant



Good Day Outlook,

It is once again that time of year. Time to reflect on the memories we have made, the challenges we have overcome, and the achievements we have celebrated together. We want to Thank every student, parent, teacher, and staff member who has contributed to making this year a success.

To our students, you have shown incredible resilience, adaptability, and determination throughout this school year. Despite the challenges posed by life, you have continued to work hard and focus on your academic pursuits, extracurricular activities, and personal goals. Your commitment to your education and reaching your goals is inspiring.

To the parents and guardians, thank you for your unwavering support and partnership. Your encouragement, involvement, and dedication to your children's education have been key to their success. Thank you for trusting and working with us here at Outlook. Your trust in us as well as your support of our teachers and staff have truly made a difference in the lives of our students.

And to our memorable senior class of 2024. As you prepare to embark on a new chapter in your lives, we want to congratulate you on reaching this significant milestone. Graduating from high school is an important occasion, marking the culmination of years of work, determination, and growth. As you step out into the real world and leave the safety of our school, know that you bring with you the knowledge, skills, and memories that will guide you on your journey ahead. We are incredibly proud of all that you have accomplished, and we look forward to seeing what great things you achieve in the future.

As you say goodbye to Outlook remember that you will always be part of Outlook Academy. Cherish the relationships that you have made, the lessons you've learned, and the experiences you've shared. Wherever life may take you, know that you are capable of achieving your dreams and making a positive impact on the world.

To everyone in the Outlook community, thank you for being a part of another memorable school year. As we say goodbye to the class of 2024 and look forward to the adventures that await us in the future, let us continue to support one another, knowing that together, we can overcome any challenge and achieve any goal.

Take Care and Best wishes,

Outlook Academy

ADULT TRANSITION PROGRAM



Program Director

From the Desk of Mrs. Wayne

The Adult Transition Program is wrapping up the school year. The young adults have been training, working, and taking college classes. The workshop with Uplift Harvey ended last Saturday. The Adult Transition team plans to continue to work with Uplift Harvey this summer and in the future. We are eager to meet the new group of young adults this summer to discuss goals for the upcoming school year. We have approximately 20 incoming young adults who are interested in taking classes at South Suburban College during the 2024-2025 school year. In addition, we have 10 young adults who are interested in the work program. We are excited to work with these young adults this summer to ensure they will be ready for success in the fall. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email me at wayne.stephanie@district205.net.

From the Desk of Ms. Neita

I am excited to share some highlights from the Adult Transition Program.

- The students engaged in a role-playing activity focusing on conflict resolution skills as part of a teacher evaluation.
- A special shout-out to Ms. Brownlee and the Adult Transition students for their outstanding work in keeping the cafe, hallways, stairways, windows, and bathrooms clean at South Suburban College.
- One of our students had the fantastic opportunity to participate in Job Shadowing with the South Suburban College Custodian staff. Thank you to Ms. Brownlee for facilitating this enriching experience.
- The Adult Transition students completed the employability skills workshops with The Chicago Urban League.
- A special shout out to Ms. Briana Holmes for inviting The Adult Transition students to collaborate with The Outlook students and The Chicago Urban League.



ATP On-Site-Training



Job Shadowing

