



Newsletter

Outlook Academy

November 2023

P.R.I.D.E. Award

It was a pleasure, despite the rain, to participate in the Student Board of Education's Hands Across Harvey Event on October 14th. It was a wonderful event that brought people together to stand against violence beautifully. Our students will be the change-makers in our communities, and I am honored to witness their leadership, talents, and dedication.



We are so excited to kick off our Outlook P.R.I.D.E. awards! We are "catching our students displaying acts of progress, respect, integrity, dedication, and effort". All staff members are looking out for behaviors that exhibit these traits. We know that when students are recognized for positive actions, they continue these behaviors. We want to continue the paradigm shift to teaching, modeling, and supporting actions that contribute to success in school and the community. Our staff and students are already excited about giving and receiving the awards. Our recipients will continue to be recognized for their positive choices.

The next month will be busy, and I encourage students to continue to work hard, utilize the support available to them, and improve each day.



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 January 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.



November

2023

From: Patricia A. Malopsy-Fortier, Program Administrator

Happy November! I hope this finds you in good health and high spirits. As we enter the month of November, it is a time for reflection, gratitude, and coming together to celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving. At Outlook Academy we believe that fostering a sense of thankfulness and appreciation is essential. Thanksgiving is not just about one day of feasting and festivities; it is about recognizing the many blessings in our lives and showing gratitude. Throughout November, we encourage our students to take part in various activities and discussions that help them appreciate the value of thankfulness.

We invite you, as parents, to join us in promoting this spirit of thanksgiving within your households as well. Encourage your children to share their thoughts and feelings about gratitude and take time to reflect on the things you are thankful for as a family.

This month, let us all take a moment to appreciate the wonderful gift of education, the support of our families and friends, and the countless blessings that enrich our lives. Together, we can create a culture of gratitude and kindness that will extend far beyond the month of November.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful and thankful November!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Board of Education Meeting	9	10 No School Veteran's Day	11
12	13	14	15	16 Officer Owens' Birthday	17	18
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			No School Thanksgiving Break			
26	27	28	29	30		



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STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Academic Support

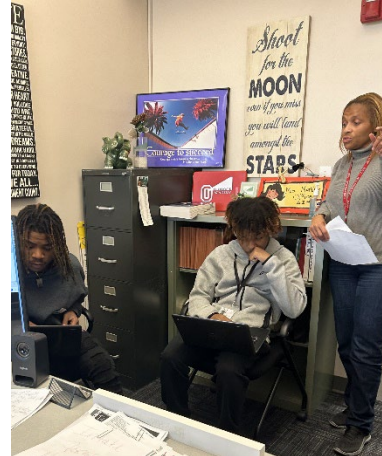
SAT

In other news...

Coming Spring 2023...

SAT is an Illinois and District 205 graduation requirement. Any student who is absent from the test may not graduate.

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

Students Who Have Not Taken The SAT, will test at Outlook Academy

- **Taking the SAT is a graduation requirement!**
- **The Digital Testing Window is March 18 - April 26, 2024.**

For more information, go to:

DIGITAL SAT SUITE OF ASSESSMENTS

Sign in: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/>

- **Digital SAT Practice and Preparation**

From free practice tests to a checklist of what to bring on test day, College Board provides everything you need to prepare for the digital SAT.

- **SAT Studying and Practice**
- **Official SAT Practice**

SAT Practice on Khan Academy® is free, comprehensive, and available to all students. With personalized plans, practice tests, and more, Khan Academy is good preparation for any test in the SAT Suite.

[Go to Khan Academy](#)

- **Preparing for the SAT**

From free test prep to a checklist of what to bring on test day, College Board provides everything you need to prepare.

- **Get Ready for Test Day**

Martin's Motivation:

"Sometimes you got to realize that happiness isn't a destination, it's just a decision."

~ Dr. Ish Major

Announcements and Reminders

Congratulations to the students who finished up with us in October!!

Students, remember to access your PowerSchool by:

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

Password can only be reset, using your Chromebook.



From the Desk of Ms. Cheryl West



You Rock!



We are so proud of our 1st Term Honors and Perfect Attendance students! We celebrated them on October 20th with an awards ceremony and luncheon that was enjoyed by all. They appreciated the delicious food, certificates, and time to celebrate their 1st Term. These students showed great dedication to their academics and school responsibilities. This is a testament to their commitment to their own growth and excellence. They are an example of what effort, hard work, and determination can accomplish. We are proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing them and others continue to do great things here at OA.



Honor Roll:

- Dontae I. Amos
- Diamond Buckley
- Kenneth Carson
- Michelle Marie Dominguez Cortez
- Ezequiel Galvan
- Kemari D. Grinnage
- Destiny Shania Herrick
- Mollie Herrick
- Jamaal S Jamison
- Gregory Ke’Juan Johnson, Jr.
- Laniya Dina Lucas
- Jade Patrice Patterson
- David Pintor
- Kaniah R. Shamsid-Deen
- Christopher Alexander Vergara
- Giada Brisias Vergara
- Elijah Winston

High Honor Roll:

- Griselda Alencastro Delarosa
- Yamilet Carachure
- Beyonca Amour Donyelle Graham
- Aniya E’lise James-Simpkins
- Alexa Hellen Linares

Perfect Attendance:

- Diamond Buckley
- Jaylyn Cain
- Devon Evans
- Mollie Herrick
- Aniya James-Simpkins
- Joshua Olivan



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/>

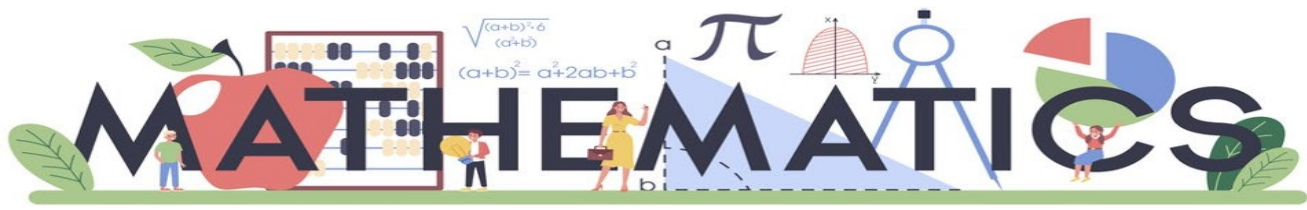
If you have any questions or concerns or call regarding your FAFSA please email at: 708-596-2000 ext. 3575 or email bholmes@ttdsitrict205.net

The Adult Transitioning Program is registering and completing an intake process for the Urban League and gaining the resources for job opportunities. The Urban League always creates a welcoming environment for our students; they were really fascinated and cannot wait for them to come back. Additional workshops are coming up this month for the students to continue resume-building, interviewing, and exploring the trades.

Announcements and Reminders

The Forklifting Program is coming up on November 4th and will have some of our District 205 students participating in the Certification Program. Additionally, OA students will be visiting the Urban League in December.





Math Department

From the Desk of Mrs. Garza

Who said math isn't fun? Students in my class are having fun making sense of problems and persevering in solving them. Students are working in small groups and talking about math. They are learning from their mistakes. They find that many of their mistakes come from them not attending to precision. Making sense of problems and attending to precision are 2 of the 8 Standards of Mathematical Practice. Those two standards are extremely important skills in the workforce. Students are also developing their self-awareness and self-management skills to achieve school and life goals. Developing those skills is one of the 3 goals of Social Emotional Learning. Students are reaching out to help others achieve their goals. I notice this while I hear a student struggling with a math problem and another student offers to help. Another way the students have fun in class and reach Social Emotional Learning goals is by using social-awareness and interpersonal skills to establish and maintain positive relationships. We have Fun Friday's when students have finished their classwork for the week, and students still are learning by trying out new games. An example is students have enjoyed playing Uno Flip which was unfamiliar to them, but they gave it a chance, learned how to play, and learned rules are very important in math, while playing games, and in life.



From the Desk of Mr. Bailey

The second quarter of statistics has begun here in November. We have completed our lessons on terminology. The students will begin to explore the concept of a normal distribution. We have begun working on the measure of central tendency. During the next several weeks we will explore z-scores of the normal distribution. We will understand how percentiles and areas under the normal curve relate to total populations. We will then move on to frequency tables and graphs.

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 at: rbailey@ttdistrict205.net

The pictures below are of students creating their own normal distribution using the properties of the binomial theorem. This property is the one used in the game Plinko on the Price is Right. Students used dice rolls to determine how the chip fell down the board and were able to evolve their theory on where the disk is most likely to land.

Announcements and Reminders

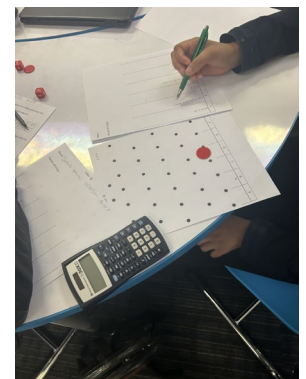
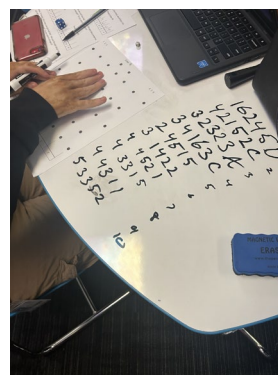
Week 3 – 10/30 to 11/3 - Plinko and Measures of central Tendency

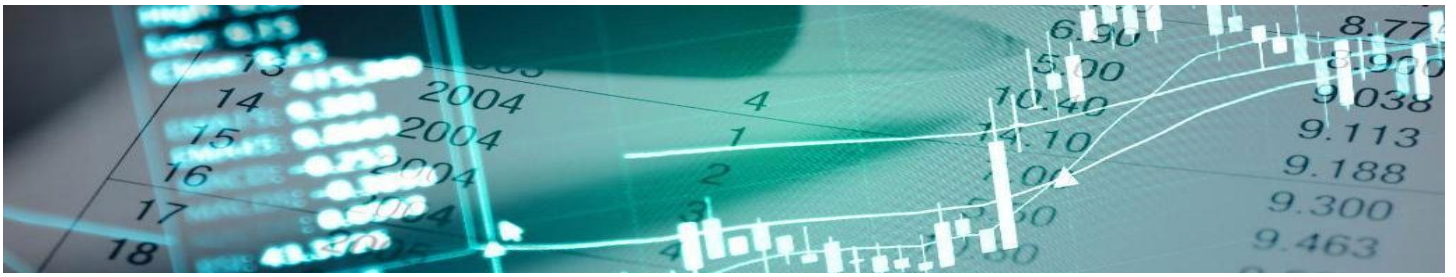
Week 4 – 11/6 to 11/10 - Z-Score and Assessment

Week 5 – 11/13 to 11/17 - Area under Normal Distribution

Week 6 – 11/20 to 11/24 - Assessment (Thanksgiving)

Week 7 – 11/27 to 12/1 - Frequency Tables



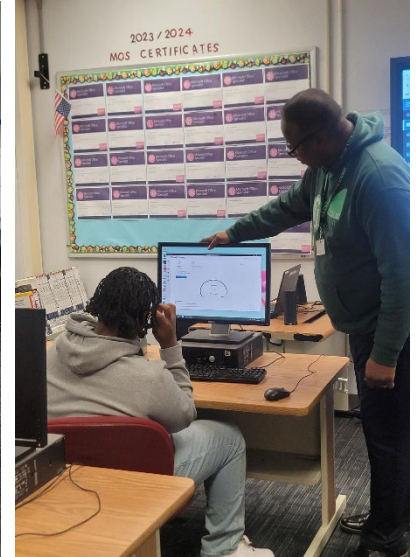


Business Department

From the Desk of Mr. Arrington

Introduction to Business students began the 2nd Session learning about business technology and careers. Students were introduced to computerized business systems and programming including HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) and Python coding. Student also discussed how emerging technology such as QR codes and AI (Artificial Intelligence) will affect the way they learn and do business in the future.

Advanced Computer Apps students are actively working to become Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS). Students receive certifications in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access. Currently students have obtained a total of 26 MOS certifications. Each student must complete a resume' before the completion of this course. Congratulations to Yamilet Carachure for being the first student to pass the MOS Exam in MS Word, PowerPoint and Excel this school year.



From the Desk of Ms. Digiacomo



Accounting Session 2: The students are excited to start a new semester! The first item on the curriculum for second semester is preparing a worksheet. In accounting, worksheets are used as a planning tool for accountants. Worksheets are helpful in the preparation of financial statements

and in preparing adjusting entries at the end of the fiscal period. After completing the worksheets, the students will prepare financial statements, an income statement, and a balance sheet. On the income statement, the component percentages will be calculated and on the balance sheet, they will be able to provide current capital. Introduction to Business: The students have identified different types of businesses: manufacturing,

extracting, service, and merchandising, and what types of employees are needed for each type of business. They are currently working on a franchise business project. The project requires the students to differentiate between start-up costs and royalty fees. They are also required to give a presentation about 3 different franchises in this county.

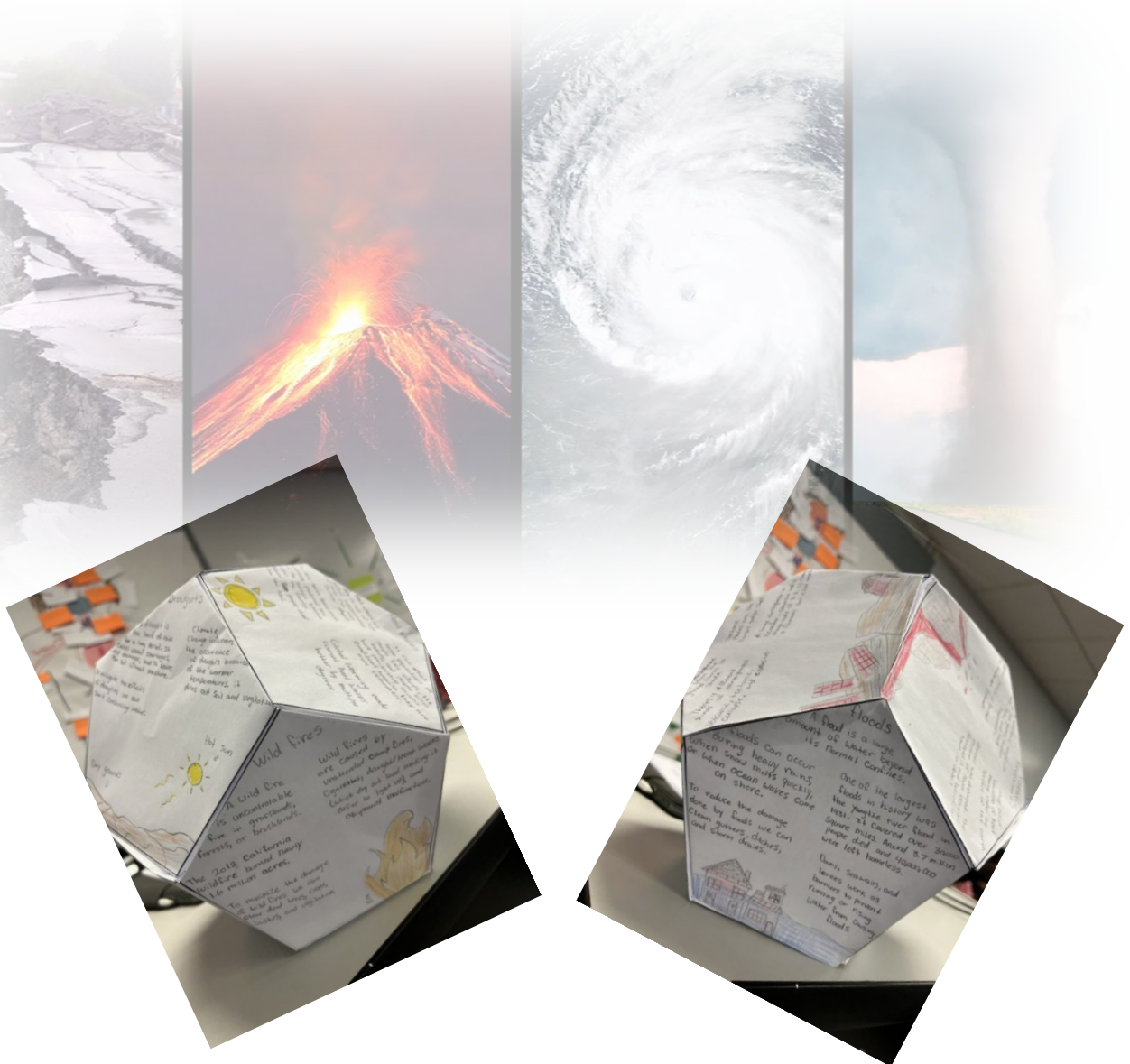




Science Department

From the Desk of Ms. Anderson

The second session science classes include Forensic Science Session 2 and Integrated Science – Science in Cinema Semester 2. The Forensic students have completed a study into Digital Forensics, which included an analysis of their devices. After analyzing San Andreas and Volcano, the Science in Cinema course is studying the world of Earth Science, specifically Natural Disasters.



SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies Department

From the Desk of Mr. O'Leary

As we near the halfway point for 2nd Session the Civics classes are preparing to take the Constitution Test and fulfill another one of their graduation requirements. We have also been analyzing the differences between Republican and Democrat ideology. The students took an online Political Personality Quiz. The quiz identifies where you stand on the political spectrum according to your personal belief system. The students could then analyze and identify what beliefs were responsible for where they were placed on the political

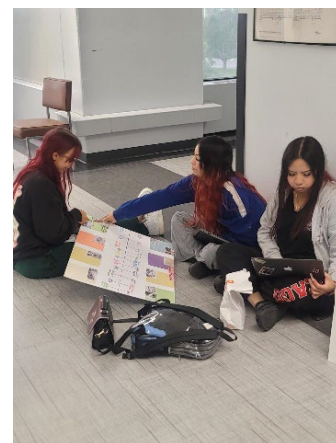
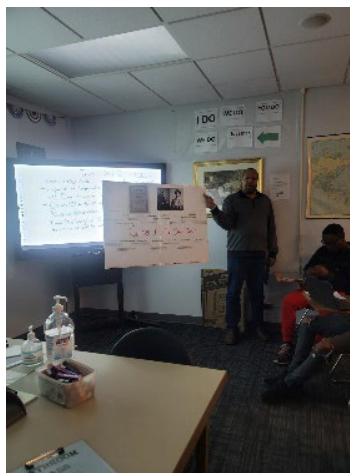
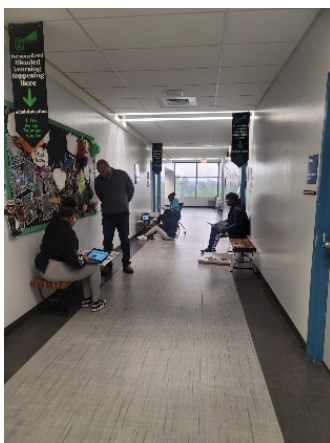
spectrum. As we move closer to May and graduation, please remember that passing the Constitution Test is a graduation requirement. If you have any concerns about fulfilling this



requirement, please see me in room 3363. In Economics we have just started our unit on Supply and Demand. The students can then apply the laws of Demand and Supply to real life situations in the US Economy. The students are analyzing natural resources, Diamonds, Water and Meat. As we move forward, we will apply the principles of supply and demand in different types of economies. As always if you have any questions about Civics, the Constitution Test or Economics stop by my room 3363.

From the Desk of Mr. Martin

These are examples of some of the Session 1 final projects students were allowed to choose a unit to do a collage on. These talk about the impact of the Industrial Revolution in the 19th Century; the new inventions created jobs and made life easier in American society.



Welcome to Visual Arts

"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." – Pablo Picasso

From the Desk of Mrs. Martinez



Visual Arts Department

Welcome to the Visual Arts at Outlook Academy. Sir Ken Robinson, Ph.D. stated, "Creativity is not the opposite of discipline and control. On the contrary, creativity in any field may involve deep factual knowledge and high levels of practical skill. Cultivating creativity is one of the most interesting challenges for any teacher. It involves understanding the real dynamics of creative work."

Creativity is an essential component in creating art. Sometimes there is fear and hesitation when learning about new art mediums and techniques but once students

understand the how and the why and with a little bit of practice, that fear subsides, and their creativity emerges.

One of the art projects we have been working on is a paper relief sculpture through a paper folding art project. Students learned how to measure out paper by cutting them down to 3"x3" squares which were then used to create three different paper folds. These folds were then arranged in a radial symmetrical design. Radial means circular and symmetrical means the same all around.

Currently, students are using the art medium of oil pastels. First students practiced blending colors and how to properly apply the oil pastels to

paper. Now students are working on a large-scale art piece by drawing out various-sized feathers, overlapping them, having some come off the paper, and finally using color theory to color in and blend the oil pastels.

It is always a positive learning experience when students are willing to step out of their comfort zone and show their creativity.



Visual Arts

Student Class Work





From Our Social Worker

November is National Gratitude Month

From the Desk of Mr. Hill

October is annually recognized as November, observed as National Gratitude Month, prompts us to adopt the practice of gratitude and recognize its influential force. Beyond mere expressions of thanks, the incredible potency of gratitude lies in its capacity to redirect our attention from the negative aspects towards acknowledging the positivity in our lives. Engaging in daily gratitude rituals fosters a profound connection within ourselves, with the world surrounding us, and with the higher power we believe in.



Gratitude possesses the potential to uplift every aspect of our lives. Studies indicate that practicing gratitude can elevate our spirits, reduce stress, and significantly bolster our general health and wellness. Typically, individuals who practice gratitude tend to encounter fewer stress-induced health issues, reduced levels of depression, and lower blood pressure. Moreover, they exhibit better physical fitness, increased happiness, higher incomes, more fulfilling personal and professional relationships, and are generally more favored. Even children who express gratitude are more prone to achieving high academic performance, reflected in their likelihood of obtaining top grades.

There are multiple ways to partake in the month's celebration.

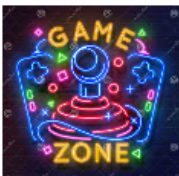
Commence a gratitude journal. Each day, jot down someone or something you're thankful for. Over time, you'll notice a profound and heartfelt growth in your appreciation for those around you. Reflecting on your entries allows you to contemplate the significance of relationships and their achievements. Express your gratitude to others. Informing someone of your thankfulness for their care, service, or friendship often uplifts their spirits or alleviates their burdens. Demonstrate your appreciation by contributing to your community, neighborhood, or a cherished organization.

Announcements and Reminders

HEY! Come Play! Game Club Tuesdays and Wednesdays!

SOAR SEL Review...Let's Remember!

Game Club After School with Mr. Hill



"TEST OF THREE + ONE" GOSSIP GUIDELINES:	
1)	TRUTH: Is it fact or rumor? (Consider the source)
2)	GOODNESS: Will it hurt or cause other negative consequences for the person?
3)	USEFULNESS: Is there any potential benefit in repeating it? (e.g., safety)
4)	EMPATHY: How would you feel if the subject of the gossip were you or a friend of yours?



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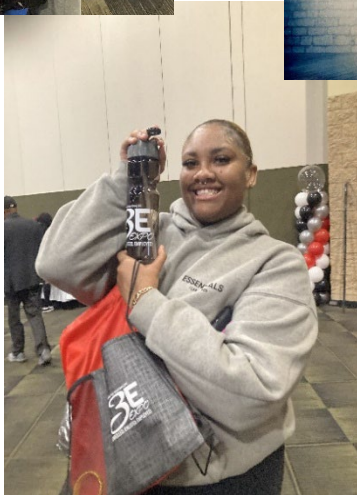
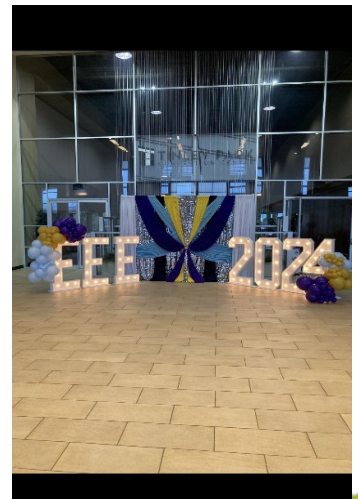
Assistant Program Administrator

On Wednesday, October 25th 85 seniors from Outlook Academy attended the 3E Expo hosted by District 205 at the Tinley Park Convention Center. This event provided District 205 seniors with opportunities to meet with a variety of businesses, colleges, and trade schools as well as the armed forces. Our students took advantage of these opportunities and made connections with people that will help them pursue their

goals. Multiple breakout sessions allowed our students to meet with people with real-world experiences and provide them with information and skills that will benefit them in their current and future endeavors.

The Expo was a great experience and every one of our students said they were provided with valuable information and direction as to where they want to go with their careers. The wide variety of

options provided ensured that all our students' interests were addressed, and many students found interest in careers that they had never even thought of. Now that their interests have peaked, we need to keep them focused on graduation and the careers they will seek. They have a taste of what life could hold for them and they are willing to embrace it. Thank you District 205 for providing this event for the class of 2024.



ADULT TRANSITION PROGRAM



Program Director

The Adult Transition Program for young adults has been busy. They are in full effect with training in the buildings and St. Coletta's. They are soaring in college classes as midterms were successful for most.

PACE Paratransit came out to speak about access to buses and trains, but most importantly paratransit services.

Young adults attended the 3E College and Career Fair and had the opportunity to meet employers with several promising employment opportunities.

We are planning some great activities and speakers districtwide for the Adult Transition Program.



ADULT TRANSITION PROGRAM

Every student, every day.



From the Desk of Ms. Neita

Preparing for the 3E EXPO. The adult transition young men received haircuts at the Barber College located in South Suburban College.



Dressed for the 3E EXPO.

