



Newsletter

Outlook Academy

May 2023

Vision and Mission Statement

The vision of Outlook Academy is to provide at-risk students opportunities to succeed by utilizing a non-traditional educational environment and approach to education to achieve success in education, and post-secondary career options, and in social, emotional, and behavioral supports.

The mission of Outlook Academy is to address the number of dropouts and non-graduating seniors within the district by providing these students with a non-traditional educational environment and instructional strategies that will support students through individualized education plans and differentiated instruction in a safe and nurturing environment. Students will successfully complete their graduation requirements and establish a choice in a postsecondary environment. The mission of Outlook Academy is to develop productive citizens who are enrolled, enlisted, or employed at the completion of high school.

Weekly Vocabulary Pizza Bowl Winners!



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 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 and questions about attendance should be directed to Officer Owens at 708.225.5871.



CONNECT WITH US

brower.loribeth@district205.net

708-225-5875 or 708-225-5879

May

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Message from our Program Administrator, P. Fortier

Dear Outlook Students and Parents:

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to all our May graduates! This is a momentous occasion, and you should be incredibly proud of your accomplishments. You have worked hard to get to this point, and your dedication and perseverance have paid off.

To the students, I encourage you to take some time to reflect on your achievements and celebrate your graduation with your loved ones. You have proven that you have what it takes to succeed, and I have no doubt that you will go on to achieve great things in the future.

To the parents, I know that you have supported your children every step of the way, and your guidance and encouragement have been invaluable. Your children could not have achieved this without you, and I hope you feel a sense of pride in their accomplishments.

As you move forward, I encourage you to continue to work hard, pursue your passions, and strive for excellence in all that you do. You have the potential to make a positive impact on the world, and I look forward to seeing all that you will achieve in the future.

Once again, congratulations to all the graduates, and best of luck in your future endeavors!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Mr. Paul Arrington's Birthday			Cinco de Mayo	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Board of Education at TW 6:00 p.m.		Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.		Graduating Seniors Last Day	
Teacher Appreciation Week						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day		Mr. Kevin Martin's Birthday				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
District205 Graduation					Last Day of Regular School Year	
28	29	30	31			

Monday, June 5th, - Day 1 of Summer Credit Recovery



Academic Support

SAT/PSAT

In other news...

Coming Spring 2023...

The SAT is mandated by the state of Illinois as well as District 205 as a requirement for high school graduation. If you have any questions or concerns, please see me ASAP

martin.pamela@ttdistrict205.net

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



Mrs. Martin's Counselor's Corner

Seniors (attending public high schools in Illinois) must complete the FAFSA to graduate! That is right! It is now a graduation requirement.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) APPLY SOONER RATHER THAN LATER!!

Families miss out on big aid opportunities by failing to **apply at fafsa.ed.gov**.

Key financial aid forms are now available to high school students and their families, and experts urge people to fill them out – even if they do not think they will qualify. The government encourages high school seniors to fill it out as soon as possible to obtain aid.

Each year the Department of Education awards about \$120 billion in grants, loans, and other funds to help millions of students afford education costs. It is the largest provider of student financial aid in the country.



Ms. Cheryl West MTSS/EL

Please stop by and see me in 3495 if you are struggling in any academic areas. We can come up with a plan to assist you.

Make sure you are utilizing the resources available to you to complete all graduation requirements.



"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."

~ Maria Robinson

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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>



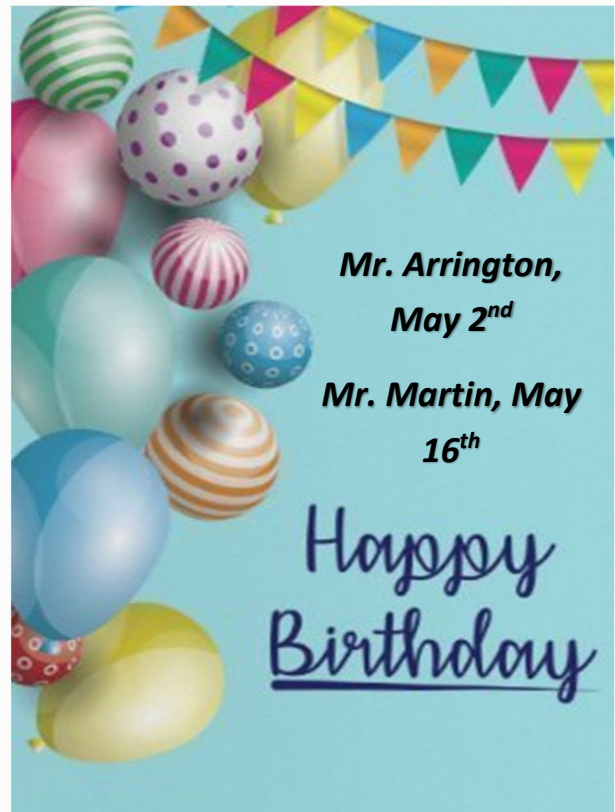
District 205 Credit Recovery 2022-2023

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



WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

Financial Aid Department

*From the Desk Ms. Briana Holmes
Transition Program*

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 2022-2023 FAFSA TODAY!
Enrollment has opened! South Suburban College CODE: 001769

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

FAFSA Instructions

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

ATTENTION

Outlook Academy 2023 – 2024 Potential Graduates,

This is a Graduation and State requirement.

All Invites to join the google classroom have been sent to District Gmail.

All Information is located on the Transitional Google Classroom

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MTU0MzU0NTk2OTAz>

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REQUIRED MATERIALS: Social Security Number and Valid Cell Phone

COMPLETE SSC APPLICATION

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

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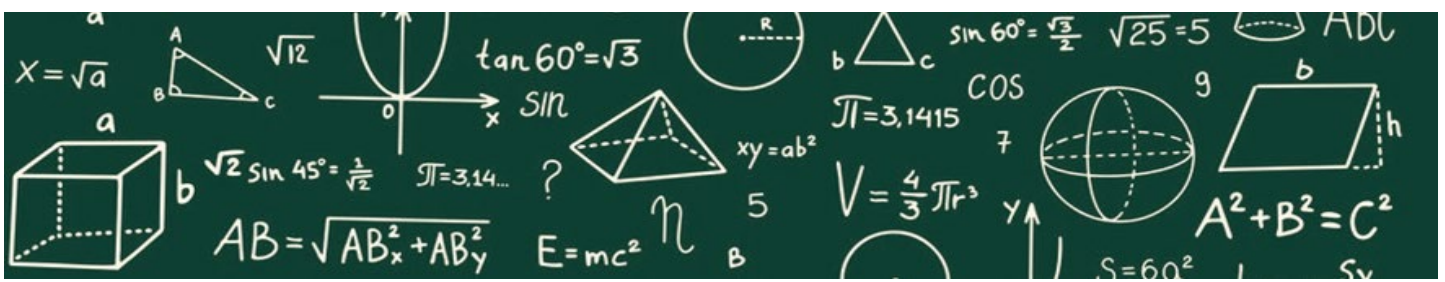
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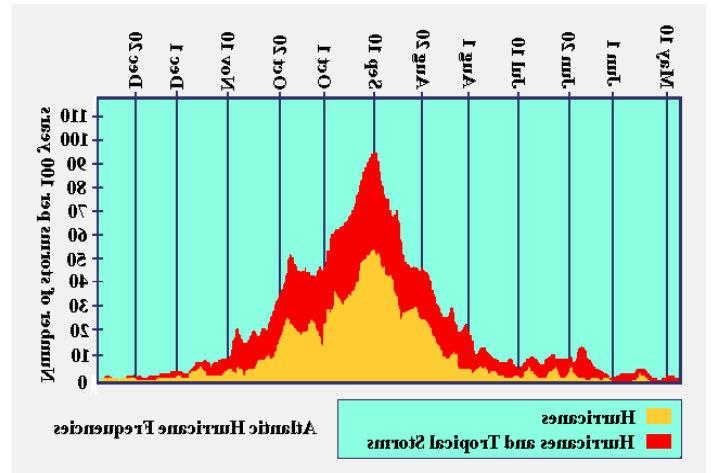
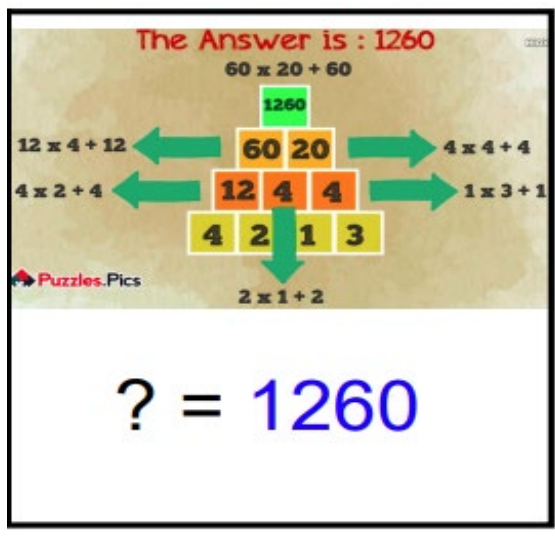


Math Department

From the Desk of Mrs. Garza

The last semester is coming to an end. Mrs. Garza's Term 4 Math II and Math III classes have been working on making sense of problems and preserving in solving them, attending to precision, and using appropriate tools strategically. We use a blended learning approach where students are given entire units to work on at their own pace, but with a daily percentage completion goal to assist with keeping them on track. During class time students are working either independently, in groups, or getting assistance from Mrs. Garza. Students also enjoy daily or weekly puzzles, and I hope you enjoyed them as well. Until next time, hope you have a wonderful summer!

ANSWER TO APRIL'S PUZZLE OF THE MONTH:



From the Desk of Mr. Bailey

In Statistics class, we have been finishing up finding percentiles under the normal curve. After a discussion about hurricanes and whether male or female hurricanes are more dangerous, we are transitioning into frequency tables. We will tie in the percentiles from the last chapter into cumulative frequencies before the end of the semester.

Mean from Frequency Table

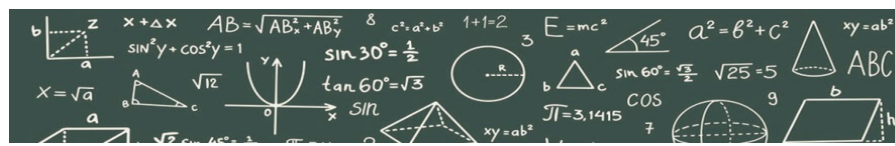
The **mean from a frequency table** is when we find the mean average from a data set which has been organised into a frequency table.

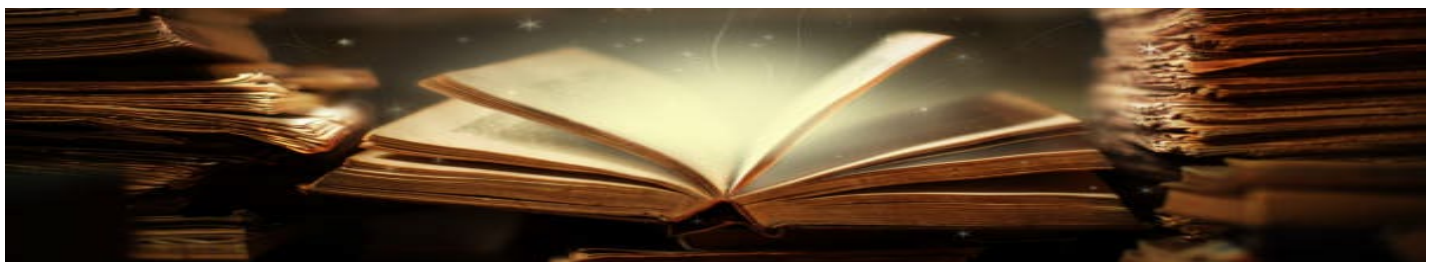
To calculate the mean we find the **total of the values** and **divide the total by the number of values**. The number of values is the total frequency. This can be abbreviated to n .

Number of people	Frequency	Number \times Frequency
1	5	$1 \times 5 = 5$
2	6	$2 \times 6 = 12$
3	3	$3 \times 3 = 9$
4	2	$4 \times 2 = 8$
n = 16		Total = 34

$$\text{mean} = \frac{\text{total}}{\text{number of values}} = \frac{\text{total}}{n} \quad \text{mean} = \frac{\text{total}}{n} = \frac{(1 \times 5) + (2 \times 6) + (3 \times 3) + (4 \times 2)}{16} = \frac{34}{16} = 2.125$$

E.g. The **frequency table** above shows the number of people.





English Department

From the Desk of Mrs. Goodman

May is filled with so much anticipation and excitement for our Seniors. I want to congratulate all of them who worked so hard to earn those precious credits needed to walk the stage on time. As we finish the year the students will put together a slideshow of their Individual Quest Projects and finish reading The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho.

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 are giving 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!

Quest Project



From the Desk of Mr. Davidson

Varsity Vocabulary Pizza Playoffs

The playoffs are under way! For two weeks Mrs. Goodman's class has defended their vocabulary expertise against all comers! They will be the recipients of a grand pizza lunch for their demonstrated knowledge. The playoffs continue until the end of this school year, with all classes having a chance to steal the trophy and win a pizza lunch, and then return for the "23-24 season"!

DREAM CAREERS





Business Department



Date	Detail	Account Reference	Debit \$	Credit \$
April 14	Bank Account	J001	7,000.00	
	Bank Loan	J290		7,000.00
	Loan drawdown from INT Bank			
April 21	Inventory	J100	250.00	
	Accounts Payable	J150		250.00
	Purchase of stock of vases			
April 30	Loan	J290	325.00	
	Bank Account	J001		325.00
	Loan repayment to INT Bank			

From the Desk of Ms. Digiacomo

Accounting Semester 1:

The students have been journalizing transactions in a general journal. They can correctly place debits and credits in order to accomplish that. The students are also learning about cash control through checking accounts in businesses.

They are able to perform a bank reconciliation.

Accounting Semester 2

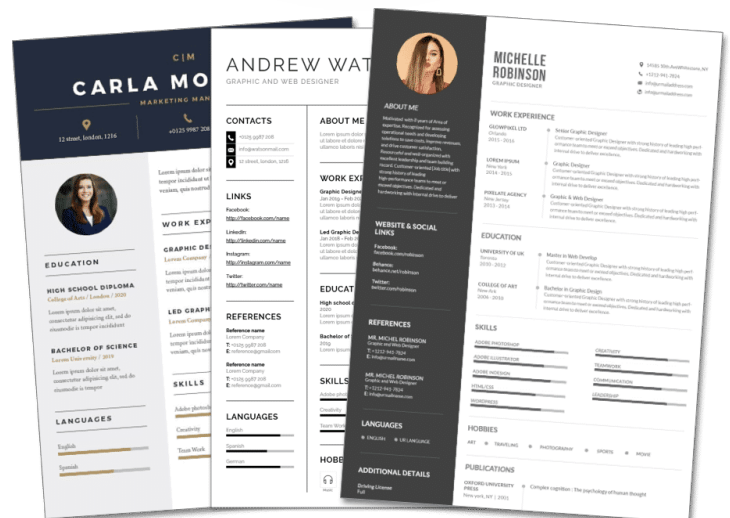
The students are learning Accounting Semester 2: The students have just completed a unit on payroll and how to determine gross pay versus net pay. They can calculate deductions such as federal, state, and FICA taxes from the gross pay.

They are currently learning how to prepare income tax returns and the various deductions and exemptions associated with them. They can read tax tables and identify all five filing statuses.

The final project for both semesters will include research on a company that has experienced an accounting scandal.

From the Desk of Mr. Arrington

Congratulations to all our graduating seniors! This school year, students learned about technology software with an emphasis on MS Word, PowerPoint, and Excel software applications. Outlook students completed over eighty (80) personal resumes and passed nearly 75 Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification exams. The MOS certification is a great addition to each student's resume. I encourage graduating seniors to send a copy of their resume to your personal email before the end of the school year.



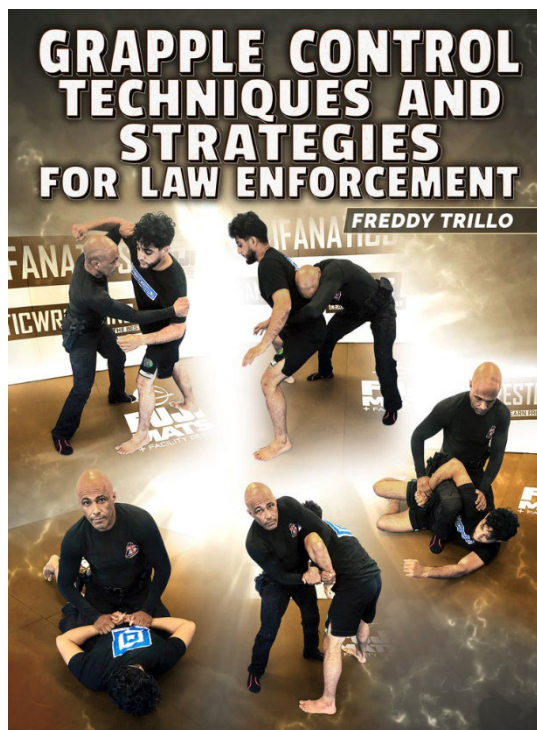


Science Department

From the Desk of Ms. Anderson

Students in the Integrated Science Semester 1 course will begin an in-depth study of how humans affect the environment. They will study different types of pollution, their causes as well as possible solutions.

Students in the Integrated Science Semester 2 course will finish their study of Earth Science and delve into the world of Forensic Psychology. Students will be introduced to both law enforcement techniques and the psychology behind criminal behavior.



What is Pollution



Types, Causes, Effects & Prevention



Social Studies Department

From the Desk of Mr. Martin

US History - Semester 1

Students will be studying Immigration and how this impacted City Living Conditions.

Students will be able to Identify why people came to the US and how their lives were impacted.

Students will look at how the big cities became overcrowded and city services were impacted.

They will study the impact of attending school.

We will look at segregation becoming legal after Plessy vs. Ferguson Supreme Court decision.

US History - Semester 2

We are studying the 1950s GI returning home and becoming homeowners, The birth of Rock and Roll, The Civil Rights Movement/ Brown vs. Board of Education the Korean War The rise of television and suburban living.



From the Desk of Mr. O'Leary

As we approach the end of another school year:

Stay focused and keep working hard to ensure that you fulfill all your requirements for graduation in May. There are only 24 days left for graduating seniors.

Please make sure you are checking with Mrs. Martin, Mr. Folsom or Mr. Valant to make sure all of your academic requirements are completed. As we near the end, make sure that you are all set for graduation. Checking is the only way to guarantee you have everything.

Passing the constitution test and Civics are graduation requirements. If you are talking Civics this quarter, we will be taking it in class. We had 24 students pass the constitution in 3rd quarter. Stop by my room anytime if you have any questions or concerns involving civics, economics, the constitution test, or anything else you may need, my door is always open (3363).



PLESSY V. FERGUSON Supreme Court Case 1896



"SEPARATE BUT EQUAL"

Power point created by Robert L. Martinez
Primary Content: The Americans



Visual Arts Department

From the Desk of Mrs. Martinez

Welcome to the Visual Arts Classroom at Outlook Academy. Our talented students have been busy creating some amazing artworks. Students have been diligently working on their 3-D Letter Sculpture and their hard work shows some creative and talented results. Also, the students designed and created their own unique pinch pot animal clay planters as well as working with oil pastels to create a textured 3-dimensional dragon eye using color layering and blending techniques. Students also completed their Spring Birds in watercolor as well as created graffiti art using colored pencil and shading techniques. I am very proud of all my students that have grown to become amazing artists.



Visual Arts

Student Class Work





From Our Social Worker

May is National Awareness Month

From the Desk of Mr. Hill



May is National Mental Health Awareness Month

National Mental Health Awareness Month in May focuses on bringing tools, resources, and education to the public. Each year Mental Health America, National Alliance on Mental Illness, and other mental health organizations across the country organize events, webinars, and more to improve mental health access across the country.

Mental health is a hot topic. This is good news. It means the stigma for mental health issues is slowly going away. Mental health issues are finally getting the attention they deserve. Healthcare workers and individuals feel they can discuss mental health more openly. However, that doesn't mean there isn't still work to do, however.

We often misunderstand mental health because it is hard to define. Additionally, mental health includes several areas. These areas involve one's social, emotional, and psychological well-being. Mental health affects thoughts, feelings, and actions. When one has positive mental health, they are better equipped to handle stress, be more productive, and realize their full potential.

While we focus on our physical well-being, the food we eat, exercise, and getting regular check-ups for vision and dental care, we often forget to take stock of our emotional and spiritual needs. Everyday demands take their toll.

Local Resources:

AUNT MARTHA'S SERVICE

CHICAGO HEIGHTS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
1536 VINCENNES AVE.
CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL
(877) 692-8686

COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES. ACCEPTS MEDICAID.

GRAND PRAIRIE SERVICES

1909 174TH STREET
HAZEL CREST, IL
PHONE: (708) 331-0500
[HTTP://WWW.GPSBH.ORG/](http://www.gpsbh.org/)

MUST CALL TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

CHILD & ADOLESCENT SERVICES, CARE MANAGEMENT, ADULT SERVICES, COMMUNITY SUPPORT, JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES, SPECIALIZED SERVICES, SENIOR SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID, AND MUCH MORE.





Final Thoughts

Outlook Academy

Assistant Program Administrator

May has finally come and so has our last newsletter of the 2022-23 school year. For many this will be a bittersweet time. We will be saying goodbye to our graduates as well as our Juniors that are heading back to their home schools for their senior year. We will have graduated over 250 students by the July ceremony and each of them will have traveled a different pathway to get there. But the most important thing is not how they got there but the fact that they made it. Outlook students are a unique group. They have come to us for many different reasons, but they all had one goal, "Just Make It". Whether they were 2 credits behind or 20 they decided that they were not going to give up. They would attend credit recovery 4 days a week. Pass all their regular classes and take on extra coursework during resource. Some days were harder than others and some would give up. The students that are going to be walking across the stage in a few weeks didn't give up. Even those that work the night shift at Amazon still made it to school the next day and did what they had to earn that diploma. There are students that have experienced loss of family, friends, or home and still found a way to get up every day and do what they had to earn the right to walk across the stage on May 21st. This says a lot about our students and who they are.

When I think of this group, they remind me of one of my favorite musicians. He had a song called "My Way". The following verse made me think of how much adversity some of our students faced throughout the year.



"Yes, there were times I'm sure you knew

When I bit off more than I could chew

But through it all, when there was doubt

I ate it up and spit it out

I faced it all and I stood tall and did it my way."



Outlook, we are proud of your accomplishments and what you have learned while you were here. Life is difficult and it will challenge you. You just must remember that there is more than one way to succeed and not everyone is going to take the same path to get there. But you did it and most importantly You did it "Your Way"

Congratulation Outlook and the class of 2023, we are proud and will miss you all!

YOU DID IT!
Congratulations

ADULT TRANSITION PROGRAM

Every student, every day.



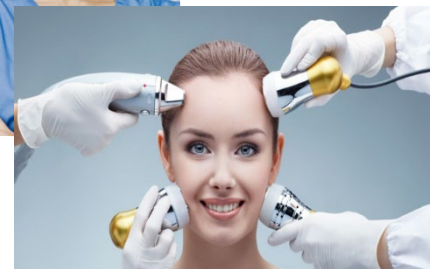
From the Desk of Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Mitchell, Ms. Neita, and Mrs. Slater-Holmes

ATP will continue to work toward meeting each student's individualized goals. During the month of May, students will continue to explore careers, specifically, entry-level careers in the medical and cosmetology fields. Students will engage in research as well as simulated job readiness skills.

Students will continue to receive community-based instruction. The goal of community-based instruction is to teach students to function as independently as possible in as many community environments as possible to enhance their quality of life. Most recently, students were given an opportunity to explore a local mall. Students were tasked with shopping for interview attire while staying within a specified budget, inquiring about employment opportunities, ordering food items from a menu while staying within a specified budget, and more. Students who are enrolled in a reading class at SSC are working diligently to ensure that they finish the semester strong.



CAREERS



CREATE
YOUR
OWN
CAREER

