



Newsletter

Outlook Academy

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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.

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

December

2022

Message from our Program Administrator

From all of us at Outlook Academy, we wish everyone a very merry, safe, and peaceful holiday season!

It is with a great deal of sadness that this month, OA is dealing with the death of one of our students. This tragic event has affected the entire school; our students and staff mourn together. We are shocked and saddened by this tragic event and although we are not new to this occurrence, each time we lose a student to gun violence, the hole in our hearts gets a little bit bigger. We are dedicating this month's newsletter to all the students we have lost over the years to violence and are asking that we all remember the families and loved ones of these former students.

In the last four years, we as a nation have seen too many youths killed by firearm violence. Just in the past four years, adolescent deaths by gun violence have doubled. The largest increases in gun assault deaths across racial and ethnic groups were among Black and Hispanic Youth (an increase of 80% since the start of the pandemic). If anyone thinks that gun violence is someone else's problem or a political issue, they need to come work with us and feel the frustration and pain of our day-by-day.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Board of Education Meeting			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Holiday Basket Deliveries	Final Exams	Final Exams	Final Exam Makeup Day		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Students return on January 10 th after winter break.				



STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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.

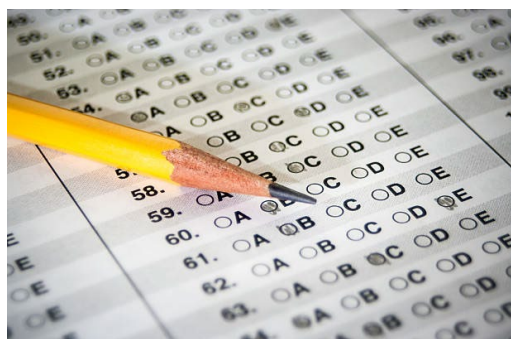


"That's what it takes to be a hero, a little gem of innocence inside you that makes you want to believe that there still exists a right and wrong, that decency will somehow triumph in the end.

~ Lisa Hand

 **CollegeBoard**

SAT



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>



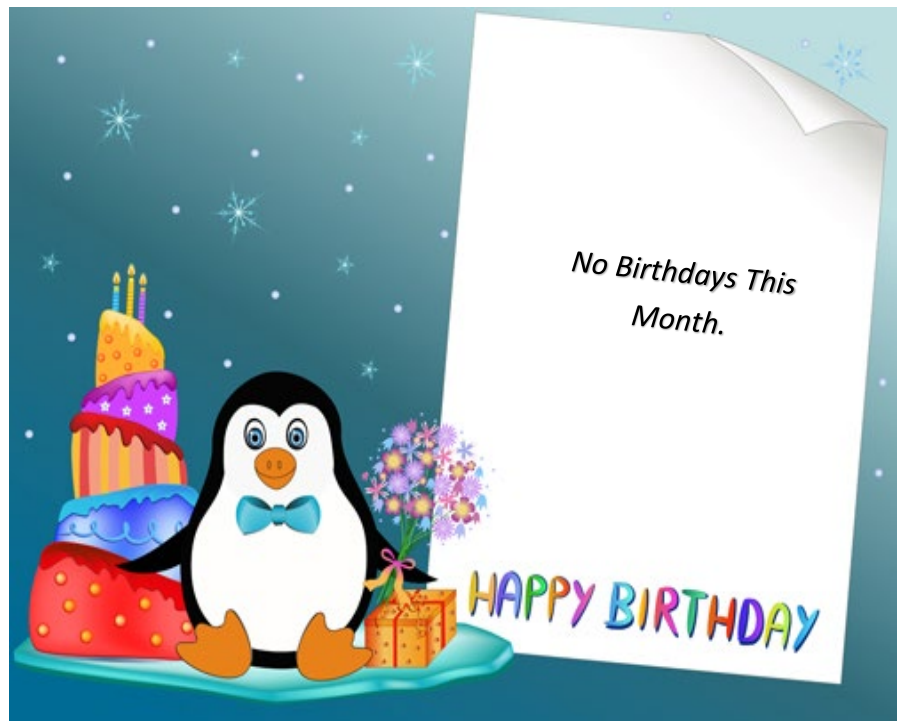
GETTING STUDENTS BACK ON TRACK

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 of Mr. Earl King II and 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 2022-2023 Potential Graduates,

Mr. King & Ms. Holmes have been contacting you repeatedly, by phone and email.

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>

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.

REQUIRED MATERIALS: Social Security Number and Valid Cell Phone

COMPLETE SSC APPLICATION

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

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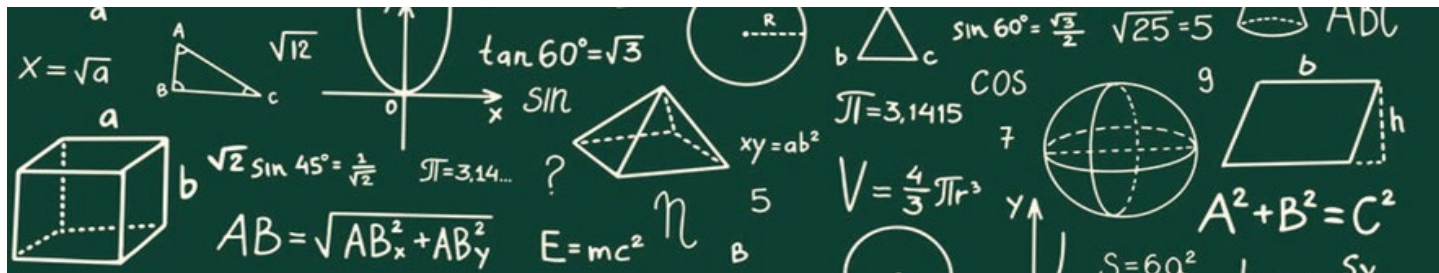
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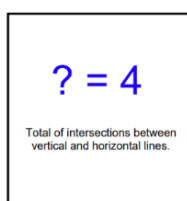


Math Department

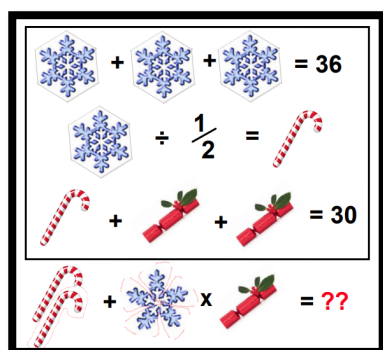
From the Desk of Mrs. Garza

Mrs. Garza's Term 2 Math II and Math III classes have been working on solving systems of linear equations using a variety of methods and simplifying expressions using laws of exponents and properties. 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 as promised, here is the answer to last month's puzzle and the new puzzle for this month:

ANSWER TO NOVEMBER'S PUZZLE OF THE MONTH:



DECEMBER'S PUZZLE OF THE MONTH:



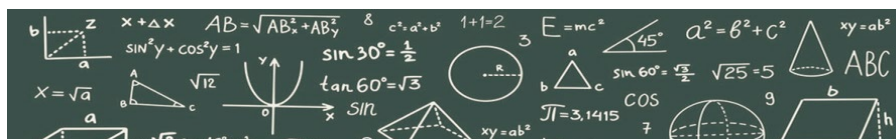
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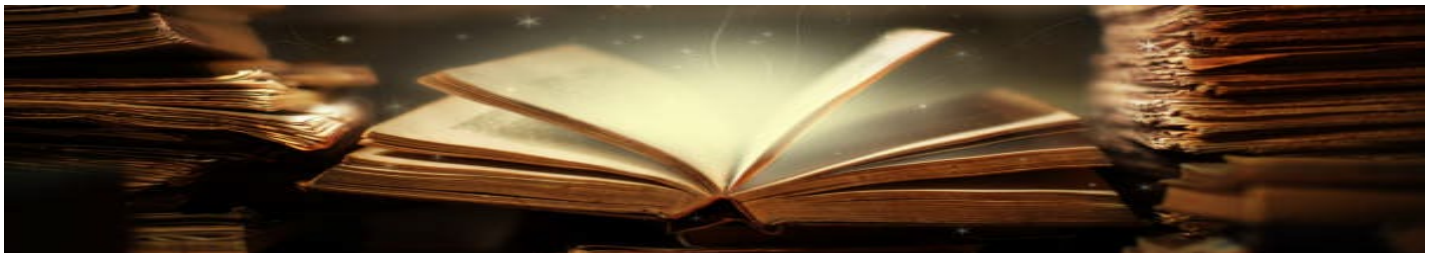


From the Desk of Mr. Bailey

The Financial Algebra class has been working through the cost of transportation. The students have been exploring buying a new or used car. The class discussed different types of insurance for vehicles. Students have also explored the cost of leasing a car or renting a car for short periods of time.

The statistics class discussions have been centered around the normal curve. The class has discussed the use of z-scores to compare data that is not on the same scale. For example, the students studied the differences between male and female athletes' jumping ability and compared players from the Bulls with players from the Sky.





English Department

From the Desk of Mrs. Goodman

December will bring our 2nd session to a close and students will be compiling their research into a Career Project and writing an essay defending their career choice. Session 2 students are finishing **The Alchemist** and putting together a slideshow of their personal Quests.

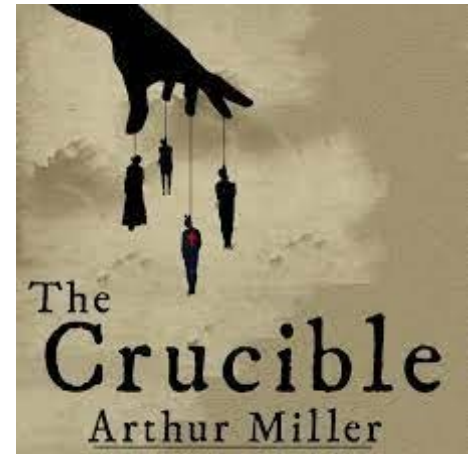


From the Desk of Mr. Davidson

Outlook Reading Resource has screened over 130 Outlook students for reading level and common issues which delay reading.

Many students are already receiving support on vocabulary found on A.C.T. and S.A.T. tests. All classes will soon be invited to join the **Varsity Vocabulary Pizza Playoffs**, a competition that will encourage students to challenge their teacher's vocabulary skills to win weekly contests and receive free pizza lunches at the same time they improve their own vocabulary skills.

While screening our students, we also asked them about post-graduation plans and are now collecting information on South Suburban College programs which offer certifications in the areas of interest of our students. S.S.C. offers over 75 certificates in many diverse areas of work.



From the Desk of Mr. Folsom

In Mr. Folsom's class, we are working on SEL strategies, like being empathetic. We have done several different exercises in class to practice what it means to be empathetic vs. sympathetic.

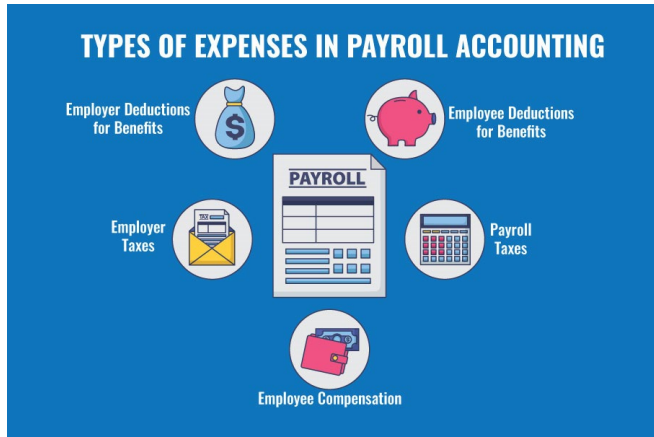
We have completed reading *The Crucible* and are currently working on final projects.

We are also practicing using evidence to strengthen arguments in text and in conversations-using research or textual evidence to back their opinions.





Business Department



From the Desk of Mr. Arrington

Students will continue working towards receiving their Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification in the Advanced Computer Apps class until the end of the Session. Key to this class is the completion of student resumes. Students are required to complete an error free resume that includes at least three references. Passing the MOS certification enriches the student's resume and increases the student's employment potential.

From the Desk of Ms. Digiacomio

In the accounting classes, students are learning about payroll and payroll taxes. They can calculate gross pay and net pay. They are especially interested in this component of class since many of the students have jobs and can understand their paychecks.

For the final project, the students will write a report about companies involved in accounting scandals, such as Enron, Waste Management, Lehman Brothers, etc.



Josiah Bracey	Arianna Maxey
Derrick Martin	Faheem Dyson
Jermiah Brown	John Sepulveda*
Moriah Clinton*	Selena Arroyo
Nyla Mitchell	Rockell Monroe*
Jahlil Robinson	Kamari Sanders
Myracle Clinton	Terry Gourdine
Damarion Beck	Jamila Maggitt
Keyana Fulton	Thomas Jackson
Chanel McChristian	Timya Northington
Naomi Washington	Xiclali Torres



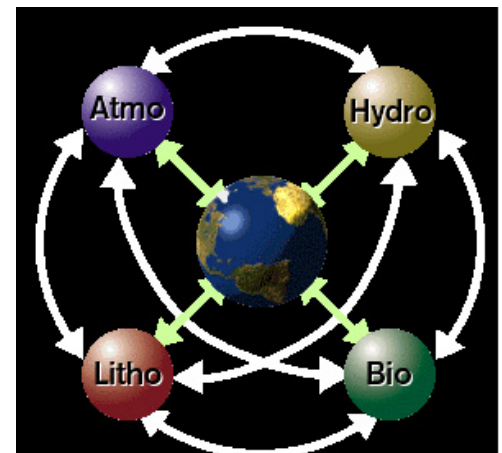
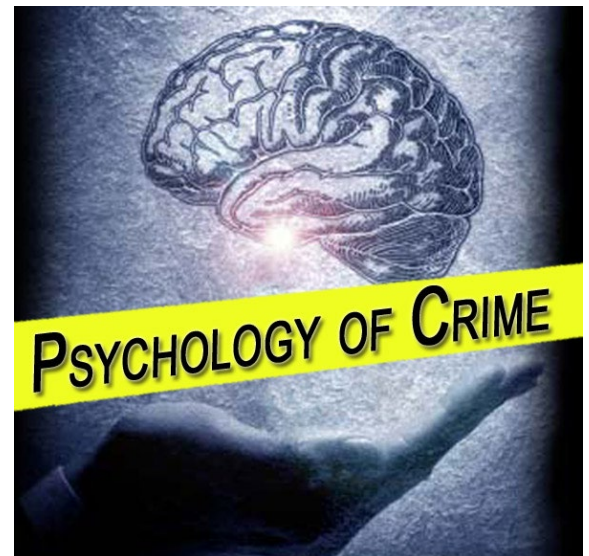
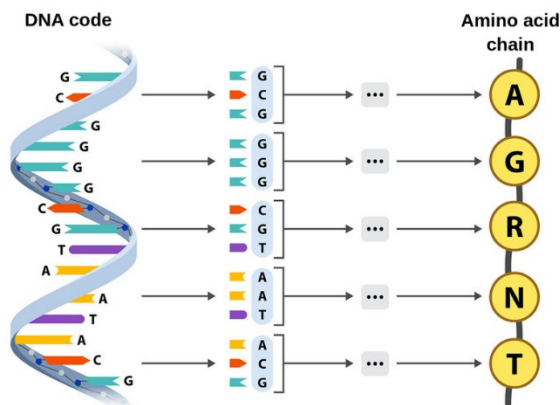


Science Department

From the Desk of Ms. Anderson

Students in the Biology course will continue their study of genetics by exploring the world of DNA. Students will learn the structure and function of DNA, and how those coded instructions make us.

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





Social Studies Department

From the Desk of Mr. Martin

African-American pianist in need of a driver for his eight-week concert tour through the Midwest and Deep South. Don hires Tony on the strength of his references. They embark with plans to return to New York City on Christmas Eve. Don's record label gives Tony a copy of The Negro Motorist Green Book, a guide for African-American travelers to find motels, restaurants, and filling stations that would serve them in the Jim Crow South.

Tony and Don initially clash as Tony feels uncomfortable being asked to act with more refinement, while haughty Don is displeased by Tony's habits. As the tour progresses, Tony is impressed with Don's talent on the piano and is increasingly appalled by the discriminatory treatment that Don receives from his hosts and the public when he is not onstage. In Louisville, Kentucky, a group of white men beat Don and threaten his life in a bar before Tony rescues him. He instructs Don not to go out without him for the rest of the tour.

US History students are learning about the causes and effects of The Cold War.



From the Desk of Mr. O'Leary

Happy Holidays,

As we are quickly approaching the end of our 2nd term and the start of a new year, I hope all is well in your corner of the world. Stay focused and keep working hard to bring 2022 to a fabulous ending and then start 2023 in a strong/positive place.

Please check with Mrs. Martin, Mr. Folsom, or Mr. Valant to make sure you are on track to graduate ASAP. You need to know exactly where you are on your road to graduation and what still needs to be accomplished.

Stop by my room anytime if you have any questions or concerns involving civics, economics, the constitution test or just need to talk, my door is always open (3363).

Happy Holidays and Best of Wishes for the New Year!

thanks,
Mr. O'Leary





Visual Arts Department

From the Desk of Mrs. Martinez

Welcome to the Visual Arts Classroom. We have been busy learning about how the Elements of Art are used in art. In Charles Demuth's "5," students created a grid and applied color theory and line patterns in their artworks. To celebrate the start of the fall season, students created a warm and cool color leaf art project using geometric and organic shapes. Celebrating the graffiti

artist Keith Haring, students created artworks inspired by his famous artistic style. Using the symmetrical radial design, students created a paper relief sculpture demonstrating how an artist can create radial symmetry in art and how it is created in nature. Grid enlargement is a technique that artists use to create large-scale artworks. Students learned how to use this

technique through a grid enlargement of their favorite candy bar. To celebrate the culture and heritage of Mexico, students learned about the Day of the Dead ((Día de Muertos) which is celebrated on November 1st and 2nd. Students created their Sugar skulls utilizing the symmetrical design.



Visual Arts

Student Class Work

Welcome to Visual Arts @ Outlook Academy





From Our Social Worker

December is National Human Right Month



From the Desk of Mr. Hill

December recognizes National Human Rights Month. This month and every month to follow, everyone in the United States is encouraged to come together and stand up for equality, justice, and the dignity of all humans.

December is a time to honor the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, an international document stating the fundamental rights and freedoms to which all human beings are entitled. These rights include freedom from discrimination, the right to equality, and the right to be considered innocent until proven guilty.

SEL RE-CAP Lesson 2.5 Defusing Anger

When you are feeling triggered and your emotions being to arise, please be mindful of the following de-escalation techniques.

De-Escalation Techniques

1. Belly Breathe
2. Use Positive Self-Talk
3. Reframe the situation
4. Remove yourself from the situation
5. Take a walk or run
6. Envision a peaceful scene
7. Talk about your feelings
8. Write in a journal

Game Club

Outlook's SASP is offering to you the "Game Club". Game Club is a space where you can enjoy video games, board games, and is a place to connect with others. Game Club is up and running. Please keep your eye open for the weekly SEL time with Mr. Hill. All activities take place in **Room 3361**.

Thank you for your time!





Final Thoughts

Outlook Academy

Assistant Program Administrator



From the Desk of Mr. Valant

Good day and happy December Outlook. This month is packed with many important events and is going to go quickly. Most of you are aware that we are on break from December 22nd to January 10th. Before we get to that, we must take care of business. The break signifies the midway point of the academic school year. This means we are in the final push towards the end of the second term. Our current schedule has our last day of classes on Monday December 19th. Tuesday, December 20th and Wednesday, December 21st we will be taking final exams. The first and second block exams will be on Tuesday the 20th and the third and fourth blocks will be on Wednesday, December the 21st. Anyone that misses an exam will need to make it up on Thursday, December 22nd before 11 a.m. Please make sure to mark these dates in your calendar. You can also check your Google classrooms for the information posted by your teachers. They will have information regarding their policy on Make-up work for the last few weeks of the grading period. Students are encouraged to do their very best in both their regular and credit recovery courses. How well students perform these last three weeks will greatly influence the student's ability to graduate with their class on May 21st, 2023. We wish everyone a great holiday season. Be safe and enjoy.

*Mark Your
Calendar*

