



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 Ventura 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/concerns 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

November

2022

Message from our Program Administrator

Many of our students and families are likely to experience an increased level of anxiety and concern as the holiday season is rapidly approaching. Please recognize this and—as you always have—remember that our success is not an entitlement, but something we need to earn and work at each day. Let us all be very sensitive to the pressures our students and families may be feeling and do everything we can to exceed their expectations of us individually and collectively.

Each year, the Board of Education, and the Staff of D205, rally together to help alleviate some of the Holiday stress for our families by creating Holiday Baskets and delivering them to our nominated families. This year, our Thanksgiving Baskets will be delivered on Monday, November 21, 2022, and the Holiday Baskets will be delivered on Monday, December 19, 2022.

Thank you to everyone that contributed this year! Your generosity is bringing joy to hundreds of our D205 community members this year.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Outlook Academy!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		OA Learning Walks			8:30 a.m. SOAR	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		No School Election Day	6:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting (TR)	Linda Kingdon's Birthday	No School Veteran's Day	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Officer Owens Birthday	TT Wellness Screenings Jason Hill's Birthday	TR Wellness Screenings	Nikita Coleman's Birthday
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	TR Wellness Screenings Thanksgiving Basket Delivery Day		No School			
27	28	29	30			



Academic Support

MTSS CORNER/Mrs. Coleman

Students! The SEL team and OA staff are having a blast with you. We are all growing together in SOAR. SOAR stands for Strength, Opportunity, Aspiration, and Results and is our all-school social-emotional weekly lesson. We are taking a journey to understand the power of our thoughts and emotions. As we grow together, let's remember to purposefully keep ourselves in a "positive loop".

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.



"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the one's we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

~ President Barack Obama



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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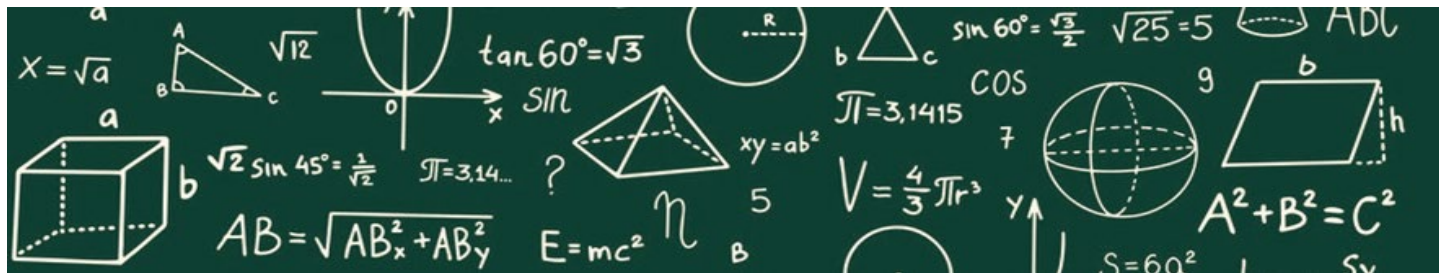
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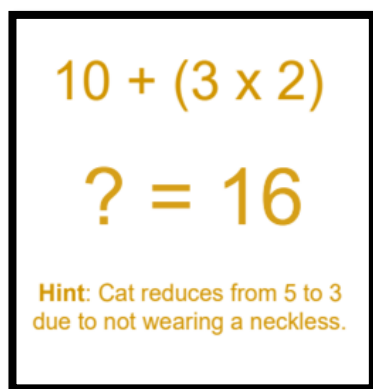


Math Department

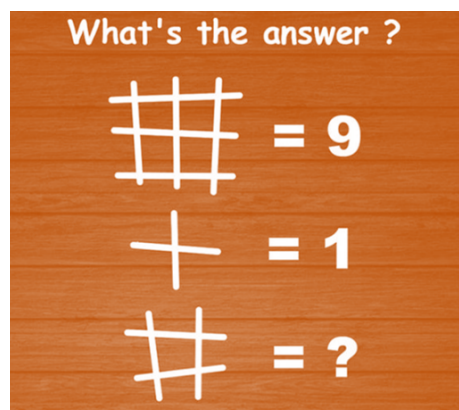
From the Desk of Mrs. Garza

Mrs. Garza's Session 2 Math II and Math III classes have been working on algebraic expressions, interpreting graphs, finding patterns, and graphing linear equations. 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 SEPTEMBER'S PUZZLE OF THE MONTH:



NOVEMBER'S PUZZLE OF THE MONTH:

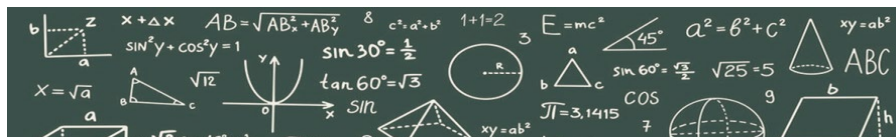


From the Desk of Mr. Bailey

The second term started with more Statistics and a course in Financial Algebra.

Statistics will be focusing on the normal curve. We will be recreating the normal graph by doing human Plinko. We will explore using the normal graph to understand any set of data.

Financial Algebra will be focusing on employment and the money and Algebra behind finding and working a job or career. Students will discuss different options and work towards being financially balanced with their decisions.





English Department

From the Desk of Mrs. Goodman

For the month of November my Second Session English class will focus on taking our Personal Quest to improve our future selves as we read *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho.

My First Session English classes will focus on career research and begin to narrow down which of the careers will suit them best in the future.



From the Desk of Mr. Folsom

In Mr. Folsom's class, we are working on SEL strategies, like problem-solving. We have done several exercises in class to practice how to constructively solve problems in life-whether they are personal, school related, or other. This has created some great conversations amongst the students-some debates on what is feasible and not for them.

We are also practicing professional writing, such as emails. Students need more exposure and practice with this form of communication





Science Department

From the Desk of Ms. Anderson

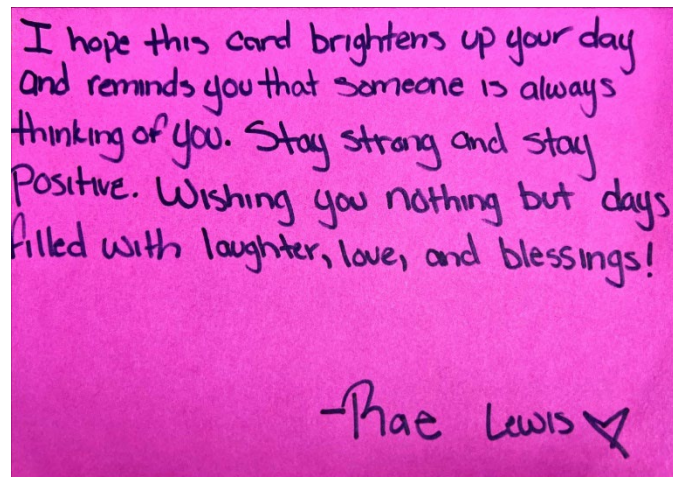
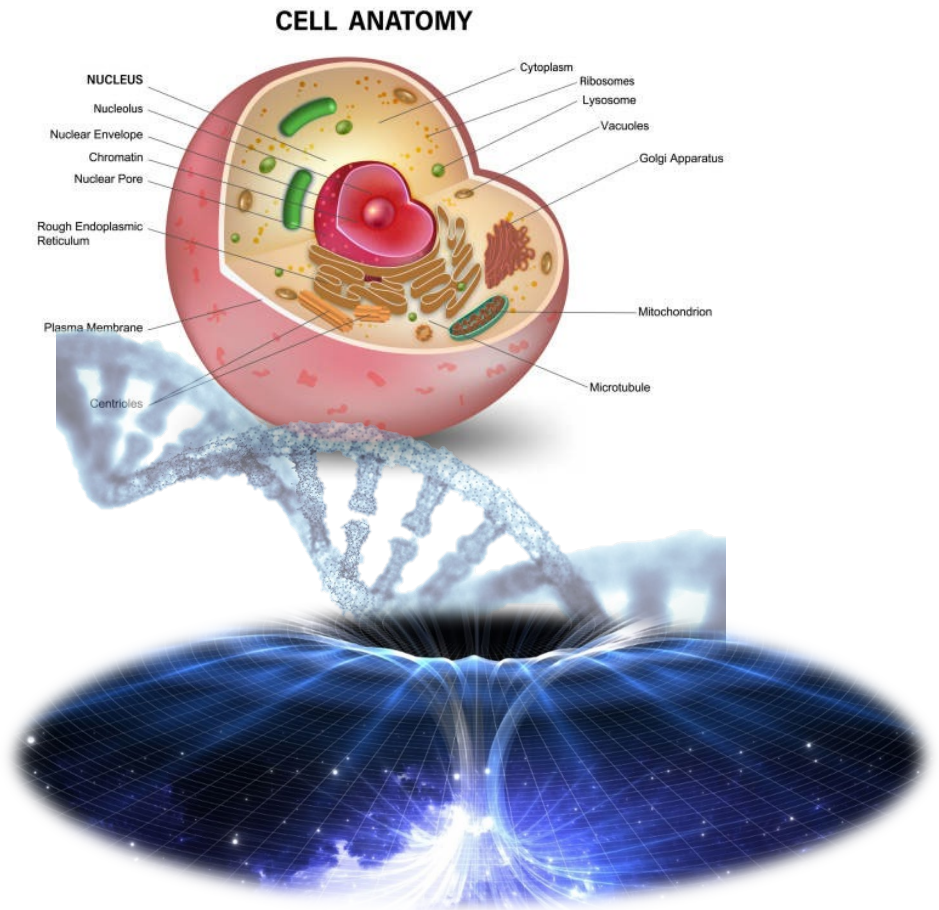
Biology students will conclude their study of cells this week and begin a new journey into genetics. Students will study inheritance laws and examine how they are exhibited.

Integrated Science students are in the Earth Science Unit, where they are studying the effects of gravity. Students will complete a project where they are tasked with furnishing a home that exists in a zero-gravity space. This project will not only utilize the student's knowledge of Earth Science but will also teach math skills, where students will have to provide furnishing within a budget.

Activity Headlines

Cards for Care Program – Students make cards to give to a local nursing home. Cards are made for a variety of occasions – Birthday, Encouragement, Thinking of You, etc.

Gravity



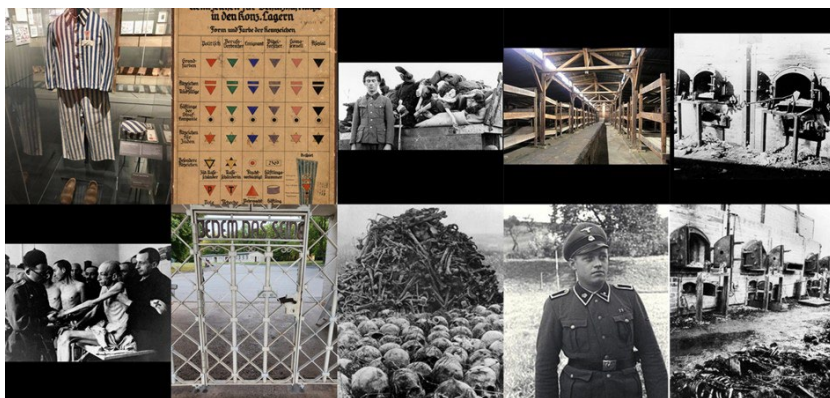


Social Studies Department

From the Desk of Mr. Martin

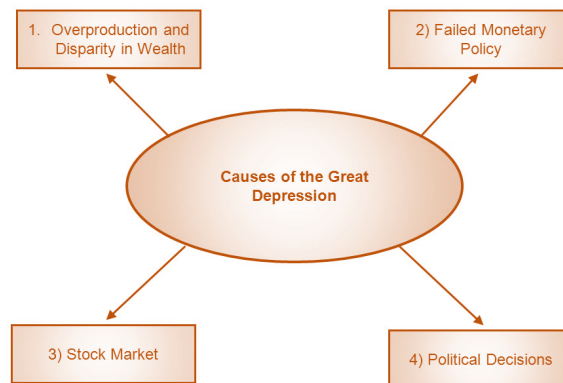
World Film Studies - Semester 2

Our classes are still studying World War II. We have watched about combat as well as the Holocaust. The film we are currently watching is "Red Tails". The movie is based on the Tuskegee Airmen and how they had to overcome bigotry and racism to become fighter pilots. It was their determination that forced the military to take them seriously and give them meaningful tasks. These pilots are credited for turning the tide of the war in favor of the Allies. Each day, the students are given a movie trivia question to answer.



US History – Semester 2

We are beginning our unit on the Great Depression. Students should be able to identify the causes and effects of the Depression. We will cover the New Deal Programs that helped the US recover. The presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt and the criticism he faced trying to get the US out of the Depression.



From the Desk of Mr. O'Leary

The second session has started and is going strong in the social studies department. I would like to announce that 32 more students have successfully passed the Constitution Test, meeting the requirement for graduation. Do not let this hold you back. As the time for your graduation approaches please check to make sure you have successfully fulfilled this requirement.

If you have not yet taken Civics you will take the test in class. If you need to take the Constitution Test or are unsure if you passed it, see me in 3363, ASAP. You can always email me as well at poleary@ttdistrict205.net.





Visual Arts Department

From the Desk of Mrs. Martinez

Welcome to the Visual Arts Classroom, Session 2. In Visual Design S1` students created concert poster designs using Google Drawing. Students incorporated various graphic design concepts that are important in visual design. Students also learned about space, symmetry, and balance through Japanese Notan Design. In Intro to

Art S2 students learned about value through shading geometric shapes and applying Color Theory. Students also learned about radial symmetrical design by creating a mandala design as well as learn about the Element of Art, Space by creating a 2 Point Perspective Word Design. In Visual Design S2, students are learning how to create a design

collection by creating a shoe and jersey collection. Students also learned about how to use graphic design concepts by creating a cereal box design by hand and then by using Google Drawing. I look forward to challenging my students as they learn to create art that is both relevant and personal.



Visual Arts

Student Class Work





From Our Social Worker

October Emotional Wellness Month

From the Desk of Mr. Hill

As the holiday season approaches, please be mindful of your local community resources.

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

DCFS Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE (252-2873)
Sass CARES AT (800) 345-9049 if you believe a child is at risk of harm to self or others
Cook county crisis center at 708-679-8100 OR 911.

MENTAL HEALTH/COUNSELING:

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.

YMCA

320 W 202ND ST.
Chicago Heights, IL 60411
Phone: (708) 754-0486
Hotline: (888) 293-2080
Counseling for Women and Children Survivors of Sexual Assault and their Families

SOUTH SUBURBAN HOUSING CENTER

18220 Hardwood Avenue, SUITE 1
Homewood, IL 60430
Phone: (708) 957-4674
<http://SOUTHSUBURBANHOUSINGCENTER.ORG/>

GRAND PRAIRIE SERVICES

1909 174TH Street
Hazel Crest, IL
Phone: (708) 331-0500
<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.

HOUSING/FOOD ASSISTANCE:

Thornton Township Food and General Assistance Center
15340 PAGE AVE,
Harvey, IL 60426
Phone: (708) 596-6040
<http://WWW.THORNTONTOWNSHIP.COM/DEPARTMENTS/FOOD-ASSISTANCE/>
Counseling Services, Crisis Intervention, Educational and Youth

SOUTH SUBURBAN FAMILY SHELTER

Phone: (708) 794-2140
Po BOX 937
Homewood, IL 60430
Emergency: (708) 335-3028
<http://WWW.SSFS1.ORG/>
Domestic Violence Intervention

Negative Thoughts: initial negative thoughts that a person has when a situation arises.

Counter thoughts: trying to make sense of a situation because the negative thoughts do not align with past behaviors/thoughts/attitudes.

Reframing Thoughts: rationalization, creating a benefit of the doubt to explain away negative thoughts.

Game Club

Outlook's SASP IS OFFERING TO YOU THE "GAME CLUB". A game Club is a space where you can enjoy video games and 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 will take place in Room 3361.
Thank you for your time!





Final Thoughts

Outlook Academy

Assistant Program Administrator

From the Desk of Mr. Valant

During the month of November, there are several important events that take time to remember. Events that have occurred as well as those that will shape our future. Election day this year is held on November 8th, and it will surely shape the future of our country at the local, state, and federal levels. Due to the importance, it is imperative that every one that is registered gets out and votes. You always want to make sure that your voice is heard, and that your vote is counted.

We will also be celebrating Veterans Day this month on the 11th. Veterans Day honors our veterans of the armed forces and those killed in the country's wars. The observance originated in 1919 on the first anniversary of the 1918 armistice that ended WWI and was known as Armistice Day. It was commemorated in 1921 with the burial of an unknown soldier from

World War I at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. November 11 became an official national holiday in the United States in 1938. In 1954 the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor those who had served in all U.S. wars. Ceremonies are held each year at the Tomb of the Unknowns, and floral tributes are placed on the graves of service men and women and at memorials throughout the country.

The last holiday we will be celebrating this month is Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Day is an annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Americans generally believe that their Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag

people. The American holiday is particularly rich in legend and symbolism, and the traditional fare of the Thanksgiving meal typically includes turkey, bread stuffing, potatoes, cranberries, and pumpkin pie.

Thanksgiving Day did not become an official holiday until Northerners dominated the federal government. While sectional tensions prevailed in the mid-19th century, the editor of the popular magazine *Godey's Lady's Book*, Sarah Josepha Hale, campaigned for a national Thanksgiving Day to promote unity. She finally won the support of President Abraham Lincoln. On October 3, 1863, during the Civil War, Lincoln proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26.



*Education is the most powerful
weapon which you can use to
change the world, so arm yourself
with knowledge.*

-Nelson Mandela-