



Student Reminders:

- All visitors to OA must wear a protective mask and have their temperature checked before entering the building. Visitors must enter SSC using the north entrance of the building located by the SSC Police Station.
- Student ID Procedures: Students must always wear their OA ID. Students are not allowed on campus without an ID on. If you lose your ID, you must report to the main office to purchase

Ventra Cards

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

SAT/PSAT

In other news...

Fall SAT is officially over! If you are a 12th grader who did not test, you may be in jeopardy of not graduating. 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.
ncoleman@ttdistrict205.net.

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



Outlook Academy

March 2022

MTSS CORNER/Mrs. Coleman

From the MTSS Corner:

The countdown has begun- yes, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel! We are officially ONE quarter to graduation. To our seniors- it is time to put your gears into overdrive. Let us finish strong by meeting with your teachers, OA's counselor, the transition team and MTSS Coordinator regularly. Please utilize every level of support available to you. Remember- when you succeed, we (OA) succeed. In addition to focusing on passing all regular and credit recovery classes, please make sure that you have taken the SAT, a state mandated test. If you have not taken the SAT, your last opportunity to take it is Wednesday, April 13, 2021. Students will receive information about test date and location in the upcoming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns about the SAT, please email Ms. Coleman at coleman.nikita@ttdistrict205.net

Outlook Academy

Presents Online
MOS Certification Club

Get Certified!
BEGINNING NOVEMBER 13TH, YOU CAN GET CERTIFIED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- MS WORD
- ADV. MS WORD
- MS POWERPOINT
- MS EXCEL
- ADV. MS EXCEL
- MS OUTLOOK
- MS ACCESS

Club requirements

- District Parent or Student
- Computer with Internet Connection
- When: Each Saturday, 9am – 11am
Beginning November 13, 2021

Cost: Free

To Register

Contact:
narrington@ttdistrict205.net or
ncoleman@ttdistrict205.net

Classes begin November 13th so register today!

GET
INVOLVED!

After
School
Clubs



March Motivation

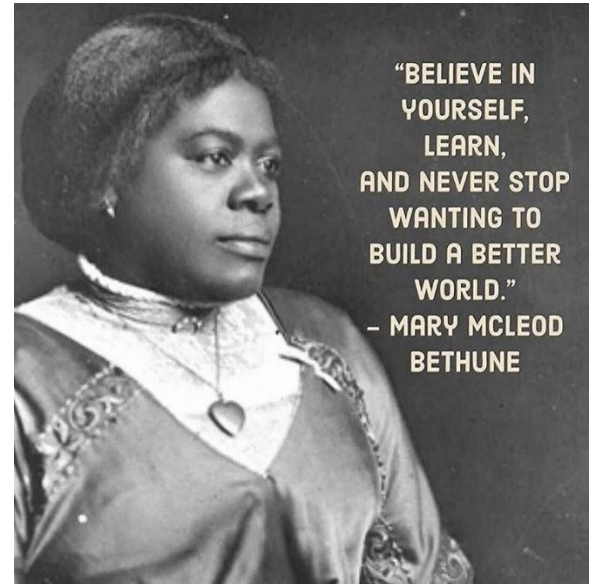
“I am a great believer in **LUCK**, and I find the harder you work, the more **LUCK** I have.”

March

2022

Message from our Program Administrator

The daughter of former slaves, Mary Jane McLeod Bethune became one of the most important black educators, civil and women's rights leaders and government officials of the twentieth century. The college she founded set educational standards for today's black colleges, and her role as an advisor to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt gave African Americans an advocate in government. If you are not familiar with this remarkable Woman, please take the time to Google her.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
	No School Pulaski Day		D205 6:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				HAPPY St. Patrick's Day		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
			Shannon Garza's Birthday			

Parent Information

- Attendance: For questions, 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 2021-2022

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

Upcoming Events

Mrs. Martin's Counselor's Corner

Martin's Motivational Moment:

Begin to notice what you have in your life that you are grateful for and when you look at life through the lens of gratitude, you don't see as many obstacles or hindrances."

~ Michael Brenard Beckwith

Seniors (attending public high schools in Illinois) must complete the FAFSA in order 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 don't 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.



Teacher Messages

From the Desk of: Mr. Folsom, English

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.

This has created some great conversations amongst the students especially with what is happening with the Russia/Ukraine crisis.

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



From the Desk of Mrs. Garza, Math

Financial Tip of the Month: CONSIDER UPDATING IRS FORM W-4

If there has been a major life change recently – marriage, having a child, divorce, etc., consider updating IRS Form W-4. You want to avoid a surprise bill at tax time, next year. Alternatively, having less money withheld can reduce larger refunds at tax time, but increase your monthly take-home pay – which will give your budget some breathing room.

The key to maximizing your take-home pay is to take full advantage of withholding allowances. Tax allowances are factored in when your employer calculates how much federal income tax to withhold from your pay. The MORE allowances you claim, the LESS money is withheld from each paycheck.

Typically, your employer will give you a W-4 form to fill out at the beginning of your employment, and SOMETIMES each year thereafter. It is also possible you will never see the form again. You should make sure any pertinent changes are reflected on an ongoing basis. You can always fill out a new W-4 form yourself when your personal financial situation changes in a way that impacts your tax allowances.

Remember, often when you get a tax refund that just means that the government has withheld too much of your pay and is giving it back. You've essentially provided the government with an interest-free loan. You can make better use of that money month to month, when it is properly invested, saved up for a rainy day or spent on purchases that help with your everyday needs. Plus, that way you can rest assured that you are making the most of your income. Just imagine if your refund could be earning interest for you all year long, or just making your life better every day instead of showing up once in your bank account and likely disappearing quickly.

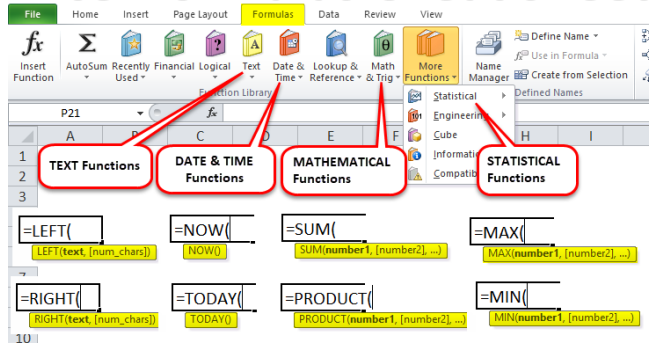
Tips and information found at:

<https://aplusfcu.org/blog/understanding-and-directing-your-withholdings/> and <https://aplusfcu.org/blog/planner/>

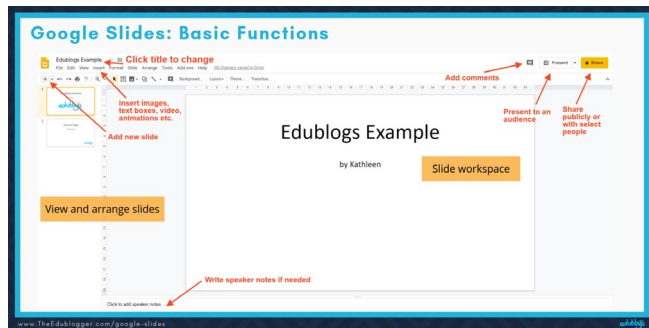
From the Desk of Mr. Arrington, Business

While researching colleges and universities, Education & Career Tech students created personal budgets as well as college choice spreadsheets. They are also learning how to use formulas to maintain the integrity of the spreadsheet.

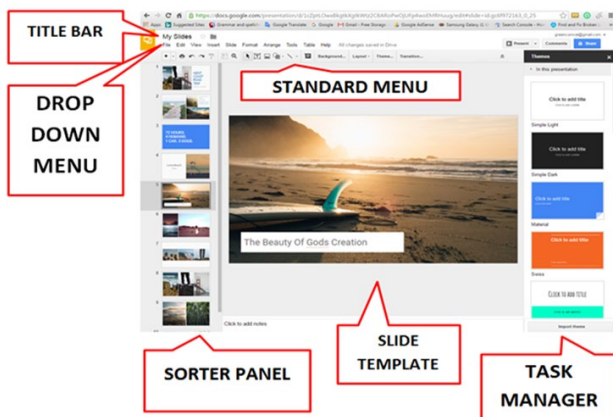
Excel Formulas Cheat Sheet



As we approach the end of the term, students are finalizing college choice presentations while learning how to create engaging presentations using Google Slides. I encourage all students who require assistance to attend CP for support.

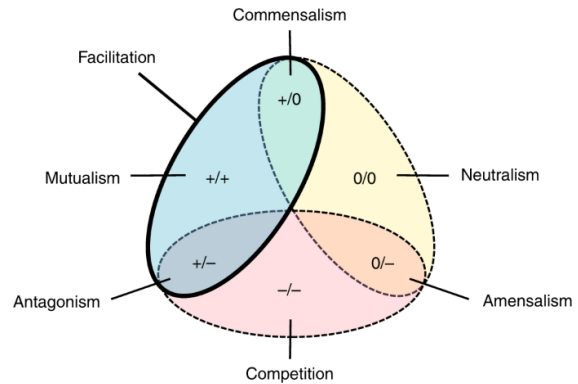


GOOGLE DOCS PRESENTATION: APPLICATION INTERFACE



From the Desk of Ms. Anderson, Science

Closing out the quarter, our biology students will design an island that will illustrate the various connections between Ecology and Evolution. This project will highlight Darwin's Principle of Natural Selection and explain how Ecology influences Evolution.

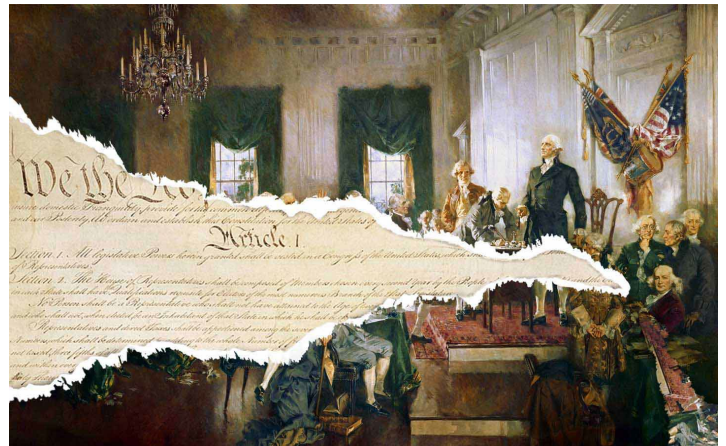


Forensic Science students will analyze the JonBenet' Ramsey case. This was the case of the missing (soon found murdered) six-year-old pageant queen that is still classified as unsolved almost 25 years later. Students will analyze the evidence, procedures and make a determination of who they think (and successful argue) committed the crime.

From the Desk of Mr. O'Leary, Social Studies

As the 3rd session comes to an end, it is time to make sure you have officially passed the constitution test. Anyone who still needs this graduation requirement should come and see me in room 3363, anytime during the school day.

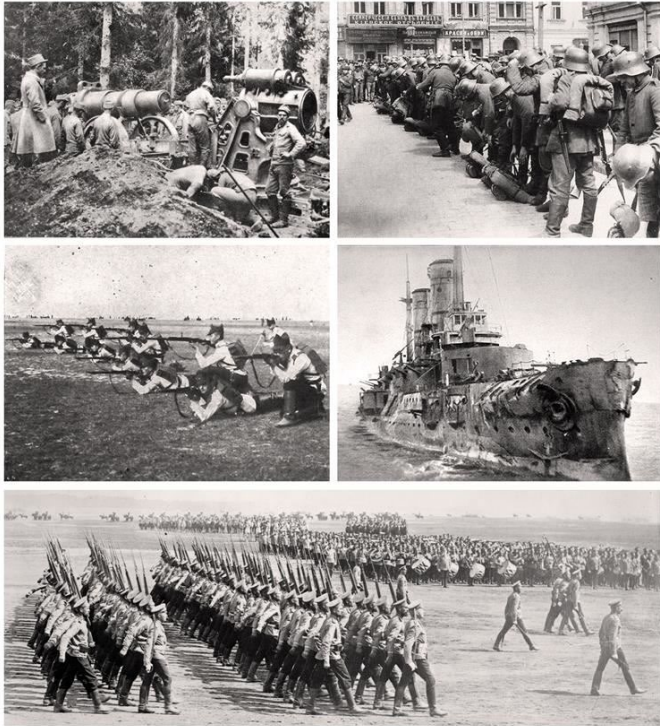
Once the 4th session gets started, I will be asking students to volunteer to go to the Thornton Township Food Center in Harvey. Finish the 3rd session and the rest of the year strong.



**From the Desk of Mr. Martin,
Social Studies**

In US History students are studying Imperialism & World War I.

- Students will look at European countries conquered smaller countries for economic, military and nationalism reasons
- The US fought against Spain in the Spanish-American War to give independence to Cuba. As a result, they acquired territories in the Pacific Islands.



In World Film students will begin watching "Selma." This movie chronicles the March from Selma to Montgomery led by Dr. King as he attempted to secure Voting Rights legislation for African Americans. Students get a firsthand look at how African Americans were denied the right to vote by Southern leadership and sometimes

**From the Desk of: Mrs. Digiacomo,
Business**

Math Resource: The students are working independently on each of their Plato math classes and are making good progress. Once they finish a course, they are assigned another class to complete.

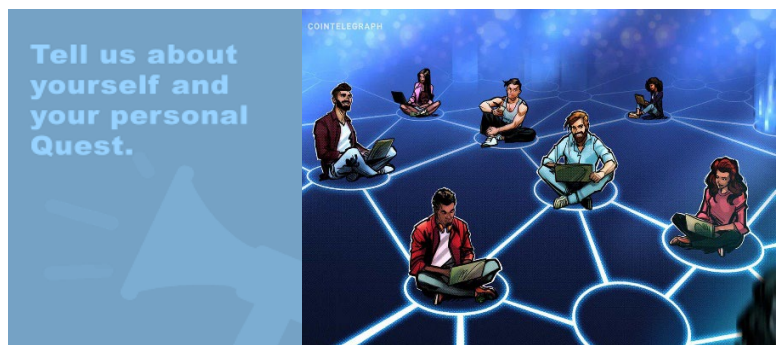
Accounting Semester 2: The students have learned how to calculate payroll and deductions. They have learned the difference between gross pay and net pay. They have just started on checking accounts, including how to write a check, completing a check register and bank reconciliations. For their final project they will be create a report that involves accounting scandals and will present to the class.

GROSS VS. NET PAY

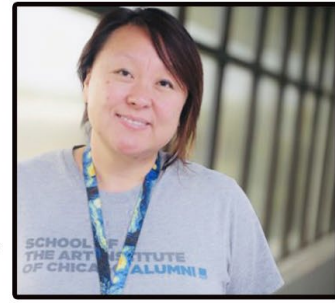
GROSS PAY	NET PAY
Wages before taxes and other deductions	Wages after taxes and other deductions

**From the Desk of Mrs. Goodman,
English/Speech**

Happy March, and hopefully Spring! As March begins, we are finishing up our Personal Quest Projects and reading *The Alchemist*. Many students enjoyed the novel, and I am hoping for repeated success with it next session. As the quarter begins, we will be in the final stretch toward graduation!



Welcome to the Visual Arts Classroom at Outlook Academy



February has been a wonderful month to learn about different African American Artists that have made huge impacts and contributions to both the art world and to our society. We have analyzed the artists Alma Woody Thomas, Aaron Douglas, and Faith Ringgold. [Faith Ringgold](#) is best known for her compelling story quilts. Students analyzed one of her most famous story quilts, "Tar Beach" and her thought process as she created this beautiful work of art. After analyzing her work, students created their own story quilt that shared two of their favorite childhood memories. We ended Black History Month with an art project inspired by Faith Ringgold's 1970's "Flag Show". Students created an artwork with the theme "My America" where students reflected through their own lens what America meant to them. I am inspired by the artworks our students have completed as they learned and reflected on the artists we celebrated during this special time.



Message from Nurse Johnson



The Kidneys are a pair of bean-shaped organs about the size of a small fist and located on each side of the spine above the waist area.

Functions of the Kidneys:

- Primary job is to rid the body of toxins and waste.
- Filter waste out of the body through your urine.
- Make red blood cells (red blood cells transport oxygen around the body).
- Maintain a balance of salt and nutrients.
- Help keep bones healthy.
- Help to regulate blood pressure.

The Kidneys take care of your body filtering and cleaning your blood.

Here are a few tips to keep your Kidneys working efficiently and safe

- Keep blood pressure regulated
- Control your blood sugars
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Eat a healthier diet
- Increase fluid intake (water is the best)
- Quit Smoking



March 10,2022 is World Kidney Day so show your Kidneys some Love!

MARCH IS
SOCIAL WORK
MONTH



A circular arrangement of diverse hands, representing global unity and support, holding a central image of three children (two girls and one boy) standing together, symbolizing the focus on children's rights and well-being.

In their roles, they provide support to people of all backgrounds, in our communities, and to employers. Their services are provided in crisis situations or when life creates roadblocks and uncertainty. They guide us through the obstacles and help lift us out of the potholes. Social workers provide a voice for equal rights for the weakest of us and connect us to resources when we are in need.

Since social workers take on many roles, they are always in demand. Whether they provide their services to children, adults or families, social workers are highly trained and have earned at least a Bachelor of Social Work degree or higher.

National Social Work Month was first organized in March of 1963 by National Association of Social Workers to encourage public support for the profession. Then in 1984, a joint resolution of Congress was passed and was proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan under Proclamation 5167 on March 22 as National Professional Social Work Month.





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 2021-2022 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/>

***From the Desk of Mr. Earl King II and Ms. Briana Holmes
Transition Program***

ATTENTION

Outlook Academy 2022-2023 Potential Graduates,
Mr. King & Ms. Holmes have contacted you all, 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.

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

Also, The CAIC Bridge Program is now available. More information to follow.

A Manufacturing Based Program with Certifications and a Completion Certificate upon completion from the Program.

Assists in obtaining enduring employment.
A 4-week program with a STIPEND for Outlook Academy students.

Class Format and Order: Manufacturing 101 -> OSHA -> MATH -> LEAN (Quality and Safety) --> Forklifting.

Students must be on time and motivated.

We have a phenomenal opportunity for all Outlook Academy students. The Career and Technical Education Courses are available for sign-up.

The Drone Operators Program is a wonderful opportunity. The Class will be integrated into our current learning system and students will take the online courses to become certified.

The classes are created to be presented in a format the students can navigate easily and complete.

Please encourage students to sign up for this and other classes. I've attached Class information and options.

Also, we have the Forklift Operators Training Program available here at South Suburban College. Students must be 18 or older.

When: Friday, March 18, 2022
Where: South Suburban College: Oak Forest
1633 South Kilbourn Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452
(Behind 167th and Pulaski Wendy's) Time: 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Cost: Waived for Outlook Academy Students

See Mr. King in Room 3477, Post in

Google Classroom to Sign Up for this Wonderful Opportunity!

**Forklift
Certification
2022!**





*From the Desks of Mr. Valant
Outlook Academy Assistant Program Administrator*

Good day From Outlook Academy,

Welcome to March, this is the month that spring arrives, and we remember what the sun feels like. The month of March also helps us remember other important things. March is officially Women's History month. The national month of recognition was instituted by President Jimmy Carter. This is a national recognition of vital roles women have played around the world throughout history. It is a time to pay tribute to the generations of women who changed the face of society through courage and activism. The list is extensive, but the following are just a few of the women that helped to shape the world as we know it. They are a mixture of inventors, scientists, leaders, politicians and even a Queen.

Jane Austen (1775 – 1817)
Anne Frank (1929 – 1945)
Maya Angelou (1928 – 2014)
Queen Elizabeth I (1533 – 1603)
Catherine the Great (1729 – 1796)
Sojourner Truth (1797 – 1883)
Rosa Parks (1913 – 2005)
Malala Yousafzai (1997 - Present)
Marie Curie (1867 – 1934)
Ada Lovelace (1815 – 1852)
Edith Cowan (1861 – 1932)
Amelia Earhart (1897 – 1939)



As stated earlier this is just a small sample of women that have accomplished great things and set the bar high for the next generation of women to aspire to. Now that we have sparked your interest you can go to the following website to see the contributions that the women above made.

<https://www.marieclaire.com.au/famous-women-in-history>

District 205 COVID Flow Chart:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/4abllvjrzts61kl/2022CovidChartFinal.pdf?dl=0>