



### 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

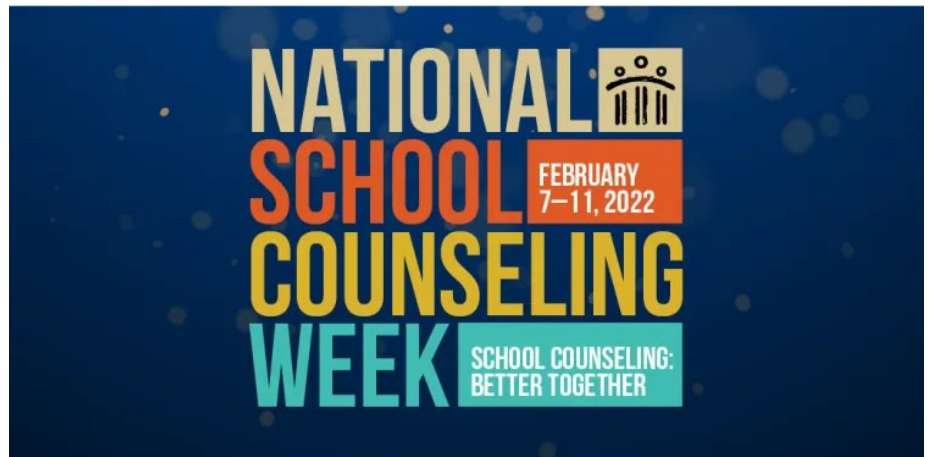
#### In other news...

Fall SAT is officially over! If you are a 12<sup>th</sup> 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@ttddistrict205.net](mailto:ncoleman@ttddistrict205.net).

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



## Outlook Academy February 2022



**MTSS CORNER/Mrs. Coleman**

### From the MTSS Corner:

It is hard to believe that we are only four months until graduation. Time is quickly passing so please stay on top of your courses and grades. If any student needs academic or social-emotional support, please refer them to me. Outlook now has more interventions to meet our student's needs.

**In other news-** Any student interested in after school clubs, please contact me.

### 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

**MOS will make a difference!**

- make your resume stand out
- be prepared for a better paying job
- Develop skills that very few have
- Validate your skills as a job seeker
- Differentiate yourself from competitors
- Gain recognition from your employer
- Leverage the power of the Microsoft brand
- Get the job!

**Cost: Free**

**To Register**

Contact:  
[parrington@ttddistrict205.net](mailto:parrington@ttddistrict205.net) or  
[ncoleman@ttddistrict205.net](mailto:ncoleman@ttddistrict205.net)

**Classes begin November 13th so register today!**



### February Motivation

***"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed." –Booker T. Washington***

# February

2022

## Message from our Program Administrator

It is February! I am incredibly excited that this week starts the first week of Black History Month. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., once said, “We are not makers of history. We are made by history.” During this month, we plan to celebrate those individuals that paved the foundation for us to continue to build on. I want to encourage our students that their voices and words have power and when positively used can bring significant change. Teachers have planned many engaging activities for our students to learn about a mixture of historical and current figures making a positive impact on society.

We look forward to seeing our parents during Parent Teacher Conferences this month. We will be showcasing our new SOAR Program and weekly Activities for Staff and Students. Happy Valentine’s and President’s Day to everyone!

**“Intelligence plus character, that is the true goal of education.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
					SOAR Day at OA	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			D205 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.		SOAR Day at OA	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Valentine’s Day		Jason Hill’s Birthday OA Social Worker	Virtual PTC 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Virtual PTC 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	No School Presidents Day				SOAR Day at OA	
27	28					

## 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](http://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 2020-2021

Mrs. Patricia Malopsey-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](http://www.district205.net/areasofinstruction/creditrecovery)

Outlook Academy  
Mr. Josh Folsom  
OA Credit Recovery Coordinator  
[folsom.joshua@district205.net](mailto:folsom.joshua@district205.net)

## ***Upcoming Events***

### *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](http://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.

### ***Martin's Motivational Moment:***

***"The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do."***

***~ Kobe Bryant***



# Teacher Messages

## *From the Desk of: Mr. Folsom, English*

The students have just finished reading act three of the crucible. They are eager to find out the ending of the story for John Proctor and all the wrongfully accused. They want to see justice for them and for Abigail to be punished for her lies.

Meanwhile we are had meaningful discussions about the justice system and lack of justice for certain people and what can be done about it.



## *From the Desk of Mrs. Garza, Math*

### **Algebra**

**Financial Tip of the Month: FILE YOUR TAXES FOR FREE (if you qualify).**

Besides W2s, be sure to gather information for monies you have received such as any stimulus checks, child/dependent care credits, and unemployment benefits. Filing early is recommended to avoid stress and minimize the possibility of having your tax return rejected due to identity theft.

Be on high alert for scammers posing as financial institutions or "IRS Online" who send documents via email. When the consumer opens the email or attachment, malware can spread, which is especially harmful for businesses. The IRS WILL NOT send unsolicited emails, but if you do receive one and accidentally open it, forward the scam email to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

Also, watch out for tax refund scams. Fraudsters have the capability to deposit tax returns to the wrong person, and then demand the money be returned by the victim. If you think you are a victim of this particular scam, it is important to act quickly.

Here are some tips you can use if you become a victim:

- If you receive an unexpected refund via direct deposit, immediately call your financial institution to have the funds returned to the IRS and flag your account for fraud. You also need to call the IRS to let them know why you are refunding the return
- If you receive a paper check refund that is not yours, write VOID on the back of the check, add a note that says, "Return of erroneous refund check because [brief explanation why]," and submit the check to the appropriate IRS location
- The IRS will never call you directly, so do not give personal information to anyone claiming they are an agent
- Always be safe than sorry, do not trust anyone but legit tax companies and/or accountants to handle your taxes if you are not comfortable doing them yourself

Most people do not realize that 70% of all taxpayers are eligible to use Free File software and e-file for free with both the federal government and some states. The Internal Revenue Service offers information about [how to file your taxes for free](#) or get volunteer tax preparation help if you need it. If you earn too much income to be eligible to use the free software, you can still complete your federal returns online. There is even a mobile app, IRS2Go.

Tips found at: <https://aplusfcu.org/blog/planner/> and <https://blog.lendingclub.com/financial-health-tips>

## From the Desk of Mr. Arrington, Business

Intro to Business students are learning business finance including balance sheets and Income statements. ECT students have completed their resume project while learning about the computer operating system and word processing software. Lastly, congratulations to all students who passed the MOS exam. Second term students who wish to retake the exam are encouraged to attend CP for prep time. Let's have a great 3rd term.

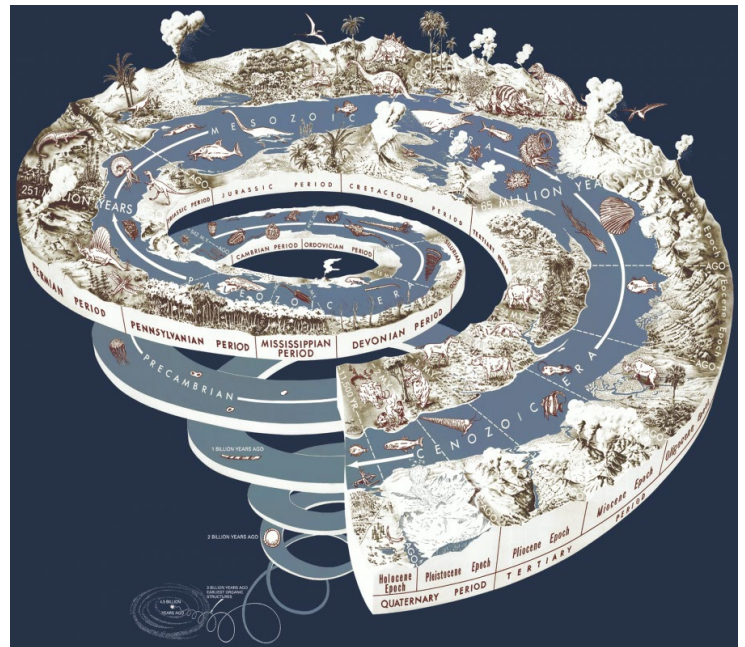


<p><b>Beth Smith, CAPM</b> 233 W. 10th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233 bethsmith@gmail.com www.bethsmith.com Cell: 333-333-3333</p> <p><b>Project Coordinator</b> Highly motivated, technology professional with over 5 years' experience in a fast-paced consulting environment. Extensive experience supporting senior consultants in high-profile technology projects. Exceptional analytical ability and talent for managing information. Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM) certification. Proficient in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Coordination</li> <li>Project Setup &amp; Monitoring</li> <li>Project Communication</li> <li>Microsoft Sharepoint</li> <li>Microsoft Project</li> <li>Microsoft Excel</li> </ul> <p>"We needed to streamline our Sharepoint project file system to work more effectively with clients. Beth volunteered for the project. She then took the system and implemented a new efficient strategy that we've adopted. She did a great job managing the project from start to finish."</p> <p>—John Smith, CEO, Beth's Technology Consulting</p> <p><b>Professional Experience</b> 2015-Present: Senior Administrative Assistant, Grant Technology Consulting. Advanced administrative and project support for senior-level consultants.</p> <p><b>Project Coordination/Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lead project to streamline and reorganize Sharepoint project management system, resulting in more accessible information and enhanced support for clients.</li> <li>Coordinated project plan, scheduling and budgeting for small but high-profile project during project manager's absence. Praised for initiative and problem-solving abilities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Advanced Administrative Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepared best practice guidelines for archiving project documents. Guidelines simplified document management process and were adopted company-wide.</li> <li>Conducted research and trained staff on new techniques for document versioning that significantly reduced retrieval time and lost documents.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Beth Smith, CAPM</b> <span style="float: right;">Page 2</span></p> <p><b>Professional Experience, Cont.</b> 2010-2016: Administrative Assistant, Training Facilities, Inc. Advanced administrative support to top marketing executive in fast-paced training startup company.</p> <p><b>Project Coordination/Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinated the research and production of client writing, training proposals.</li> <li>Streamlined proposal development process, resulting in significant time savings.</li> </ul> <p><b>Advanced Administrative Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepared and assembled materials for high-profile client meetings.</li> <li>Created new client tracking system using Microsoft Excel.</li> </ul> <p><b>Professional Development</b> Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM), 2015 Microsoft Sharepoint Fundamentals User Training, 2015 Advanced Microsoft Project, 2016 Advanced Microsoft Excel, 2016</p> <p><b>Education</b> Associate Degree: Business Administration &amp; Management, Northwest Wisconsin Technical College, 2015</p> <p><b>Professional Associations</b> Project Management Institute American Management Association, Individual Member</p>
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## From the Desk of Ms. Anderson, Science

This quarter, the Forensic Science students will be learning about different types of evidence and how they are processed. More specifically, they will be focusing this month on all aspects of Forensic Pathology and the Criminal Process.

Biology students will be focusing on Evolution and Common Ancestry, in addition to the history of the Earth.

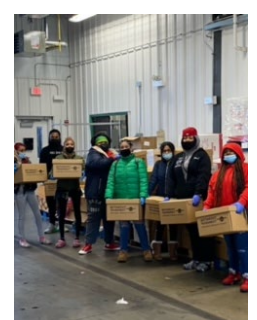


## From the Desk of Mr. O'Leary, Social Studies

I would again like to thank the Outlook students who volunteered their time to help distribute food boxes at the Thornton Township Food Pantry in Harvey.

We will be going again soon. Any students interested in participating please come see me in my room (3363). There will be more opportunities to volunteer in the community in the fourth quarter.

We are quickly approaching the halfway mark for the 3rd quarter. Finish strong and remember to stay in contact with your teachers whenever you need assistance.



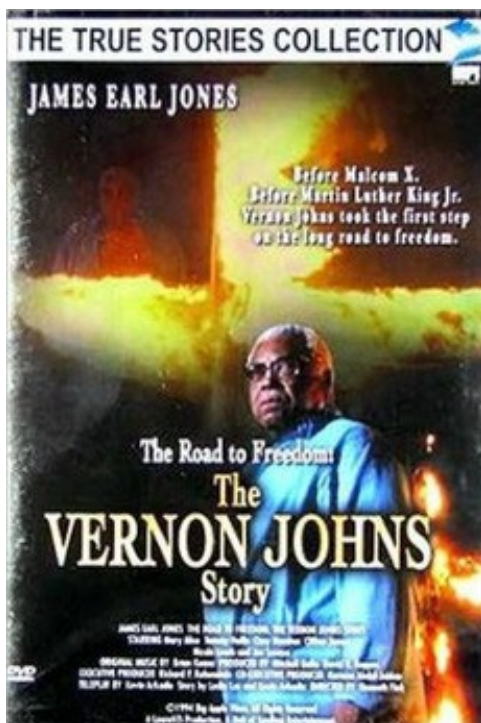
*From the Desk of Mr. Martin*  
**Social Studies**

**US History**

The students are currently studying the Industrial Revolution during the 19th Century. The objective is for students to learn the new inventions and labor movement impacted society. We are looking for the inventors, working conditions and the birth of the labor movement in the US. Students will be researching some of the major inventors and creating their own invention.

**World Film Studies**

We are still watching films that deal Civil Rights. We are currently watching "The Vernon Johns Story." Before Dr. King, Rev. Vernon Johns pastored a church in Montgomery, AL and planted the seeds for the Civil Rights Movement by encouraging his congregation to stand up for injustice. Rev. Johns was a brilliant minister who people know very little about.

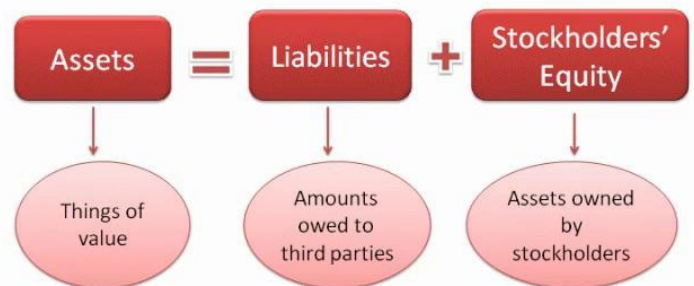


*From the Desk of: Mrs. Di'Giacomo,*  
**Business**

**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 analyzed transactions in which at least two accounts are affected. They have mastered the accounting equation.

**Accounting Equation**



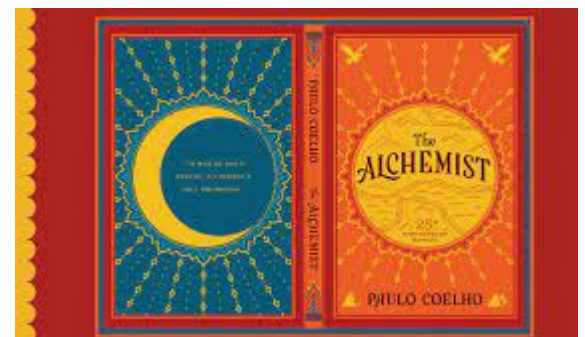
The next topic for the students is calculating payroll including computing weekly, semimonthly, and biweekly earnings given annual salary as well as compute hourly pay, and overtime pay given the hourly rate. They will be able to compute commission, piecework and royalty pay as well.



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

Good morning,  
I am starting The Alchemist with my students this morning. I want to invite you all to read it along with us. The students are also working on a Personal Quest Project where they are working on changing one thing about themselves over the next month. I hope you love the book as much as I do.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zlOvymFmHdG55CQXlssd\\_6jQwxlf9CjBrkZMcFGOMtM/edit?usp=drive\\_web](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zlOvymFmHdG55CQXlssd_6jQwxlf9CjBrkZMcFGOMtM/edit?usp=drive_web)



From the Desk of: Mrs. Martinez,  
Digital Art

# Welcome to the Visual Arts Classroom at Outlook Academy



The Visual Arts classroom has hit the ground running this term with the students engaged in various art projects that teach about the Elements of Art. Seven Elements of Art are the building blocks to creating art. Students have completed art projects that focus on the elements line, shape, form, and color. Students were introduced to Japanese Notan Design and then students created their paper [Japanese Notan Design](#). Students also learned about Chicago-born native artist [Reggie Laurent](#) who is well known for his elaborate and stunning Abstract Art which is themed around shapes, line patterns, and color. We just learned about the rich history, meaning, and traditions of the [Chinese Lunar New Year](#). This year the Chinese Lunar New Year was celebrated on February 1st, and it is the year of the tiger.



*Message from Nurse Johnson*

## ***February is Heart Health Awareness***

**Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States.**



### **Why do heart attacks happen?**

**There are various risk factors that may have contributed to your heart attack, spanning everything from lifestyle to medical conditions and demographics.**

**Some risk factors can't be changed, such as age, gender, and genetics. Others can be managed such as:**

- **Lifestyle (diet, exercise, smoking, alcohol)**
- **Medical conditions (high cholesterol, diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity)**

**If you have had already a heart attack, you are at a higher risk of having another one. Therefore, it is so important to understand how making some changes can help reduce this risk.**

### **What is a heart attack?**

**A heart attack happens when your heart muscle cannot get the oxygen and nutrients it needs to function properly.**

**It is important to know that every heart attack can be different. However, most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort of the chest. There may also be discomfort in the arms, back, neck, jaw, or stomach. Other symptoms include shortness of breath, nausea, lightheadedness, or breaking out in a cold sweat.**

**This is how it feels when one or more of the arteries that carry blood to your heart are becoming narrowed or blocked.**

**If the heart is starved of oxygen and nutrients, the muscle can be damaged or die—that is why it is important to call 911 right away whenever symptoms appear.**



## **Lowering Cholesterol**

### ***How to take care of your heart"***

- 1. Eat Healthy Foods:** Choose foods low in sodium and saturated fat.
- 2. Aim for a Healthy Weight:** Maintain physical activity for 2 hours each week.
- 3. Quit Smoking:** Quitting is the best decision you can make.
- 4. Reduce Stress:** Alleviate as many stress factors as possible.
- 5. Improve Sleep:** Our body needs at least 7 to 8 hours of sleep every day.

**Love Your Heart!**

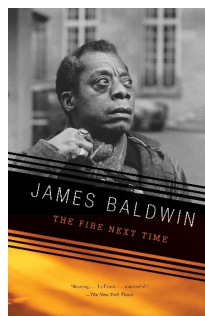
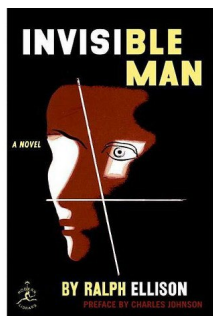
*From the Resource & Rewind Room/  
Mr. Hill and Mrs. Kingdon*



Carter Woodson, the twentieth-century historian, created Black History Month. He believed Black Americans were not adequately represented in the study of American history. Carter Woodson also hoped for the day when Americans would accept Black history as a part of American history. President Gerald Ford declared Black History Month (formerly Negro History Week) in 1976. The Black History Month 2022 theme, "Black Health and Wellness," explores "the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g., birth workers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora. The 2022 theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well."

Learn more about Black history. Here are a few books we suggest reading during Black History Month:

- *Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Malcolm X
- *Letter From a Birmingham Jail* by Martin Luther King
- *The Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison
- *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin
- *Native Son* by Richard Wright



AUGUST 1963



**Letter from Birmingham Jail**  
by Martin Luther King, Jr.

*From the Birmingham jail, where he was imprisoned as a participant in nonviolent demonstrations against segregation, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., wrote in longhand the letter which follows. It was his response to a public statement of concern and caution issued by eight white religious leaders of the South.*

*Dr. King, who was born in 1929, did his undergraduate work at Morehouse College; attended the integrated Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania, one of six Black pupils among a hundred students, and the President of his class; also won a fellowship to Boston University for his Ph.D.*

My Dear Fellow Clergymen,

While confined here in the Birmingham City Jail, I came across your recent statement calling our present activities "unwise and untimely." Seldom, if ever, do I pause to answer criticism of my work and ideas... But since I feel that you are men of genuine good will and your criticisms are sincerely set forth, I would like to answer your statement in what I hope will be patient and reasonable terms. I think I should give the reason for my being in Birmingham, since you have been influenced by the argument of "outsiders coming in." I have the honor of serving as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization operating in every Southern state with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. We have some 85 affiliate organizations all across the South... Several months ago our local affiliate here in Birmingham invited us to be on call to engage in a nonviolent direct action program if such were deemed necessary. We readily consented, and when the hour came we lived up to our promises. So I am here, along with several members of my staff, because I have basic organizational ties here. Beyond this, I am in Birmingham because injustice is here. Just as the eighth century prophets left their little villages and carried their "thus saith the Lord" far beyond the boundaries of their home towns; and just as the Apostle Paul left his little village of Tarsus and carried the gospel of Jesus Christ to practically every hamlet and city of the Graeco-Roman world, I too am compelled to carry the gospel of freedom beyond my particular home town. Like Paul, I must constantly respond to the Macedonian call for aid.

Moreover, I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial "outside agitator" idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere in this country.

In any nonviolent campaign there are four basic steps: 1) collection of the facts to determine whether injustices are alive; 2) negotiation; 3) self-purification; and 4) direct action. We have gone through all of these steps in Birmingham... Birmingham is probably the most thoroughly segregated city in the United States. Its ugly record of police brutality is known in every section of the country. Its unjust treatment of Negroes in the courts is a notorious reality. There have been more unsolved bombings of Negro homes and churches in Birmingham than in any city in this nation. These are the hard, brutal, and unbelievable



**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 2021 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>

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**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.

The class meets once a month and costs are waived for Outlook Academy students.

Students must be 18 or older.

It's a one-day class for 8 hours: 4 hours in the classroom and 4 hours hands-on.

Classes occur on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fee of \$175 has been waived for Outlook Academy Students. FREE

Students can also obtain a **Drone Commercial Pilot License** and begin making a great salary, along with other real-world opportunities.

**CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT OPPURTUNITES**

SIGN UP WITH MR. KING AND MS. HOLMES ASAP

CHECK GOOGLE CLASSROOM OR STOP BY 3477 FOR DETAILS.



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

Hello Outlook. Another month has passed, and we are now looking forward to spring and everything that comes with it. The most important thing for the class of 2022 is Graduation on Sunday, May 22nd. All of those that qualify by May 13th will be able to walk during your home school's graduation. You must complete all graduation requirements by May 13th if you wish to participate in the graduation ceremony. The requirements are as follows:

- \*Must have completed the FAFSA
- \*Must have completed the SSC college application
- \*Must have completed all 24 credits that are required by the District 205 school board
- \*Must have taken the SAT during one of the District 205 testing dates
- \*For all students participating in Graduation you need to order your Cap and Gown from Chicago Balfour no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Order information is available online or can be picked up from Mr. Valant. Once you have completed all these items you will be able to check out with Outlook administration and be eligible for graduation at your home school.

We will be having a meeting for all class of 2022 students that are interested in attending prom this spring. All three schools will be in the building on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:45. If you plan on attending prom you must be at this meeting, so make sure you are in school. They will provide information regarding the date, time, and location along with dress code policy and other important information. Let us make sure that we take care of our academics so that this May we can celebrate our students walking across the stage at all three schools.

Thank You,

Mr. Valant  
Outlook Academy  
Assistant Program Administrator

District 205 COVID Flow Chart:

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