



Outlook Academy Newsletter

Congratulations!

Outlook Academy Owl Buck Grand Prize Winners and Runner Ups!

I am so pleased to announce our Owl Buck winners for **Semester 1**. The top three received gift cards and the rest received runner up prizes.

1. Nicholas Simon
2. Miracle Buford
3. Lashay Caradine

Runner Ups:

1. Joslyn Bailey
2. Joshua Francis
3. Ahilyah Keitt
4. Dominique Rush
5. Davis Sanders
6. Nyesha Seawood
7. Destiny Stewart
8. Tia Teagus
9. Kayla Wiley
10. Sharvay Lee
11. Jamia Lowman
12. Antrell Lyles
13. Brad Martin
14. Deja Miller
15. Shakeia Moore
16. Nabreya Neal
17. Kevin Newsome

Student Reminder

- No School Monday, November 12.
- Thanksgiving Break November 21, 22, 23.
- Do you know how many Owl Bucks you have earned this month? Semester 2 winners will be announced in December.

Ventra Cards

- Lost, stolen or damaged Ventra cards require new paperwork and a \$10 replacement fee. Please see Mr. Valant or Mrs. Verdin.
- **Student IDs**
Students must wear their IDs at all times. Students are not allowed on campus without an ID on. If you lose your ID you must report to the main office to purchase a temporary ID.

Upcoming Events

Counselor's Corner

Students who are interested in applying for scholarships and grants should assess the following websites:

- Fastweb.com
- Sholly.com
- Youthkinect.com

Students who are interested in preparing for or improving ACT, SAT, or ASVAB test scores should assess the following website: March2success.com Information and practice tests are available for all three tests.

"The more you swim, the farther you can go and the better you become."

Debbie Allen

MTSS CORNER/Mrs. Coleman

We are entering exciting times here at Outlook! Beginning **November 5th**, seniors across the district are welcome to register for our new activities and clubs. **SASP** (Senior after School Program) will offer young adults and parents a variety of activities from learning about cultures around the world, to clinics where students can become certified officials with IHSA. Students will also take field trips that will help them to gain experience that will last a life time. Contact Ms. Coleman coleman.nikita@district205.net for a complete list of program offerings or for more information.

In other news,

Our students had the opportunity to have intimate conversations with domestic abuse survivor, **Susan Brauer**, as part of **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. Students were given "nuggets" or tools to handle situations of domestic violence. Each student that attended received a copy of the author's book and have vowed to continue the conversation to help others.

Ms. Nikita Coleman



This Month's Highlights



Outlook Academy Birthday's

Leo Conry, Nikita Coleman, Anthony Malopsy,
Linda Kingdon, Officer Hill, Officer Owens

Please help us congratulate Officer Owens, our **November Staff Member** of the Month! Thank-you Mrs. Owens for all that you do for OA and our kids!



Our very own November Student of the Month!

Joslyn Bailey, Bailey has gone above and beyond to excel while reaching out to help other students.



Parent Information

- 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.
- Also remember to download the Remind App to get connected with all staff members and view the latest announcements. Instructions are on our website or can be picked up in the main office.
- Parents/guardians of students may access attendance, grades and assignments using one log in at <https://powerschool.ttdistrict205.net/public>
- If you need assistance, please contact the main office.



Outlook Marches for Peace



Teacher Messages

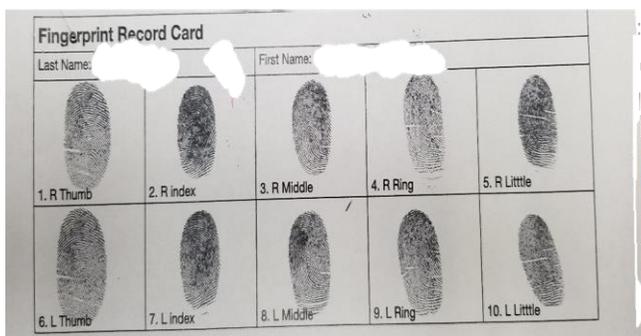


From the Desk of: Mrs. Anderson, Science

This quarter a new science class was added to the curriculum for students at Outlook Academy: Forensic Science. Students in the forensics course will study and analyze several types of evidence as well as analyze patterns of serial killers. So far, students have analyzed ink patterns, footwear patterns and fingerprint patterns. Next, students will analyze blood types, and blood splatter pattern, test unknown substances in order to determine the type of drug it is, run a ballistics test and a DNA test.

Forensic Science Semester 2, will focus on different types of Forensic Science (medical, computer, etc.)

Ms. Anderson



From the Desk of: Mr. Arrington, Business

Keyboarding twilight students are making progress in achieving individual goals of typing a minimum of 45 words per minute (wpm). In this class, students also learn MS Word techniques and will complete a job resume using MS Word templates. Business Law twilight students are also making progress as they use laptop computers to research legal terms and legal cases that relate to both personal and business Law. Students are encouraged and reminded to attend all sessions to ensure their academic success.

From the Desk of: Mr. Conry, Foreign Language

November is all about holidays in Mr Conry's Spanish and French classes. In the beginning of the month, students are learning about Dia de los Muertos and Le Toussaint, following up with Veteran's Day and the role that the U.S. military played. This will include the vocabulary and military history as it relates to French and Spanish speaking countries. Finally at the end of November, Thanksgiving and harvest celebrations will be discussed in the target languages, celebrations and cultures will be compared and contrasted. Feliz Dia de Dar Gracias / Joyeuse Fete de Thanksgiving everyone!!!



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

The Accounting classes are going really well so far this semester. The students are learning about t-accounts and debit and credit entries. They seem to be catching on and we have student "leaders" in our classes that enjoy helping out their classmates when they don't understand how to complete assignments. The students seem really enthusiastic about Accounting and hopefully, we will have some future accountants coming out of these classes.

In Financial Algebra, the students are learning about consumer credit. They have learned about installment purchases, how to calculate monthly payments and interest on loans and are currently learning about credit cards. The students are asking relevant questions about this subject because they know that they will one day be using all the tools they are learning in this subject. The students have also learned how important it is to have a good FICO score and how it will affect them in the future when it comes to obtaining credit.

*From the Desk of Mrs. Garza,
Math*

Another great start to a new quarter! New quarter = new classes, new classes = new students. I continue to get my students to reflect on how a positive mindset makes all the difference. Since all of my students at one point have failed the course, it can be a struggle at times for the students to recognize that their past failure does not mean they are going to fail again. One student said, "Do you know I got a 35% in Geometry when I took it last? I suck at math." The issue with his thought is that earning a 35% does not mean he did not know math. After some reflection amongst himself and classmates he had in that class in his past, he realized attendance was a huge factor. I agree, missing out on instruction will lead to not understanding. You start to feel lost, then you feel like you are drowning, and then you give up. This issue is not that you cannot learn math, it's having the mindset that you can and doing what you need to do to learn it. I promise to do my part as their teacher, they just need to do their part to learn because learning requires them to pay attention, be open-minded, and be there to learn. While being absent may not be avoided at times, my students are encouraged to attend CP and/or Saturday Support to learn what they missed. I am excited to be on their journey to rid of their hate for math and to witness their failure leading to success.

Mrs. Garza

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



Harold Matthews and Miracle Burford discuss some burning topics regarding our guest speaker and author Susan Brauer. Her book, **Just Keep Dancing**, as well as her presentation really sparked conversation and awareness in domestic violence.

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

In English classes we are learning to be re-sensitized to the humanity in humans. We are studying *Night* by Elie Weisel and *Hiroshima* by John Hersey. We are focusing on human kindness in the midst of terrible tragedies.



From the Desk of Mr. Martin,



Mr. Martin

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

There are big plans on the horizon for the Social Studies Department. First, please remember to vote in the election on November 6th. We will be having a voter celebration. Bring proof of voting to Mr. O'Leary in room 3363 by Monday November 12th to be included in the celebration. Second, Outlook has received a grant to allow us to organize a field trip to Springfield, the state capital. More information concerning the field trip will be forthcoming as the plan is currently in progress.

Mr. O'Leary

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

November is National Hunger and Homeless Month

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (Nov. 10-18, 2018) is an annual program where people come together across the country to draw attention to the problems of hunger and homelessness. Participating groups spend the week holding a series of educational, service, fundraising, and advocacy events. In the United States, 43.1 million Americans live below the poverty level, 549,000 are homeless at night, and 42 million suffer from hunger.

Resources: <https://hhweek.org> <https://solvehungertoday.org>

Catholic Charities
16100 Seton RD
South Holland, IL 60473
Full pantry and clothing banks
Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-12pm

Attention Please

A Note from the Social Worker

Hello Outlook students, family, and friends!

Outlook is hosting an after-school program called SPLASH Supporting Peers Learn Art through Sharing and Healing. SPLASH's intention is to expose students to the creative arts that includes but aren't limited to Media Arts, Theatre, Dance, Visual Arts, and Music. If you are interested in participating with SPLASH, please see Mr. Hill in room 3361.