



### 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 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.

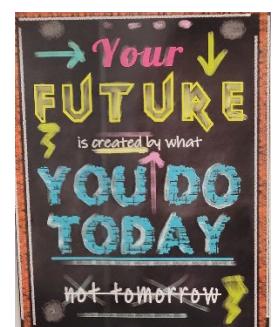
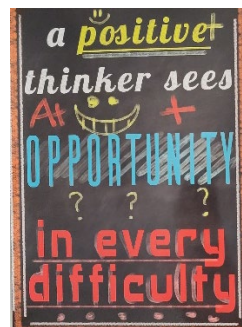
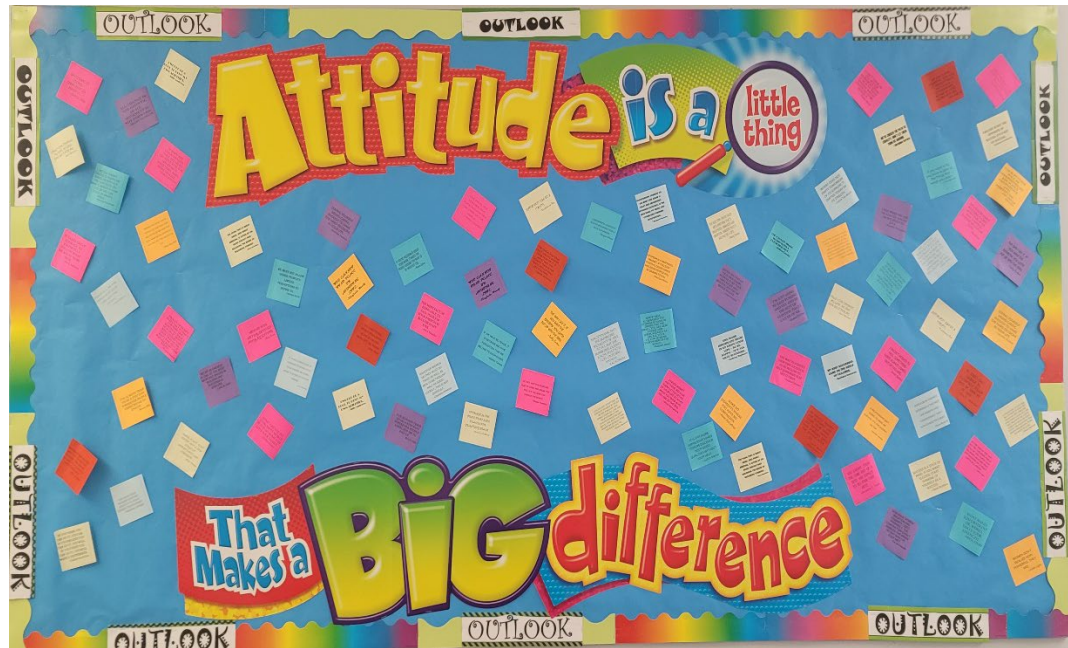
### SAT/PSAT

Testing is Wednesday, October 13, 2021. All parents should have received informational letters for all testing students. All testers will receive admission tickets with all test day information during the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please email me at: [ncoleman@ttdistrict205.net](mailto:ncoleman@ttdistrict205.net).

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

# NEWSLETTER

## Outlook Academy October 2021



### MTSS CORNER/Mrs. Coleman

Are you or your parents interested in joining our after-school clubs? Contact me to join:

- Game Club
- Cooking Club
- Cricut Club
- Fitness Club
- Microsoft Office Certification
- Art Club
- Newspaper (student led)

**October Motivation-**  
**Tough times don't last, tough people do.**

(Robert H. Schuller, author)

# October

2021

## Message from our Program Administrator

OA is proud to support our new District Nurse: Viola Johnson!

Effective September 27, 2021, Ms. Viola Johnson is appointed District Nurse. Ms. Johnson will be filling the position vacated by Thornwood school nurse Dr. Teresa Kent. It is the responsibility of the District Certified School Nurse to attain and maintain the optimum health status of the entire school community through planning, implementation and evaluation of the school health services including federal, state and district policies. All concerns regarding the district's health program and policies shall be directed to nurse Johnson. All other routine student and staff health concerns shall be processed by the building nurse's office.



Ms. Johnson brings a wealth of experience to this position and is excited to begin working with the District 205 community to address the number of health issues currently facing the district. Ms. Johnson was an emergency room trauma nurse and recently completed training to become a certified school nurse by the Illinois State Board of Education. Ms. Johnson will be working with Mr. Fickes on the new district-wide COVID committee to address evolving concerns with operating in-person instruction during a pandemic. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Johnson via email. She is located at the Outlook Academy until further notice. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Johnson to her new position.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Awareness Month OA Wears Pink on Fridays!						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		World Teacher's Day		Parent Teacher Conferences	Parent Teacher Conferences Wear Pink Day	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	No School Columbus Day	Mr. Tom Porter's Birthday	SAT Testing Board of Education Meeting	Final Exams	End of Session 1 Wear Pink Day	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Day 1 of Session 2				Happy Birthday Claudia Perez Wear Pink Day	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					Wear Pink Day	
31						
Happy Halloween						



## Parent Information

- Attendance: For questions, comments and/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 708-225-5879 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 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](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 2021–22 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application process is open– and 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.

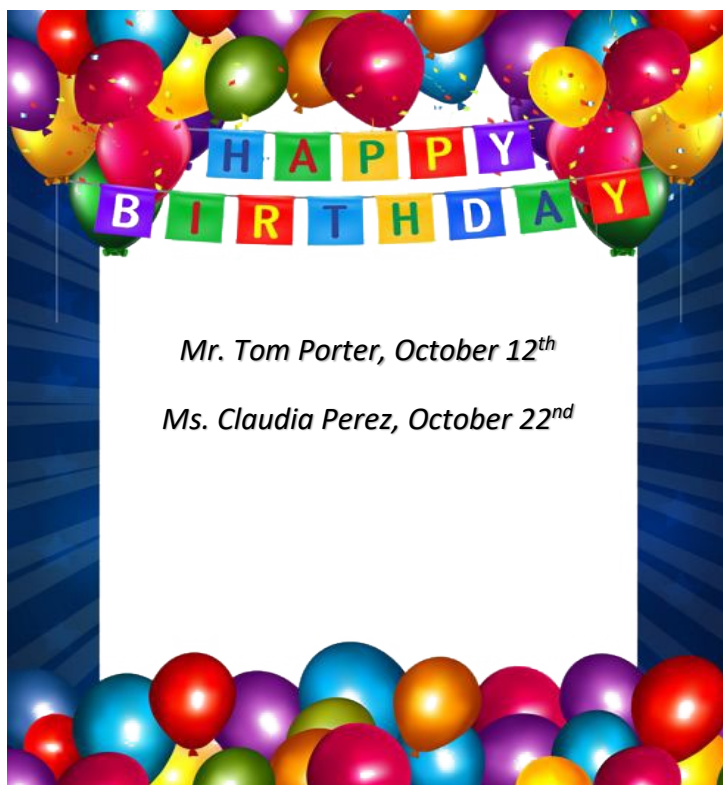
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### ***Martin's Motivational Moment:***

***"Life is too short to get bogged down and be discouraged. You have to keep moving. You have to keep going."***

***~ Kobe Bryant***

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# Teacher Messages

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

Mr. Folsom and Ms. Kingdon's English Classroom:

The new students we have received at Outlook have been motivated and working hard to catch up and graduate on time! We are excited to get students that have fallen off track right back on it. It is our goal to assist the 2021, 2022 and some 2023 graduating class students in regaining credit deficits in English.

*Class of*  
**2021**

*Class of*  
**2022**

**2023**



*From the Desk of Mrs. Garza,  
Math*



## **Financial Tip of the Month: Plan ahead for Holiday Spending**

We are exploring how to be more financially healthy and be mindful of the various expenses that you can anticipate. For many people, their spending increases during the holidays, so October is a great time to begin planning and saving if you have not done so already.

One way to plan is to get that gift list going and **create a holiday spending plan**; knowing what you looking to purchase will also help you determine the best time to buy. Take advantage of sales and do your research beforehand for the best deals.

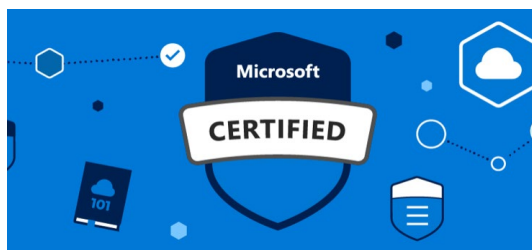
It is also a good idea to conduct **preventive maintenance** around your home to prepare for the winter months and to avoid unexpected expenses. Recommendations include:

- Clean your gutters
- Check your doors and windows for any air leaks
- Clean your vents
- Change air filters
- Test your heating system in advance

**Only a generation of readers  
will spawn a generation of  
writers.**

**– Steven Spielberg**

*From the Desk of Mr. Arrington,  
Business*



Students continue working towards MOS certification as the 1st term approaches its conclusion. Nearly half of all students will take the Microsoft Office Specialist certification exam.

Additionally, student learning is enriched through the Technology and Media Tech Computer clubs. Computer club students learn how to build a computer as well as video editing. Also, the district community will be able to receive a Microsoft Office Specialists (MOS) certification in the Technology Club.

**Microsoft  
CERTIFIED**



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

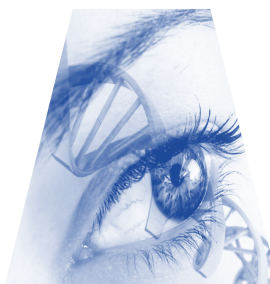
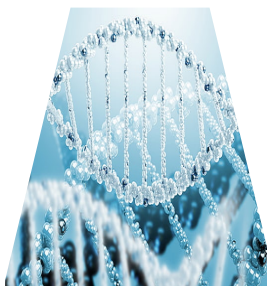
As we near the end of the first session, I hope all is going well. Please stay in contact with your teachers to get caught up if necessary. As many of you are near completion of your classes and look forward to graduation, please remember that the Constitution Test is required for graduation. If you are unsure if you or if you know that you have not yet completed the constitution test, please see me in room 336 ASAP. Good luck with the end of first session and have a strong start to the second session.



*From the Desk of Ms. Anderson,  
Science*

This month, the Forensics students will begin studying Forensic Psychology. This unit will take them into the minds of investigators and criminals, including an extensive look at serial killers. They will also learn how investors use criminal profiling to help determine suspects, when there are no suspects.

Biology students will continue their look into Evolution, specifically looking at the relationships and DNA connection between organisms. They will learn how living things are classified and how new species are discovered





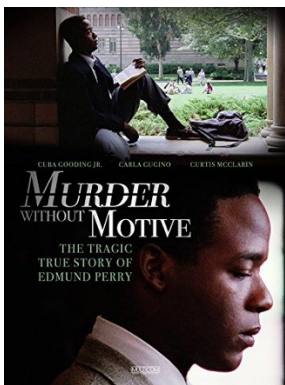
*From the Desk of Mr. Martin,  
Social Studies*

*Industrial Revolution*

World Film Studies

***Murder without Motive: Edmund Perry Story***

Edmund Perry appears to have things all going his way when he graduates from Phillips Exeter Academy with a scholarship to Stanford U. when an unfortunate meeting with a police officer ends his life. The focus is on the four-years and the events at the Academy which ultimately led to the tragedy. The movie deals with racism and police brutality.



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

***In Accounting Semester 1***, the students have been working on basic accounting concepts and principles. We watch YouTube videos to help visualize materials they are not familiar with. We work together on different assignments to be sure students are understanding the material. The students are currently working on T-Accounts, and most can complete the transactions.

***In the Math Resource class***, students are working on various levels of math classes and one on one assistance is available to them daily.



Cash 500,000	Accounts Receivable 650,000	Inventory 0	Land 22,000	Accounts Payable 100,000
Unearned Revenue 0	Salary Payable 120,000	Note Payable 430,000	Capital Stock 302,000	
Retained Earnings 220,000	Sales Revenue 0	Cost of Goods Sold 0	Salary Expense 0	
Tax Expense 0	Dividends 0			

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

October is a busy month at OA. We end our first session when the three home schools are just ending a quarter. English classes are finishing up their Career Projects and completing a final project. Speech students are working on preparing and delivering speeches. We will start with new classes and a new session on October 18!





*From the Desk of: Mrs. Martinez,  
Digital Art*

The Visual Arts classrooms at Outlook Academy are in full swing with learning about art and creating art projects.

In Intro to Visual Arts, students have learned about the Elements of Art as used in Creating Art, 1 Point Linear Perspective and are now creating a self-portrait. Students learned about the contemporary portraiture artist Kehinde Wiley and will incorporate some of Kehinde Wiley components into their self-portraits.

In Visual Design, students have also learned about the Elements of Art and have completed art projects inspired by the “dessert” artist Wayne Thiebaud. We just completed a unit on symmetry, the different types of symmetry and how they are used in visual design. In the next art project, students will utilize their knowledge of symmetry in design to create a mandala art project.





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## Message from Nurse Johnson

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### ***Fast Facts About Breast Cancer***

Each year in the United States, about 255,000 women get breast cancer and 42,000 women die from the disease. Men also get breast cancer, but it is not very common. About 1 out of every 100 breast cancers diagnosed in the United States is found in a man. Most breast cancers are found in women who are 50 years old or older, but breast cancer also affects younger women.

### **October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

#### **Know your history**

- Family History is very Important

#### **Know your normal**

- Pay attention to changes in your breast

#### **Get Screened**

- Get your yearly Mammogram
- Early detection and treatment can SAVE your LIF

# think pink

#### **District 205 COVID Flow Chart:**

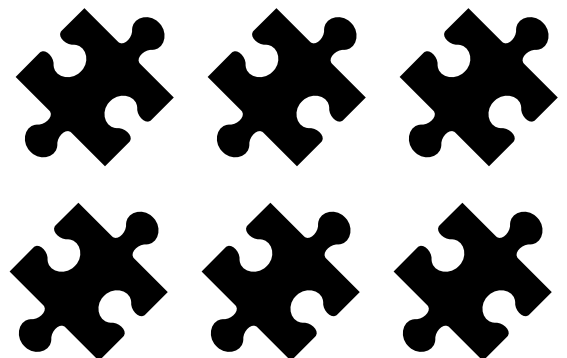
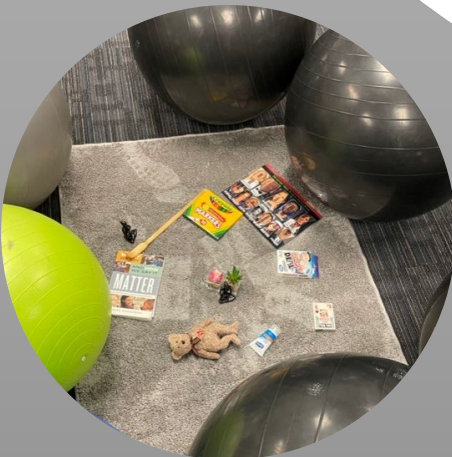
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*From the Resource & Rewind Room/  
Mr. Hill and Mrs. Kingdon*



It has been great getting to know many of you. Please continue to keep your eyes open for up-and-coming programming that will be listed in Mr. Hill's Google Classroom. Currently, we have active participants with Yoga Group, Mindful Mediation Group, and Emotional Management. Do not forget to stop by after school for Chill and Connect; Outlook's afterschool game club. All activities are held in room 3361.





**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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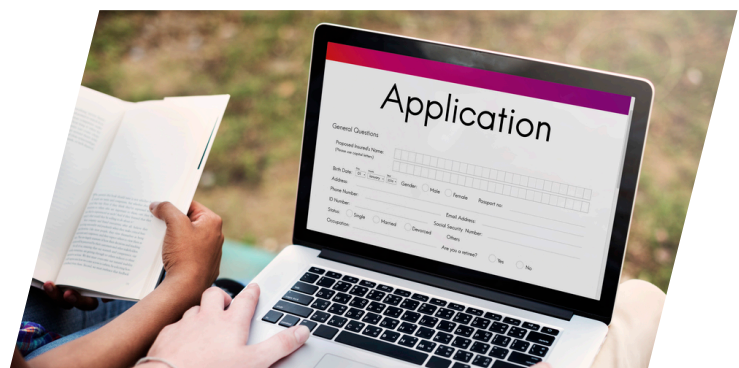


### **COMPLETE SSC APPLICATION**

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



**STEPS TO SUCCESS  
AT SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE**





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

Summer has come and gone, and October has arrived to signify to us all that fall has arrived. October also signifies an extremely busy month here at Outlook. We are hosting our virtual Parent Teacher conferences on Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-7p.m. and Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> from 8-11a.m. (students will not be in session on Friday due to PTC's). Please keep a look out for your emails and invitations so that you can make an appointment to check on your student's progress. We will also be ending our first session on October 15<sup>th</sup>, so students will all be receiving their new classes on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, we will also be celebrating Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>, so students will be off for the holiday. Many people do not know what Indigenous Peoples' Day is or what happened to Columbus Day. Hopefully the following can provide you with a brief insight to the day and what led to its creation.

**Indigenous Peoples' Day** has been touted as a replacement for Columbus Day for decades, but the movement never got much traction on a nationwide scale. Now, however, with increased awareness of colonizers' atrocities against Native American and Indigenous people of what eventually became the United States, Indigenous Peoples' Day has seen a groundbreaking amount of support. Here is what you need to know about Indigenous Peoples' Day and why it is so important—and why many feel that the man credited with discovering America may well deserve to be stripped of his celebratory day.

**What is the history of Columbus Day?**

We all remember the old rhyme: "In the year 1492, [Christopher Columbus](#) sailed the ocean blue." That much is true, but a lot of the other "history" surrounding Columbus is actually [pretty inaccurate](#): He didn't actually discover America (and never even landed in North America), and most people already believed the Earth was round.

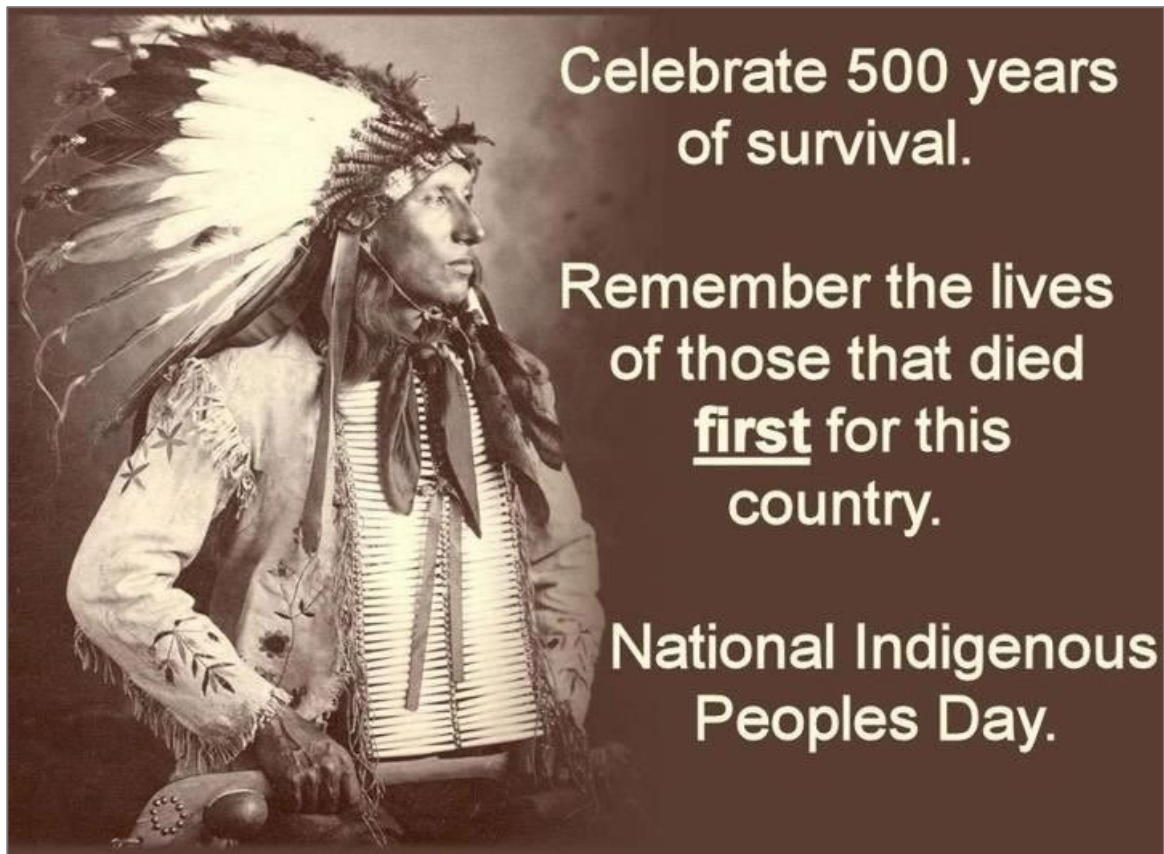
Columbus Day was first celebrated in New York City in 1792 to mark the 300th anniversary of his arrival and to celebrate [Italian American](#) heritage, but it was not until the Knights of Columbus pressured then-president Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1937 that Oct. 12 actually became a national holiday. In 1972, then President Richard Nixon changed the holiday to being the second Monday in October.

**Why is Columbus Day controversial?**

Here comes the history lesson that many American schools gloss over: Christopher Columbus committed serious atrocities to the native and indigenous people in the Caribbean, as well as to Spanish colonists in the area. There are many articles and publications that can provide the details of these events. Columbus' true history, added to the fact that Italian Americans are no longer marginalized—but native and indigenous peoples are—it is no wonder why many are seeking to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day.







#### **What is Indigenous Peoples' Day?**

Indigenous Peoples' Day is a day to recognize indigenous people and the contributions they've made to history, as well as to mourn those lost to genocide and Western colonization—and to remember that Native Americans were here long before European settlers showed up on our shores.

#### **When is Indigenous Peoples' Day?**

Indigenous Peoples' Day is recognized the same day as Columbus Day each year, the second Monday in October. This year, Indigenous Peoples Day will be on Oct. 11, 2021.

#### **How is Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrated?**

Indigenous Peoples' Day is more a day of recognition and mourning than of outright celebration. Great ways to commemorate Indigenous Peoples' Day are to educate yourself and others on the history of indigenous and Native American culture, contributions, and history. You can also contribute to charities and causes that support indigenous people.

