



## Outlook Academy Newsletter September 2021

### 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.

### Ventra Cards

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

### MTSS CORNER/Mrs. Coleman



Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I am so happy to see all of you in person. I am the MTSS and Testing Coordinator. Make sure that you accept the invitation to my Google Classroom to stay current with OA announcements and pertinent information.

Exciting things to look forward to this month:

- After School Clubs.
- Parent Engagement Activities.
- SSC Student Department Tours.

September Motivation- Stay positive, work hard, make it happen.! (Author Unknown)

### Upcoming Events:

#### Mrs. Martin's Counselor's Corner

***"Excuses are tools of the incompetent, used to build moments of nothingness. Those who excel in them, seldom succeed at anything."***

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!!**

**FAFSA application** process opened 10/01/2020: Families miss out on big aid opportunities by failing to **apply at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://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 opened 10/01/2020 – 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.

# September 2021

## Message from our Program Administrator

*I am so pleased to see so many of you have returned to school with new enthusiasm, excitement, and energy. Each year, your teachers stand in front of your classroom, and ask, how am I going to take this group from where they are to where they need to be? They know every student deserves a great education. However, building people up takes energy, building people up takes passion and grit. Building people up takes determination. Please remember that your teachers are always and forever here for you!*

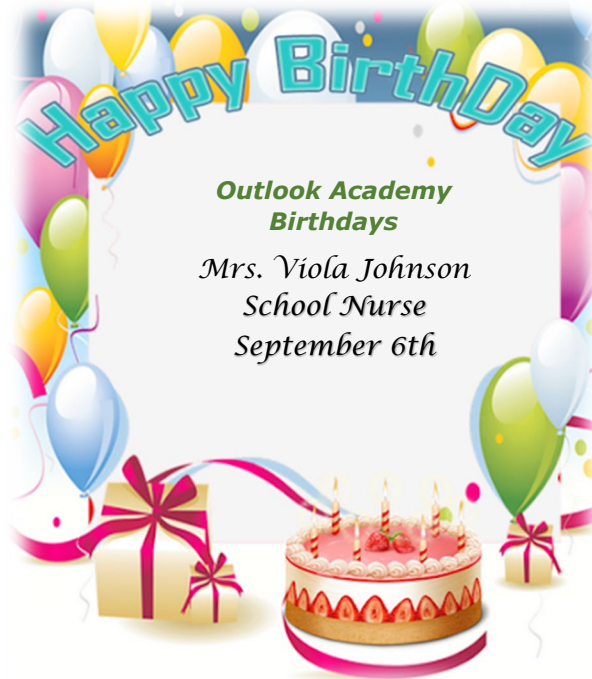
*The most valuable thing we have is time and attention. If time is the most valuable and precious thing we have, it is also the most precious thing your teachers can give. Every day your teachers are giving to you through their time and work ethic. They are going to push you to work harder, guide you to become problem solvers and show you how energy, passion and determination are your ticket to one day being Enrolled, Enlisted and/or Employed!*

**Welcome Back!**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Student Registration 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day No School	7	8 D205 School Board Meeting	9 Back to School Night	10	11 911 Remembrance Day
12 Grandparents Day	13 Fall Credit Recovery Begins	14 Student Board Meeting	15 Yom Kippur Begins	16 Mexican Independence Day	17	18
19	20	21	22 Autumn Equinox- Fall Begins	23	24 Native American Day	25
26	27	28 National Good Neighbor Day	29	30		

## This Month's Highlights



### Parent Information

- Attendance: For questions, reporting absences 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 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)  
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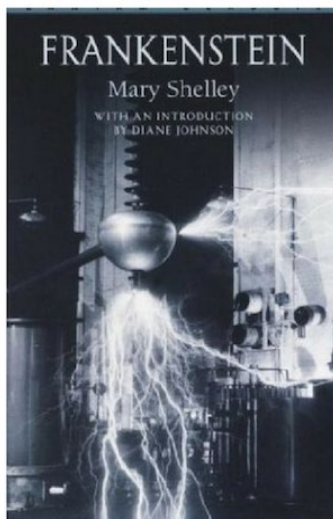
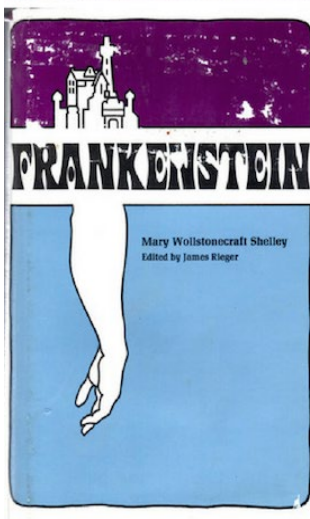
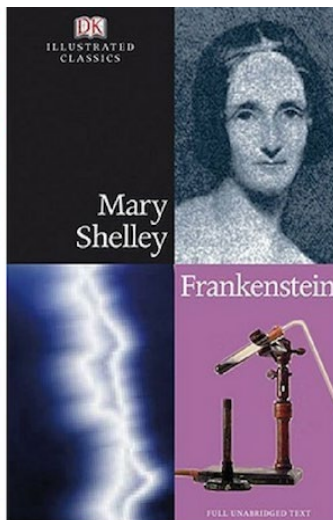
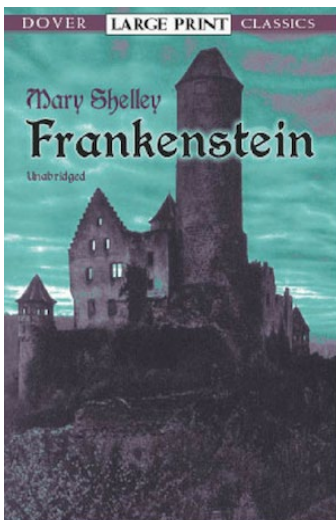
## Teacher Messages



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

Welcome back to in person learning!

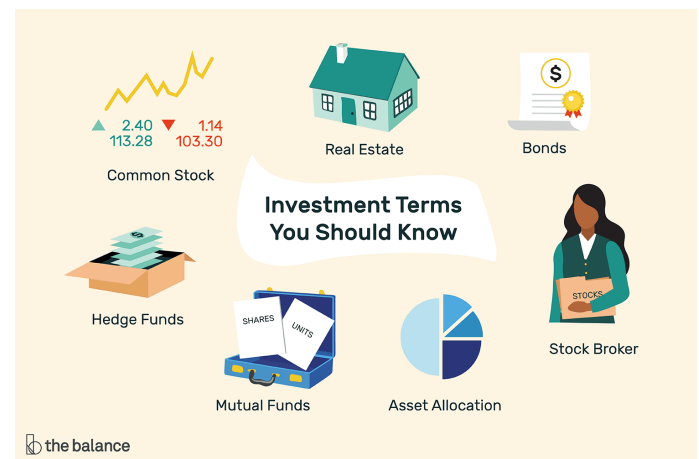
We are so excited to have your son/daughter in our classes. We are hitting the ground running this year by reading *Frankenstein* and working on career goals in English 4 Semester 1. Speech classes are learning about Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and the process of communication.



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

**Resource Room:** 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 and receive additional help in the resource room.

**Accounting Semester 1:** The students are becoming familiar with the accounting terminology and seem to know it well. They are analyzing transactions that involve revenue, expenses, and equity. The next topic they will learn is how to analyze transactions into debit and credit parts.





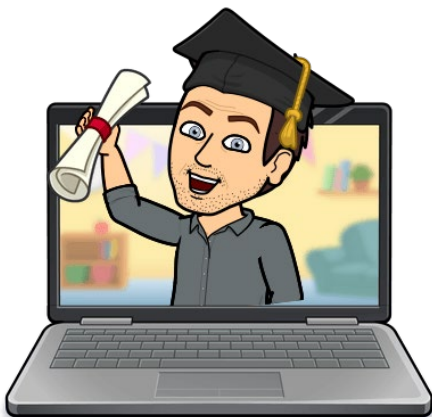


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*From the Desk of: Mr. Folsom,  
English*

We have been welcoming a new influx of students daily into the Outlook program! We are excited to get students that have fallen off track right back on. It is our goal to assist the 2021, 2022 and some 2023 graduating class students in regaining credit deficits in English. Students that have arrived here are motivated and ready to get back on track!

**WE GOT THIS!**



*From the Desk of Mrs. Garza,  
Math*



Would you like to achieve greater financial health this school year? Maybe you want to save for a large purchase, pay down credit card debit, or speed up the road to retirement. Financial well-being takes serious commitment and is not something that happens overnight. I am going to share tips on how to help you save money in the long-term or short-term or both, depending on your needs. So be on the lookout for a tip each month.

**Financial Tip of the Month:** Consider Refinancing Your Car

Yes, you can refinance your car if it is under 10 years old. You may be able to lower your car payment, your interest rate, or both. Check with your bank, your credit union, or go to [lendingclub.com](http://lendingclub.com) or google search: car refinance and you will find many companies out there that may refinance your auto loan. It is worth a shot if you are looking to save money each month or looking to lower the interest rate. It is like rebuying the car basically, but at the price that you owe on it. You get to start over with new terms: new due date, new interest rate, new payment, and new number of payments due.



## Teacher Messages



### *From the Desk of Mr. Arrington, Business*

The transition from eLearning back to the classroom has been a smooth experience. Students are already familiar with Blended Learning where lessons are enriched through Edpuzzle, [vocabulary.com](http://vocabulary.com), and Nearpod applications. Students are already making progress in the ECT and Advanced Computer Apps classes.

#### [Vocabulary.com - Learn Words - English Dictionary](http://vocabulary.com)

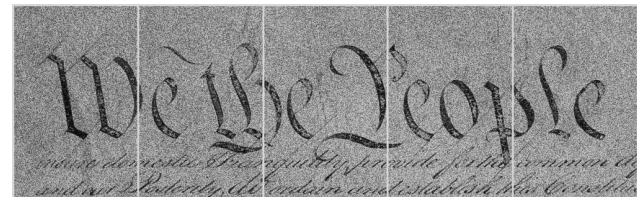
*Vocabulary.com may seem simple on the outside, but behind the scenes we are using sophisticated algorithms to help you learn over 15,000 words more effectively. How? We start with our massive pool of over 235,000 questions. Then, we use the science of learning to model how you learn (and forget) new words. By comparing your answers to the hundreds of millions of answers given by other ...*



Additionally, students have an opportunity to participate in the Technology and Media Tech clubs at Outlook. Media club students learn video editing and how to enrich a video through special effects. Also, the district community will be able to receive a Microsoft Office Specialists (MOS) certification in the Technology Club. So, we are looking forward to an amazing year of learning.

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

Welcome back to in person learning. It has been 18 months since we have been in a traditional learning environment. Please remember that passing the constitution test is a requirement for graduation. If you are not scheduled in my civics class but need the constitution, please come see me in 3363.



It is more important than ever to maintain your health at this time. Please make sure you are wearing your mask the entire day at school. Even if you are in a small group of close friends, masks and social distancing are extremely important. Good luck with the new school year and most importantly stay healthy.





# Teacher Messages



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

In US History we are studying the Civil War.

Learning Objectives: Students will be able to identify the Causes of the Civil War, key Military Battles and Reconstruction.

- We are watching "Harriet" – the story of Harriet Tubman.
  - We are watching "Glory" the story of an All African American - regiment during the Civil War.
  - Student assessments include: Plato Writing Projects on the Films, and Daily Trivia Questions about historical event.
- For exampl: Who was the first African American elected Mayor of Chicago?

In World Film Studies...

- We use film and explore to teach historical events.

Currently, we are watching "Madea's Family Reunion" – the Importance of the family unit, along with issues such as Domestic violence and foster care.



## *From the Desk of Ms. Anderson,* *Science*

This quarter forensic Science students will be analyzing evidence, discovering how evidence is handled and processed, as well as discovering evidence limitations. This month, students have analyzed witness statements, and fingerprints to determine if they offer enough information for a conviction.



Meanwhile , Biology students are beginning to study the interdependency among organisms in various biomes. This is particularly important now as we are in the middle of a pandemic with highly transferable variants.





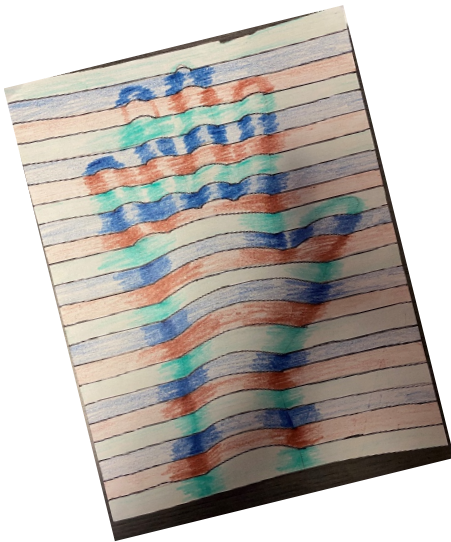
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*From the Desk of: Mrs. Martinez,  
Digital Art*

Welcome to the Visual Arts Classroom and the 2021/22 School Year at Outlook Academy. I am so excited for students to be back in class and in person. We have spent some time the first few days with SEL activities, reviewing and practicing classroom rules, expectations and procedures and mini art projects to help students transition back to in person learning. It has been wonderful to interact with students, get to know them, and get back to teaching and learning face-to-face.

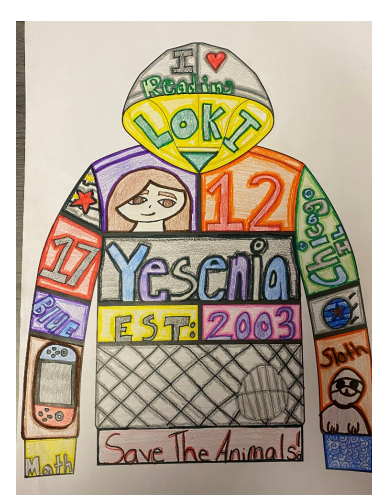
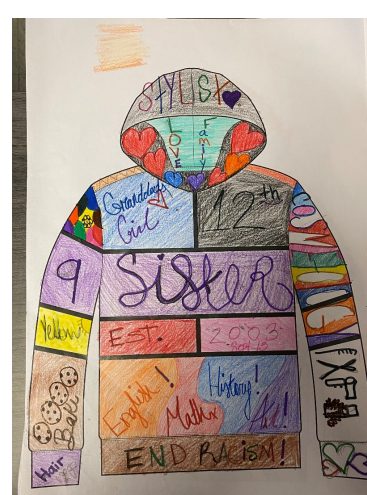
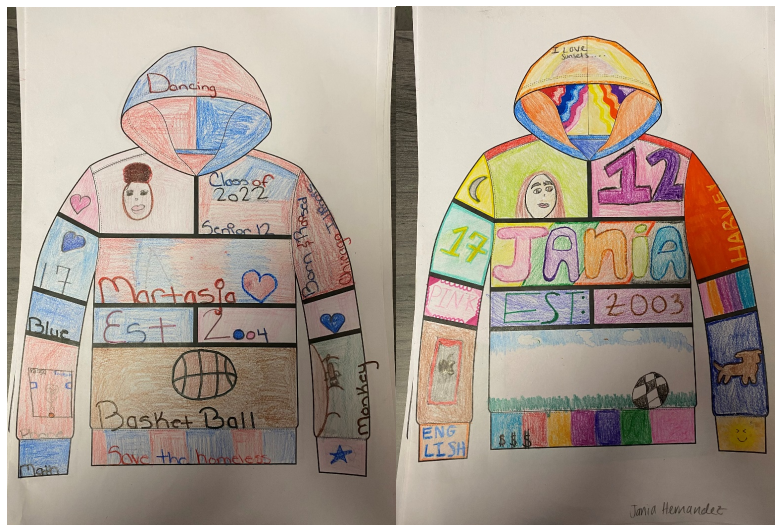
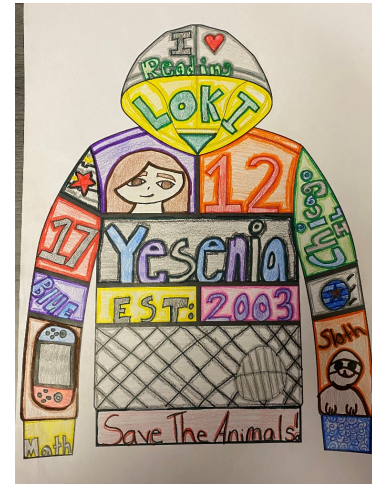
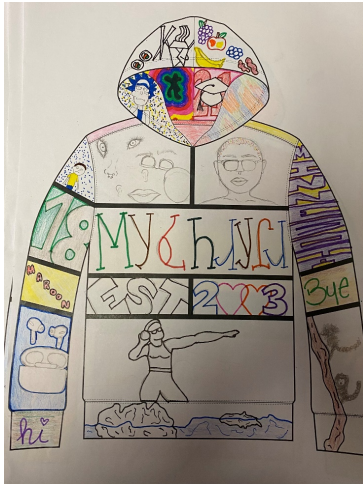
One of the projects the students completed was an "About Me" Hoodie where students customized their hoodie to express their personality. The next project the students completed was an Op Art Hand Art Project where students worked on creating organized horizontal lines and using shading and color patterns to create an optical illusion hand on paper drawing.

I look forward as we delve into content specific art projects and challenge each student to express their creativity in their projects.





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



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

Welcome to Outlook Academy's 2021-2022 School Year! I am looking forward to connecting with each of you!

Do not forget to take the time to explore the classwork tab in Mr. Hill's Social Work Google Class and answer the questions about the clubs and social support groups we are offering to you. Outlook's SASP is offering to you the "Chill and Connect Club". Chill and Connect is a club where you can enjoy video games, board games, and is a place to connect with others. We will be starting the club the week of August 30<sup>th</sup>. Please keep your eyes open for the weekly PEACE CIRCLE time that Mr. Hill facilitates. All activities will take place in Room 3361. Please be mindful to keep your mask on! Thank you for your time!

A graphic for the SASP Chill and Connect Club. The background is a 3D rendering of interlocking puzzle pieces, with a large red piece in the center. Text is overlaid on the red piece. There are four inset images: two of a PlayStation 5 console and DualSense wireless controller, and two of various board games. The board games include Abalone, Blokus, Othello, Sorry!, Clue, Battleship, Stratego, Connect Four, Sequence, Candy Land, and Ticket to Ride.

**SASP**  
**Chill and Connect**  
Monday-Thursday  
3pm-6pm  
Room 3361



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## Message from Nurse Johnson

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### **Covid-19 Awareness**

*Covid-19 is still here.*

*Please continue to wear your mask, social distance and administer proper hand hygiene. Continue to monitor for the following symptoms:*

- *Fever (100.4°F or higher);*
- *New onset of moderate to severe headache;*
- *Shortness of breath;*
- *New cough;*
- *Sore throat;*
- *Vomiting;*
- *Diarrhea;*
- *Abdominal pain from unknown cause;*
- *New congestion/runny nose;*
- *New loss or sense of taste or smell;*
- *Nausea;*
- *Fatigue from unknown cause.*
- *Muscle or body ache.*

**GET TESTED AND STAY HOME IF YOU ARE ILL!!**

***Please consider being vaccinated if you can!***





***From the Desk of Mr. Earl King II***  
***Transition Program***

*Welcome to all new Outlook Academy Students! This is Mr. King. Welcome to Outlook! The Transition Team is focused on your success. I and Ms. Holmes are looking forward to meeting with you all regarding College & Career Counseling. Remember you are responsible for your own success. We will always advocate on your behalf. Dream it, Believe it, Achieve it!*

**Outlook Academy Potential Graduates,**

**The FAFSA is a Graduation and State requirement.**

**All Invites to join the google classroom have been sent to your District Gmail.**

**All Information is located in the Transitional Google Classroom:**

**<https://classroom.google.com/c/MTU0MzU0NTk2OTAz>**

**Students must use their District Gmail to gain access to Google Classroom.**

**Completion and Confirmation of the FAFSA and the South Suburban College Application is  
REQUIRED for Graduation from Outlook Academy.**

**COMPLETE the SSC APPLICATION**

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

**COMPLETE the FAFSA**

**BEGIN your 2021-2022 FAFSA TODAY! Enrollment has opened! South Suburban College's**

**CODE: 001769**

**<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>**

**FAFSA Instructions:**

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



## **COOKING CULTURE CLUB**



**JOIN OUR FAMILY OF FOOD & FUN**  
**GIFT BASKET GIVE AWAYS**



**EARN YOUR FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION**

### **LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF:**

- Cooking
- Safety
- Sanitation
- Food Prep

**WEEKEND CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE**



**We do in person and virtual classes**

**We eat the meals we prepare**

**Families are encouraged to join our club**



**If you are interested contact:**

**Ms. Owens, Ms. Freeman or**

**Ms. Coleman**

**708-225-5871 or [ncoleman@ttdistrict205.net](mailto:ncoleman@ttdistrict205.net)**





OUTLOOK  
ACADEMY



**HANG OUT & MAKE ART**

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY**  
**3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**

**MRS. MARTINEZ**  
**SSC ROOM: 3369**

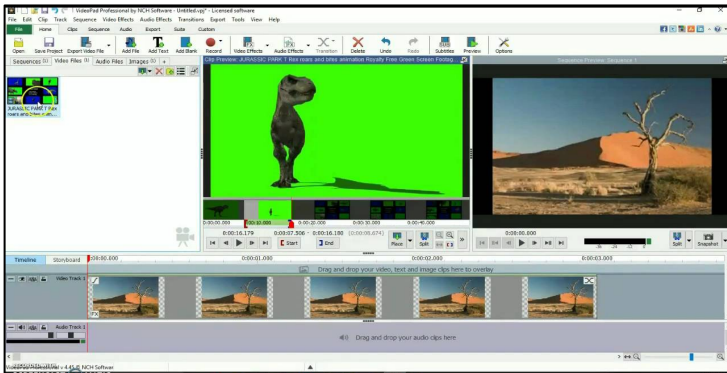
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*Outlook Academy Presents*

# Video Editing & Technology Club

**Come Learn**



## Green Screen editing

Add chromatic special effects to any video



## Video editing

Learn how to upload video to social media



## Photo editing

Photoshop and image using GIMP



## Create a Storyboard

Learn how to develop and plot your video

### When:

1. Each Tuesday and Thursday

Beginning September 2nd, 2021

### To Register

Contact:

parrington@ttdistrict205.net or  
ncoleman@ttdistrict205.net

**Classes begin, Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> so register today!**

## Crafting Designs Club

**Have You  
Ever  
Thought  
About?**



**Party Planning, Craft  
Fair and/or Event  
Planning**



**Please contact Patricia Fortier via email**

**[fortier.patricia@district205.net](mailto:fortier.patricia@district205.net) or phone: 708-225-5872**



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

I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been the strangest and most difficult time in my 30 years of education. It is hard to imagine that when we left the building on March 16th of 2020 that students would not step foot back in the building for the next year and a half. It was supposed to be a two-week break to get the virus under control and look what happened. Through it all teachers and staff showed what makes educators special. Everyone banded together and started the process of putting together virtual classrooms. It was not perfect, but educators did what we do, improvise, and make it work. Teachers learned how to be creative and developed classrooms in their homes and kept on teaching. As the pandemic worsened and two weeks extended into the 2021 school year everyone dug in their heels and prepared for the year ahead. There was a huge learning curve, but as usual colleagues helped each other to learn the technology and create lessons in ways they never had before. Everyone put in long hours to help students get used to this new way of learning. They made countless phone calls to check on students and make sure that they were o.k. and had what they needed. Now, we are back in person and are facing new challenges as we all figure out how to adjust to being back to in-person learning. Please take a few minutes and review the District's Covid Flow Chart, the link is below. If you have questions, you may always reach out to me for assistance. Welcome back everyone!

Steve Valant:

[valant.steven@district205.net](mailto:valant.steven@district205.net)

District 205 COVID Flow Chart:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:848588b4-1944-48fa-a2a7-559a01d988d5>