



# Outlook Academy Newsletter

## February 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

OA students are taking advantage of tutoring sessions with teachers and support staff as well as taking and passing Credit Recovery courses. I am very excited to see so many students that are either now on track for graduation or very close to being on track. We can begin the countdown to graduation celebrations!

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** All students who have not yet taken the SAT (state graduation requirement), will be contacted with information for our spring test date.

In other news, I have partnered with Mrs. Goodman's English IV classes where the research focus is college and career planning. Students are learning how to research their desired career, write resumes, cover letters and professional emails. They will also apply for FAFSA and participate in mock interviews. Mrs. Goodman and I have invited over 20 guest speakers that will join our classes to guide and motivate students as they prepare for life. Our guest list includes: social worker, nurse, HR director, 2-3 former NFL players, attorney, locomotive engineer, real estate agent, and many more!

### Upcoming Events:

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

Seniors (attending public high schools in Illinois) must complete the FAFSA in order to graduate! That's 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.

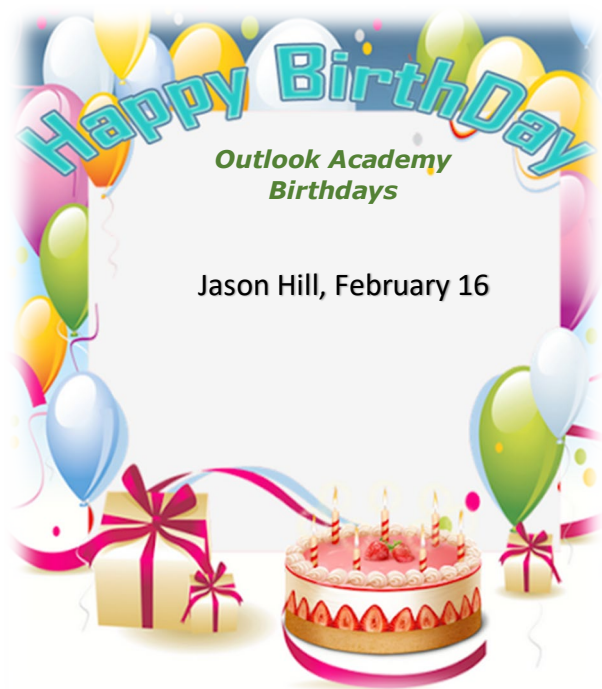
The 2021–22 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application process opened 10/01/2020 – and the government encourages high school seniors to fill it out as soon as possible to obtain aid.

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.

**Thank-you Pam for all that you do!**



## This Month's Highlights



### Parent Information

- Please take the time to review the District's Parent Virtual Help Video.  
English: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1T9Ws96E4LCaZzKcUwJyBKNqHMhXGBV-/view?usp=sharing>  
Spanish: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14qfM0ZRUOVJnm50pMvmDKO8319ZGh00/view?usp=sharing>
- 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>

## February

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### Dates to remember:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Counselors Week	←			→	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Valentine's Day			Board Meeting			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	No School President's Day					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				PTC	PTC/ SSC Closed	
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### 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)

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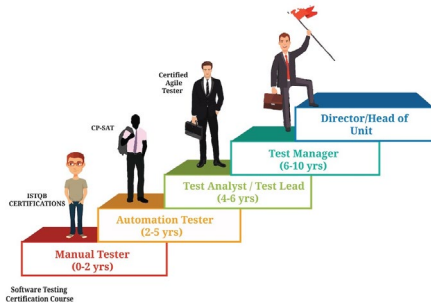


## Teacher Messages

*From the Desk of Mrs. Goodman,*

*English/Speech*

My Speech classes are learning the basics of the communication process, which will lead us into our first speech. This month we will complete the Demonstration Speech and begin the Career Speech.



English IV classes are reading Shakespeare's *Macbeth* on Mondays and Tuesdays. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, they will be working on a Career Plan and building a resume and cover letter to use when they embark on their career path. We are currently looking for guest speakers to join us on Thursdays to give a 10-15 presentation on their career or the soft skills necessary to gain and keep employment. If you are interested in speaking with our students, please email me at [agoodman@ttdistrict205.net](mailto:agoodman@ttdistrict205.net)



*From the Desk of: Mrs. DiGiacomo,*

*Business*

**Accounting Semester 1:** The students have already become familiar with accounting terminology including the basic accounting equation:  $\text{Assets} = \text{Liabilities} + \text{Owner's Equity}$ . We are currently on our second unit which involves t-accounts and debits and credits. The students have shown tremendous growth and are not hesitant to meet one on one after class to get caught up on assignments or a more detailed explanation on the material.

**Financial Algebra Semester 1:** The students have completed their first unit which covered banking services. This included calculating all parts of the simple interest formula, this includes interest, principal, interest rate, and time. They have also learned how to reconcile a bank statement, write checks, and complete a check register. Our next unit is about employment basics, which includes hourly rate, overtime rate, gross pay versus net pay to help them understand their paychecks. Further into the unit, they will calculate commission, royalties and piecework pay. Usually, students take a special interest in this unit because some of them are working. I have met with many students after class to assist them with their assignments or clarification on the subject we are covering.

The attendance for all classes this semester has been wonderful!





## Teacher Messages



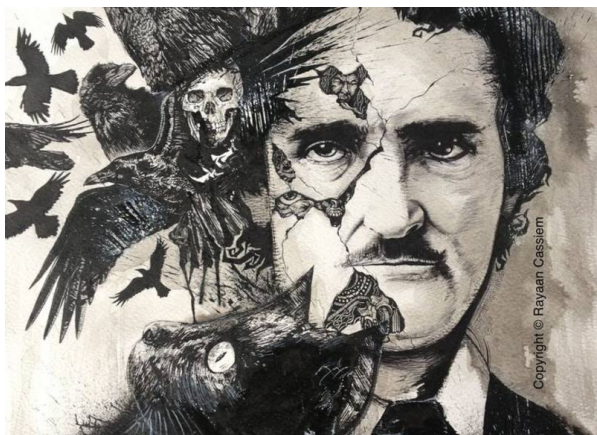
*From the Desk of: Mr. Folsom,*

### English

Hello! My name is Joe Vaccaro! I am a student teacher in Mr. Folsom and Mrs. Kingdon's class! Here is my submission for the monthly newsletter! Please let me know if it is okay, or if you would like me to change it a bit. (I also attached a screenshot of my Bitmoji classroom that you can use for the newsletter as well!) Have a wonderful day!



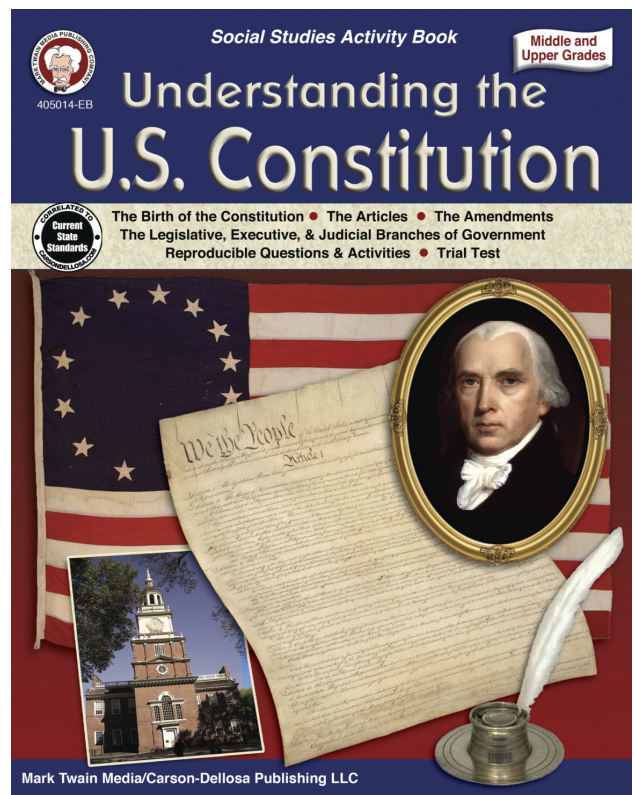
Happy 2021! I hope the beginning of your year has been full of joy and kindness! My name is Joe Vaccaro, and I am a teaching candidate from Trinity Christian College. I am so grateful for my opportunity to begin working with your students these first couple of weeks in Mr. Folsom and Mrs. Kingdon's English 2, and English 3 classes. During our time, we have learned how to write professional emails, we got spooky while studying Edgar Allan Poe, and we learned how to keep up to date with current news and media by reading skeptically and critically. I am really looking forward to the rest of the quarter with your students, and all of the learning that is to come! Stay safe, and stay well!



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

### Social Studies

Second semester of remote learning has begun. I hope everything is staying safe and healthy. If you have already taken civics, but have not yet passed the constitution test, please reach out to me as soon as possible. If you have not yet taken civics, do not worry about constitution test, we will do it when you take civics. Again, stay safe and healthy during this remote learning process. If you need to contact me email me at [poleary@ttdistrict205.net](mailto:poleary@ttdistrict205.net)





# Teacher Messages



*From the Desk of Mr. Arrington,*

## Business

This has been an exciting time for Advanced Computer Apps students as they create a personal resume. Students now have access of MS Office 365 and will learn word processing, spread sheets and presentation software. Intro to Business students are learning about the business cycle and how companies raise money through Stocks and Bonds. Students had a great discussion about Game Stop and the ethics of short selling stocks. Lastly, Education & Career Tech student are taking advantage of Mr. Arrington's Support Room to complete their career choice essays. Students in this class learn how to use word processing, spread sheets and presentation software using Google online applications.



Google Presentation

Falcon Travel Agency- Tour Reservations										
1	Date:	11/02/2017								
2										
3										
4	Customer	Telephone	Destination	Ticket cost	Airport Transfer	Cost	VAT	Subtotal	Discount	Total
5	Carey	0614519364	Barcelona	€ 500.00	DeLuxe	€ 75.00	€ 115.00	€ 575.00	€ 23.00	€ 552.00
6	Hanigan	0614431723	London	€ 450.00	DeLuxe	€ 75.00	€ 103.50	€ 523.50	€ 25.34	€ 508.16
7	Ryan	0613219184	Barcelona	€ 990.00	Basic	€ 35.00	€ 227.70	€ 1,252.70	€ 50.13	€ 1,202.59
8	De Silva	0814582100	Porto	€ 570.00	DeLuxe	€ 75.00	€ 211.10	€ 776.10	€ 31.04	€ 745.06
9	Carey	0552121239	Dortmunder	€ 2,600.00	DeLuxe	€ 75.00	€ 598.00	€ 3,273.00	€ 330.92	€ 3,142.08
10	O'Brien	0892749273	Lagos	€ 1,450.00	Basic	€ 35.00	€ 333.50	€ 1,818.50	€ -	€ 1,818.50
11	Russo	0613600000	Naples	€ 780.00	Basic	€ 35.00	€ 379.40	€ 994.40	€ 994.40	€ 994.40
12	Kowalski	0614240873	Brakow	€ 599.00	DeLuxe	€ 75.00	€ 337.77	€ 812.77	€ 32.47	€ 779.30
13	Gonzalez	061421940	Lima	€ 940.00	Basic	€ 35.00	€ 216.20	€ 1,191.20	€ -	€ 1,191.20
14	Mansour	0617778881	Casablanca	€ 835.00	DeLuxe	€ 75.00	€ 152.05	€ 1,002.05	€ 46.08	€ 1,057.97
15	Garcia		Valencia	€ 389.99	Basic	€ 35.00	€ 81.0977	€ 504.0877	€ -	€ 504.09
16										
17										
18	Airport Transfer								Target sales	€ 11,500.00
19	Basic	€ 35.00							Actual sales	€ 12,801.14
20	DeLuxe	€ 75.00							Target reached	with 118+17.7%
21									VAT (21% of ticket cost)	21%
22									Apply discount if "DeLuxe" transfer	15%

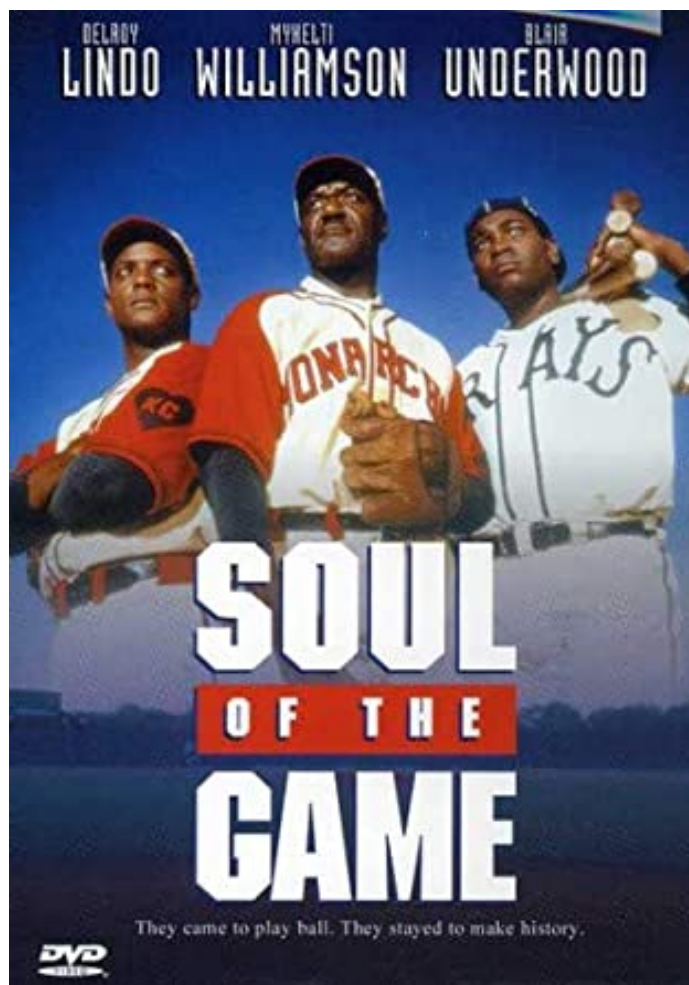
*From the Desk of Mr. Martin,*

## Social Studies

World Film Studies

In honor of Black History Month, we're watching

The film is about Josh Gibson, Satchel Paige and Jackie Robinson when they played in the Negro Leagues before African Americans integrated the Major League.







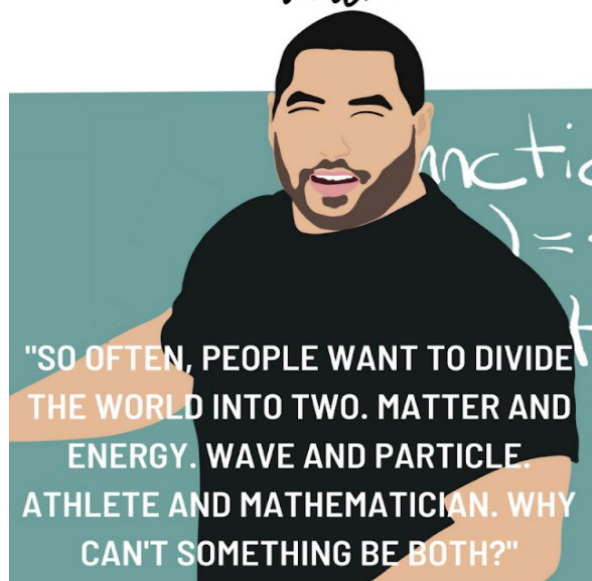
## Teacher Messages



*From the Desk of Mrs. Garza,*

*Math*

**JOHN URSCHEL**  
*football player &  
mathematician*



In the month of February, my students will research and investigate African-American mathematicians. They will plan and present the information by creating a representation of their findings through any medium of their choice, such as Google Slide, video, a fake social media page, etc. then turn into the Google Classroom and will be showcased on our Black History Month website.

*From the Desk of Ms. Anderson,*

*Science*

This quarter Biology students are taking a journey to the beginning of life. That's right we're studying the wonderful world of cells. Students will learn the different types of cells, how they reproduce, and what they are made of. Forensics students are learning about different pieces of evidence, how it is processed, and what it means in court. This week, we are analyzing Ballistics, and we had discussions about the ballistics in Breonna Taylor crime scene.





# Teacher Messages



*From the Desk of: Mrs. Martinez,*

## *Digital Art*

Welcome to the Visual Arts classroom at Outlook Academy. It is an exciting time as we celebrate Black History Month in February. We are focusing on African American artists that have inspired the world with their artistic contributions to society and culture.

In **Intro to Visual Arts S1**, students are learning about the amazing artist [Jacob Lawrence](#). Students have analyzed his artwork series, "Migration" and learned about the concept of narrative art. "Migration" offers the viewer a powerful narrative through the perspective of the artist Jacob Lawrence on the Great Migration. After analyzing the concept of narrative art, students are now creating their own narrative artwork.

Jacob Lawrence



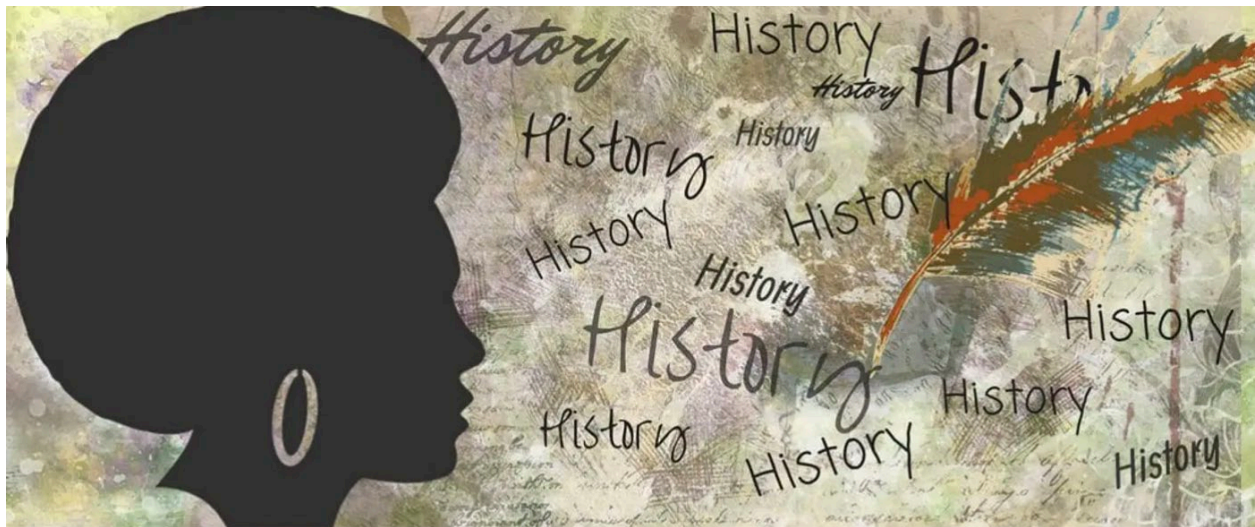
In **Intro to Visual Arts S2**, students are learning about the wonderful artist [Alma Woodsey Thomas](#). Thomas is best known for her signature abstract painting style that is best described as exuberant and colorful. On October 14th, 2016, First Lady Michelle Obama celebrated the renovation of the Old Family Dining Room, located on the State Floor of the White House which included and featured one of Thomas' most well-known work, "Resurrection". Alma Woodsey Thomas is the first African American woman to have her art featured in the White House. After analyzing the artworks of Thomas, students are now creating their own "Resurrection" inspired concentric pattern artwork.

Alma Woodsey Thomas



In **Intro to Visual Design S2**, students have analyzed the inspiring artworks of artist [Faith Ringgold](#). Ringgold is best known for her compelling story quilts. Students have 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 works, students are now creating their own story quilt. This art project focuses on creating a visual interpretation of a specific moment in time, capturing a unique and personal memory that the student share of themselves through their story quilt artwork.

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



Black History Month was created by twentieth-century historian Carter Woodson, who believed black Americans were not adequately represented in the study of American history. Carter Woodson hoped for the day when black history would be accepted as a part of American history. Formerly known as Negro History Week, Black History Month was officially declared by President Gerald Ford in 1976.

National Black History Month, also known as National African American History Month, during February is a time for all Americans to celebrate the achievements of African Americans. The month recognizes their central role in American history.

African-American's impact our society throughout history and in numerous ways. Here are just a few prominent individuals we honor this month:

- Thurgood Marshall was the first African-American appointed to the Supreme Court. We recognize Thurgood Marshall every year on National Maryland Day.
- George Washington Carver developed over 300 products from peanuts. Celebrate George Washington Carver and his contributions to the peanut industry on National Peanut Day.
- Shirley Chisholm was the first African-American woman elected to U.S. House of Representatives.
- Rosa Parks helped initiate the Civil Rights Movement by refusing to give up her seat on the bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Celebrate Rosa Park on Rosa Parks Day and learn more about her contributions to the Civil Rights Movement.
- Louis Armstrong is widely known as a jazz pioneer. Information about Louis Armstrong can be found in November on National Louisiana Day.
- Colin Powell is a 4-star General who became Secretary of State. Colin Powell dedicated the Buffalo Soldier Monument at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, establishing the first Buffalo Soldiers Day.
- Barack Obama was elected the first Black President of the United States.



## Message from Nurse Johnson



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**CALL A FRIEND INSTEAD  
& TALK TO THEM FOR  
80 SECONDS**

Take the 80 sec challenge today & share with us too !

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SO WHICH 80 SEC CHALLENGE  
DID YOU SUCCEED AT ?




**SHARE WITH US & WIN  
A FREE DIGITAL HEART HEALTH KIT**

Take the 80 sec challenge today & share with us too !

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**SIT, BREATHE, CALM DOWN**  
DONT DO ANYTHING FOR 80 SECONDS  
**BECAUSE STRESS CAN KILL**




Take the 80 sec challenge today & share with us too !

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**SITTING SEDANTARY WATCHING  
TV CAN MAKE THE HEART SICK**




**80 SECONDS OF PRETEND  
JUMP ROPE MAKES YOU  
HAPPY & REFRESHED**

Take the 80 sec challenge today & share with us too !

WORLD HEART DAY 2018

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**IT TAKES 3 MINS TO BOOK  
A SALON APPOINTMENT**



**JUST 80 SECS TO BOOK A CARDIAC CHECK  
MAKE HEART YOUR PRIORITY.**

Take the 80 sec challenge today & share with us too !

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*From the Desk of Mr. Earl King II*

*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>**

**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/>**

**COMPLETE FAFSA**

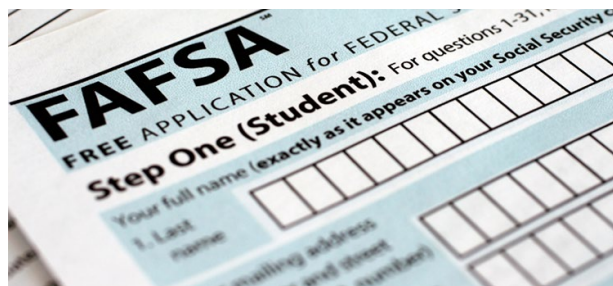
**BEGIN 2021-2022 FAFSA TODAY! Enrollment has opened! South Suburban College**

**CODE: 001769**

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

**FAFSA Instructions**

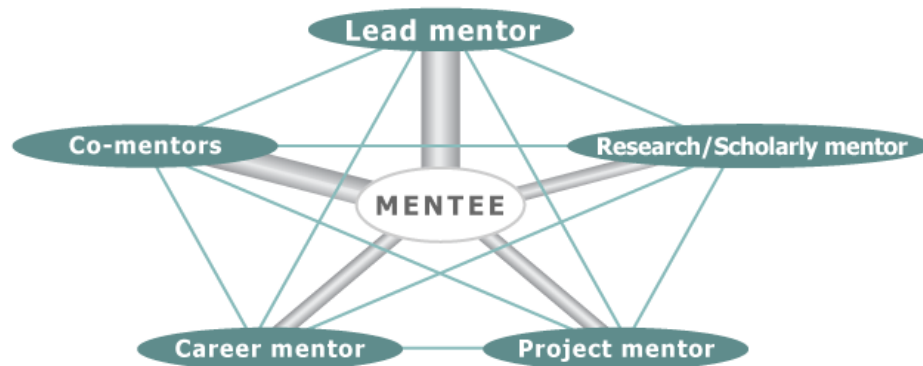
**<https://www.ssc.edu/admissions-registration/financial-aid/>**



*From the Desks of Mrs. Fortier & Mr. Valant*

*Program Administration*

***OA has started a new Student/Teacher Mentor Program:***



The purpose of the OA Mentor Program is to help develop positive relationships with the students and secure familiarity with our program and our staff. Through this program, we will improve factors that can lead to educational success, connectedness to the school environment and peers, improve relationships with teachers and staff, improve feelings of academic success, and increase access and use of daily supports. Through one-on-one tutoring, credit tracking, counseling, and postsecondary planning, it is our hope that the students will benefit from this additional service by increasing their ability and desire to obtain their high school diploma.

Each week this semester, OA is scheduling guest speakers. Our speakers are focusing on careers and life experiences. OA welcomes all individuals that want to help our students become successful adults and members of the community. Please let us know if you or someone you know is available to speak to our students.

**COMING SOON...**  
The OA Afro History Web Page is currently under construction but will be available soon!

The OA Web Page has moved...you will now find it under "Programs" in the upper right-hand corner of the district web page at [www.district205.net](http://www.district205.net). Check us out, we have some great pictures and additional information located there.



### ***Additional Resources:***

Greetings Parents and Community Members! As we roll into our second session of **virtual learning**, we want to remind everyone of some important resources the District has published to help us all through Remote Learning. Please take a few minutes to review the following resources. If you have any questions, please just let us know.

Parent Help Video:

English: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1T9W\\_s96E4LCaZzKcUwJyBKNqHMhxGBV-/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1T9W_s96E4LCaZzKcUwJyBKNqHMhxGBV-/view?usp=sharing)

Spanish: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14qfMMOZRUVJnm50pMvmDKO8319ZGh0O/view?usp=sharing>

Google Meets Norms and Expectations:

[https://district205-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/fortier\\_patricia\\_district205\\_net/EUn0f-TWPDJFjEqa1arW0voBBBoAKviRhZcp3S1FzXBtNzA?e=wpDPcX](https://district205-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/fortier_patricia_district205_net/EUn0f-TWPDJFjEqa1arW0voBBBoAKviRhZcp3S1FzXBtNzA?e=wpDPcX)

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IT Questions & Answers:

[https://district205-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/fortier\\_patricia\\_district205\\_net/ESqJSE\\_elPRDhU3byl4M0oEB1WuLCpmw-ovy1q2fQ4-Jaw?e=73Dfdv](https://district205-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/fortier_patricia_district205_net/ESqJSE_elPRDhU3byl4M0oEB1WuLCpmw-ovy1q2fQ4-Jaw?e=73Dfdv)