



# Outlook Academy Newsletter

## November 2020

### 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.

Thank-you to Ms. Martinez and Ms. Lantz for creating this awesome student inspiration video and providing us all with something to smile about this month:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/12Vj\\_OGXvhcCHpoEJhAOLnxN4Vrpv02dg/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/12Vj_OGXvhcCHpoEJhAOLnxN4Vrpv02dg/view?usp=sharing)

### Ventra Cards

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

### MTSS Room:

**Open every Monday through Thursday Afternoon & Friday Mornings**

- The first step to improving grades is to attend every class period and turn work in on time.
- The next step is to ask for help if you need it and work with your teachers after school and on Fridays to catch up or better understand what you are working on.
- All staff are accessible every day from 1p.m. to 3:30p.m. for students if they need help. This has always been voluntary for students to take advantage of. Unfortunately, staff have seen very few of our struggling students during these times. At this point we are going to make some changes to help students help themselves.
- Starting today, teachers will again promote the student resource time. Starting at 1p.m. all teachers will be available in the MTSS room, which all students have access to. If a student is failing at least 1 class, they will be **required** to report to the MTSS room at 1p.m. and work with the teacher or teachers that they need assistance from.
- Administration will be monitoring the student attendance in the MTSS room and checking to see how their grades progress.

### Upcoming Events:

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

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

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

#### **How To Schedule A Google Meet Appt With Mrs. Martin:**

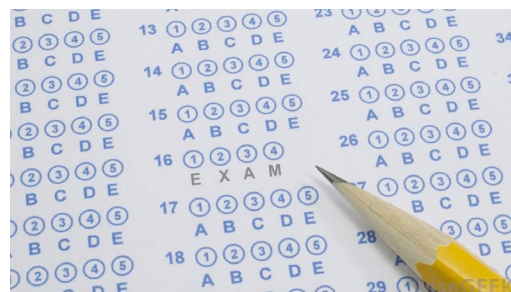
1. Click on this link.

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/selfsched?sstoken=UUhwRjBQN0ZZcEdmfGRlZmF1bHR8MTNiNGUwYjk4ZjUwOGFhYzY5NTFjZjlxZjgxZDM2NTI>

2. Click on the date you want to meet.
3. Click on "Go to appointment page for this calendar."
4. Click on an appointment time you want.
5. Hit SAVE at the bottom.

#### *MTSS CORNER/Mrs. Coleman*

**SAT 2020!!!** This year, students who have not yet taken the SAT will be testing Tuesday, October 27, 2020. here The SAT is a graduation requirement; therefore, attendance is mandatory. The next opportunity to test will be April 2021. All testing students will receive letters informing them of the SAT.



**Ms. Nikita Coleman**  
MTSS Coordinator

## This Month's Highlights



### **Outlook Academy Birthdays**

Mr. Tom Porter, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Claudia Perez, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **Dates to Remember:**

PTC: October 8<sup>th</sup>, 4-7 p.m.

PTC: October 9<sup>th</sup>, 8-11 p.m.

Columbus Day: October 12<sup>th</sup>, No School

Board Meeting: October 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Session 2 and New Classes Begin: October 19<sup>th</sup>

SAT Testing: October 27<sup>th</sup>

MTSS Support: M-Th 1:00 – 3:30

### **Outlook Academy 2020 Honors Award**

Outlook Academy was given the honor of being named one of the best high schools in 2020 by *US News and World Report*. Outlook thanks everyone in District 205 and our serving communities for all their continued support! The award is now displayed in the OA Main Office; stop by SSC any time for a visit.



### **Parent Information**

- Please take the time to review the District's Parent Virtual 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/14qfMMOZRUVJnm50pMvmDKO8319ZGh00/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>
- If you need assistance, please contact the main office.

### **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**

Nikita Coleman - CR Building Coordinator

[coleman.nikita@district205.net](mailto:coleman.nikita@district205.net)

708.879.2944





## Teacher Messages



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

### *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 the students are understanding the material. The students are currently working on t-Accounts and most are able to complete the transactions. They have been reaching out to me when they need additional assistance.

The students in Financial Algebra Sem 1 are calculating simple interest problems, where sometimes they have to find the principal, rate and time. Most of the students understand the concepts and assist those students who are struggling. They will be taking a quiz on simple interest the first week of October.

*From the Desk of Ms. Anderson,*

### *Science*

This quarter, Forensics students are focusing on different types of evidence and how they are processed. Biology students have just wrapped up Ecology and are now studying how living things are organized (Classification). Next up is Charles Darwin and evolution.

Students please be reminded, that assignments that you missed during the week may be turned in up until Friday midnight (of the same week).

Also, be reminded that you may email me or text me if you have questions or concerns. Information is posted in the classroom.



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

### *Social Studies*

E-Learning is up and running. If you have any questions about the constitution test or community service hours, please email me ASAP. If necessary, please seek out individual help from me between 1-2 in the MTSS meeting room.



*From the Desk of: Mr. Folsom,*

### *English*

Mr. Folsom and Ms. Kingdon have been working hard with the students on student engagement. We have had conversations about empathy and many other SEL topics using Edpuzzle.

We are all working together through these tough times to maximize everyone's learning.

**Student Engagement**  
 motivation  
 graduation  
 relationships  
 resiliency  
 success  
 climate  
 culture





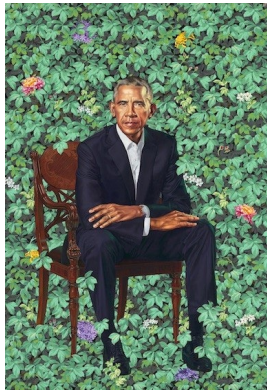
# Teacher Messages



*From the Desk of: Mrs. Martinez,*

## Digital Art

Welcome to Visual Arts at Outlook Academy. I am so excited to teach students about art and create different artworks. In Intro to Visual Arts we are in the art unit: Symbolic Self Portraits and Portraiture. We have analyzed and interpreted symbolism used in traditional and nontraditional portraiture as well as analyze and discuss the contemporary portraiture artist, "Kehinde Wiley" and his presidential portrait of President Barack Obama. Now, students will learn how to draw their own symbolic self-portraits and then begin their symbolic self-portrait art project. In Visual Design we are learning about how to use a digital art program called "Photopea" and their tools to create digital artworks. Visual design focuses on graphic design concepts as used in the fine and commercial arts world. Students will continue to practice using "Photopea" to create their own "About Me" digital artwork. After this project we will move on to creating more commercial graphic design art projects.



*From the Desk of Mrs. Goodman,*

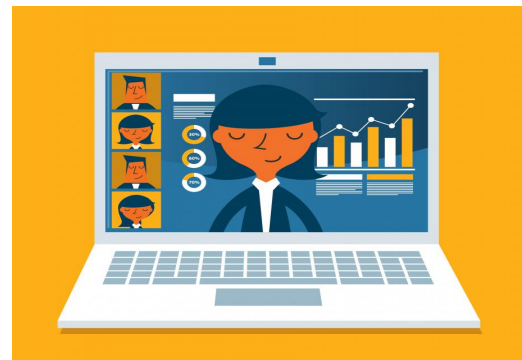
## English/Speech

Welcome back everyone! We are lucky enough to have a student teacher with us this semester, Mr. Koper. Although we are in a fully remote learning environment, we have hit the ground running in our English classes. By the end of the first week of October we will have completed and turned in our research papers. The kids have been working hard these last 6 weeks!

### Speech

Welcome back everyone! We are lucky enough to have a student teacher with us this semester, Mr. Koper. We have been studying the communication process for these last 6 weeks and the students will have a test over the information the first week of October. We will begin writing and presenting our formal speeches at this same time.

## Writing a Good Research Paper





# Teacher Messages



*From the Desk of Mr. Arrington,*

## Business

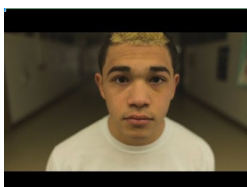
Virtual learning for Outlook's business students has been an experience "outside the box." Utilizing Google Meet, students experience a learning environment that includes classroom discussions both verbally and within the group chat. Lessons are enriched through the use of Edpuzzle, vocabulary.com, and Kahoot!, as well as GMetrix, MS Office and Google apps. Through these course enrichments, Advanced Computer Apps students are creatively progressing towards certifications as Microsoft Office Specialists (MOS).



*From the Desk of Mrs. Garza,*

## Math

<https://youtu.be/AZ-pU7oxt3g>



I want you to think of people in your life now: a friend, parent, teacher, boss, child, etc. Describe how you could show them empathy. (For example: I see my students struggling with this e-learning, so I am adjusting my plans to meet the needs of my students.)

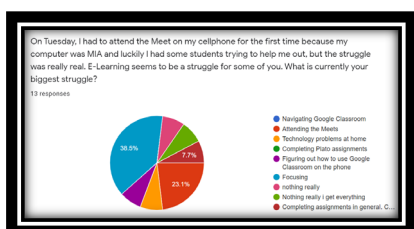
14 responses

My brother struggles to get up on time for school so I try my best everyday to help him wake up on time

When I see my mom overly stressed out i try to do things around the house for her or i try to make her laugh to litten the mood

to help

to help my friends in there work cause i dont want them to fail



*From the Desk of Mr. Martin,*

## Social Studies

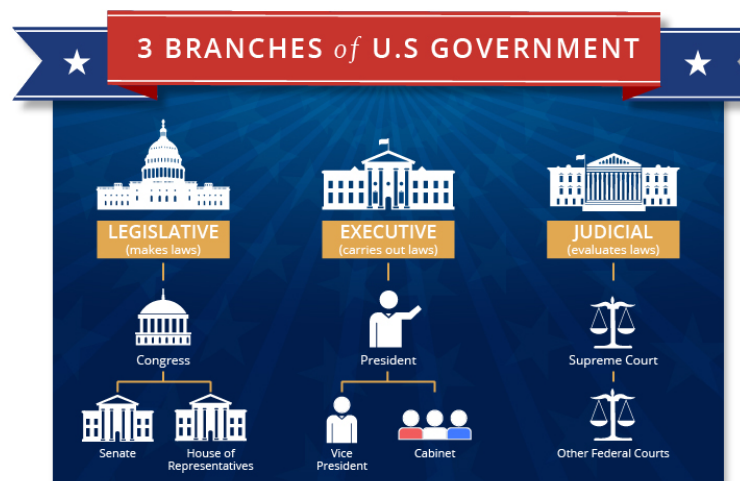
Students have been studying the Civil War and the Industrial Revolution in US History

Students are studying the three branches of Government in American Law. I believe that it is extremely for students to understand how the government works in order to become productive citizens in our society.

The students are given a historical Trivia Question daily. For example: Which US President was an actor before he entered politics?

Answer: Ronald Reagan

This is an opportunity for students to be engaged in historical events.



## From the Desk of Mr. Earl King II

### Transition Program

Attention Students and Parents:

Hope your Summer was well, during this pandemic.

Following class completion, Students will set up a time for a Google Meet to complete their FAFSA Financial Aid and South Suburban College Application.

All students and parents please refer to the Google Classroom link:


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

Topics: FAFSA, SSC Application, and other educational, professional and vocational resources.

Post any valid questions directly on the Google Classroom.

Contact me at [kingii.earl@district205.net](mailto:kingii.earl@district205.net) or 708-225-5877





# Job Placement and Mentoring!



## STEMWorks

A program designed to offer full-time employment or enrollment in a certification program needed to enter the workforce.

### Get Ready for the Workforce!

Preparing every student for a career in STEM  
[lumity.org](http://lumity.org)

### Key Benefits

- No Cost
- Stipend Program
- Flexible Schedule
- Transportation Assistance
- Childcare Subsidy
- Applicants with High School Diploma or GED, ages 18-24 Accepted

### We Provide

- Certified Training Through City Colleges:
  - Malcolm X
  - Daily College
  - Olive Harvey
  - Chicago Women in Trades
- Job Placement & Job Readiness Training
- Job Fairs
- Career Services

### Program Completion

Upon completion participants will have the opportunity to receive:

- Healthcare Jobs
- Manufacturing Jobs
- Technology Jobs
- OSHA 10
- First Aid/CPR
- Scholarship Offers
- Career Certification Training

### Program Details

- Program Location: Lumity, 55 W. Van Buren, Suite 420, Chicago
- Dates (start/end date): October to December 2020 (5 days a week)
- Two Sessions Offered (select one):  
Morning: 9:00am to 12:00pm OR Afternoon: 1:00 to 4:00pm

Space is limited to 25 students per session, so first come first serve on placement.

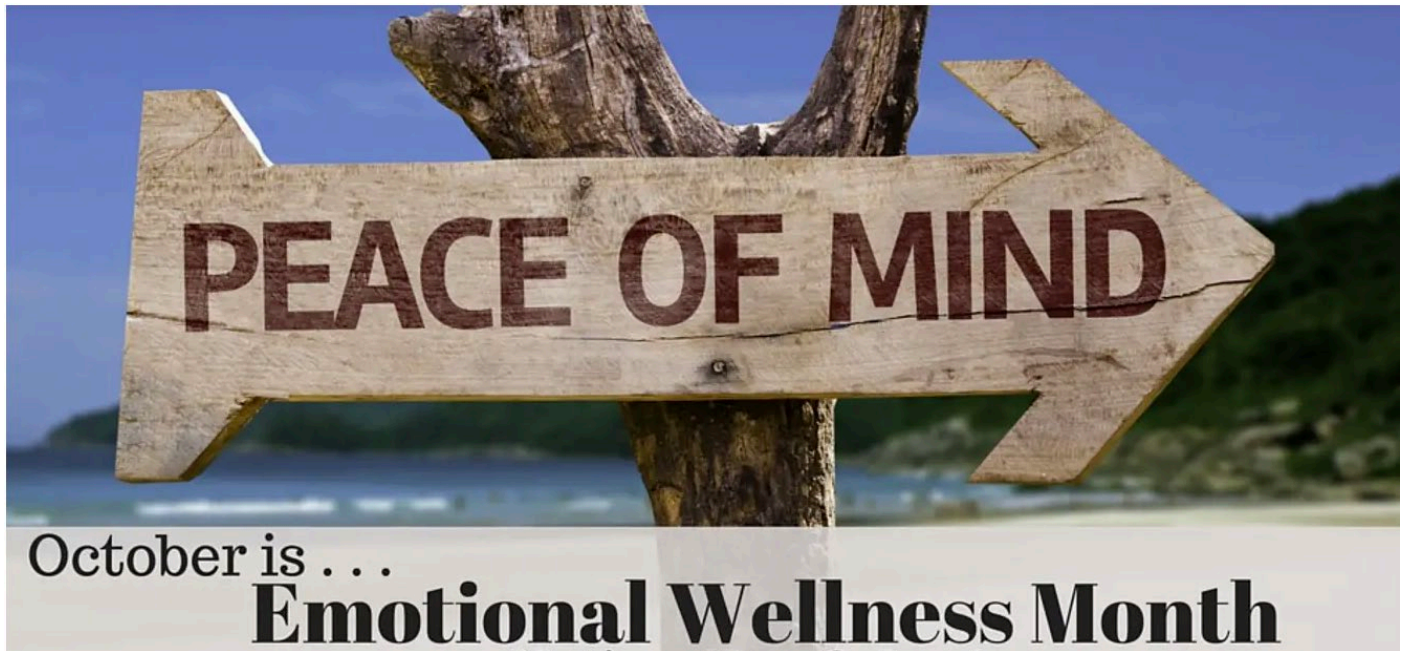
### Next Steps

- **Enroll Now!**  
Complete the online application by October 1 by going to:  
<https://bit.ly/STEMWORKS>

### Questions?

Call Caleb Neal at 773.372.2202 or email [cneal@Lumity.org](mailto:cneal@Lumity.org) for more information

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



## **EMOTIONAL WELLNESS MONTH**

October focuses on Emotional Wellness Month. While taking stock of our stress levels, it's an excellent time to make some changes, too. Emotional Wellness Month provides information and resources to help us do just that.

Stress comes into all our lives in varying amounts. The demands of everyday life, our emotional health can take a toll. However, noting the causes of our stress helps identify the biggest offenders so we can stop them.

## **HOW TO OBSERVE**

Set some goals for reducing stress in your life. Consider what your biggest stressors are and the best ways to remove them. How do you reduce stress? Do you have a stellar support system? Use #EmotionalWellnessMonth to post on social media.





*From the Desk of Mrs. Willis,  
School Nurse*

Attention all Staff and Students:

Flu season has arrived.

The single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get your Flu Shot.

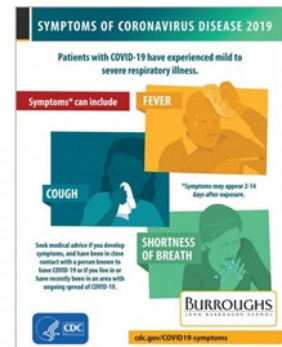
Other ways to stop spread of germs and prevent the Flu bug is:

- Washing hands with soap often.
- Avoid close contact when others are sick.
- Cover mouth and nose with tissue when coughing and sneezing.



**COVID-19(CORONAVIRUS) IS STILL ALIVE**

- Most common symptoms of Covid-19
- Fever of 100.4 and greater
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea



Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to virus!!

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

So please wear a mask

Social Distance

Wash hands

**October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

- Awareness is power
- Early detection saves lives
- A cure worth fighting for
- Fight for the girls
- Every ribbon makes a difference



**FEEL FOR LUMPS TO SAVE YOUR BUMPS**

It is very important for us women to make sure we are getting our yearly Mammography Screening





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

***Administration***

Greetings Parents and Community Members! As we roll into week 9 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-TWPDJFjEqa1arW0voBBoAKviRhZcp3S1FzXBtNzA?e=wpDPcX](https://district205-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/fortier_patricia_district205_net/EUn0f-TWPDJFjEqa1arW0voBBoAKviRhZcp3S1FzXBtNzA?e=wpDPcX)

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**IT Questions & Answers:**

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