

Outlook Academy Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Student Reminders:

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.

Dates to Remember:

Teacher Institute Day, February 14th, No School
President's Day, February 17th No School



Township Community service



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

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.

Mrs. Martin's Motivational Moment....

"Failure is just there to point you in a different direction."

~ Oprah Winfrey

MTSS CORNER/Mrs. Coleman

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the 2019-2020 school year. We have had so many successes thus far as we continue to exit students with their high school diploma from Thornton Township SD 205. We are now entering into the second half of the school year with many new faces that are eager to get back on track academically and to graduate this year. Please remember- if a student is in need of academic or social emotional support, we have a very caring team to assist them.

In other news- Outlook Academy has been approved to administer the SAT Exam Wednesday, March 25, 2020. If you have any questions regarding this graduation requirement, please see me. Be on the lookout for more announcements and mailings. ALSO, any student that is interested in taking Credit Recovery classes, please see me.

OA- Let's start Quarter 3 STRONG so we can finish STRONG!



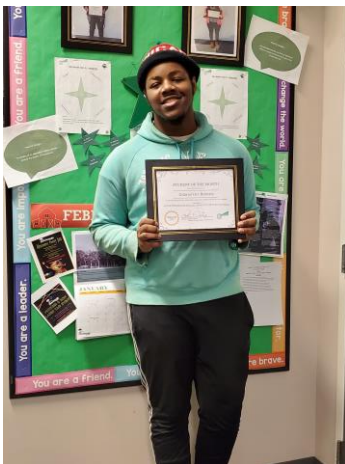
This Month's Highlights



Outlook Academy Birthdays

Jason Hill, February 16th

Outlook Academy Students of the Month!



Congratulations to our **February Students of the Month!** Mariana Espadas and Gabriel Orr Roberts. Both Mariana and Gabriel have 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.
- 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 2019

Mrs. Patricia Malopsy-Fortier
District Credit Recovery Program Administrator

If you have any questions regarding Credit Recovery please contact your Home School Credit Recovery Building Coordinator or visit the district website:
www.district205.net/areasofinstruction/creditrecovery

Outlook Academy

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Teacher Messages



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

The students just completed Accounting semester 2 and learned many aspects about accounting procedures. The students were able to determine if a business has net income or net loss for a fiscal period. Afterwards, they are able to prepare financial statements including income statements and balance sheets.

At the end of our semester, we learned how payroll works for businesses. Many students have worked or are currently working so this was relevant to their lives. They were able to read tax tables to determine federal taxes, calculate social security and Medicare. When they were finished with those calculations, they could prepare payroll checks with check stubs. Most students were unaware of what social security and Medicare was, so this was important for them to become aware of.

Adam Levine

685.50

Six Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents

Adam Levine
MI

Pay Period: 8/3/2017 - 8/4/2017

am Levine SSN# xxx-xx-6789 Check Date: August 20, 2017 Net Pay: 658.50

Pay Items				Deductions			Taxable Wages	
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oss Current:			1,000.00	Medicare Withheld	14.50	14.50	Soc. Sec.	1,000.00
ss Year to Date:			1,000.00	Federal	102.00	102.00	Medicare	1,000.00
				State	38.00	38.00	State	900.00
				403(b) Employee	100.00	100.00		
				Disability Insuranc	25.00	25.00		
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*From the Desk of Mr. O'Leary,
Social Studies*

I hope your new year has had a great start.

Civics class is up and running. There are 3 requirements to graduate that accompany Civics. First you must pass the class. Second you must pass the constitution test. Third you must complete 5 community service hours. I am currently working with community leaders to provide opportunities for you to get your hours. You may Complete your hours on your own or at schedules that I offer.

Come see me in room 3363 to inquire about opportunities that available to you.

If you know of any organizations in the community that would like to have our students work with them, please have them contact me at oleary.patrick@district205.net

Many students have already started completing their hours. At the Thornton Township Food Pantry.

Pat O'Leary





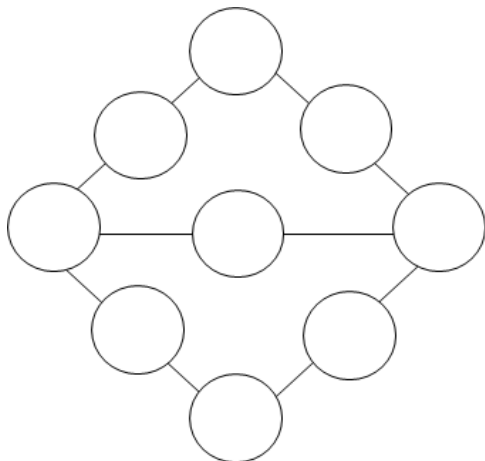
Teacher Messages



From the Desk of Mrs. Garza, Math



Math in the real world: Near the end of Term 2, our students built homemade clinometers with a protractor, straw, and string in order to find the height of objects too tall to measure with a measuring tape. The students were able to find the height of a flagpole knowing the distance they were from the flagpole and the angle of elevation measured with their homemade clinometer. They used the trigonometry to calculate the height of the flagpole.



Directions: Fill in the circles using the numbers 1 through 9 once each where the sum along each side and the one horizontal diagonal is 17.

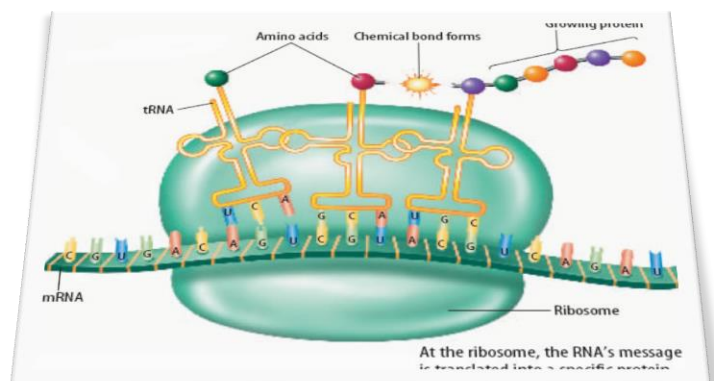
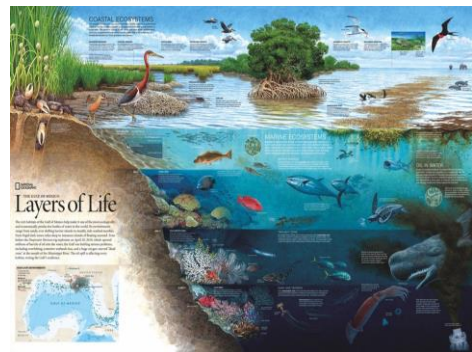
Can you make sense of this problem and persevere in solving it? The students at Outlook can. One of their solutions will be revealed in the next newsletter. Have fun!

From the Desk of Mrs. Goodman, English/Speech

Mrs. Goodman's English classes have finished reading *The Alchemist* are presenting their Personal Quest as their final project. Speech classes ended the semester with their Career Speech. Many were happy to do the speech because they found out the career was not what they were hoping for and now they can begin to look into something else 😊

From the Desk of Ms. Anderson, Science

Biology is the focus of Quarter 3 for Outlook The word biology means the study of life. Semester 1 classes will look into the ecosystem and how living things and even some non living things interact, along with studying the basic units of life. Semester 2 classes will focus on genetics of living things and how traits are passed down, as well the evolution of life.





Teacher Messages



From the Desk of: Mr. Conry, Foreign Language

February is upon us and hopefully the last of winters' grip as well. Luckily in Mr. Conry's room we will be celebrating all things Louisiana (hopefully the warmth will follow). In foreign languages classes, we will be beginning the new and exciting study of Spanish and French. Because these are all introductory classes, greetings, and conversations will be stressed. The emphasis this month is going to be on spoken and initial written language. In addition, we are going to compare and contrast Spanish/ French to English. Culturally, we will be doing a thematic unit with Carnival / Mardi Gras bi-lingual complete with beads imported from Louisiana itself. Laissez les bons temps rouler= Let the good times roll!!

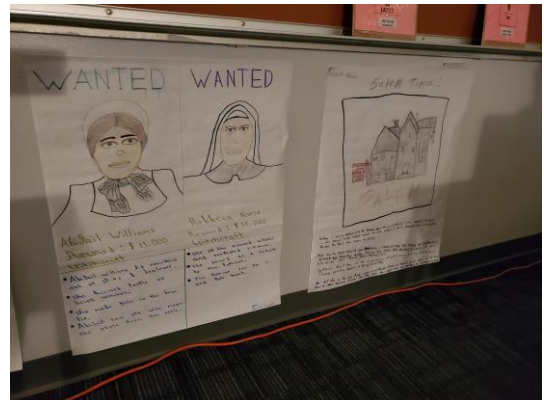
From the Desk of Mr. Arrington, Business

Outlook Academy's Advanced Computer Apps students ended the semester with a total of 14 Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certifications. Special congratulations to Jariah Flowers who earned three certifications in MS Word, PowerPoint and Excel. Students also completed resumes to include their MOS certifications. During the second semester, even more students will receive MOS certificates as they prepare for great careers



From the Desk of: Mr. Folsom, English

Students have been working hard on their final projects for The Crucible. Their projects range from creating a town Newspaper, wanted posters, among many other engaging opportunities! Here are just a few examples



From the Desk of Mr. Martin, Social Studies

Students will be studying the Civil War

World Film Studies

This class uses film to study pivotal events in history. "Red Tails" - focuses on the African American pilots during WWII





From the Desk of Mr. Earl King II

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH to Outlook Academy Students and Families!

I want to say Congratulations to all 2019 and 2020 Outlook Academy Graduates & Families! You are now beginning the next phase of your educational and career life! Stay Positive and Stay Focused!

I also would like to Welcome all new 2020 Outlook Academy Students to Outlook! This will be a vital part of your educational and professional career opportunities. GOOD LUCK and STAY FOCUSED!

Again, I am Mr. King, the new Community Transition Coordinator for Outlook Academy. It is a pleasure and a privilege to continue to serve the Community of District 205. I, along with our Community Specialist, Ms. Holmes, have continued working with the students on tracking their progress, Resume Building, FAFSA Completion for Financial Aid, and also applying to South Suburban College (or elsewhere), Vocational Programs and Job Placement Assistance.

Upcoming at Outlook: Parent Academy 2020

Good Afternoon District 205 Parent Coordinators,

The PARENT ACADEMY Registration Form is LIVE and ONLINE at:

www.District205.net

All information is available on the Registration Form. Thanks again for you all your support and assistance with the launch of the program. Applications can be returned to Parent Coordinators or Directly to Thornridge or Outlook Academy at South Suburban College.

If still interested, contact Mr. King, at 708-225-5877.

Have a Great Holiday Season!





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

Outlook Academy Social Programming

As we enter a new semester, the following are social work group options that are available. Please select a group that best suits your needs.

Yoga & Relaxation: This group's objective is to actively practice guided relaxation techniques and beginners Yoga that helps ease the mind and tension in the body.

Resiliency: This group's objective is to learn to cope with stress and adversity through talk support and self-reflection.

Anger Management: This group's objective is to identify triggers that cause anger/frustration, explore techniques to help cope with those feelings, and to utilize those skills in your daily life.

Live Game Crew
Days: Mon-Thurs
Time: 3pm-5pm

Come join us for an evening of fun and games. Learn to play games including but not limited to PS4 Games, XBOX Games, and Board Games! For more information, please see Mr. Hill in room 3361.



*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.

