



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:

School Board Meeting, December 11th

Winter Break, December 24th – January 3rd **No School**

Happy Holidays from Outlook Academy



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....

"Success is not how far you've come. Success is how far you've come from where you started."

~ Steve Harvey

An American Businessman and Entertainer

MTSS CORNER/Mrs. Coleman

From the MTSS Corner:

Outlook Academy is launching District 205's first Parent Academy in January 2020. All students and parents interested in participating please contact Mr. Earl King at kingii.earl@district205.net or any home school parent coordinator. All classes are completely free each Saturday at Thornridge High School. Please support our effort of strengthening our community relationships.

Parent Academy is yet another level of support District 205 is providing for our families.

Happy Holidays!

Ms. Nikita Coleman
MTSS Coordinator



This Month's Highlights



Outlook Academy Birthdays

No December Birthdays

Outlook Academy Students of the Month!



Congratulations to our **December Students of the Month!** Jariah Flowers and Cerone Van Jr. Both Jariah and Cerone 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

Nikita Coleman - CR Building Coordinator

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Teacher Messages



From the Desk of: Mrs. DiGiacomo, Business

The Accounting Semester 2 students are able to prepare and read financial statements for a business. This financial information is important for owners and managers of businesses to make sound business decisions. The students know that financial statements are compared to a book about the business. As we end the calendar year, the students will be able to complete closing entries and adjusting entries that businesses do at the end of the year. They will know the entire accounting cycle for a business. The students are catching on to these concepts rather quickly and are asking great questions.

Next month, the students will complete journals for a merchandising business organized as a corporation. This will include capital stock and retained earnings.

In the Resource class, the students are working at a quick pace to get their classes completed. I am impressed at how many classes most of the students have completed already. Most of the students are looking forward to graduation and want to get the classes over within a reasonable period of time.

AMAZON.COM, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in millions, except per share data)

	December 31,	
	2016	2017
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,334	\$ 20,522
Marketable securities	6,647	10,464
Inventories	11,461	16,047
Accounts receivable, net and other	8,339	13,164
Total current assets	45,781	60,197
Property and equipment, net	29,114	48,866
Goodwill	3,784	13,350
Other assets	4,723	8,897
Total assets	\$ 83,402	\$ 131,310

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

The State of Illinois has added a new graduation requirement. All high school students must now take a stand alone Civics class, which includes a community service requirement to graduate. The Constitution Test will no longer be offered in US History Semester 1.

The new Civics class is now being offered at Outlook and I am currently the teacher of the class. Make sure with your counselor, that you are going to be enrolled in the class in order to graduate.

All students are now required to complete 5 hours of community service along with the Civics class to graduate. I will be arranging opportunities for you to complete your hours throughout the semester. The first opportunity that I am pleased to offer (with the assistance of the social worker Mr. Hill) will take place on Friday December 20th. We will be taking a group of students to pack food boxes at the Thornton Township Food Pantry. This opportunity will allow you to complete 2 hours of community service. December 20th is a non attendance day for the students. So there will be no conflict with the regular school day, please see me if you are interested. If you are interested in finding your own community service opportunities, please come and talk to me in room 3363.

Finally, the Constitution Test. The test will now be offered in Civics. Those students who have passed the Constitution Test according to your transcripts will not have to retake the test. As always if all you need is to take or retake the test, see me ASAP in room 3363.

Have a great holiday season and start to the new year!

Pat O'Leary



Teacher Messages



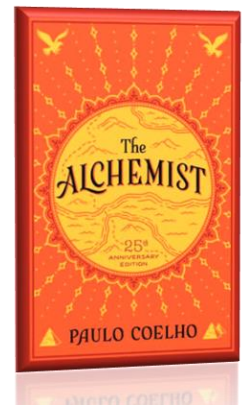
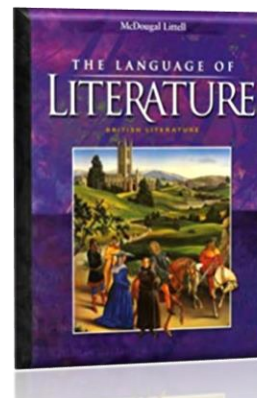
From the Desk of Mrs. Garza, Math

In Mrs. Garza's classes we begin each new term by getting to know each other and build positive relationships. Here you see part of the class working on an activity called "The Floor Maze". Students had to work together, without talking, to navigate their way through the maze without initially knowing the correct route. With team work, patience, and perseverance they were able to accomplish their goal while also building a positive classroom learning environment.



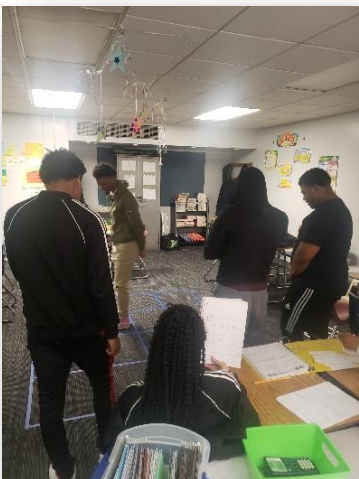
From the Desk of Mrs. Goodman, English/Speech

Speech class has completed two speeches so far this quarter and they are getting ready to tackle their persuasive and demonstration speeches before Christmas break. English IV just finished reading sections from "The Iliad" and they are getting ready to take their own personal quest as they read the novel, The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho.



From the Desk of Ms. Anderson, Science

This month, both the Forensic Science and Biology Semester 2 classes will begin a focus into DNA. The basics of DNA will not only be covered, but students will also learn about Biotechnology, and the role of DNA in Forensics.





Teacher Messages



From the Desk of: Mr. Conry, Foreign Language

Greetings from Mr. Conry's French and Spanish classes. We are celebrating Posadas in Spanish Class and Noel in French classes, while increasing our knowledge of grammar and vocabulary in the target languages. Felices Fiestas / Joyeuse's Fetes / Happy Holidays from Mr. Conry's French and Spanish Classes.



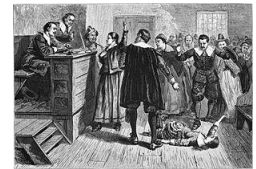
Posadas



Eiffel Tower

From the Desk of: Mr. Folsom, English

Mr. Folsom and Ms. Kingdon are working through the Crucible unit! The students are creating projects to go along with the play. The projects vary from newspapers to wanted posters. Along with the project, the students are completing a WebQuest to learn more about the Salem Witch Trials as well as Puritan life.



From the Desk of Mr. Arrington, Business



Outlook's Advanced Computer Apps students started the 2nd quarter by setting goals related to their classroom effort as they work to attain certifications by the end of the 2nd term. Students who are successful on the MOS exam are considered "specialist" by Microsoft. A MOS certification can lead to better job opportunities while making our students more marketable. Pictured above is a wall display of all Outlook student MOS Certificates thus far.

Mr. Paul Arrington

From the Desk of Mr. Martin, Social Studies

We are currently studying the Great Depression and its effects on the US

World Film

We are currently watching "Black and White"

Description

When his wife dies in a car crash, Elliott Anderson (Kevin Costner) fields another blow: the realization that he must raise his biracial granddaughter, Eloise (Jillian Estell), alone. However, the child's paternal grandmother, Rowena (Octavia Spencer) feels that she is better equipped to take care of the child and sues for custody. With Eloise caught in the middle, both Elliott and Rowena are forced to confront their true feelings about race, forgiveness and understanding.

The issues of child custody, being raised biracial and the effects of substance abuse on the family are explored.



From the Desk of Mr. Earl King II

HAPPY HOLIDAYS to Outlook Academy Students and Families!

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

Beginning, January 2020, Parent Academy will provide Students and Parents resources to attain more knowledge, skills, and the opportunity to collaborate with other parents from District 205 School. The Parent Academy Program is a family engagement initiative designed to empower District 205 families with skills, workshops, strategies, and learning opportunities that best support a student's continued academic and social growth both at home and in the classroom. MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

New this Year: JOBCORPS will return to Outlook

Job Corps is a tuition **FREE** Hands-on Career Training, Tuition Free for ages 16-24

Housing, Meals, Allowance and Medical Benefits at **NO COST**

Job Corps students will have the opportunity to gain secure employment and housing, or apprenticeship, go on to higher education, or joining the military.

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*

This is a season where people often find joy and companionship amongst family and friends. It also can be a bitter sweet season for those who may be experiencing challenges.

South Suburban Toys for Kids' primary mission is to feed homeless children and others in need in the south suburbs of Chicago. They can be reach by phone at 708-596-7168 and are located at 16710 Richmond Ave. Suite 4 Hazel Crest, IL 60429
<https://lbdenterprises.org/index.html>

Outlook's social-emotional programming is now offering Anger Management Group in addition to Resiliency and Yoga & Relaxation Group. If interested, please see Mr. Hill at 3361.



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

Nurses Corner

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.

