



Skyline High School

Early College

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As we closed down Hispanic Heritage Month, students at Skyline Early College walk down the corridors at Skyline ECHS observing their peers' visual creations to celebrate Hispanic Culture in the United States represented by many peoples with roots in Spanish Speaking Countries.

Helping students succeed!

When it comes to student's success, all hands should be on deck!. This past month, the Dallas ISD Postsecondary Partnerships & Programs Department held CIF (Common Instructional Framework) training for Early College Teachers, a core component in Early College schools design.

All ECHS students have an Advisor to talk to for celebrating weekly successes in their college courses, or to talk about strategies to complete weekly lessons and assignments.

Parent/Guardian are encouraged to support Advisors by asking their students often for updates on their college courses' grades.



Principal's Playbook: Ms. Johnson

Shout out to those that have been present in the hallways every period. Shout out to those who have been visible and vigilant. It is needed for all of our safety and systems that are put in place. If you are not on board yet, hop on the train this week! Thanks to Ms. Anthony and Mr. Phillips for holding the first TSIA boot camp for the year.

College Facilitating

Progress monitoring has been going great for most of us! Kuddos to you all for supporting our scholars. Please don't wait until late in the week to check. This should be progressive throughout the week.

Classroom Expectations

Please use your planning periods for preparation and when you have DUTY, please report to duty. You are required to have a 45 minute planning time per instructional day or a total of 450 minutes in 2 weeks. You all have roughly 675 minutes per week, so please use that time wisely. The rest of the time for duty and PLC, please comply.

Aggressive monitoring

Rosters should be complete and you should have as you walk around the room and give feedback to students.

Safety tips

Please check the following daily:

Every student should have ID badge visible.

Every ECHS should have a collegiate shirt on and be in dress code.



Self care tips

- Walk a Local Trail
- Find a new playlist
- Write or Doodle in a Journal

ECHS the loop...

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent University 11/9/23
8-week term 2 begins 10/17/23
Senior Symposium
4 year University visits TBA

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

TSIA Ramp-up Initiative

Parents, did you know the Texas Success Initiative Assessment is a crucial component of the Early College Program? The purpose of the Texas Success Initiative (TSIA) program is to guide Texas public institutions of higher education in determining whether entering, non-exempt students are ready for entry-level college coursework in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics..

Skyline Early College students will have several opportunities to review and practice for these important exams during Advisory periods and TSIA Boot Camps every Friday starting on November 4th.

Please encourage your student to be present and to study/practice on their own as much as possible. Accuplacer.org is an excellent resource for practice tests.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are ramping up TSIA testing for juniors and Sophomores that have not passed ELAR and/or Math.

Skyline ECHS Goals

- 9th graders: will be tested by Dec. 16th for ELAR (English Reading/Writing) only
- 10th graders: will be tested at least once by Dec. 16th for ELAR and MATH
- 11th graders: 90% TESTED and minimum 50% passed TSI or met through waiver exemptions.
- 12th graders: 100% tested with minimum of 85% passed TSI or met through waiver or exemption

Let's get it!

COACH'S CALL...

Mr. STEWART'S REMINDERS

Parents please encourage your students to remain engaged during the duration of their classes. Our Teachers have Bell to bell instruction, maintain Student engagement, and provide feedback via Learning coding system and use of Feedback for Learning Rosters. Encourage students to pay attention to Exemplar in hand, posted Lesson objectives and complete their Demonstration Of Learning activities.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The work we do is a work of investment, of sowing seed, planting or farming, this is because the reward we receive for going the extra mile for our students isn't always seen within a school year, but it is seen when what we teach (our seed) is processed in the soil, (the student) and produces a new thing that can benefit others (success).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall TSIA 2.0 Skyline ECHS Action Plan

Interventions:

- Accuplacer Pre-Test diagnostics.
- Tier students based on Accuplacer Pre-Test data.
- Boot Camps for preparation

Daily:

- During Advisory everyday, students will log in and work on ACCUPLACER practice test for 20 minutes while Teacher completes Progress Monitoring for college courses.

Weekly:

- Friday TSIA Boot Camps will begin on each Friday of the month starting November 4th. Each week a different grade level will be identified to have 2-hour boot camp in the morning and test afterwards.

Mr. MEJIA COORDINATOR'S CORNER...

HAPPENING THIS MONTH!

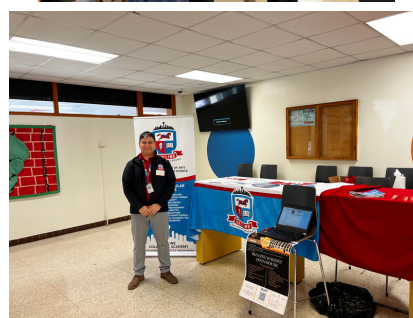
We continue to work with our Middle School Counselors to recruit our next cohort 2027. Application window will open on November 1st.

Many of our Juniors and Seniors attending Eastfield College Campus are learning not only from content specific courses, but college life and self-management skills invaluable for their future journeys at a 4-year university, place of employment or military.



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- November 1st the window for new applications open.
- Applicants can go to choose.dallasisd.org and start the application process.
- All applicants should secure recommendation letters from (1) parent/guardian, (2) current counselor, (3) current English teacher, (4) current Math teacher.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TSIA EXAMINATIONS NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Parents:

Be aware of the importance of passing college entrance exams!

All students can pass with preparation.

Please encourage your student to study and practice until the day of the exams.

Good to Know!

Early College students in the 9th grade can take EDUC-1300, BCIS-1405, and PHED-1164 without passing the reading and writing component of TSIA.

Once students are in the 10th grade, the only course available if students have not passed TSIA ELAR is ARTS-1301 or MUSI-1411.

students are required to have passed TSIA to continue taking college courses.

SPCH-1311 and SOCI-1301 in the 10th grade are only available to those students who have passed reading and writing ELAR TSIA.

Do not let your student not be able to take those courses. Pre-test and practice should be prioritized until exam day!

INSTRUCTIONAL SPECIALIST SPOT...

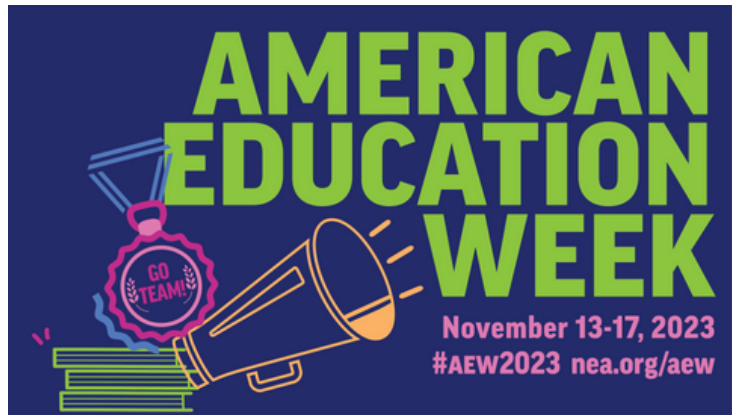
Dr. Patton

THE CHECKLIST:

Celebrate
Education Support Professionals
Day
ESP (Education Support
Professionals Day is November 13-
17, 2023. Join us we share all the
ways ESP's have made a personal
impact on our lives.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

This month is the beginning of the
following 8-week courses. Make
sure students know that their
classes are starting. This week's
goal set by the district is 95% this
week. Let's try our best to see our
students this week.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Progress Monitoring
 - Meet with our caseloads of students
 - Make sure we hit our goal of at least 95%
- Recruitment/Retention
 - Plans for recruitment? (Holmes this Friday)
- Site Team Meetings
 - Site team meetings this month
- IHE on track Success
 - Plans for TSI testing?
 - Are we doing any interventions before testing?

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MATHEMATICS

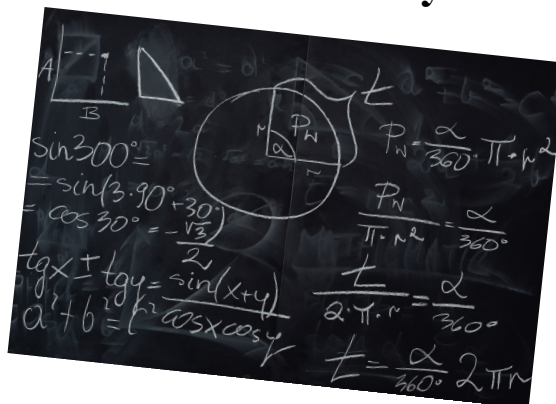
Algebra I Honors - Dr. Neal

We are progressing along as we are now in our first major topic for this semester: Linear Functions. We are going to have two big upcoming projects dealing with graphing linear functions using Desmos software to graph our equations. Get Ready Students! We are coming in hot and making big moves for the Common Assessment.

Algebra II Honors - Ms. Anthony

Our Scholars completed Equations and Inequalities. We are now starting with Relations and Functions! We delayed using calculators in class as we practice our math senses skills for TSIA Math.

For Scholars: there is always a chance to improve ALL work/grades unless you have a perfect 100%. Visit ALEKS daily for homework and EXTRA credit. Keep up with google classroom for video lessons and other resources.



MATH-1332 college course Contemporary Mathematics (Quantitative Reasoning)

This is a Texas Common Course Number. This is a Dallas College Core Curriculum course.

Prerequisite Required: TSIA Math College level ready in Mathematics at the non-algebra or algebra levels.

Course Description: Intended for Non STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) majors. Topics include introductory treatments of sets and logic, financial mathematics, probability and statistics with appropriate applications. Number sense, proportional reasoning, estimation, technology, and communication should be embedded throughout the course. Additional topics may be covered. (3 Lec.)

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English I - Mr. Stewart

Game Changers and Parents of Game Changers!

This cycle in Mr. Stewart's English I class: Short Answer Response Practice

Next Week (26-30): Common Assessment Review

1st Common Assessment is October 5-6.

English II - Mr. Strickland

We are working on constructive responses based on the ACE strategy. The focus has been on Informational text and Poetry. Analyzing and annotating is key. This is week 6 so common assessment will be October 3-6th. Let's stay ready so we don't have to get ready. Come see me for tutoring for English and or TSIA Prep.

ENGL-1301 Composition I

This is a Texas Common Course Number. This is a Dallas College Core Curriculum course.

Prerequisite Required: TSIA ELAR College level ready in Reading and Writing.

Course Description: Intensive study of and practice in writing processes, from invention and researching to drafting, revising, and editing, both individually and collaboratively. Emphasis on effective rhetorical choices, including audience, purpose, arrangement, and style. Focus on writing the academic essay as a vehicle for learning, communicating, and critical analysis. (3 Lec.)
Coordinating Board Academic Approval Number 2313015112

ENGL-1301 Composition II

Course Description: Intensive study of and practice in the strategies and techniques for developing research-based expository and persuasive texts. Emphasis on effective and ethical rhetorical inquiry, including primary and secondary research methods; critical reading of verbal, visual, and multimedia texts; systematic evaluation, synthesis, and documentation of information sources; and critical thinking about evidence and conclusions. (3 Lec.)
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English IV - Mr. Phillips

Here we go! After a relatively simple start with Early British Literature, we now move into the challenging work! Chaucer and *The Canterbury Tales*. Next: Shakespeare is not far behind! Get Ready!

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SCIENCE



Chemistry - Dr. Tirrey

Our scholars are working with the periodic table this week. The periodic table is important because it is organized to provide a great deal of information about elements and how they relate to one another in one easy-to-use reference. Scholars understand that the elements have infinite possibilities to make our lives abundant. For example, oxygen is necessary for life functions. Our blood contains Iron. Minerals such as phosphorus, magnesium, and calcium give your bones strength and density. This mineral also builds and maintains strong, healthy teeth. Scholars are excited to know that the table can be used to predict the properties of elements, even those that have not yet been discovered.

Biology - Ms. Donkor

Our scholars are learning how our cells regulate and maintain multiple functions throughout our bodies. With great focus on the cell cycle, mitosis and the cell membrane. For example, using their hands as guided representation on how each phase of mitosis works. Scholars are enthusiastic about the hands on guides that aid them through the entire process.

Physics - Mr. Kotapati

Thank you for the warm welcome! Our scholars have started to participate in lessons and activities. I am very happy with the opportunity of working at Skyline ECHS.

BIOL-1406/1407/1408/1409

Biology for Science Majors I

This is a Texas Common Course Number. This is a Dallas College Core Curriculum course.

Prerequisite Required: TSIA ELAR College level ready in Reading.

Course Description: Fundamental principles of living organisms will be studied, including physical and chemical properties of life, organization, function, evolutionary adaptation, and classification. Study and examination of the concepts of cytology, reproduction, genetics, and scientific reasoning are included. Laboratory activities will reinforce these concepts. (3 Lec., 3 Lab.)

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SOCIAL STUDIES / MAPS / COLLEGE TRANSITION



AP Human Geography - Mr. Coleman

Just completed our first unit, and we're on to Unit 2: Population and Migration Patterns and Processes. We will be using population pyramids and the Demographic Transition Model (DTM) to analyze population dynamics from around the world.

There are still a few who have not signed up for AP Classroom. Deadline is the end of October. Please let me know if there is an issue.

EDUC-1300 - Dr. Owens

How students spend their time reveals what they value and what they care about in life. Scholars in EDUC 1300 and Methods of Academic & Personal Success learned how being organized will help them achieve their educational goals.

We want to be sure to include time in our routines to complete homework, exercise, and even have fun. Students used steps from their short and long-term goals and turned these steps into tasks. Finally, they estimated how much time it would take to complete each task on their to-do list.



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TUTORING HOURS

ENGLISH:

Mr. Stewart
Tue 8:30 - 9 and 5-5:45 pm

Mr. Strickland
Wed 6-7 pm
Thur 8-8:45 am
by appointment

Mr. Phillips
Tue/Wed 4:30-5:30 pm
Thursday by appt only

MATH:

Dr. Neal
Mon/Wed 4:30-5:30
Fri 8-8:45 am

Ms. Anthony
Mon/Wed 4:30-5:30 pm
Fri 8:00-8:45

SCIENCE:

Ms. Donkor
Mon 8-8:45 am
Tue 4:30-5:30 pm 8-8:45 am

Dr. Tirrey
Mon/Tue/Fri 8-8:30
Other by appointment

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Mr. Coleman
Tue 8-8:30
Thu 4:45-5:45
Other by appointment

COLLEGE COURSES / TSIA EXAMS:

Student taking courses at Eastfield campus have tutoring available during business hours by checking in specific rooms for Reading/Writing and Math. Other Instructors offer tutoring information available in their respective syllabus

Parent Portal



Parent University - every 2nd Wednesday of the month 5-6 pm

REMINDER 1:

Help us monitor your student's academic standing by having weekly conversations about how they are doing in high school and college courses.

REMINDER 2:

Dallas ISD PowerSchool link

Check your student's grades and attendance

<https://dallasisd.powerschool.com/guardian/home.html>

REMINDER 3:

Create a Schoology parent account

1. Go to www.schoology.com.
2. Click Sign Up at the top of the page and choose Parent.
3. Enter your Parent Access Code. This is a 12-digit code in xxxx-xxxx-xxxx format that you receive from one of your child's instructors.
4. Fill out the form with your information.
5. Click Register to complete.

REMINDER 4:

Ask your students to login to ecampus.dcccd.edu for information about courses they are registered and current grades.

Ask your students to login to econnect.dcccd.edu for college transcript and updating information such as email address.