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Early College

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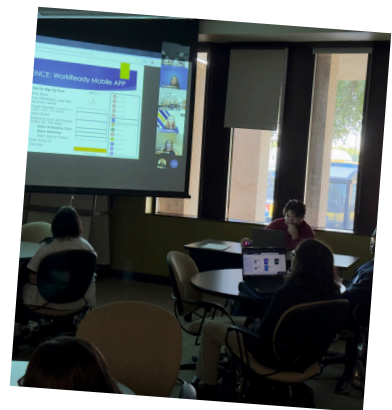
As we closed down Hispanic Heritage Month, students at Skyline Early College attend a virtual meeting with information about the WorkReady Internship Program launched this month that includes an app and a student toolkit to help navigate their internship readiness experience.

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 Internship meetings to begin the process of making our students Internship and Work ready!

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

OCTOBER is the real beginning of Fall! So let's fall into TSIA mode! You have had your Fall Break and now its time to get to Mastery on all things TSIA! If you are not on board yet, hop on the train this week! Thanks to our Instructors for holding the first TSIA boot camp for the year. October 19th next train for TSIA BootCamp.

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. Parents you can help to the more support the more success!

Classroom Expectations

Writing should be everyday in every class.
Bell to Bell Instruction daily.
DO NOW should be when they step into the classroom and a daily expectation.
Daily attendance should be at 95%

Aggressive monitoring

Rosters should be complete and you should have as you walk around the room and give feedback to students with your exemplars in hand.

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.
Tuesdays are Professional Dress Day, Oxford Shirt and Blazers



Self care tips

- Have some fun, go to the Fair
- Find a new playlist
- Write or Doodle in a Journal
- Talk a walk and enjoy the fresh air



ECHS the loop...

UPCOMING EVENTS in OCTOBER

- 16 National Boss Day**
- 17 Skyline ECCHS PLC**
- 18 Progress Reports for College Courses**
- 18 ECCHS Career Fair**
- 19 TSIA Boot Camp 9-12 pm (ECCHS Wing)**
- 24 Skyline ECCHS PLC**
- 25 TSIA Testing**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Skyline ECCHS Goals

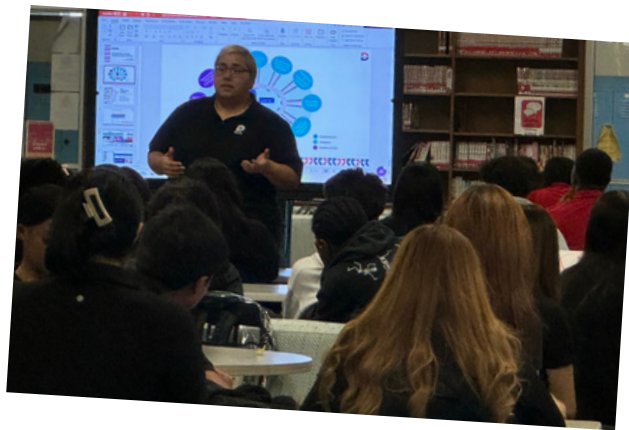
- 9th graders: will be tested by Dec. 16th for ELAR (English Reading/Writing) only
- 10th graders: will be tested at least once by Dec. 16th for ELAR and MATH
- 11th graders: 90% TESTED and minimum 50% passed TSI or met through waiver exemptions.
- 12th graders: 100% tested with minimum of 85% passed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

Let's get it!

Success Coach's Call...

Ms. Flores REMINDERS

Parents please encourage your students to remain engaged during the duration of their classes. Continue to monitor their progress to complete their Associate Degree by utilizing the Dallas College Plan of Study (POS). It can be accessed on econnect at any time. Students can also



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).

College Courses Reminders

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.

COUNSELORS' CORNER...

MENTAL HEALTH CHECKLIST:

Everyday:

- move my body
- take a break from screens
- say 3 things I am grateful for
- eat healthy
- sleep for 7-9 hours

Once a week:

- connect with a friend/family member
- plan an outdoor activity
- set a new goal (school, home, or activity)
- claim and celebrate a win

Once a month:

- try a creative activity or new hobby
- finish a book
- take a 1 day break from social media
- help someone

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Character Counts Week in October
 - We highlight students and staff who exemplify and role model great character attributes, such as being Caring, Respectful, Trustworthy, Responsible, Fair, and good Citizens.
- Red Ribbon Week (Oct 21-25)
 - We raise awareness and encourage our students to live healthy, drug-free lives, by thinking about consequences and making good choices daily.



This month!

We have been enjoying getting to know our students and families better these past few weeks and appreciate your patience as we work together toward your continued academic success here at Skyline Early College. Please know that as School Counselors, our role is to support our scholars with their academic, socio-emotional, and post-secondary planning and success, a role which we take great pride in. If students or their families need additional supports in the form of resources, information, or referrals, please feel free to contact us.

Mr. MEJIA COORDINATOR'S CORNER...

HAPPENING THIS MONTH!

We continue to work with our Middle School Counselors to recruit our next cohort 2028. 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 university, place of employment or the military.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- November 1st the window for new applications open.
- Applicants can go to choose.dallasisd.org and start the application process.



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. Every day practice should be prioritized until exam day!

INSTRUCTIONAL SPECIALIST SPOT...

Mr. Kelley

THE CHECKLIST:

Celebrate
Education Support Professionals
Day
ESP (Education Support
Professionals Day is November 16,
2024. 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
2nd 8-week term. 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

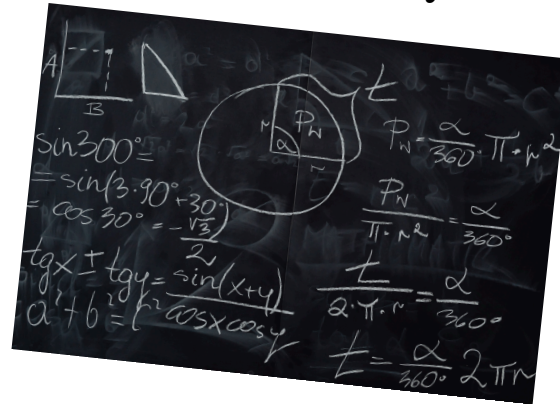
Algebra I Honors -

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

Functions! Scholars are exploring 9 functions with their characteristics. They have to know the name, equation, domain, range, intercepts, and asymptotes of each.

For Scholars: there is always a chance to improve ALL work/grades unless you have a perfect 100%. Visit Delta Math 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 - Ms. Abtahi

Our students have excelled in their first-quarter assessments, which is a testament to their hard work and dedication. As we move into the second quarter, our curriculum is becoming even more engaging and challenging them in poetry analysis, infographics, informational texts, and a novel study. We're embarking on a novel study of "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri. Class copies are available, so there's no need to purchase the book. This powerful story will allow us to explore important themes such as identity, immigrant experiences, cultural identity, and the significance of names.

ENGL-1301 Composition I - Mr. Phillips

This month we wrap up our focus on descriptive writing and then transition into our final argumentative/research push towards the end of the semester. Students have been putting together very creative compositions and should continue to challenge themselves with unique products. Let's hit the second half hard!

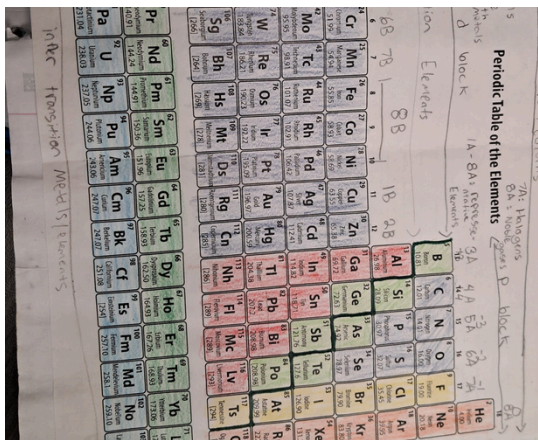
AP English Literature - Mr. Phillips

That first cycle went by in a blur! We have completed our first 2 progress checks with some great results in the Multiple Choice sides. The Free Responses will be getting tougher, especially as we move this month from our dystopia unit into our Shakespeare unit with *King Lear* before keeping the dysfunctional family focus going with excerpts from *Like Water For Chocolate* to wrap up the month. The work comes fast and furious in AP!

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SCIENCE



Chemistry Advanced - Dr Tirrey

Our students 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. Students are excited to know about 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.

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



HIST-1301 - Mr. Coleman

Halfway through the fall semester! Students need to make sure they are finishing up their books so they can start on their review. Continue to consult D2L for any updates.

EDUC-1300 -

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

Ms. Abtahi
Thurs 8:30-9 & 4:35-5:05
Any other day by appt
only

MATH:

Ms. Anthony
Tues 8:00-8:45am
Wed 4:30-5:30 pm

Mr. Dontukurthi
Tuesday 4:30-5:30 pm
Mon/Fri 8:00-8:45

Dr. Neal
Mon/Tue 4:30-5:30 pm

TSIA Tuesdays: Every 3rd and 4th
Tuesday from 4:45-6:00

SCIENCE:

Ms. Donkor
Mon 4:30-5:30 pm
Wed 8:00-8:45 am

Dr. Tirrey
Mon/Wed 8.00-8:30am
Other by appointment

Mr Kotapati
Tue,Thu,Fri(B-Day) :- 8:15 A.M -
9:00 A.M

SOCIAL STUDIES:

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

COLLEGE COURSES :

@ Eastfield On-campus drop-in
and virtual hours available:

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. - 8
p.m. Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

dallascollege.edu/learningcommons

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:

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 or change of password.