Class of 2021

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Exhibition Night

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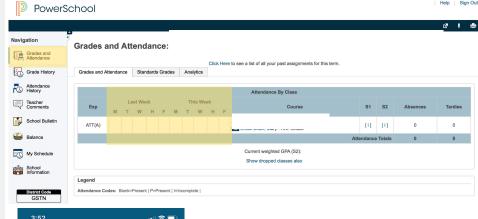
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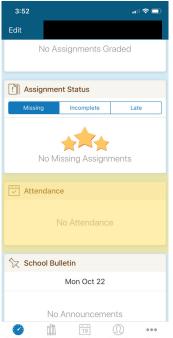
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Holiday Break



Viewing Student Tardies and Absences in PowerSchool





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As a reminder, Da Vinci Design's tardy policy is that once a student receives six tardies, they are called in by a teacher or counselor to complete and discuss a Tardy Reflection & Action Plan. This conference serves as an informal check-in to understand the reason for their tardies and support students as best we can in minimizing their tardies.

If a student then receives ten tardies, they are issued a tardy contract where they may be assigned service hours if their excessive tardies continue.

As we approach Exhibition and POLs, we appreciate your support and encouragement in making sure students arrive to their classes on time. You can always monitor your student's tardies through PowerSchool. (See images provided.) If you have any questions about the tardy policy and/or your student's tardies, please contact Heidi Jones at hjones@davincischools.org.





Loredana Mitescu, Spanish 2 lmitescu@davincsichools.org

In Spanish 2, students have been continuing to work on mastering two essential skills: reading and speaking in Spanish. They are accomplishing this goal by reading the novels associated with each group and by .

participating in a weekly literary circle about each chapter. Additionally, some groups of natives speakers organized workshops for non-natives, an activity that encouraged them to share with others their learning. This experience also helped non-natives practice their Spanish speaking and comprehension skills. Students are getting closer to our goal of participating in literary circles that are completely student-run!



Emily Chen, Integrated Math 2 echen@davincsichools.org

We are currently working on Essential Skill 2: Similarity in Integrated Math 2. We will be learning about the properties of similar polygons, with a emphasis on similar triangles. In addition, students will be applying

what they already know about proportions and ratios to solve for missing information about polygons. Furthermore, students will be taking a look at the connections between similarity and dilations on the coordinate plane. The next unit test will be on Wednesday, November 14th.

Office hours are available Monday – Thursday both in the morning and in the afternoon (on Mondays and Thursdays).



Ross Geerdes, Fundamentals of Design 2 rgeerdes@davincsichools.org

In Fundamentals of Design 2 we completed our still life drawings. We are currently working on the designs for our cookbook which will be shown during exhibition. We have completed

the cover art for the cookbook using our still life and hand drawn typography. We will be using a textured pattern that we made with stamps that we created. This week, we will be using InDesign, to complete the cookbook layout. We will be integrating the work we've done in all of our other classes for exhibition.



Heidi Jones, Modern World History hjones@davincsichools.org

In World History, we are wrapping up our unit on revolutions by studying the Haitian Revolution. Students have just completed their second document-based

question which was on slavery as a cause of the Haitian Revolution. For Exhibition, students are also beginning to work on drafting a short blurb about the history and significance of one ingredient from their recipe. This blurb will be featured in their cookbook layoutext placeholder



Maigon Buckner, English 10 mbuckner@davincsichools.org

Students have just wrapped up their second set of vocabulary words. The third and final set of the semester will be a mix of words from sets 1–10 as a final demonstration of mastery. Students are also preparing their

scripts in an effort to persuade their audience at Exhibition. As we prepare for Thanksgiving Break, we will also be transitioning into the final unit of the semester. This final unit will lead directly into POLs Please remind your students to check and use Google Classroom frequently and often. While there may not be "homework," there is always work that can be done at home.



Eric Itow, Chemistry eitow@davincsichools.org

In Chemistry, students are wrapping up their work on Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table. As opposed to simply memorizing the Periodic Table, students have been learning how to use it as a tool to predict an

element's reactivity and other properties. After taking their Unit 2.B PhD, students will be further applying their knowledge to determine how different elements will interact and bond together in Unit 3, which will be the last unit of the semester. We look forward to seeing you at Exhibition!