



FRESHMEN

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PRESENTATION OF LEARNING (POLs)

POLs are one of the signature practices of Da Vinci Design High School. Students will be defending the skills and knowledge they have acquired over the course of the semester. As such, freshmen students are given a minimum of one week to prepare and practice in class for this presentation. Within this time, students are given work time to collaborate with classmates and teachers to refine skills, knowledge, and presentations. POLs will be December 13-20 this semester. The expectations is that students attend school in professional attire during this time to emulate a work environment.

Look for the POL schedule and flyer to come home Monday, December 3 with more details on expectations and students individual presentation times. Parents and family are welcomed to watch their students present in any of the classes. Please contact Mrs. Love to let her know what days you would like to come in to see your student.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



October 31 was Bradlisa's last day with us in her role as Interim DVD Counselor. We are so thankful for all she has done to support students, teachers and families. We wish her the best of luck in her future career endeavors. Erin Knott has returned from maternity leave

If you have any additional questions contact your student's counselor.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 1: Maker Faire

Dec 5/6: Last Day of Seminar


Dec 13-20: POLs

Dec 21: PD Day- NO SCHOOL

Jan 14: First Day of Spring Semester

Tina Hannouche

Physics




Congratulations on completing the Maker Faire Exhibition! Now it is time to transition to POLs. This semester students will be doing a DYOE (Design Your Own Experiment) POL. The experiment should include the physics principals that the students have learned this semester which include conversions, Newton's Laws, electricity and circuits. Check the Google Classroom for all updates on the process of submitting a proposal for the DYOE and executing the experiment. Students will then have an individual POL showcasing their analysis and results of the experiment. This is the final chance for students to change their grades in physics before the end of the semester. Please see the rubric provided in Google Classroom to ensure that the POL is completed to the expected standard.

****Students interested in doing Honors Physics next semester will need to complete an additional POL and will have winter break homework in order to qualify for the Honors Course.****

Melinda Love

Integrated Math 1



The end of the Semester is fast approaching. Students should be proud of all the work they have done this semester to not only learn concepts but to share and present their thinking with others. A special congratulation to Period 3/4 for having a 100% pass rate on their ESK 2 Test. Students will soon be taking their Choice Final and going through their first round of Math POLs. Students can choose to do their Choice Final on ESK 1 (Functions) or on ESK 2 (Stats and Probability). This test will mirror their previous exams, so it is very important that students are correcting their past errors and attending office hours to get clarification. The Choice Final Exam will take place on December 12. Students will do a mathematical defence for their POLs. Students will receive more information regarding POLs on Tuesday, December 4.

Cari Maconochie

Design Foundations 1



Students displayed amazing Photoshop artwork and realistic portrait drawings on Exhibition night. Students spent the majority of the semester reflecting on other people's stories so next students are reflecting on who they are. Students did drawings, watercolor, and text layered together in their sketchbooks to create journal art. Students reflected on who they are as their journal art theme. Students will end December with individual art POL presentations.

Holly Takashima and Jason White

English and Composition



In the English 9 / Composition classes, most of November was spent preparing for Exhibition night. Students were focused on researching and composing informational texts about a topic related to the refugee / immigrant / migrant experience. In order to write their pieces, students read nonfiction sources, annotating and taking notes, and summarizing or finding key quotations that expressed critical information about their research topics. After the whirlwind of Exhibition night, where the pieces were displayed along with an art piece they created, students returned to school and began working on their last major assignment before the end of the semester: Letters about Literature. This project will culminate in students writing letters to authors (living or dead) whose work has made a lasting impact on their lives. The letters will be submitted to a national contest sponsored by the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.; by participating in this contest, students have an opportunity to win cash prizes, as well as recognition at the national and state level. Finally, December will end with POLs; it is important to note that for the English POLs this semester, students will need to be present for the entire POL session in order to receive full credit since they will be working on various tasks, individually and in small groups, throughout the whole session.

Ivan Villanueva

Spanish 1



Fall Exhibition 2018 was a huge success! DVD 9th grade brought it again as there were several locations where students presented their projects. We even had a showroom in the downstairs lobby, the BlackBox Theater. Next up, is the beginning of our short reading unit. Non-native students will be continuing the famous "Pobre Ana" short novel, and native students will begin a level 2 text which details the life of the famous Mexican artist, Frida Kahlo. After this unit, students will be presented with the guidelines to their always interactive, Spanish 1 POL. I welcome parents, family and friends to come watch their student present their POL in my class. Muchas gracias!