



CLASS OF 2022

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Student-Led Conferences is one of the signature practices and a long-standing tradition of Da Vinci Schools. SLCs will be held from March 9th-March 12th. We will be distributing information about SLCs in the weeks leading up to them.



CLASSROOM WISH LISTS

Many of our classrooms are running low on supplies! Please see each teacher's individual blurbs in this newsletter for ways to contribute. Thank you all so much for your continued support.



IMPORTANT DATES:

President's Day 2/17 - No School

Black History Month CD - 2/28

Spring SLCs - March 9 - 12
(Minimum Days)

★ ALL STARS



Dillon Buchanan



Leticia Acuna

Another long-standing tradition at Da Vinci Design High School is Community Dialogue and All-Stars. Teachers are invited to select one student who embodies a positive representation of their class.

In January, our all-star, Dillon Buchanan, was recognized for starting off this semester on a strong note. We also recognized Leticia Acuna for her consistent work ethic and her positive attitude throughout the first semester.



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As we continue with our cultural unit with Caribbean music, we are including the differences between "street" and "formal" dancing. The students are being exposed to examples of Professional Latin Ballroom Dancing and can compare and contrast with what they already know of merengue, salsa, cha-cha-cha and so on. To conclude our music unit, we will celebrate the Dominican Republic Independence Day on February 27. As you have read in the other teacher's messages, we all need to take personal responsibility for our health. Please continue to remind your student to constantly wash their hands and keep them home if they have obvious flu symptoms. Donations of tissues would be highly appreciated as it seems to be the one item we need the most in Spanish class! Muchas gracias! Sra. Wood



EMILY CHEN
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We are continuing our unit on Angles and Polygons. We will be wrapping up this Essential Skill this month, and the test will be on Monday, February 24th. Students are encouraged to attend office hours if they need extra support in math. Ms. Chen has office hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8 am. Our wonderful academic coach, Ms. Audrey hold office hours Monday - Thursday at 8 am in the conference room at the top of the stairs. Flu/Cold season is upon us, and we are in need of tissues, Clorox Wipes, and hand sanitizer in the classroom to prevent the spread of germs. Any contributions of these items would be GREATLY appreciated. Thank you so much for helping us all stay healthy during this time.



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Happy February everyone! After crushing cans and experimenting with steel wool, we have wrapped up our unit on Chemical Reactions & Stoichiometry with the first unit exam of the semester. Building on their knowledge of chemical reactions, we will be continuing to explore Climate Change, its causes and effects, and human impacts. As always, students are encouraged to actively participate in class, ask questions, and attend office hours as necessary (Wednesday and Thursday before school, any other time by appointment). Also, since students have had to use paper towels instead in my class, donations of tissues, disinfectant wipes, and hand sanitizer are always appreciated. Thank you!





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Students have just finished up their two-point perspective projects in Design! Their Fantasy Cities are look awesome, we can't wait for you to see them during SLCs, which are just around the corner. Following each project, students participate in a critique and self reflection activity. The students have now begun watching *Loving Vincent*, a movie created about the mystery of Vincent Van Gogh. Over 100 artists took part in oil painting each frame of the movie, which is the first time this has ever been done in history! This will be a great intro into the Exhibition project. Within the next couple of weeks, Miss Wood and I will be introducing the students to their Exhibition projects (it's a secret right now!). As you know, flu season has been hitting pretty hard this year. Our class would be very appreciative of any donations of the following: Hand Sanitizer, Tissues, Clorox Wipes. Thank you so much, and I look forward to seeing you all at SLCs!



JIMENA ELIAN
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We are in the middle of our thematic study of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. After creating urban legends, taking on character perspectives in skits, and playing Kahoot! to review main events, 10th graders are well aware of the realities in the fictional town of Maycomb. As we move into Part Two of the novel, conflict intensifies and with it charged topics emerge. More details about Tom Robinson's trial are revealed, so Scout and Jem witness injustice and intolerance. These big ideas are the pillars of our Socratic Seminars, journal prompts, and the culminating trial whole-class experience. This rigorous unit of study plants the seed for Exhibition around the lens of Appearance vs. Reality. Resources and assignments are regularly posted on Google Classroom for reference. Since flu season is upon us, should students miss class, they are strongly encouraged to access materials on this platform. Thinking about health and productivity, our classroom would greatly appreciate donations of tissues, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes. Thank you so much for prioritizing healthy environments. I look forward to seeing you at SLCs!



HEIDI JONES
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We are in the midst of our unit on World War One, focusing on the motives and impacts of war. Most recently we have looking at propaganda and investigating the reasons why the United States joined the war. We have also devoted some time to looking at historical analysis and are working towards really honing in on that skill. We have also started Current Events on Fridays where students select a current event topic, present on it, and facilitate a discussion on the event. So far students have presented on topics like the coronavirus, colonization of Mars, and gun violence. Grades will be updated this week in PowerSchool and all assignments and classwork are posted regularly on Google Classroom. As you may know, it is flu season and germs are rampant. Our classroom would be deeply grateful for any donations of tissues, clorox wipes, and/or hand sanitizer. Thank you in advance and I look forward to meeting you in a few weeks at SLCs!

