

DATES
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**PRESIDENTS DAY
HOLIDAY - NO
SCHOOL**

Monday, February 17

**STUDENT-LED
CONFERENCES**

Week of 3/9/20-3/23/20
Minimum days this entire week!

**PD DAY - NO
SCHOOL**

Friday, March 6



SaMiah Washington & Ruben Franco are our All Stars for this month! We are so proud of them for their leadership and kindness!



ISSUE 5
FEBRUARY/MARCH

**GRADE 11
NEWS**

02.14.20



BIOLOGY
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We continue to explore the multitude of evidence supporting the theory of evolution from multiple fields of study. We asked questions such as "What killed the dinosaurs?" that led us to a scavenger hunt for evidence outside, and also "Why do whales and various species have anatomical similarities to our human bodies?" To finish up the evolution unit, we will look into how biologists have developed a system of classifying species based on multiple factors that show relatedness of species.



ENGLISH
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Students are making their way through *The Great Gatsby* with all of the grace and elegance that the 1920s represent! We have had many meaningful in-class discussions and the students have been taking a close look at Fitzgerald's writing style. This semester students are focusing on refining their writing skills and ensuring that the pieces they submit showcase their knowledge in the most polished form. The unit should wrap up in the next four weeks!

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Students are wrapping up their current event presentations on Feb. 12/13. It is a comparative presentation on current events and Cold War events. Additionally, students have a group quiz with an individual writing portion on Feb. 14.

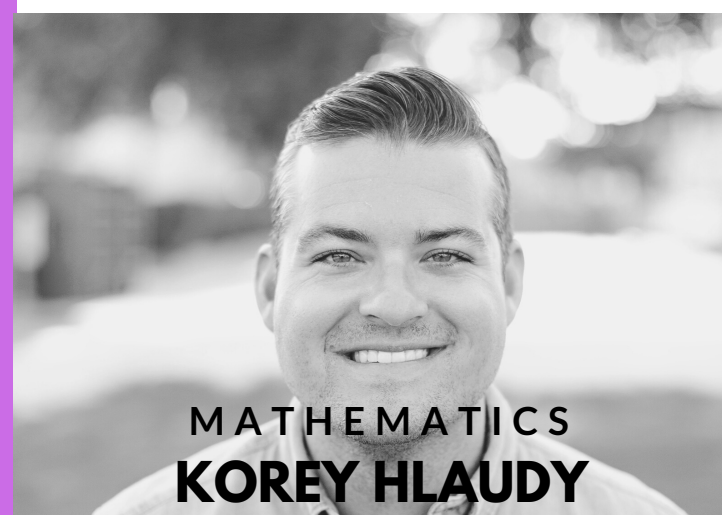
Following that, we're onto Civil Rights! We'll examine major figures during that era, along with key events, ideologies, and people. All of this will culminate in a creative performance they'll create in groups of 4 where they'll compare Founding Era documents and how those impacted the Civil Rights era. More on that to come next month!

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Students will be celebrating Black History Month by researching and presenting African American Entrepreneurs/Innovators. All of the innovators that they find will be reflective of their entrepreneur's interests and have a connection to the business that they are developing throughout spring semester.

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Students will continue extending their knowledge of inverses to exponential functions and logarithms. Students worked this week to review some of the concepts with Khan Academy and concept summaries. Next, we will focus on discovering Properties of Logarithms, which will help them to solve complex logarithmic problems.





GRAPHIC DESIGN
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Students began a new unit on photography and composition prepping for their deep dive into photoshop image manipulation. Students will look at 10 compositions and 4 different view points using their camera phones. The unit will end the unit with a photo collage project.



ARCHITECTURE
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Students continue to convert their hand drawn drafts to digital form using a computer program and begin creating 3D models of their floor plans. They will also continue doing small building projects that relate to architectural design theory and work in their sketchbooks.



COUNSELOR CORNER

Evaluate your education options!

Now is the time to follow a more specific path. Decide whether you want to pursue full-time employment, further education or training (such as a vocational-technical school, career college, or two-year or four-year college), or a military career. Talk to your counselor about alternative programs.

