

# Welcome Designers!



# Da Vinci Design Back to School Night: Thursday Sept. 8th, 2022

## 9th Grade Families: 5:30pm-6:30pm

## 10th Grade Families: 6:00pm-7:00pm

## 11th & 12th Grade Families: 6:30pm-7:30pm

5:15–5:30	9th Gr. Families Arrive				
5:30–6:00	Welcome Presentation from Admin & Team 9	5:45–6:00	10th Gr. Families Arrive		
6:00–6:30	Tour of Grade 9	6:00–6:30	Welcome Presentation from Admin & Team 10	6:15–6:30	11th/12th Gr. Families Arrive
6:30–7:00		6:30–7:00	Tour of Grade 10	6:30–7:00	Welcome Presentation from Admin & Team 11 & 12
7:00–7:30				7:00–7:30	Tour of Grade 11 & 12

# Introductions: Front Office Team!





# DVD Admin and Office Team



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# Meet the Counseling Team!



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# 9th Grade Counseling Updates

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- ✗ Students can set up appointments using QR code (posted in every classroom) or via e-mail
- ✗ Freshman Seminar
- ✗ College & Career Info Meeting takes place 2nd semester



# What to expect at DVD for Fall 2022:



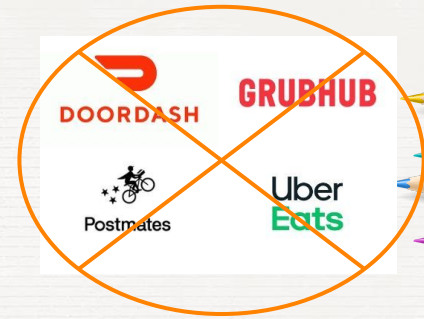
# Health Team & COVID Updates

- x For up to date COVID information please see:  
<https://www.davincischools.org/covid-hub>
  - Masks and social distancing are still highly encouraged (especially if feeling any symptoms)
  - Students/Families must notify school of a positive test; school will complete contact tracing and notify students/families
- x **Health Reminder: Notify School of Medications**  
If your student has a prescription, or brings medication to school, ***notify egreen@davincischools.org***





# Parent / Family FAQs:



- ✗ **Can I drop off lunch for my student?**
  - Yes! You or an approved adult may drop off lunch (with their name) on the 1st floor.
  - UberEats / DoorDash are NOT allowed (even if sent by a parent).
- ✗ **Can I text/call my student during the day?**
  - If you need to get ahold of your child, please call the front office, or wait for passing period.
  - Thank you for helping us enforce our phone policies!

# Parent / Family FAQs:

- ✗ **Why am I getting a phone call about my student being absent or tardy?**
  - Automated messages go out twice per day
  - If your student is marked “excused”, “field trip”, etc., you should not get this call
- ✗ **What do I do next if I get “the call”?**
  - If you get this call: please ask your child about it!
  - Check PowerSchool for attendance information
  - If there was an error, contact the Front Office:  
Call 310-725-5800 OR, email  
[Brianna Castaneda, bcastaneda@davincischools.org](mailto:bcastaneda@davincischools.org)



# School Hours 2022-2023

- ✗ Drop-off begins at 8:00am
- ✗ School starts at 8:40am (M-Th)  
and at 9:45am (Fri)
- ✗ Dismissal is at 3:45pm

*See blog for updated schedule each week!*

## DVD Daily Bell Schedules 2022-2023

Monday Schedule	
Period 1	8:40-10:15
Period 3	10:25-12:00
LUNCH	12:00-12:30
Advisory	12:40-1:05
Period 5	1:10-2:45
Seminar Per 7	2:55-3:45

Tuesday Schedule	
Period 2	8:40-10:15
Period 4	10:25-12:00
LUNCH	12:00-12:30
Flex Block	12:40-1:05
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Period 6	3:05-3:45

# Regular Week Schedule

## ✗ Advisory (M/W/F\*)

Mixed grade level time; time for culture, connection, and community dialogue

## ✗ Seminars (M-Th)

Mixed grade level time; elective classes for support, fitness, and exploration

## ✗ Flex Block (T/Th)

Same grade level; focused study hall with small classes and teachers

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# We are moving... to Canvas!

- ✗ What is Canvas?
  - DV's learning management system
  - Digital hub for assignment
  - *Formerly: Google Classroom*
- ✗ Why Canvas?
  - Easier to navigate for students
  - Better access for parents
  - Streamlined grading for teachers



# Canvas Updates!

## Happening Now:

- ✗ Students are logging into Canvas for assignments
- ✗ Teachers are posting assignments and

## Coming Next:

- ✗ Parent access coming soon
- ✗ Gradebook sync and posting of grades in progress

*Thank you all for your patience!*



# Honors Courses

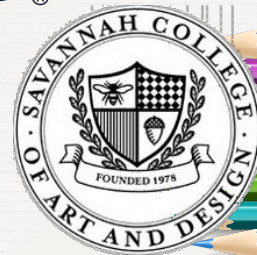
## Honors courses at DVD...

- Are NOT separate classes; students can earn honors in their “regular” classes.
- Can be earned by any student at DVD.
- Require additional work like an honors project, extra assignments, etc.
- Must demonstrate a high level of content mastery.
- Are typically rolled out by teachers in their classes in September.

## Taking honors courses and earning high grades is the best way to:

- Show colleges that you’re taking the most rigorous classes offered by your school.
- Raise your GPA! When you get an honors designation on your transcript, you also get a one-point GPA boost.

**NOTE: AP classes are not offered at DV High Schools**



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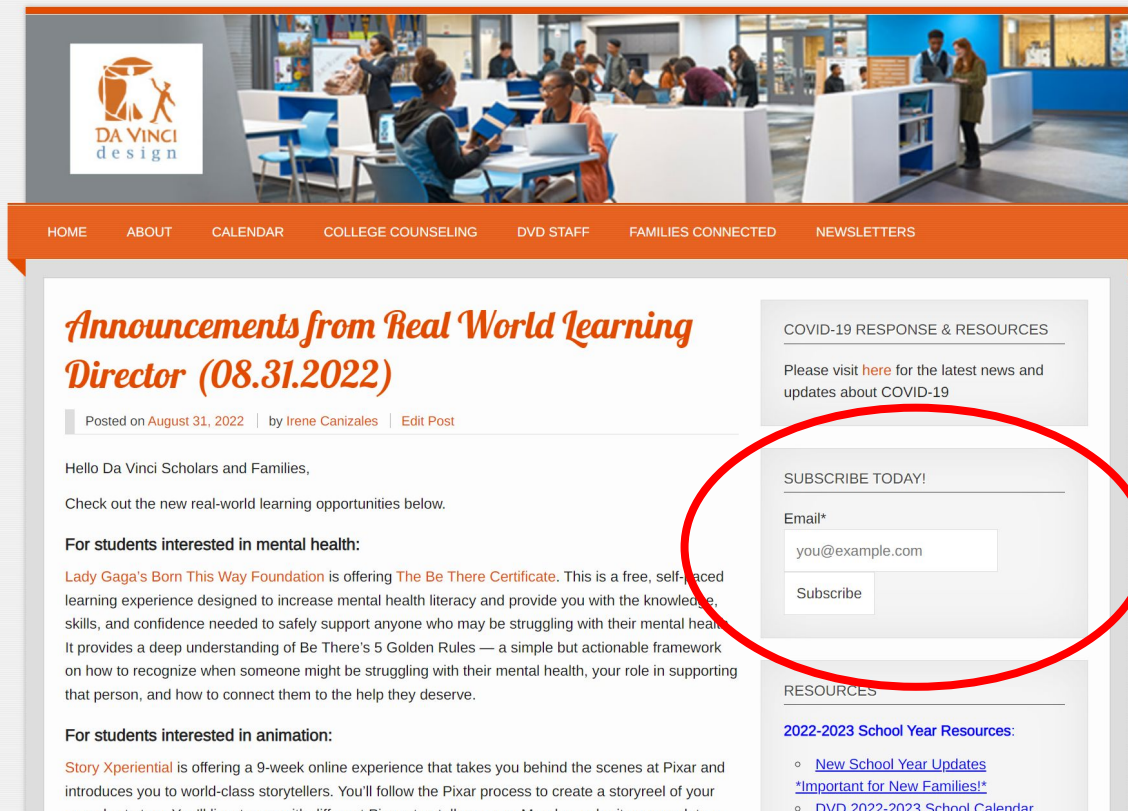


# Updates and Announcements - Subscribe to the DVD blog and @DVDig!

Go to  
[dvd.davincischools.org](https://dvd.davincischools.org),  
 enter your email  
 address and click on  
 “Subscribe”

And follow us on  
 Instagram!

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The screenshot shows the Da Vinci Design website. The header features the Da Vinci Design logo and a navigation menu with links: HOME, ABOUT, CALENDAR, COLLEGE COUNSELING, DVD STAFF, FAMILIES CONNECTED, and NEWSLETTERS. The main content area displays a blog post titled "Announcements from Real World Learning Director (08.31.2022)" by Irene Canizales. The post includes a greeting, a link to real-world learning opportunities, and information about the Be There Certificate and Story Xperiential programs. On the right side, there is a sidebar with a "COVID-19 RESPONSE & RESOURCES" section and a "SUBSCRIBE TODAY!" section. The "SUBSCRIBE TODAY!" section is circled in red and contains an email input field with the placeholder "you@example.com" and a "Subscribe" button. Below this, there is a "RESOURCES" section with links to "2022-2023 School Year Resources", "New School Year Updates", "Important for New Families!", and "DVD 2022-2023 School Calendar".

**Announcements from Real World Learning Director (08.31.2022)**  
 Posted on August 31, 2022 | by Irene Canizales | Edit Post

Hello Da Vinci Scholars and Families,  
 Check out the new real-world learning opportunities below.

**For students interested in mental health:**  
 Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation is offering [The Be There Certificate](#). This is a free, self-paced learning experience designed to increase mental health literacy and provide you with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to safely support anyone who may be struggling with their mental health. It provides a deep understanding of Be There's 5 Golden Rules — a simple but actionable framework on how to recognize when someone might be struggling with their mental health, your role in supporting that person, and how to connect them to the help they deserve.

**For students interested in animation:**  
 Story Xperiential is offering a 9-week online experience that takes you behind the scenes at Pixar and introduces you to world-class storytellers. You'll follow the Pixar process to create a storyreel of your own short story. You'll collaborate with different Disney storytellers every Monday, submit your work to a...

**COVID-19 RESPONSE & RESOURCES**  
 Please visit [here](#) for the latest news and updates about COVID-19

**SUBSCRIBE TODAY!**

Email\*

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**RESOURCES**

**2022-2023 School Year Resources:**

- [New School Year Updates](#)
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# Upcoming Dates

## ✗ DV Club Fair Sept. 15th

- Does your child have an interest in starting or joining an on campus club? Clubs will be starting up soon!

## ✗ Elections for School Site Council open next week on the DVD blog!

- First meeting happening last week of September.

## ✗ First “Coffee with Admin” on Oct. 5th (via Zoom)

- Stop by either in the morning or in the afternoon for an opportunity to hear updates and news from the Principal and/or Asst. Principal
- The agenda will be announced ahead of time on the blog!



# Introductions: Your Grade Level Team!





# Meet the Design Team!







# Grade 9



# Grade Level Team Presentation



# Mr. Schilp

## English 9 and Composition

Year 27 in the classroom

Native of New Jersey

Papa first, all else after

Favorite Book:

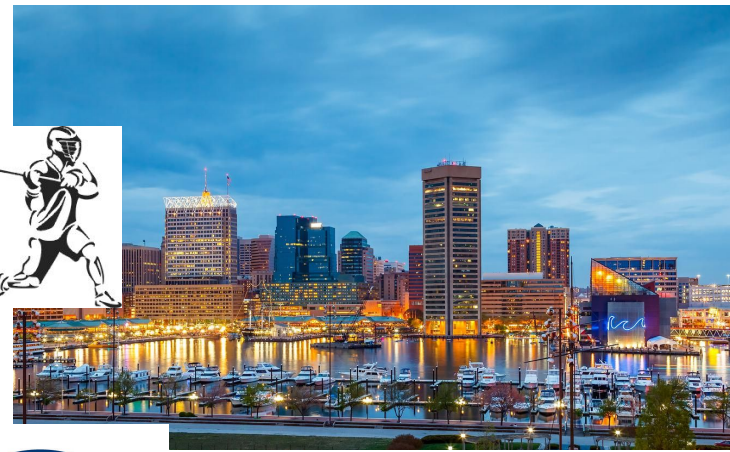
Frankenstein





# Jason White

English 9 / Composition



Teaching: Year 25  
HS English: Year 17  
DVD: Year 6

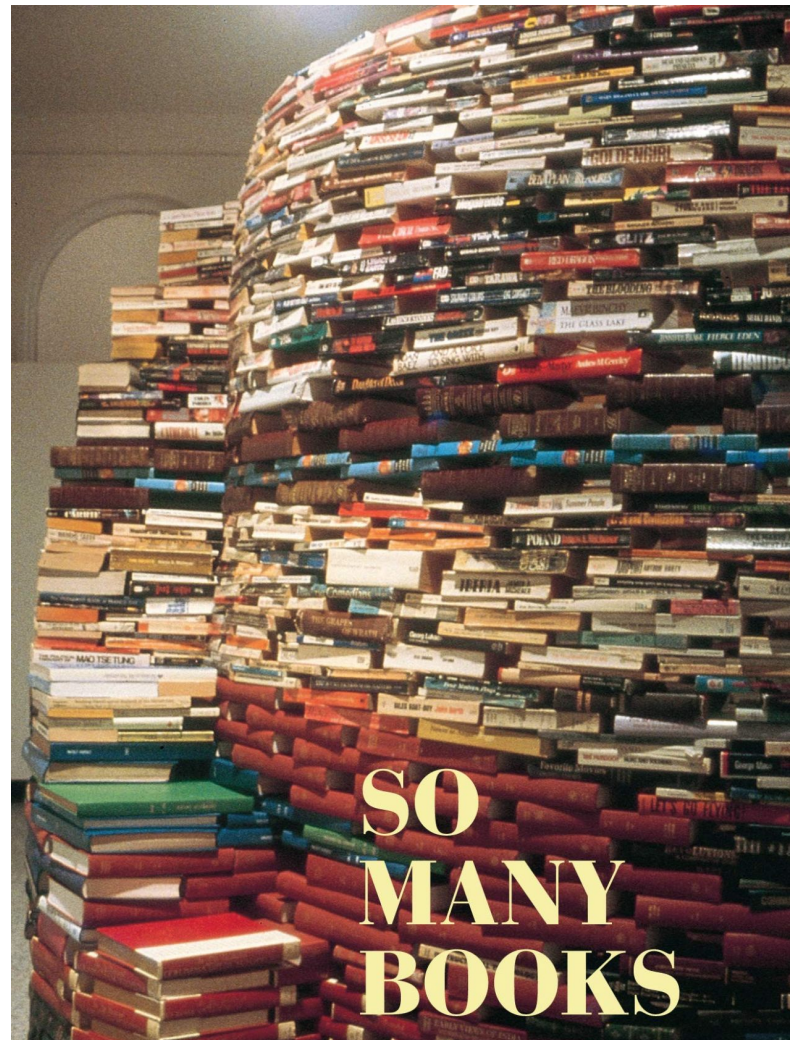




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# Mr. Villanueva



- 9th year at DVD
- Spanish 1 & 3
- Culture-centered Curriculum
- A return to PBL
- Born/raised in LA
- Ask me about:
  - *Traveling*
  - *Soccer*
  - *Latin-American Film*
- [ivillanueva@davincischools.org](mailto:ivillanueva@davincischools.org)

*Welcome to*  
**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**  
**2022**



# MRS. RYAN

## Design Fundamentals 1

### 9th Grade

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- I taught middle school art in Hawthorne for 4 years before joining Da Vinci Design.
- Before teaching, I was a Graphic Designer in the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Teaching art is my passion. My goal is to inspire students, help them develop an appreciation for the visual arts, and show them how it can benefit them in their daily lives!

# Ms. Verran

## 9th grade math



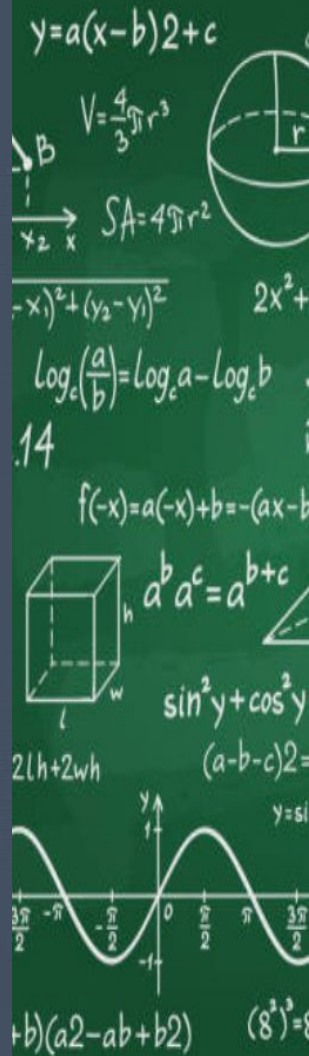
Hi! I am the 9th grade math teacher and this is my fourth year teaching Math and my first year at DaVinci. I believe that everyone can understand and do math and apply it to the real world. My goal is to instill that in my students this year through daily activities and projects!

Things I love...

- travel/adventures
- take photos
- football (Go Pack GO!!)
- coffee and chocolate

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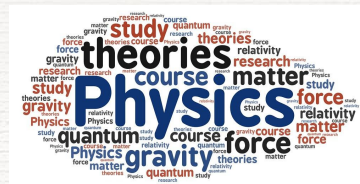


# Ms. Rizzo



- I've worked as a Paraeducator for the Resource department for 4 years.
- I am currently co-teaching Physics alongside Mr. Topete; this will be my first year teaching.
- My goal in education is to strive as a School Counselor.
- I aspire to be a positive role model for our students and staff at DV.

- Unit 1: One-Dimensional Motion and Forces
- Unit 2: Two-Dimensional Motion
- Unit 3: Work and Energy
- Unit 4: Thermodynamics



- Unit 5: Energy in the Earth
- Unit 6: Waves, Sound, and Light
- Unit 7: Electricity and Magnetism
- Unit 8: Nuclear and Modern Physics

## 9th Grade Physics

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- This year, our students will be learning all concepts of Physics through Edgenuity.
- We will be learning all things Physics such as: variables, wave lengths, and momentum.
- We will be relying on a *Flipped Classroom Model* - I do, students do, we do.





# MR. Topete

- ✗ Hola! I am the 9th-grade physics teacher; I have been in the Da Vinci family for two years.
- ✗ During the first year, I was a paraeducator, where I facilitated social interactions between students and demonstrated to them appropriate behavior and communication skills.
- ✗ Now, I'm instilling in students that science is an integral part of the life of the human being; it evolves with him and accompanies him throughout his life. It is for this reason that the study of physics becomes essential.
- ✗ I like to spend time with my family; we enjoy traveling and taking road trips.



# Mrs. Peyrefitte

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- x Resource Specialist, 9th grade
- x 7th year at DVD
- x Los Angelean
- x Girl mom
- x Bruin and Toro for life!
- x [npeyrefitte@davincischools.org](mailto:npeyrefitte@davincischools.org)



# Let's take a tour!

Reminders:

Thank you in advance!

- ✓ Recommended: wear a mask at all times while on campus
- ✓ Respect social distancing, and maintain space
- ✓ Limit time in classrooms (no more than 5 minutes) to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to check-in
- ✓ Ask great questions and have fun exploring!

