

DRAGON DIGEST

The official Da Vinci newsletter of the Burnhamwood Charter School District.



Welcome Back!

Principal's Message

Da Vinci Family, as we near the end of the year I wanted to thank each and every one of you for the commitment and support you have shown Da Vinci. This situation has been difficult for our students, families, parents and teachers, however, we continue to be amazed at the amount of resiliency displayed by our community. Until otherwise stated, we will proceed with our current instructional model until all students can safely return to school.

I want to wish you and your family a new year filled with good health, beautiful moments, happiness and prosperity. Have a wonderful holiday and enjoy your winter break. We are looking forward to working together in the year ahead. Happy New Year!

Alexandro Medina

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Principal

Important Dates:

- 12/18** - Early Dismissal, End of 3rd six weeks
- 12/21-1/3** - Winter Break - No School for Students
- 1/4-1/7** - Intercession/Tutoring
- 1/8** - Staff Development - No School for Students
- 1/11** - Students Return Back to School, Report Cards Issued
- 1/18** - MLK Holiday - No School

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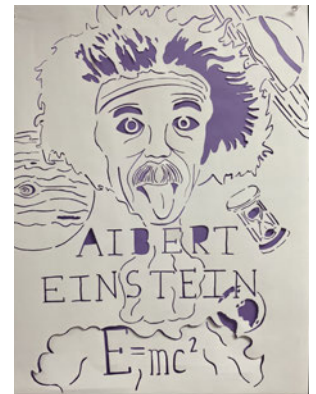
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Art Projects

BY ALICIA REYES

High School students are using the Paper Cut Art technique to create unique pieces depicting an individual they admire. This Paper cut Art technique has evolved uniquely all over the world to adapt to different cultural styles. One traditional distinction most styles have in common is that the designs are cut from a single sheet of paper as opposed to multiple adjoining sheets as in collage. Students' Paper Cut Art display different characters such as athletes, actors, scientists and artist. These paper Cut Art will be on exhibition in the main high school hallway at the DaVinci school from December 14th, 2020 – January 29, 2021.

I want to recognize all the effort students put into this project. I am very proud of all my Art students who, despite the challenges they have faced because of the unfortunate pandemic situation, always adapt and do their best!



Math Projects

BY MS. CABALLERO

This month students from the 7th Grade in Ms. Caballero's class used their knowledge of proportions to do some scale drawings. As a result of participating in this lesson, the students will be introduced to the concept of scaling and explore

the connections between ratios and proportions. I Believe in learning through making, discovery, and personal projects. Children learn best when they are invested in what they are learning and discovering things themselves.



End of Course (EOC) Exam Retakes

BY CLAUDIA CASTAÑÓN

We will be having STAAR EOC exam retakes December 8-10th, 2020. This is for high school students only and only for those that need to **retake** an exam. Students have been notified via mail and phone calls. No class will be disrupted!

Please keep in mind, as a TEA graduation requirement, students must pass the following 5 EOC exams:

1. Biology
2. Algebra
3. English I
4. English II
5. U.S. History

For more information, please visit our website:

<http://www.burnhamwood.org/>

Are you a 10th through 12th grader who takes pride in academic success, dedication to community service, leadership capability, and distinguished character? Apply to become a member of Da Vinci's charter for the National Honor Society (NHS). NHS elevates the school's commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Each year, NHS members achieve incredible accomplishments at high schools across the country and go on to do tremendous things at prestigious universities.

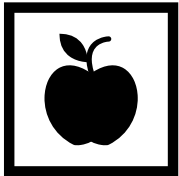
Requirements for application:

1. Be a Da Vinci student in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade.
2. Have at least a 3.0 GPA
3. Join the Da Vinci NHS Google Classroom, using the following Google Classroom code: gaqwud7
4. Complete the Candidate Application and Application Essay by December 18th (submit these on the NHS Google Classroom).

PS. If you are already an NHS member from last year's inaugural class, please join the NHS Google Classroom.

If you have questions, please see Mr. Colby in HS 106 or contact via email at jcolby@burnhamwood.org

Student Meal Program



Our pickup for student meal program will continue. The program is open to all children ages 1 year to 18 years. Pick up times at Da Vinci will be Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for breakfast and 11:00- a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

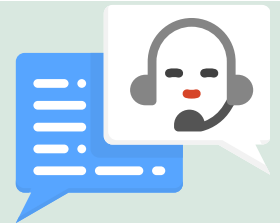
Jean Day



Da Vinci will be participating in a District wide jean day on Friday, December 18th, 2020. Show your spirit and support our Senior class by wearing your favorite pair of school appropriate jeans with an ugly sweater. Benefits go to our Senior class' senior trip fund. Wristbands will be \$2. Funds will be collected at the beginning of first period.

Counselor's CORNER

BY CHRISTINA BODY, CHRISTINA BUCKROP & CLAUDIA CASTANON



College deadlines are quickly approaching! Make sure you are finalizing your college applications! This month you should be: (1) Submitting your applications (2) Studying for and scheduling to take the SAT or ACT - make sure you send your test scores to your colleges (3) Fill out your FASFA!! (4) Complete scholarship applications (5) Ask your teachers and/or counselors for letters of recommendations (6) Call schools and check on the status of your applications and submit missing documentation.

As always, continue to check the Class of 2021 Google Classroom for the latest senior information.

Seniors - we will have a SAT school day on March 3rd, 2021.

Juniors & Sophomores - we will be having the PSAT/NMSQT on January 26th, 2021.

Have questions? Send us an email or come stop by the counseling office so we can help you!



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