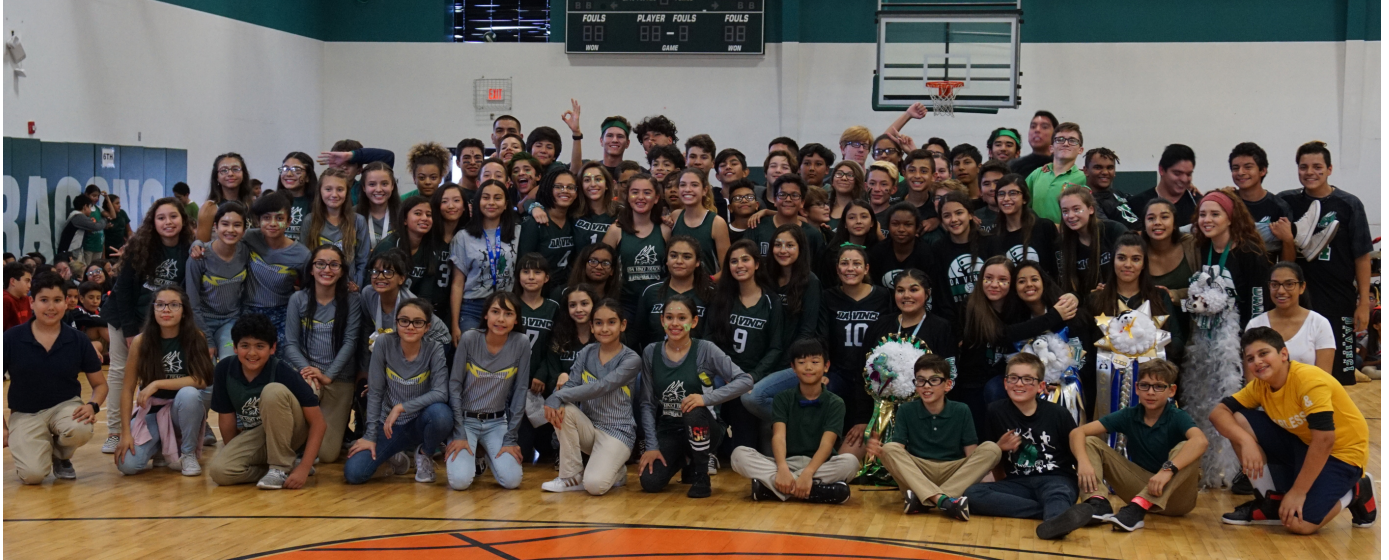


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The official Da Vinci newsletter of the Burnhamwood Charter School District.



Welcome Back!

Principal's Message

Da Vinci Family, we hope you all had a wonderful New Year! It is great to see our students back at school and ready to learn. Whether your child is returning to school in person or virtually, we are proud of the work they have done and the perseverance they have shown throughout the year.

We are looking forward to starting off this new semester on a great note. As a reminder, please make it an effort to have your child be on time and attend each school day. We understand that things come up and emergencies happen, however it is extremely important to your student's success that they are present in class for each instructional day. School starts at 8:00am and tardies will be reported after that time. Thank you for helping us make this happen!

Alexandro Medina

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Principal

Important Dates:

- 1/18** - MLK Holiday - No School
- 1/26** - **PSAT/NMSQT Testing for 10th & 11th Grade**
- 1/29** - Early Dismissal/Staff Development
- 2/15** - Presidents Day Holiday - No School
- 2/26** - Students Return Back to School, Report Cards Issued
- 2/26** - Early Dismissal/Staff Development

SNEAK PEEK

- 02** PSAT TESTING
- 02** ENGINEERING
- 02** NHI
- 02** TUTORING
- 03** COLLEGE FAIR
- 03** COUNSELING

PSAT/NMSQT Testing

All current 10th and 11th graders are scheduled to take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) test on Tuesday, January 26th, 2021. **The exam will take place in person on Da Vinci's campus.** This exam measures what you're learning in school to determine if you're on track, as well as connect you with opportunities for financial scholarships. By taking the exam, you will be connected to over \$300 million in scholarships, are eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program, will learn more about your academic strengths and have access to free, personalized test prep. The exam is comprised of a reading, writing and language and math portions. Click [here](#) to find out more about key content features.

How to prepare for the exam:

- [Take a practice test](#)
- [Answer sample questions](#)
- [Study using Khan Academy](#)
- Get a good night's sleep
- Have a hearty breakfast
- Arrive to school on time
- Have a positive attitude!

If you are a **virtual student who plans to attend**, please **contact one of the counselors** for more information. Also, be on the lookout for a testing form to complete and turn in to the school.

Engineering Competition

BY PEDRO HERNANDEZ

In preparation for the Spring semester's InSPIRESS project, Juniors and Seniors participate in a semester long project where they create their own business. Students must work in their groups to put together a project that encompasses different aspects relating to the engineering design process, which plays a pivotal role in the InSPIRESS competition. Week by week, the students complete different parts utilizing different resources such as Microsoft Office applications, web design, and content taught by their teachers such as Math, English, Technology, and Art.



NHI

BY ALEXANDRO MEDINA

On December 10th, 2020, Da Vinci School for Science and the Arts hosted a virtual meeting to provide information about the National Hispanic Institute. The National Hispanic Institute (NHI) provides its youth with a continuum of leadership opportunities that begin at the ninth grade and continue through undergraduate college studies. Parents and students learned about all the different opportunities offered by this organization. To date, NHI has served over 100,000 students and works with 80 colleges and universities. Da Vinci is currently working with NHI to have another informational session during the month of February.



Tutoring

If your student needs extra help in a class, take advantage of our tutoring resources. Teachers stay after school Monday-Thursday for small group and individual sessions.

Monday & Wednesday: Math & Social Studies

Tuesday & Thursday : English & Science

We also offer virtual tutoring through zoom. For more information on virtual tutoring, please contact Dr. Yvette Buehring, the District Coordinator for Development at ybuehring@burnhamwood.org.

For more information, please visit our website:

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

Virtual College Fair

College Board is hosting their first-ever series of virtual college fairs called BigFuture™ Days. **Sophomores and juniors** can sign up for a chance to connect directly with college admissions representatives and current college students. You'll have a chance to explore colleges in a way that's not overwhelming, ask questions about topics you want to learn about, and take action on key college planning steps.

Register here at cb.org/bigfuturedays.

Students can attend any event and more than one.

BigFuture Day West + Southwest

Saturday, February 6

BigFuture Day Southeast

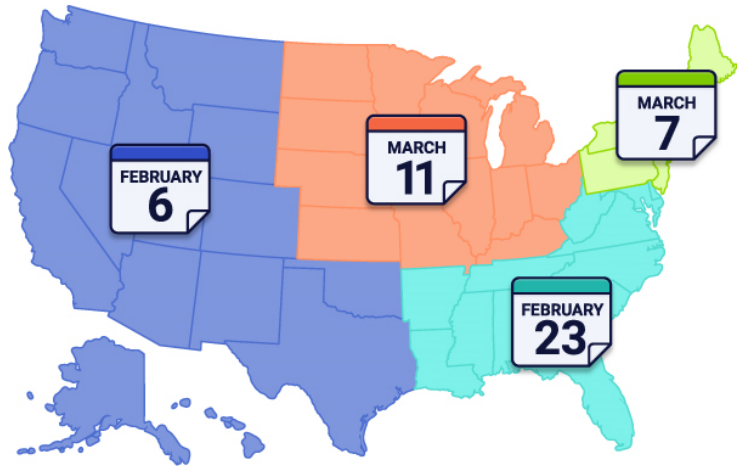
Tuesday, February 23

BigFuture Day Northeast

Sunday, March 7

BigFuture Day Midwest

Thursday, March 11



Counselor's CORNER

BY CHRISTINA BODY, CHRISTINA BUCKROP & CLAUDIA CASTANON



Seniors, 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!



@dvschoolcounseling

Follow us on Instagram for school announcements, special events, testing updates and more!

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