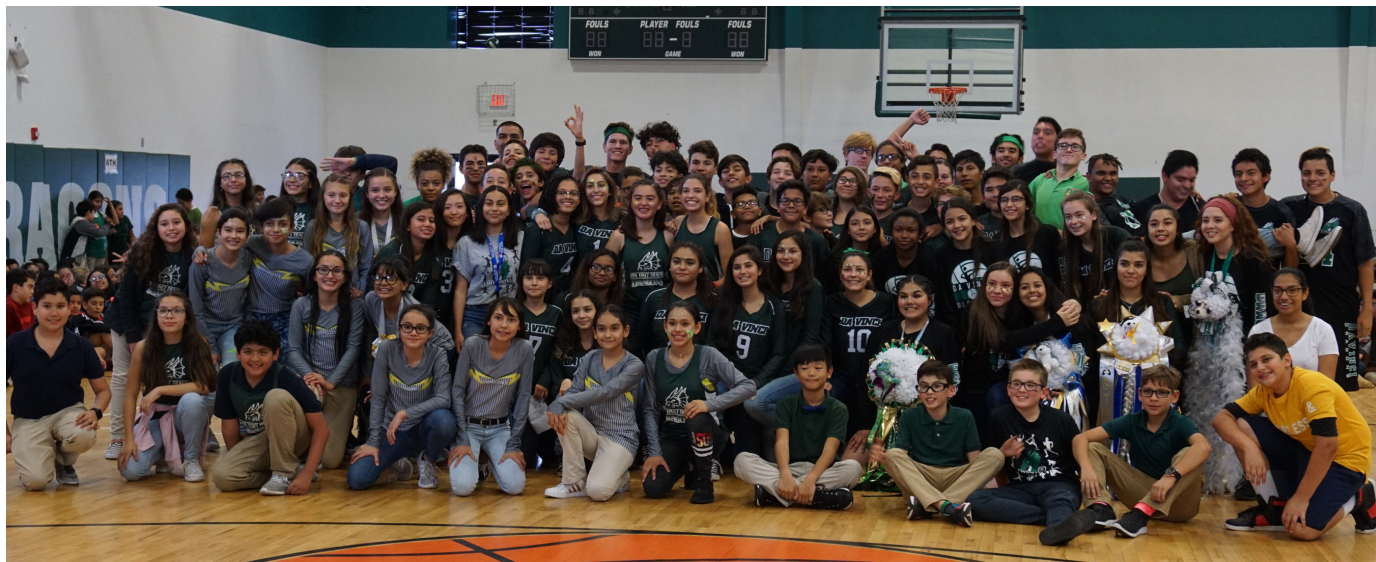


# DRAGON DIGEST

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



## Welcome Back!

### Principal's Message

Da Vinci Family, I hope this newsletter finds you well. This month students are gearing up to receive semester 02, cycle 01 report cards.

As a reminder, Da Vinci is still following a synchronous learning model, which is "all students online via distance education that happens in real-time". The expectation is that students will attend school virtually until it is safe to return for face to face instruction. Teachers are providing instruction as if they were in the classroom. Therefore, it is imperative that students log in every day. Our school will follow the Compulsory Attendance Law, which states, "In order to receive credit for a final grade for a class, a student is required to attend class 90 percent of the days a class is offered regardless of whether the student's absences are excused". School begins promptly at 8:00 AM. Please make it a priority to get your student to school on time, whether they are in-person or virtual learning.

*Alexandro Medina*

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Principal

## Important Dates:

2/26	- Early Dismissal & Parent/Teacher Conferences;
	Report cards issued
2/27	- Saturday Tutoring
3/03	- <b>SAT SCHOOL DAY: grade 12 students</b>
3/8-12	-Intersession
3/15-19	-Spring Break

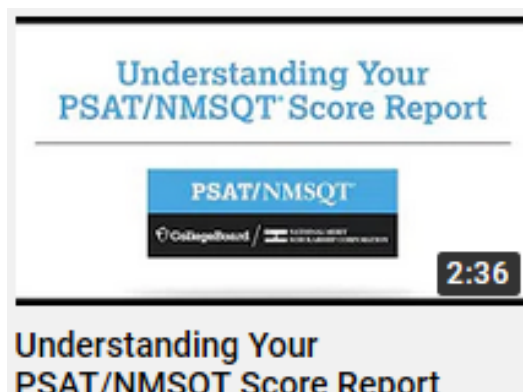
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# PSAT/NMSQT Testing

10th and 11th graders took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) test on Tuesday, January 26th, 2021. This exam measures what students are learning in school to determine if they are on track, as well as connect you with opportunities for financial scholarships. By taking the exam, students will be connected to over \$300 million in scholarships, are eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program and will learn more about their academic strengths and have access to free, personalized test prep. **Scores will be released mid-March.**

When your PSAT/NMSQT scores are ready online, you'll get an email with instructions on creating your College Board account, going to your online score report, and using your access code to view your scores. If you need a paper score report, ask an educator at your school. From your account, you can also print your online score report by clicking the Download Your Score Report button.



WATCH THIS VIDEO HERE!



## SAT Testing

All current 12th graders are scheduled to take the SAT test on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021. **The exam will take place in person on Da Vinci's campus.** The SAT is an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admissions decisions. The purpose of the SAT is to measure a high school student's readiness for college, and provide colleges with one common data point that can be used to compare all applicants. College admissions officers will review standardized test scores alongside high school GPA, classes took in high school, letters of recommendation from teachers, extracurricular activities, admissions interviews, and personal essays.

### 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 **Mrs. Body (cbody@burnhamwood.org)** for more information.

## Classroom Spotlight

Mrs. Montes Anchondo's College Readiness class had the opportunity to speak with Ashley Soto Paniagua, a writer for Disney's upcoming show, The Proud Family. Ms. Soto Paniagua is an El Paso native and former science teacher. She shared her journey from starting her educational career in neuroscience to becoming a teacher, working in marketing, and eventually becoming a writer for Disney+. The students were able to ask her questions and received helpful advice to apply for their future.



For more information, please visit our website:  
**<http://www.burnhamwood.org/>**

# COVID-19 Update

BY DA VINCI ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

In response to an unexpected rise in COVID-19 positive cases, Da Vinci moved to 100% online instruction from 02/24/21 - 02/26/21. During this time, the campus underwent a series of deep cleanings of all the installations to ensure a sanitary learning environment for students and staff. Current face-to-face student returned to campus on March 01.

Prevent the spread of COVID-19 in

## 7 STEPS

- 01 Wash your hands frequently
- 02 Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- 03 Cover your cough using the bend of your elbow or a tissue
- 04 Avoid crowded places and close contact with anyone that has fever or cough
- 05 Stay at home if you feel unwell
- 06 If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early — but call first
- 07 Get information from trusted sources



SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION

## TELPAS Testing

The TELPAS testing window is now open and will remain open until April 02, 2021. All in-person students who are required to test will be tested between March 02 - 04. Virtual students will be scheduled to test via invitation between March 08 - 12.

What is TELPAS?

"TELPAS is an assessment program for students in Texas public schools who are learning the English Language. The letters in TELPAS stand for the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System. The Texas Education Agency developed TELPAS to meet state and federal requirements."

Read more about TELPAS [here](#).

## Counselor's CORNER

BY CHRISTINA BODY

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 FAFSA!! (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. If you are not a part of the senior Google Classroom page, please reach out for the invite link.

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

Have questions? Send me an email or come stop by the counseling office for assistance!



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