

DRAGON DIGEST

The official Da Vinci newsletter of the Burnham Wood 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 02 progress reports.

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:

4/06	-English I & Writing 7 STAAR
3/08	-English II STAAR
4/10	-Saturday Tutoring
4/12-16	- Spirit Week
4/24	- Saturday Tutoring

SNEAK PEEK

02	InSPIRESS
02	Spirit Week
02	SPOTLIGHT
03	Robotics
03	STAAR
03	COUNSELING

InSPIRESS Competition Prep



DaVinci High School Juniors and Seniors are preparing for the 2021 InSPIRESS Engineering Competition. While all 7 teams organize for this contest, Junior Team #6 “ExTRM” arranged weekly visits to our sister elementary school in our district, The Linguistic Academy Elementary. The main purposes of this weekly visit is to present the mission and progress of the team and to make the elementary students understand the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Follow DaVinci team #6 on its journey to Titan on its social media YouTube- EX.T.R.M Instagram @ex.t.r.m - Twitter@ExTRMDV - Tik tok @ex.t.r.m - Facebook Extrm DV

Da Vinci Spring Spirit Week

SPIRIT WEEK 19-23

\$2 PER DAY
\$8 WHOLE WEEK

TUESDAY
NERD
VS
JOCK



THURSDAY
REVERSE DAY
(STUDENTS AS STAFF
AND STAFF AS STUDENTS)



MONDAY
COUCH POTATO
VS
FASHION ICON



WEDNESDAY
BIKERS
VS
SURFERS



FRIDAY
SCHOOL SPIRIT



We've got spirit, yes we do! We've got spirit, how about you? Support our Da Vinci seniors by participating in the spring spirit week. The cost to participate is either \$2.00 per day, or \$8.00 for the whole week.

Spirit Week Themes:

- Monday - couch potato vs fashion icon
- Tuesday - nerds vs jocks
- Wednesday - bikers vs surfers
- Thursday - reverse day (staff as students & students as staff)
- Friday - school spirit day

Please remember to dress appropriately. No holes or tattered clothing, no hoodies, and nothing out of uniform unless directly related to the theme.

Campus Spotlight: Class T-Shirts

Class shirts are in! The International Club hosted their first Class T-Shirt Competition where students in all grade levels were encouraged to participate by making a design. Vanessa Palacios was the creator of the winning design. Shirts went on sale for \$10 and all proceeds went towards the cost of the International Club's trip to Europe.



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

Da Vinci Robotics

This past week marked the end of another season for the Da Vinci DragonBots. Since the pandemic hit late last year, the competitions have gone remote. Last year's pandemic also cut our season short with FTC 5670 slated to go to Dallas for a UIL Robotics State competition and FRC 3043 team was scheduled to go to Amarillo for their first competition of the season.

There had been up to now a series of remote competitions and the score would accumulate at the end of the season. Although it was the end of the season for 5670 and 15450 the scores entered would go to a chance to compete in the next remote event which if scheduled will be regional championship (normally in Lubbock). We will be awaiting to see how we did for the season and maybe continue with one more competition. What a long strange trip it's been.

STAAR Testing

The STAAR testing administration window has officially opened.

What is STAAR Testing?

"STAAR stands for State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, which is the state's student testing program. The assessments are based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), which are the state curriculum standards. Beginning in grade 3 through high school graduation, students will be tested in the core subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies. "

Read more about STAAR [here](#).

Counselor's CORNER

BY CHRISTINA BODY

Last month, we welcomed our new counseling intern, Mrs. Lennae Marion. Mrs. Marion is completing her masters in school counseling and has joined our team to complete her practicum. If you see her around campus, please help her feel welcome!

If you are a rising senior (11th grade this year), please submit your senior meeting form to get scheduled. All rising 7 - 11th grade students should have received a course request form via school reach. If you have not, please ensure the school has an a working email address on file. You may also find the course request forms and instructions on our [school website](#). If you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss course selection, please send me an email.

Please keep in mind that course request forms **do not** guarantee you a class and it **does not** take the place of the enrollment packet.

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



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