Weekly Newsletter

Monday, October 23, 2017

English

HOUSTON ACADEMY

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



⇒ **Pre-AP English I:** Students will continue writing their expository essays. This week we will focus on organizing, writing, and editing body paragraphs

 \Rightarrow **Pre-AP English II:** Students will be jumping into the world of character devising and monologues. They will also start viewing productions of Macbeth from around

the globe.

- ⇒ AP/Dual Credit Language and Composition: Students will continue working on their Sherman Alexie rhetorical analysis essay, and will write an in-class analysis of a letter by Abigail Adams.
- ⇒ AP/Dual Credit British Literature: Students will conduct their final Critical Lenses discussion of "Beowulf" and present their original epic poem battle scenes to the class. Students will also begin "The Canterbury Tales."
- ⇒ Business English: Students will work on drafting and revising their rhetorical/literary analysis essay. Students will also take SAT Vocab Quiz 3 (words 61-80) and continue working on their Independent Reading Assignment.

Math



 \Rightarrow **Algebra I:** Students will continue their exploration of the linear function and utilize regression for real world problems.

 \Rightarrow Algebra II (Polley): Students will solve systems of equations using graphing.

 \Rightarrow Algebra II (Baker): Students will explore the logarithmic and exponential functions and will utilize regression to study real world problems.

- ⇒ Geometry (Polley): Students will compare deductive reasoning in algebra and geometry.
- ⇒ Pre-Calculus (Kim): Students will graph polynomial functions using transformations.
- ⇒ Pre-Calculus (Baker): Students will explore the logarithmic and exponential functions and will utilize regression to study real world problems.
- ⇒ AP Calculus: Students will analyze curves, including the notions of monotonicity and concavity.
- ⇒ AP Statistics: Students will compare distributions with histograms and boxplots.
- ⇒ College Algebra: Students will analyze and graph polynomial functions.

Science



 \Rightarrow **Pre-AP Biology:** Students will start exploring the structure and function of DNA (deoxyribose nucleic acid) as it relates to eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells.

⇒ **Pre-AP Chemistry:** Students will study the radioactive decay process using balancing of equations,

nuclear fission, and fusion reactions.

- ⇒ AP Biology: Students will study photosynthesis, cellular reproduction, and patterns of inheritance
- ⇒ **Physics:** Students will study Newton's second law of motion (F=ma).

Social Studies



 \Rightarrow **AP Human Geography:** Students will explain how culture is expressed in landscapes and how land and resource use represents cultural identity.

⇒ **AP World History:** Students will be examining the emergence of transregional networks of communication and exchange (The Silk Road, Mediterranean Sea Routes, Trans-Saharan Trade, and Indian Ocean Trade).

Fine Arts, CTE, LOTE, PE



⇒ **Model United Nations:** Students are preparing for their first MUN Conference! The conference will take place at Sharpstown International School on Saturday, October 28!

⇒ Theater Arts I: Students will continue work on their Authentic Acting pieces. They will also lead drama games to increase body, voice, and devising awareness.

 \Rightarrow **PE:** Students will be doing yoga on Monday/Tuesday and volleyball on Wednesday/Thursday.

- ⇒ Chinese I: Students will learn about nationalities and counting in Chinese.
- ⇒ Chinese II: Students will learn how to describe clothing in Chinese and make their own clothes using table covers and staplers.
- ⇒ Chinese III: Students will receive a letter from their pen pal, and students will able to describe their feelings using 我觉得...

HAIS Happenings



 \Rightarrow **Picture day** will be Wednesday, October 25 for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders and Thursday, October 26 for 12th graders.

 \Rightarrow On Wednesday, October 25, a **One Goal** specialist will be at HAIS to help One Goal students with college applications in the Go Center during AVID.

- ⇒ Student Council will hold its next meeting on Thursday, October 26 from 3:30-4:30 PM in Room 204. The results of officer elections will be announced then!
- ⇒ All OneGoal seniors will fill out the FAFSA and submit five college applications before November.
- ⇒ October is packed with college and career readiness events; College Chats, College & Career Day, PSAT/NMSQT exam, and senior College Application & Financial Aid sessions. Please continue to check your emails for upcoming events. If you are needing assistance accessing your Naviance account, please contact Mrs. Casey Griffin at <u>Whitney.CaseyGriffin@houstonisd.org</u>.
- ⇒ See attached **calendar** for more upcoming events!

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