

Weekly Newsletter

Friday, April 23, 2021

English



⇒ **Pre-AP English I:** Students are entering the second week of our 30-Day Student-Selected Research Assignment! Please do something to contribute to your research at least four times this week. We will also start discussing methods of persuasion.

 \Rightarrow **Pre-AP English II:** Students will finish work on their

personal essays.

- ⇒ AP/1302 English Language and Composition (Gillespie): Students will practice rhetorical analysis writing skills by analyzing "I will fight no more forever" by Chief Joseph.
- ⇒ AP/1302 English Language and Composition (Shepard): Students will evaluate synthesis essay samples using the 6-point evaluation rubric.
- ⇒ Business English (Gillespie): Students will continue to prepare for their research paper by working on their sixth article review and book summary.
- ⇒ Business English (Shepard): Students will complete their research in preparation to write their global challenge innovation research paper in May.
- ⇒ AP/2323 English Literature and Composition: Students will continue to read and discuss Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, Or the Modern Prometheus.

Math



⇒ **Pre-AP Algebra I:** Students will continue STAAR review.

⇒ Pre-AP Algebra II (Nguyen): Students will continue with rational functions.

 \Rightarrow **Pre-AP Algebra II (Polley):** Students will learn attributes of exponential functions.

- ⇒ **Pre-AP Geometry (Fontanilla):** Students will explore indirect proof.
- ⇒ Pre-AP Geometry (Polley): Students will prove and apply the Polygon Angle Sum Theorem.
- ⇒ **Pre-AP Pre-Calculus:** Students will find the exact values of the trigonometric functions using even-odd properties.
- ⇒ **AP Calculus AB/BC:** Students will calculate, interpret, and apply integrals.
- ⇒ **College Algebra:** Students will solve systems of linear equations in two variables.

Science



 \Rightarrow **Pre-AP Biology:** Students will review viruses, taxonomy, evolution, and ecology.

 $\Rightarrow~$ **Pre-AP Chemistry:** Students will explore gas laws and gas behaviors.

- ⇒ **Pre-AP Physics:** Students will continue to explore energy.
- \Rightarrow **AP Biology:** Students will learn about plant systems.
- ⇒ AP Chemistry: Students will review bonding and chemical kinetics. They will complete a progress check on these topics.
- \Rightarrow Engineering Science: Students will explore gas laws.

Social Studies



⇒ **AP Human Geography:** Students will learn about modern agricultural trends and Von Thunen's model of agricultural planning. Topics such as food insecurities, food deserts, and organic and genetically modified organisms will also be discussed. Students will also have a grocery store project to complete. This will require them to investigate where their food is coming from and why

certain foods (organic vs. non-organic) cost differently. This is a great opportunity to talk about why you choose the foods that you do for your family. Please note this project does not require you and your family to purchase anything. I will give them three weeks to complete the assignment, which will be due on May 14. This should allow you all plenty of time to make a quick trip to the grocery store to explore.

- ⇒ AP World History: Students will be analyze the causes of World War II, including the rise of dictatorial regimes.
- ⇒ Political Science I: Students will build a coalition for the Kingdom of Oceania and reflect on the conclusions drawn and processes learned throughout the simulation.
- ⇒ Political Science II: Students will wrap up their last week of our US Government simulation on <u>https://us.statecraftsim.com/</u>.
- ⇒ Principles of Government and Public Policy (Rodriguez): Students will continue jury deliberations for the case of State of Tennessee v. Peyton Patterson. When complete they will write their jury verdict form and essay explaining the verdict.
- ⇒ Principles of Government and Public Policy (J. Williams): Students will wrap up their last week of our US Government simulation on <u>https://us.statecraftsim.com/</u>.

Fine Arts, CTE, LOTE, PE



⇒ Business Information Management Systems: Students will complete AES activities.

 \Rightarrow **Career Prep I:** Students will work on capstone portfolios.

 \Rightarrow **Chinese 1411 (Dual Credit):** Students will be able to name a couple of common hobbies and make plans for the weekend with friends.

- ⇒ Chinese 1412 (Dual Credit): Students will be able to ask for favors and set appointments with teachers or students.
- ⇒ Chinese 2312 (Dual Credit): Students will be able to ask for or suggest things to bring to a party.
- \Rightarrow **Chinese I:** Students will be able to answer a basic phone call.
- ⇒ Chinese II: Students will be able to speak about the color, size, and price of a purchase.
- \Rightarrow Chinese III: Students will be able to ask a friend to go to a party.
- \Rightarrow Chinese IV: Students will be able to name and discuss popular sports.
- ⇒ **AP Chinese Language and Culture:** Students will work on the science and technology Unit 4 of listening and speaking.
- ⇒ AP Computer Science Principles: Students will be able to design the AP Performance Task project.
- ⇒ Computer Science I: Students will be able to apply data types, a list, and a while loops in Python.
- \Rightarrow **Graphic Design:** Students will complete their final CD project proposal.
- ⇒ **Mobile App Development:** Students will be able to use a structured process to plan and develop a program.
- \Rightarrow **PE:** Students will share about being mindful athletes.
- ⇒ POFI 1341: Students may turn in any Excel (only) practice assignments late without any penalty through April 30. During the week of April 26-30, students will complete Excel Part 5. During the week of May 3-7, students will review for the final exam. Students will take their final exam on May 10/11.
- ⇒ Principles of Applied Engineering: Students will be introduced to programming languages.
- \Rightarrow **Spanish I and II:** Students will practice using negative tú commands.
- ⇒ **Theatre Arts I:** Students will continue to work on composition and mise en scene.
- ⇒ Video Game Programming (Kang): Students will tell childhood stories through motion graphics.
- ⇒ Video Game Programming (Thorn): Students will be introduced to software and take a quiz on the subject.

Study Abroad



 \Rightarrow Follow @HAISstudyabroad on Twitter and Instagram and check out our updated <u>website</u> for more information on upcoming deadlines and programs that may interest you.

 \Rightarrow **AMIGOS:** The application for summer 2021 programs is now open! <u>Click here to start your application</u>. All

programs this summer are three weeks long. You'll live and travel together with other students your age in Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Nicaragua, or Colorado! Some programs require Spanish and some do not. Explore all summer programs here! If you have any questions or want to chat, contact jwilli56@houstonisd.org or come to an online info session.

- ⇒ DiscoverU's Bon Voyage Family Event will be held Sunday, May 2 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and will give families the opportunity to connect with partner organizations offering summer FLOs. Get more information and register <u>here</u>!
- ⇒ Explore DiscoverU's <u>biweekly newsletter</u> and <u>Fantastic Learning</u> <u>Opportunities</u> (FLOs)!

College Corner



⇒ The <u>UHD Greater Texas Foundation Scholars</u> <u>Program</u> is now accepting applications from students graduating from Early College High Schools in Spring (2021) and starting at UHD in the Fall 2021 semester. The priority deadline was Thursday, April 1, but the application process often extends through April and May.

The Ivy League Educational and Charities

Foundation is accepting <u>scholarship applications</u> through Saturday, May 15. The scholarship is a one-time award in the amount of \$1000 to a 4-year college/university, or \$500 to a junior college, community college, or vocational school.

- ⇒ MyMozaic offers a \$1,000 "Portrait of You" monthly scholarship, no essay, GPA, or letters of recommendation needed! Find out more information and apply <u>here</u>.
- ⇒ <u>Apply here</u> for Cirkledin's \$2,500 "No Sweat" Scholarship by Wednesday, June 30. No minimum GPA or long essay required!

HAIS Happenings



⇒ **AP exams** are scheduled for May 18-28; however, students must ensure their laptops are ready for online testing *now*. Please fill out the <u>HAIS Digital Readiness for</u> <u>2021 AP Exams survey</u> ASAP. If your family has a personal, non-HISD device your student can use for AP exams, please download the AP Digital Exam App directly from CollegeBoard: <u>cb.org/ap2021examapp</u>. If your student will need to use an HISD-issued laptop, <u>please sign up for</u>

<u>an appointment with Mr. Hernandez</u> to ensure you get all the necessary updates. Note that he will be swapping out your current laptop, so make sure all files are saved to your OneDrive, USB, etc.

⇒ The next edition of the <u>HAIS Homework and Assignment Tracker</u> is now available. Use this tool to check in with your students' academic progress. Navigate through the tabs at the bottom of the page to view different subject areas. If you have questions about a particular assignment, please contact the teacher.

- ⇒ HAIS Class of 2023: The EY College MAP Application is due by Friday, April 23 at 3:30 PM. No late applications will be accepted. EY will select 40 students to interview virtually on Saturday, May 1, and the top 20 students will become members of EY for their junior/senior year. Please reach out to Ms. Sherman or Ms. McCurdy for any help or support that you need.
- ⇒ **Theatre Club** will begin having meetings during our new meeting time on Mondays after school.
- ⇒ HAIS Debate practices have moved to Wednesdays after school. As our tournaments have concluded for the year, we will focus on developing new skills for the 2021-2022 season. New students are always welcome to join via Teams or in-person in Room 111.
- ⇒ National Honor Society has created a **Phoenix Help Site** with support for students in the form of peer tutoring, advice, and open communication. Want to connect? <u>Reserve a time</u> on the website.
- ⇒ It's time to revive a HAIS tradition! Please consider <u>signing up</u> to provide treats for an upcoming **Family Festive Friday for Faculty**. We have approximately 45 staff members. Treats may include small breakfast items, sweets, or notes of appreciation. Thank you for supporting our hardworking staff!
- ⇒ Interested in joining the HAIS PTO? All HAIS staff, parents, and guardians are welcome. There is no membership fee to join; simply fill out the <u>2020-2021 PTO Membership Form</u>. Donations are always appreciated via <u>PayPal</u>. If you have any questions, please contact <u>info@haispto.org</u>.
- ⇒ Follow HAIS on social media for more updates between newsletters! Twitter: @HAIS_ECHS Facebook: @houstonacademyforinternationalstudies Instagram:@haisechs
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