

December Brooks Academic Center Newsletter

What Is Happening This Month?

- December 5th:** Month of Code Begins "Code 60+"
December 7th: C Day (Mentoring)
December 14th: D Day (Personalized Learning Day)
December 15th & 16th: World Studies Summative
December 19th: Math Summative
December 19th & 20th: Classroom Guidance Lessons
December 20th & 21st: World Studies Project Due
December 22: Summative in Science
December 23rd: C Day
December 26th- January 6th: Winter Break
January 13th: English I American Dream Symposium

COUNSELOR CORNER

At Brooks we provide a comprehensive and data driven school counseling program.

I will be working with your student ALL YEAR inside the classroom, in small groups, and individually to support your student with academic, social-emotional, and with college and career exploration.

I will be providing classroom guidance lessons each month through PE classes. Our next lesson will be on **December 19th and 20th** to discuss their Individual Learning Plans & Create SMART GOALS for the rest of the year!

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns!

Mrs. Mulder

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ACADEMIC CENTER NEWS and PARENT PARTNERSHIP CORNER

- **Grading Scale Change**
 - At the 7th grade parent meeting on curriculum night, we discussed changing the grading scale.
 - We will move forward with this change.
 - 4- 100, 3-90, 2-75, 1-65, and 0- Below 65
- **Transcript and GPA Information**
 - Q1 grades do NOT go on the student's transcript.
 - ONLY Semester 1 and Semester 2 grades go on a student's official transcript.
 - GPA is not calculated until the end of Semester 1 (February) and Semester 2 (June).
- [Integrated Math I Personalized Learning Platform Tutorial](#)
- **Picture Day Information:**
 - All student's packages are scheduled to be shipped out to you on December 6th. Retakes are (tentatively) Tuesday, Jan. 24th. Please contact Mr. Famera with any questions at jfamera@cps.edu.

EXTRACURRICULAR NEWS

- **Athletic News:**
 - Sports Training
 - Every Saturday Starting November 12th
 - Football, Track, X-Country, Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball
 - Boys and Girls Basketball will start Monday January 9th.
 - All Middle school programs have a "no-cut, no-tryout" policy.
 - All students who want to participate in sports MUST:
 - Complete a physical.
 - Meet academic requirements.
 - For any sports related questions, please contact the Athletic Director:
 - Reggie Dawson 773-535-7762 or 773-844-2255
- **Extracurricular Club Opportunities:**
 - **Happiness Club**
 - Sponsor: Mrs. Mulder
 - Meetings Monday 3:30-4:30, THE CUBE
 - **Chess Club**
 - Sponsor: Mr. Hazzard
 - Meetings Monday 3:30-4:30, Room 231
 - **Science Club**
 - Sponsor Mrs. Tyagi AETyagi@cps.edu
 - Meetings Thursday 3:30-4:30, Room 307

LEARN MORE ABOUT....

- [Mastery Learning/ Standards Based Grading](#)
- [Personalized Learning](#)
 - [Summit Platform](#)
- [Google Classroom](#)
- [Parent Portal](#)
- [CPS Student Handbook](#)

PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS

- Monthly Parent's Club Meetings with VOB (Village of Brooks)
 - The first Tuesday of the Month @ 6:00 pm
- English I Book Club (starting soon)
- 7th Grade Parent Meetings (schedule coming soon)

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

- **7th Grade Mentoring Program:**
 - Your student has been assigned a mentor in the building. This mentor will be monitoring your student's progress throughout the year and supporting them to be successful.
- **Peer Tutoring:**
 - Peer Tutoring has started! Students who qualify for a peer mentor will be paired with an upperclass student mentor.
- **Study Time in the CUBE:**
 - The CUBE is available for quiet study time/ group work Monday -Thursday 3:30- 4:30
 - C-Days from 12:30- 3:00
 - Mrs. Mulder will be monitoring the space.
- **After School Tutoring:**
 - **Math: Mon & Tues: 3:30- 4:30pm**
 - **Science: Thurs: 3:30- 4:40 pm or By Appointment**
 - **English: Mon & Tues: 3:30- 4:30 pm**
 - **World Studies: Mon 3:30- 4:30 or By Appointment**
 - **Music: Mon 3:30- 4:30 or By Appointment**
 - **Computer Science: Mon & Wed: 3:30- 4:30**

7th GRADE HIGHLIGHT

- **Assistant Principal's Student Advisory Council (APSAC)**
 - We are starting to plan for Homecoming 2 in February.
- **English I American Dream Symposium**
 - The 7th and 9th grade English classes have been investigating The American dream through fiction, nonfiction, and community research.
 - We will be hosting a symposium featuring their work on January 13th.
 - More information will be coming soon!
- **CPS4ALL CODE60+ Program**
 - Brooks is participating in "Code 60+" A Chicago Public School's Hour Of Code Initiative. Exclusive opportunity for CPS Students, Parents & Teachers to enter in a draw to win a chance of getting a Chromebook from CPS Connects!. For more information visit chicagocodes.org