



South Tampa Academy @ Monroe Middle School

WHERE LEADERS BEGIN THEIR JOURNEY

Charger Newsletter

February 2021

Principal's Message

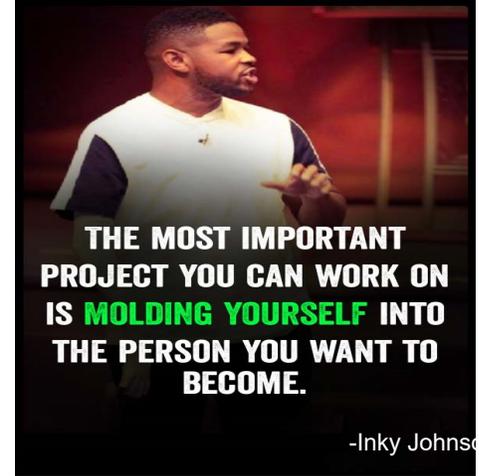
Tip to Help Your Student at Home

At the beginning of each week, take time to go over your student's weekly planner sheet with them. This can be found in their Self-Advocate Folder.

The Self-Advocate Folder and Planner Sheet are a new support we have put in place this semester to help students get organized and own their individual learning. Continue reading the newsletter to learn more about these valuable supports.

Please also remember grades, assignments and messages from teachers can be found for each class in Canvas.

Don't have a parent log in for Canvas? Don't worry. It's not too late. Go to <https://sdhc.instructure.com/courses/36524> for detailed instructions on how to sign up and use Canvas.



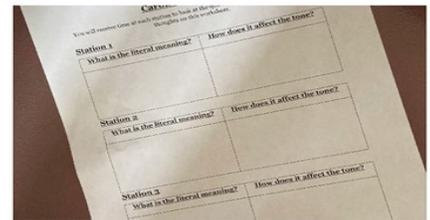
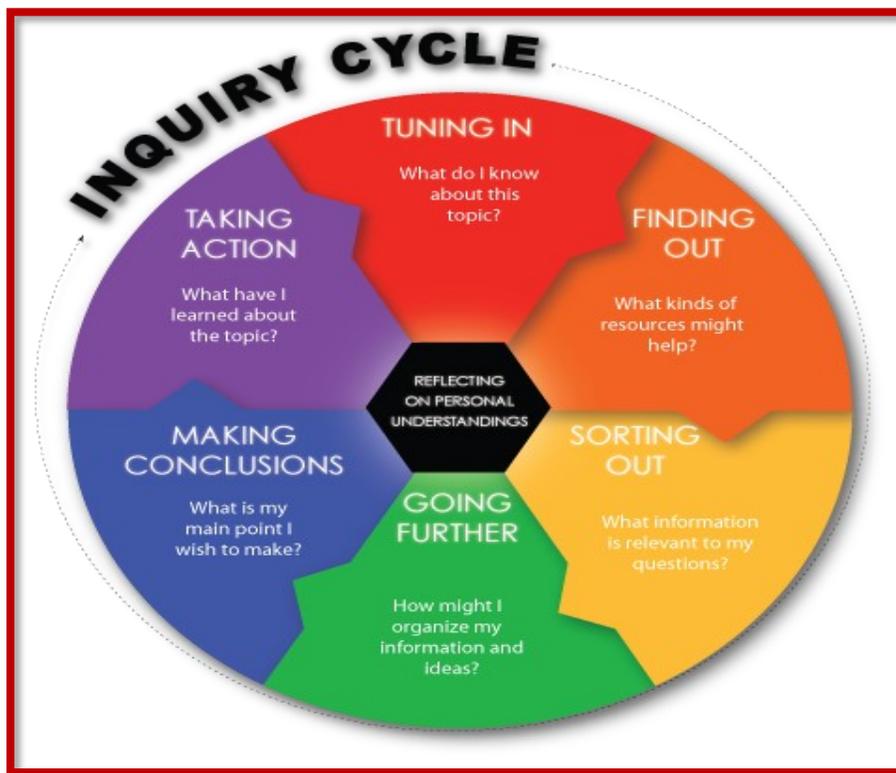
-Inky Johnson

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Students enjoyed collaborating in Ms. Smith's class as they dissected frogs.



Reading students analyzing author's word choice, meaning, and tone during a gallery walk from the Novel Bud, Not Buddy.

The Importance of Inquiry & Collaboration in the I.B. Middle Years Program

Inquiry-based learning helps students make their own connections about what they learn. Their curiosity helps them engage and gain a deeper understanding of topics and content, instead of primarily memorizing and recalling rules, ideas or formulas.

When student collaboration is added to a lesson it strengthens the inquiry model by encouraging students to talk through ideas and solutions. As a result, varying viewpoints and approaches to solving problems are honored.



5 Benefits of Inquiry-Based Learning

- It nurtures passions and talents. ...
- It increases their motivation and engagement. ...
- It allows them to develop research skills. ...
- It fortifies the importance of asking questions. ...
- It allows children to take ownership of their education.

Resource Links

South Tampa Academy @ Monroe IB Candidate Magnet Information

<https://www.mysdhc.org/Page/5705>

IB Middle Years Program Information for Parents

<https://www.ibo.org/information-for-parents/myp-for-parents/>

Frequently Asked Questions

<https://www.mysdhc.org/Page/5707>



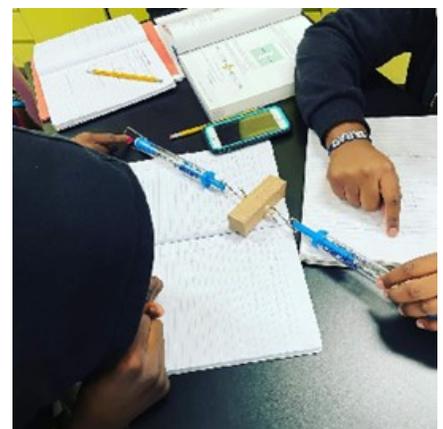
Defending their monster using textual evidence

Please take a moment to watch "Monster Mash" to see how our students participated in a school-wide writing inquiry project.

Students had to convince Faculty & Staff that their movie monster would bring in the most money using textual evidence. https://youtu.be/Dm_7PvZcDr8



Using inquiry in a Reading Escape Room



Collaborating in Science



IB Students Make Global Connections

IB students are encouraged to understand the community and world in which they live. This begins with the inquiry process where students are asked to study concepts in context. Global contexts provide a common language for powerful contextual learning, identifying specific settings, events or circumstances. Every unit of study utilizes one of the IB Global Contexts.

The Six I.B. Global Contexts

- Identities and Relationships
- Orientation in Space and Time
- Personal and Cultural Expression
- Scientific and Technical Innovation
- Globalization and Sustainability
- Fairness and Development



Introducing the Self-Advocate Folder & Planner Sheets

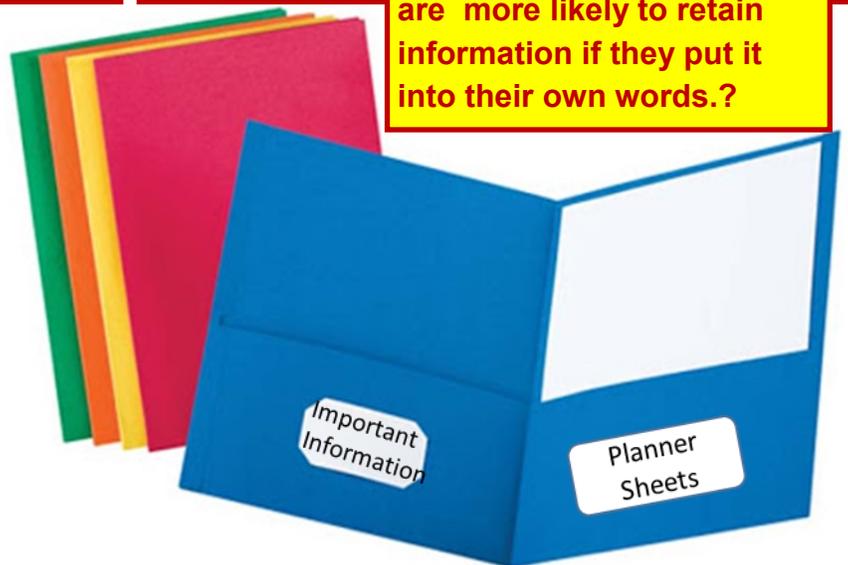
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Make up work						

Key Concepts Learned in Classes	
1 st Period Subject	
2 nd Period Subject	
3 rd Period Subject	
4 th Period Subject	
5 th Period Subject	
6 th Period Subject	
7 th Period Subject	

Did you know that students are more likely to retain information if they put it into their own words.?

In an effort to help our students get both organized and own their learning, each student on campus has been provided a self-advocate folder where they can keep important information and weekly planner sheets.

The planner sheets were designed by students for students to help track not only what they do in class each day, but the key concepts they have learned each week.



Sports

Soccer season is here! Please congratulate the following students for making the team.



Anthony Entero

Mario Floricica

Zyon Floyd

Logan Grimsrud

Amir Hosni

Patrick Martins

Faculty Spotlight– Welcome Mr. Oliver



The South Tampa Academy @ Monroe Family is happy to welcome Mr. Michael Oliver as our new Assistant Principal. Mr. Oliver graduated from Bloomingdale High School. He went on to attend the University of Florida where obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Education, and later earned a MBA from Florida Memorial University.

After teaching both Math and Social Studies with Youth Services for twelve years, he became the Drop-Out Prevention Specialist at Randall Middle School while completing his Masters in Educational Leadership at National Louis University.

In his own words...

“This is my eighth year as an Assistant Principal. I am married with two children who are nine and fifteen. In addition, I coach baseball for the Progress Village Little League Program. In my spare time, I enjoy sports, cooking, gardening, and traveling. I look forward to working with everyone here at Monroe.”

Upcoming Events

- 2/8 Soccer vs. Wilson @ Plant 6:00pm
- 2/12 Non-Student Day
- 2/15 Non-Student Day
- 2/16 Progress Reports
- 2/18 Conference Night
Soccer vs. Madison @ Robinson 6:00pm
- 2/22 PSAT (8th grade only)
- 2/23 Soccer vs. Tinker @ Robinson 6:00pm
- 2/24 Soccer vs. Roland Park @ Jefferson 6:00pm
- 3/1 Soccer vs. Coleman @ Robinson 6:00pm



Important Notice

PTSA Updates

⇒ PTSA is trying a new way to reach our school community. There will be two meetings this month on February 25, 2021.

8:30am at South Tampa Academy @ Monroe.

7:00pm Zoom (Link will be sent out the week of the meeting.)

⇒ Box Tops for Education need to be turned into school by February 15, 2021.

⇒ It is time to start planning for next year. PTSA is looking for volunteers to fill the following positions

Vice President	Secretary	Business Sponsorship Coordinator
Treasurer	Social Media Coordinator	



The Leadership Tree Celebrating the I.B. Student Profile

Celebrating Leaders on Our Campus

Each month students are celebrated for embodying the IB Student Profile. Throughout the month, faculty and staff members nominate students to have their names placed on the Leadership Tree. Students are nominated when they display one of the IB Profile character traits.

At the end of the month, Principal Fillhart recognizes each student by name. Then, at lunch they receive a special treat and a certificate of excellence for displaying outstanding leadership qualities.

January's award recipients were **Marianna Almendarez, Aleishka Capo, Taniyah Chapper, Joshua Davidson, Shannon Zamorategui, Lilliana Fraleigh, Jeremiah Godfrey, T'Asia Harris, Zaron Holley, Mi'Kela Jones, Taraji Jones, Addison Lawhorn, Dequan McDaniels, Elliana Moore, Jonathan Negrete, Jayleen Santiago, Carlena Shirley and Ayanna Vazquez.**

Our Next PTSA Meeting will be February 25, 2021

(You do not need to be a member to attend.)

To join our PTSA contact

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To Learn More About
PTSA Initiatives Follow

Facebook

South Tampa Academy @
Monroe Middle PTSA

Twitter

@AcademyMonroe

Instagram

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To Purchase Spirit Gear

[https://
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middleptsa.new.memberhub.
store/store](https://monroe-middleptsa.new.memberhub.store/store)

Another Great Opportunity for Our Students

South Tampa Basketball Camp Summer Registration Info. 2021

Where: Held at Grady Elementary School

3910 W. Morrison Ave. Tampa 33629

When: Week 1: June 7th-10th

Week 2: June 14th-17th

Week 3: June 21st-24th

Times: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00

Grades: 1st-10th Boys & Girls

Coaches: All Certified Teachers/Coaches in Hillsborough County with many years of experience.

Pricing: One week purchase=\$115

Two week purchase=\$220 (110 per week)

Three week purchase=\$315 (105 per week)

Military Discount -\$10 off total purchase.

Please visit us at www.southtampabasketball.com for details, forms to fill out, and address to send forms and payment.