

INNOVATION CENTER

NEWSLETTER

Monthly Highlights

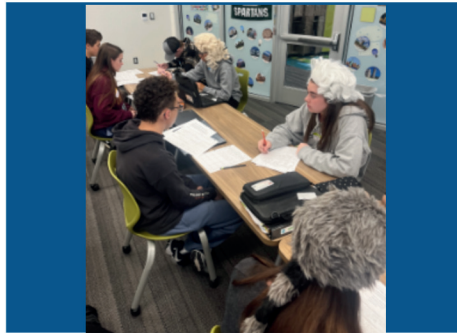
What's New at the IC



REAL-WORLD MONEY SKILLS

Staff members from Northstar Bank visited the Innovation Center to lead an interactive session focused on essential financial literacy topics that are relevant to students throughout their high school years and as they begin planning for their post-secondary paths. During the presentation, students learned how to complete a variety of everyday banking and financial tasks, including managing accounts, budgeting, and understanding basic financial responsibilities.

The session also provided students with the opportunity to ask personalized questions, allowing them to gain practical insights tailored to their own financial goals and real-life situations.



STEPPING INTO THE SHOES OF ENLIGHTENMENT THINKERS

Students were each assigned the role of an Enlightenment Thinker and conducted research on key aspects of that individual's life, ideas, and historical impact. They then participated in an interactive activity in which they engaged in discussions with their peers, representing other philosophers, in order to deepen their understanding of each thinker's contributions to the Enlightenment. Featured figures included John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Mary Wollstonecraft.

This immersive experience encouraged collaboration, critical thinking, and historical empathy. Special thanks to Mr. Leuenberger for providing students with the opportunity to take part in such an engaging and meaningful learning activity.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Feb. 13-16 - Mid Winter Break
- Feb. 17 - NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 26 - PLC Early Release

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Our 26/27 scheduling process is underway across the district, as counselors have started their classroom visits to speak with students on the variety of offerings next year at the Innovation Center and their home buildings. We look forward to continuing our rigorous course offerings for students and for the second year of our Honor's Innovation Academy taking place next year. Students are encouraged to speak with their current teachers and their counselors on the best path forward in their educational journey.

With Kind Regards,
Michael Walling



FOLLOW



INNOVATOR OF THE MONTH



Joseph Jahn
9th Grade

Joseph received a gift bag full of goodies, which included an IC water bottle, portable phone charger power bank, and some sweet treats. Congrats to Joseph!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Getting to Know...



LINDSAY MORAN



What is your favorite aspect of teaching?

"My favorite part of teaching is getting to meet and make connections with new students each year"

What is one thing about you that most people would not guess?

"I am pretty good with power tools! I have handy-woman skills"

If you could only eat one meal (repeatedly) for the rest of your life, what would it be?

"Peanut Butter Cookies – with a Diet Coke of course!"

What is your favorite sports team?

"The 1996 Women's Olympic Gymnastics Team"

What was your favorite thing from this past summer vacation?

"Getting my new Bernadoodle puppy, Penny!"

Innovation Center Teacher
1st & 3rd Hours AP Psychology

