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**CATCH School-Wide Assembly  
For All CATCH Students**

**February 6th, 2023**

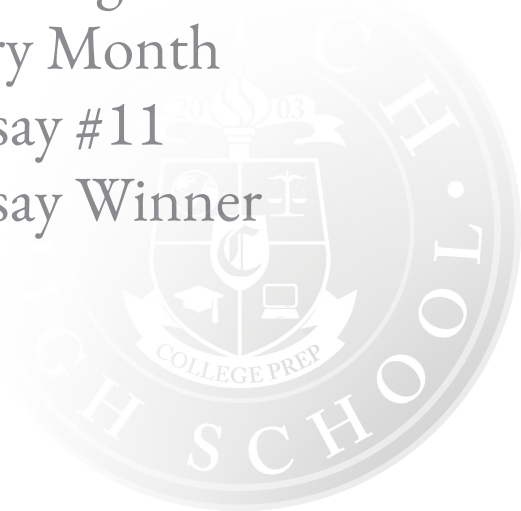


# During Today's School-wide Assembly...

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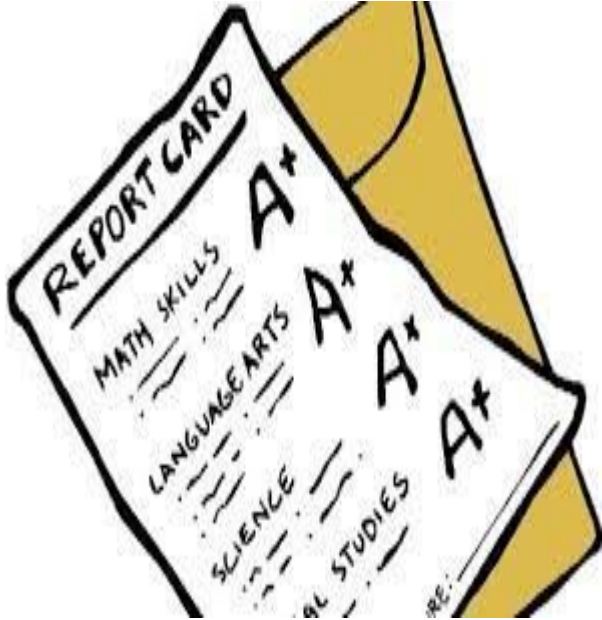
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# Grades

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1. If you failed a class in high school, you will be required to make it up
2. The first progress report comes out **NEXT WEEK!**





# Behavior

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- PE is still meeting upstairs
- All students must be outside during lunch and nutrition
- Tardies: Be in class on time. 3 tardies = **DETENTION**. This has gotten much better!! Good job!!
- Phones: Not allowed in classrooms
- Ordering food: No longer allowed



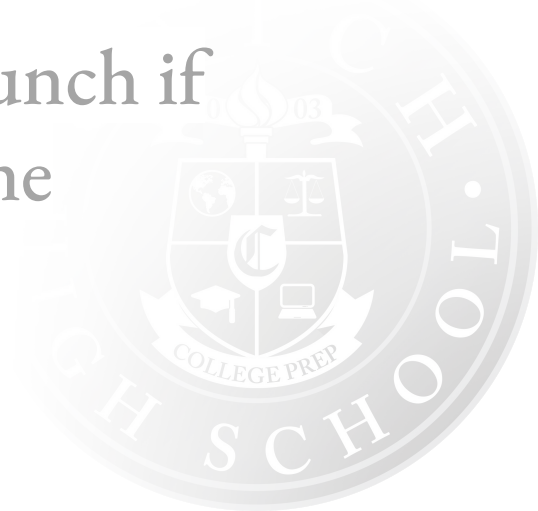


# Valentine's Day

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- ASB will be selling candy grams starting on THURSDAY to be delivered on Valentine's Day
- There will be 3 options: large, medium or a card
- Go to the booth at lunch if you want to order one

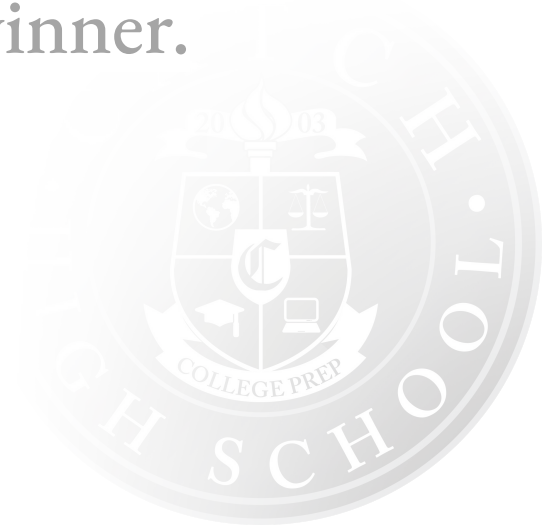




# Lip Sync Battle

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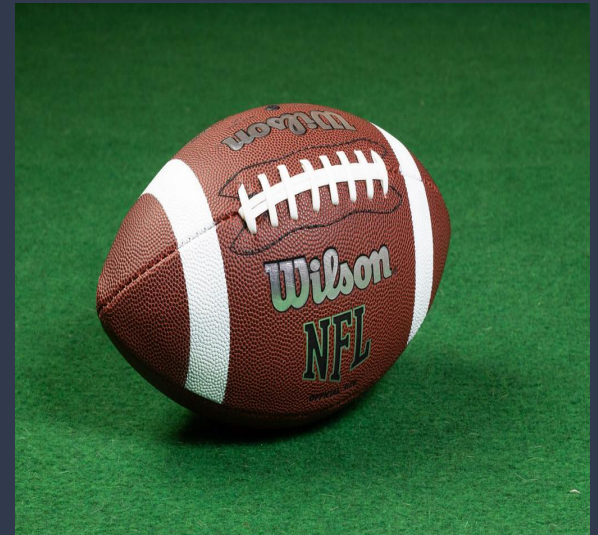
- Teachers vs. Students
- If you think you can out lip sync the teachers, sign up for the battle!
- You pick the song, the audience picks the winner.



# CATCH Prep Weekly Football Rankings

Football Practice

Mon, Tue, Thu 3:30pm-4:30pm



# Current Rankings:

## Best Offensive Players:

1. Tyquan
2. Nolan
3. Jaivien
4. Cesar
5. Justin

## Best Defensive Players:

1. Martin
2. Nolan
3. Cameron
4. Tafari
5. Tyquan



# Current Rankings:

## Most Improved Players:

1. Cesar
2. Cameron
3. Justin
4. Su'Ron
5. Davont'e

## MVP:

1. Tyquan
2. Nolan
3. Jaivien



# Black History Month

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**CELEBRATING**

**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**

**IN FEBRUARY**





# CATCH Essay #11



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### **SCHOOLWIDE ESSAY PROMPT #11**

**BACKGROUND:** February is Black History Month: a month of celebrating and honoring the achievements of African Americans and their central role in US history. First started in 1926 by Harvard historian Carter G. Woodson, it was originally only a week. The week was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederic Douglass. This first celebration inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations. Thanks to the Civil Rights movement and the growing awareness of Black identity, the week eventually became a month and in 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History month calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history" (History.com).



In honor of Black History Month, CATCH would like to celebrate some of the lesser known contributions of African Americans throughout history, starting with Dr. Daniel Hale Williams.

Dr. Daniel Hale Williams has an inspiring story. He was born in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania on January 18, 1856. Daniel was the eldest son of eight children. Around the age of 10 his father died of tuberculosis. The family moved to Baltimore, Maryland to live with relatives. Daniel became a shoemaker's apprentice, but ultimately decided to pursue his education. Daniel graduated with an M.D. degree in 1883 at Chicago Medical College. Dr. Williams practiced medicine in Chicago at a time when there were only three other black physicians in Chicago ([providentfoundation.org](http://providentfoundation.org)).

Considered a thoughtful and skilled surgeon, Dr. Williams' practice grew as he treated both black and white patients, during an era when racism and discrimination prohibited African Americans from being admitted to hospitals and denied black doctors employment on hospital staff. To counteract this practice, Dr. Williams founded the Provident Hospital and Training School for Nurses, emerging as the first hospital in the country with a nursing and intern program that hired African Americans.

In 1893, Dr. Williams became the **first surgeon to perform open-heart surgery on a human**. Dr. Williams performed the nation's first open-heart surgery at the Provident hospital in the summer of 1893. The operation was done without X-rays, antibiotics, surgical prep-work, or tools of modern surgery. His patient, James Cornish, survived and was discharged 51 days after his remarkable surgery (<http://www.cookcountyhhs.org>).

#### **THE PROMPT:**

Think about what life would have been like for African Americans during Dr. Williams' era. Although technically free from slavery, the race still faced obstacle after obstacle to freely exercise their rights as citizens. What do you think it would have been like to be alive during this time? What internal and external struggles do you think people of this generation faced? If you were in Dr. Williams' shoes, would you have fought against the oppressive systems in order to become a doctor and pave the way for other doctors and nurses of color?





# CATCH Essay #9 Winners





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