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## STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

Classroom 105 looks very different than it did last year. The walls have been painted and carpet has been laid. However, these are not the only differences in the classroom. Students who have chosen the hybrid option of learning are seated in 6 foot intervals. Faces are masked & interaction with others is guarded. Students who chose the remote option of learning are greatly missed in the classroom. Many of our remote students are supporting their siblings in their remote classes. These changes and differences have not stopped 105 students from completing their classes as the move forward to graduation. Keep up the good work!

-Ms. Sherri

### HAYLEE REUTER

Classroom 106's student of the month is Haylee Reuter. Haylee has been doing a great job with remote learning. She consistently meets or exceeds her daily goals along with maintaining perfect attendance. Great job Haylee!

-Ms. Kris & Ms. Marlisha

### MARK CORRIE

Mark has transformed his academics in this first quarter of the year in order to get closer to his goal - High School Graduation. Mark has been working very hard from home during our Remote Learning experience by having perfect attendance and going over and beyond what was needed in order to ensure he achieves his academic goals. We are recognizing Mark as our Student of the Quarter for his perseverance and his academic performance. We are very proud of Mark and know that he will continue to do well and graduate soon. Congratulations on your hard work, Mark - it is much-deserved!

-Ms. Nicole & Mr. H

## SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Sportsmanship is a style and attitude that can have a positive influence on everyone around you. It is defined as fairness, respect of one's opponent, and graciousness in winning or losing.

### PRISCILLA HERNANDEZ IS THIS QUARTER'S PE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH.

Priscilla is always willing to participate in any activity that we're playing or doing. She definitely makes the P.E. atmosphere more fun and positive for others. She's always willing to help set up or clean up the equipment and follows the directions given. Along with participating while we're in P.E. class, she always submits her P.E. activities outside of class on her remote days. Overall, Priscilla is a joy to have in class and I look forward to seeing her each day!

-Mrs. Meents

## NEW GRAD REQUIREMENT

Public Act 101-180 (effective 6/01/20) requires that, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, public high school students must complete the FAFSA or, as eligible, the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma. A waiver provision basically allows a parent, guardian, or the student - if 18 or emancipated - to opt out for any reason.

Premier has two representatives from ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission) that can assist you with filling out the Financial Aid Applications linked below. This is a free service, and I highly recommend utilizing their expertise! They are currently offering presentations and individual virtual appointments to accommodate any of your needs.

### Kayce Fuentes

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### Denisse Diaz

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### Financial Aid Applications (will be open starting 10/1/20):

1. Free Application for Federal Student Aid: <https://www.fafsa.gov/>
2. Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid: <http://www.isac.org/AlternativeApp>

If filling out the FAFSA Non-Participation form (3.) instead of an application (1. or 2.), simply print and return to Lauren Vitko at Premier before your student is set to graduate. It's a one page waiver linked below.

3. FAFSA Non-Participation Form <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/FAFSA-Non-Participation-Form.pdf>

One of the three forms listed above need to be completed in order for your student to graduate. **An email was sent out last month, including the links to all of the forms, if your student is required to complete one of the three forms.** If you have any questions about which application or if the non-participation form is in your student's best interest, please reach out to one of the ISAC representatives or to Academic Advisor Lauren Vitko directly:

815-416-0377 x1110 or [lvitko@roe24.org](mailto:lvitko@roe24.org)

## NEW STAFF MEMBER

Hi there! My name is Kristi Meents and I'm the new P.E. teacher here at Premier Academy. So far the school year has been great, and I've enjoyed meeting my students and the wonderful staff. I've been a substitute/classroom teacher for the past 17 years. I earned my teaching degree from JJC and the University of St. Francis. I grew up in Minooka and have lived in Coal City with my husband and 3 children for the past 18 years. When I'm not at school teaching, I'm busy attending my kids' football, baseball, softball, and basketball games and spending time with family. I'm looking forward to getting to know all of my students while having lots of fun in P.E. this school year! Don't ever hesitate to reach out if you need anything!



## MINDFULNESS CONTINUES

Ms. Becky, our school counselor, needed a way to connect with our remote students. She developed a Google classroom. She also has weekly topics and asks the students to either complete handouts, watch a Ted Talk or just read an article. Ms. Becky also sends out emails to each classroom weekly asking questions on our students mental health and if they need any referrals. For our hybrid students, Ms. Becky conducts Mindfulness Monday's where she conducts weekly activities in each classroom and guides each student through Mindfulness practices.



## P/T CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences have been moved and will take place on Monday, November 2nd from 12:15pm-6:45pm.

Conferences will be conducted in 15 minute increments via phone. Be on the lookout for an email to schedule your student's conference!

## FREE LUNCHES

Due to the USDA currently providing free lunches for all students 18 and under through the rest of 2020, Saratoga is providing our hybrid students with daily lunches on days when Premier is in attendance.

However, students are eligible for free lunches Monday-Friday through their district; please contact your student's home school for more information on this program.



## SELF CERTIFICATION

We will soon be moving to a new self certification system, **Covid Cleared**. User Names and Passwords may be required. Keep an eye out for more info. This is required for all students who attend Hybrid Learning.

## NEW REPRESENTATION

Premier Academy now has a new website and new logo, as well as a new FB page. Check them out!

[www.premieracademymorris.org](http://www.premieracademymorris.org)

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Chris Mehocho, Regional Superintendent  
Shelley Senffner, Assistant Regional Superintendent  
Meghan Martin, Principal

## RECENT GRADS

CHRISTIAN V

