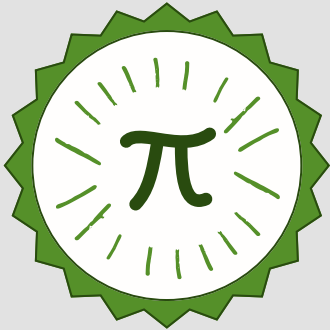




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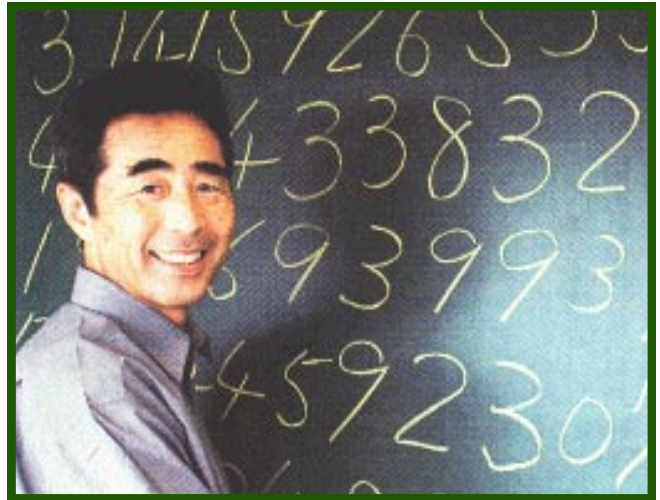


Pi Day March 14th

*Trivia Questions to
Test Your Knowledge*

1. Why is Pi Day celebrated on March 14th?
2. Who founded Pi Day and when?
3. What is the symbol for Pi?
4. What is Pi?
5. What famous physicist shares his birthday with Pi Day?
6. How is Pi used in real-world applications?
7. Which famous mathematician first calculated the value of Pi to seven decimal places?
8. What is Pi commonly abbreviated to in decimal form?
9. How often do mathematicians find new digits of Pi?
10. In what ancient document was Pi first recorded?

Answers on last page of the newsletter



Who Memorized the Most Digits of Pi?

The current unofficial world record for memorizing the most digits of Pi is held by Akira Haraguchi (pictured above), a retired Japanese engineer. He recited 100,000 digits of Pi in 16 hours on October 3, 2006. Despite his detailed documentation, the Guinness World Records have not yet accepted any of his records.



COLLEGE ALGEBRA BOOT CAMP WILL RETURN IN SUMMER AND FALL SEMESTERS OF 2025

When: May 12th - 16th
Time 1:00PM - 4:30PM
Where: Hall Campus,
 Riley Building - Room 3244

Boot Camp consists of basic algebra skills including the real number system, operations with real numbers, the multiplication and division rules for exponents, operations with polynomials, factoring, and an introduction to graphing. Boot Camp is free to students registered for Math 1111 and 1111B.

Registration will open soon for summer Boot Camp.

For more information contact Susan Baker at sbaker2@laniertech.edu

Boot Camp Statistics

Thirty-five students attended College Algebra Boot Camp fall semester.

The overall class grade for Boot Camp students was 0.33 higher than for students not attending Boot Camp, and the pass rate was 7% higher.

When students who withdrew from class were removed from the stats, there was a 0.71 increase in the overall class grade and an 18% increase in pass rate compared to students who did not attend Boot Camp. College Algebra Boot Camp works!



Forsyth Boot Camp students and instructor, Lorraine Mitchell, from spring 2025.



AI Dos and Don'ts

Article by writing tutor Regan Spinks



AI can be a useful tool when it comes to writing assignments. However, it's important to make sure that you are using AI appropriately. Having trouble deciding whether or not you should use AI to help with an assignment? Follow these tips:

Dos

- Use AI to generate ideas. If you are given a writing prompt and have no idea where to start, asking AI for some examples can help you narrow down your potential topics.
- Use AI to create an initial outline of your paper. If you are having trouble structuring your paper, AI can help you create an outline and decide how to structure your paragraphs.
- Use AI to identify research topics. If you are struggling to find articles related to your topic on Galileo, try asking AI for key words and phrases related to your topic.

Don'ts

- Use AI to write your entire paper. Not only does this count as plagiarism, but AI is incapable of replicating the substance, depth, and personal nuance that humans can create through writing.
- Rely solely on AI for grammar and spelling. AI software does catch many grammatical errors, but it's best to have someone else review your work as well.
- Use AI to generate citations. While some citation generators are fairly accurate, there is always the potential for errors. Instead, use an online citation guide like Purdue OWL to help complete your citations.

MEET OUR NEW TUTORS

Whenever you visit the SSC, you can expect to be met with a warm welcome and a smiling face. Our team includes experienced tutors who are always eager to help students succeed. Get to know our new tutors pictured below.



BROOKE BEIRING

ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY TUTOR

Hi! I'm Brooke, and I am an anatomy and physiology tutor at the Forsyth campus. I was introduced to my love for the inner workings of the human body at Lanier Tech. I took the anatomy and physiology course with Dr. Kantheti a few years ago, and it sparked my pursuit of a career in diagnostic medical sonography. I hope to pass along that intrigue and genuine interest in anatomy and physiology to all the students who come in for tutoring. I am absolutely enamored with tutoring at Lanier Tech, and I am looking forward to working with you!

NATHAN KARPINSKI

MATH TUTOR

Hi, my name is Nathan Karpinski. I'm the new math tutor. I have a bachelor's in computer science with a minor in mathematics from DigiPen Institute of Technology, where I was a calculus tutor. Previously, I held general tutoring sessions in my game store for a local high school. In addition to video games, I have always enjoyed helping people learn and continue to do so here at Lanier Tech.



WRITING TIPS FROM WRITING TUTOR ASHLEY CUNNINGHAM

Do you have an essay coming up? Does it seem like there is so much to write before the due date? Here are some tips to help you.

1.



First, start brainstorming and writing your essay at least two weeks before the due date. This will help you spread out your work and give you plenty of time to visit the writing tutors and librarians if you need to.

2.



Second, spread out your workload. Write one paragraph a day until the rough draft is complete. If you have time to do so and feel like you want to keep going, feel free to write two paragraphs a day. This will help you balance out your work and feel less overwhelmed.

3.



Third, don't forget to rest! If you need a break, do something else for at least another hour before resuming your work on the essay. When you finish your rough draft, don't immediately start fixing the errors on it; let it sit for at least eight hours before beginning revisions.

4.



Fourth, don't be afraid to ask for help! If you are overwhelmed, stuck, or even unsure of what to do with your essay, make an appointment with one of the writing tutors here at the Student Success Center. We have been in your shoes before, and we are more than willing to help you out with brainstorming and writing.

STUDENT FEEDBACK



Everyone there today was amazing, kind, and encouraging!

From our first session, it was clear that he has a deep understanding of chemistry and a knack for explaining complex concepts in a way that is so easy to understand. He is always so patient and encouraging. He really makes sure I have grasped each topic thoroughly before moving on. Every session is well-structured and engaging, which made learning much more enjoyable.

I had an excellent experience with my first tutoring session. I feel confident about managing my online math course, as the student success center has a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere. I am comfortable working on homework here. As a returning student, I am thrilled to see more tutoring opportunities, as I did not know about tutoring previously.



After one session I understood the subject a lot better!



He was great! Very nice and patient with me.

While I've been to math tutoring, this was my first time using tutoring services for writing. (She) was very helpful and kind. The environment in the student success center is welcoming, supportive, and casual.



My tutor makes me comfortable asking questions and is more than willing to go over the same type of problem until I get an understanding of it. She is incredibly kind!

I did not schedule an appointment but the tutor was very helpful and she was very understanding about my situation. Awesome. I will schedule an appointment next time for sure. The whole place is very nice!



My session was absolutely perfect. I was so happy with the help I received!



FEEDBACK FORMS

Let us know how we are doing!

After every tutoring session, students will receive a feedback survey sent at the end of the day on which your appointment was scheduled. To help us improve our services and provide the best support possible, we kindly ask you to fill out our feedback form. Your feedback is anonymous, so please feel free to share your honest thoughts and suggestions. We take your feedback very seriously and use it to make our tutoring sessions even better.

Additionally, we encourage you to visit the Student Success Center regularly. Whether you need help with a specific subject, study tips, or just a quiet place to work, we're here to support you in achieving your academic goals.

PRIZE FOR 10,000TH STUDENT VISIT!

The Student Success Center will be awarding a prize to the student who makes the 10,000th student tutoring appointment this academic year. For a chance to win, sign up for a tutoring appointment with any tutor at any campus. Your appointment will serve as your entry. Good luck!





Celebrating Dr. Seuss Day, March 2nd.

Article by Mason Sisk, Writing Tutor

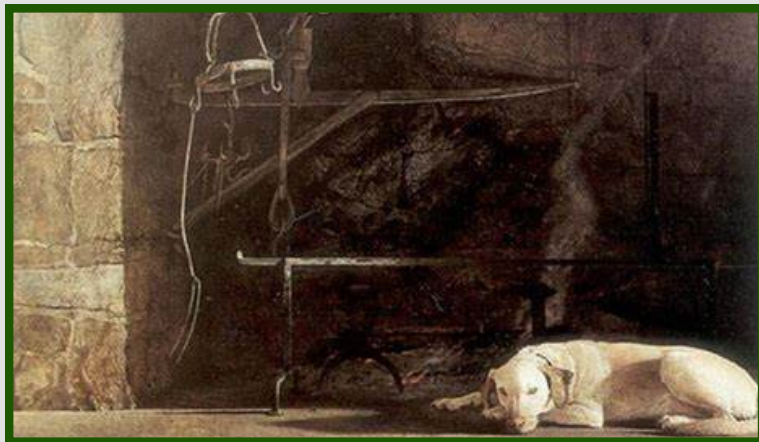
National Read Across America Day, also known as Dr. Seuss Day, is celebrated annually on March 2nd. It is a day dedicated to fostering a love for reading among children and adults alike. This special day is celebrated on the birthday of beloved children's book author Dr. Seuss, making it the perfect occasion to honor his contributions to children's literature and encourage reading across the nation. The National Education Association (NEA) established Read Across America Day in 1998 with the goal of motivating children to read and promoting the importance of literacy. Since then, the day has grown into a nationwide event, with schools, libraries, bookstores, and communities coming together to celebrate the joy of reading. Some of the most well-loved ways to celebrate are to dress up as your favorite Dr. Seuss character or read your favorite Dr. Seuss book!

SSC ART CORNER!

Art in Life: History

Art Corner by Susan Beaubien, Writing Tutor

Studying history is very important because, as George Santayana said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." In Roman times, the middle of the month was called the Ides and corresponded to the full moon. In 44 BC, on March 15, the Roman ruler Julius Caesar was assassinated, and much like the ripples flowing out from a dropped pebble, this act changed the course of history. The year 1599 saw Shakespeare immortalize this point in history in his play *Julius Caesar*, in which Caesar is warned to "Beware the Ides of March," forever stamping the 15th of March with a sinister and portentous veneer.



"The Ides of March," Andrew Wyeth 1974, tempera on panel, Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Fowler

Spinning down the ages to 1974, in the painting "The Ides of March," Andrew Wyeth captures this sense of foreboding. The dog, lying by a dying fire and trying to stay warm on a hard, cool floor, shoots a wary eye at the menacing hooks and other sharp objects hidden in shadow. The tone of the painting is dark, and the image creates a sense of disquiet. With regard to his painting, Wyeth once stated that "...something waits beneath it [the painting], the whole story doesn't show."



PI Day Trivia Answers

- **Answer to Question #1:** March 14th (3/14) reflects the first three digits of Pi (3.14).
- **Answer to Question #2:** Physicist Larry Shaw founded Pi Day in 1988.
- **Answer to Question #3:** The Greek letter "π".
- **Answer to Question #4:** Pi (π) is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter.
- **Answer to Question #5:** Albert Einstein (born March 14, 1879).
- **Answer to Question #6:** Pi is used in engineering, physics, supercomputing, and astronomy to calculate circular and spherical objects' properties.
- **Answer to Question #7:** Archimedes of Syracuse.
- **Answer to Question #8:** Pi is commonly abbreviated to 3.14159 in decimal form.
- **Answer to Question #9:** Mathematicians continually find new digits of Pi; the most recent record is over 31 trillion digits!
- **Answer to Question #10:** Pi was first recorded in the Rhind Papyrus, an ancient Egyptian document dating back to around 1650 BCE.

Spring Break Schedule Online

tutoring.laniertech.edu

March 10 - 15

Subject	Day(s)	Time
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY	Monday/Wednesday	10:00am - 1:00pm
CHEMISTRY	Monday	8:00am - 10:00am 12:00pm-2:00pm
	Thursday	2:00pm-6:00pm
MATH	Monday - Thursday	11:00am - 7:00pm
	Friday	9:00am - 1:00pm
	Saturday	10:00am - 2:00pm
WRITING	Monday -Thursday	3:00pm - 7:00pm

Appointments can be made by going to March 10 - 15 on the calendar setting in WCONLINE and then choosing "0 Spring Break Tutoring Hours" under the "Show All 'Limit to:' Options" drop down menu.

SUBJECTS TUTORED IN THE SSC

Article by Stacy Bruce, Writing Tutor

Did you know that the Student Success Center offers MORE than just math and writing help?



In addition, we can help with study skills, study planning, and Blackboard Ultra questions. Tutoring at the SSC is always free and friendly. Stop by today to find out how to register for in-person and online help!