

Dear Parent and/or Guardian of _____,

We hope that this letter finds you well. It's hard to believe that there is such a short time of school left! One of the signature practices here at DaVinci Design high school is Defenses. A defense is a presentation of learning in which students present their mastery of content knowledge, skills and application.

Winter semester defenses will begin on **December 8th** and continue until **December 18th**. **Please contact us as soon as possible if you know your student will have a scheduling conflict with any of these dates.** We will do what we can to accommodate your request. Your son/daughter's defenses are scheduled for the following dates. Please note that students are not given times for their presentations to allow for randomization in selection and accommodate potential scheduling adjustments. **If you are anticipating coming to watch any or all of your student's presentations, please inform the teacher prior to their presentation, so that appropriate adjustments can be made.**

English: _____

Math: _____

Science: _____

History: _____

Foreign Language: _____

Art: _____

This is a mandatory end-of-the semester POL Defense that is required of all students. The educational philosophy of Da Vinci Design High School is founded on students effectively presenting, articulating, and defending the knowledge gained over the course of the school year, along with analyzing obstacles and problems faced during their learning experience.

If your schedule allows, we'd love to have you (as well as any other family members) come in and watch your student's presentation. **As students' times are flexible in most classes, please email the teacher of the defense that you would like to be present to watch.**

Sincerely,

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